

College and Universities

What's next?

There are many directions and paths students can take after they graduate. Several of these options include attending a 4-year colleges/university, attending a 2-year college, going into the military, starting an apprenticeship, or going directly into the work force. It is important to explore your interests and the opportunities that are available to you in order to make the best decision for you at this time

There are about 3,500 colleges and universities in the United States — and, like the students who attend them, they are all different. There are private, public, large and small schools to choose from. Each school offers different programs and majors so it is important to choose one that has what you need in order to stay on your career path and to graduate with the right degree/credentials. It is also important to take into consideration the location of the school, if it offers extracurricular activities you are interested, what the city is like, etc. It is very important that the school feels like the right fit. This is why making college campus visits is very valuable. The information below gives you some ideas of what colleges and universities are looking for.

Picking a School, Meeting their Criteria, and Applying

- What colleges look for in prospective students.
 - Courses taken
 - Grades Earned
 - Rank/G.P.A.
 - Scores on the ACT or SAT
 - Activities participated in outside of the classroom
 - Recommendations
 - Essay or Personal Statement

<https://www.essayedge.com/personal-statement>
- Applying to your schools
 - Watch for deadlines
 - Pick 3 to 4 schools you want to apply to
 - Go on Campus visits
 - Evaluate the colleges based on criteria of importance to you
 - Make a final decision by their deadlines (usually in the Spring)



Resources to explore colleges and universities

- To further explore colleges and majors, please visit <https://www.campusexplorer.com/>. This is a great resource that provides great information on applying to school, admission requirements, financial aid resources, college life, etc.
- Xello is the new Career Cruising and it is available to all KUSD students. Each student has their own individual account that they can log into to create a portfolio about their interests, different careers and colleges they explore, scholarship opportunities and much more. You can also access the ACT Method Test Prep which is a great tool for students to practice for the ACT. Xello will help guide students to think about what their interests and priorities are and how they align with potential career opportunities. Students have reported that they really like this new platform and that they think it is user friendly.

Login for Xello:

Go to <https://www.kusd.edu/eschool/>

Click on **ClassLink**

If the student doesn't automatically get logged in because they are signing in from home, they will need to sign in at the top and click on **“Sign In”**

Students will use their ID number for Username **and** Password (you can change the password later if you choose to.)

How to request a transcript – 7th semester transcript in January will include GPA and Rank for students. You can request an official transcript be sent by calling Julie Stancato at 262-359-7715 or Kim Gorman at 262-359-7764. You can also request an unofficial copy for yourself. This can be e-mail, mailed, or picked up at the eSchool office.