**College Application 10 Step List**

**Step 1: Start Applications:** Common application vs. school application

* Deadlines: Early Decision vs Early Action, Regular Decision, Rolling Admissions
  + Naviance has this information under colleges I am thinking about
* Check outlook on my.cherrycreekschools.org regularly

**Step 2: Letter of recommendation:** If required (Check college website)

* Meet with post grad secretary – Ms. Marquita Millard
* Fill out Letter of Rec Form (link is in Naviance)

**Step 3: Application Essay**

* Stick to the topic of the essay
* Have someone proof read it for you, but let it still be your voice

**Step 4: Transcripts**

* Each school is $5 and paid to Ms. Marquita Millard in Post Grad
* Give 10 days for it to be sent
* College must receive before deadline

**Step 5: ACT/SAT Score:** Colleges require official score from testing center

* [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org) for ACT scores or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for SAT
* There is a cost to send to each school

**Step 6: FAFSA:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid, Available TBD

* Determine eligibility for federal student loans, student grants, and work-study
* Both you and your parents will fill this out
* [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

\*\*\*private schools may ask for a CSS profile in addition to FAFSA

**Step 7: Net Cost Estimator**

* Each school has an estimator of out-of-pocket cost (Just an estimation!)

**Step 8: College Opportunity Fund (COF)**

* In-state tuition discount for Colorado residents
* Go to <https://cof.college-assist.org/>

**Step 9: Scholarships**

* Naviance
  + Colleges tab
    - Scholarship Search, National Scholarship Search
  + Home tab
    - Links from my school (numerous search engines)

**Step 10: Want to play a sport in college?**

* Meet with counselor for NCAA credit check to start process
* <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

**Important Dates**

**Cherry Creek School District High School Night College Fair**

* TBD

**NACAC National College Fair**

* + These are virtual and In-person
  + To find a virtual or in-person college fair that fits you go to <https://www.nacacfairs.org/>

**FREE application days**

* + **Colorado Free Application Day:** TBD
    - Submit an application for in-state public schools and some private school and the fee will be waived.
    - Details at: <https://highered.colorado.gov/freeappdayco.html>