

Junior Future Planning

**Stoneham High School
Class of 2025**

Future Planning Options

- **4 year college**
- **Mass Transfer/2 year college**
- **Career Training**
- **Military**
- **Prep school**
- **Work**
- **Gap Year Programs**

Scoir

- A website for students to explore majors, colleges, & careers
- [SCOIR](#)
- Students have accounts
- Student can invite parent/guardian for limited access to account

Ways Scoir Is Used by Students

Sign up
for college
visits

Access to
college
profiles and
admissions
information

Career
Exploration
Assessments

Request
Transcripts

College Search tool
(to research and
create college list)

Request Letters
of
Recommendation

What's On a Transcript?

- **A transcript is a “snapshot” of your high school academic record which includes:**
- **The final grade for every class you took in high school, and the level at which you took that course**
- **Your SHS weighted grade point average (GPA), 4.0 scale**
- **Your weighted class rank**

Colleges Recalculate GPAs With Their Own Formulas

- **Each college is different**
- **Some colleges use the weighted Stoneham High School GPA directly from the transcript**
- **Most colleges recalculate in some way, placing more emphasis on college preparatory classes and less emphasis on electives**
- **If an “F” appears on the transcript, it will be factored into the GPA as a “0”**

Ways to Learn About Colleges

- 1. Meet with School Counselor**
- 2. College Visits**
 - a. Schedule tours and information sessions directly through college websites**
 - b. Ideal time to visit: during SHS vacation**
- 3. College Fairs**
- 4. College Search -Scoir**

Common Application

- Common Application
- One application that can be sent to multiple colleges
- Application is open to the Class of 2025*
- Essay topics available in the spring
- Application support seminars in the spring during FLEX

Testing

- SAT, ACT tests
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - www.actstudent.org
 - Fee waivers available
- Information and links to test prep on the Guidance web site
- Test optional colleges
[**www.fairtest.org**](http://www.fairtest.org)
- Check NCAA requirement

Application Deadlines

<p><u>Early Action</u></p> <p>Allows students to apply early (mid-Oct through mid-Dec) and receive a decision in Dec. or Jan.</p>	<p><u>Early Decision</u></p> <p>Binding agreement. Binding means the applicant promises to attend if accepted. Usually mid-Oct. to Nov. 15th.</p>
<p><u>Regular Decision</u></p> <p>January 1 – March 1 Students will be notified according to each college's notification date.</p>	<p><u>Rolling Admissions</u></p> <p>Applications are reviewed as they are received. Decisions are generally made within 4 weeks.</p>

Financial Aid

Scholarships

Aid that is based on academics or special talents

Loans

Money loaned to student or parent for education
– must be repaid!

Grant

Aid that is based on financial need, some have academic requirements

Work Study

Part-time jobs, on campus through a need-based federal program

- FAFSA – www.studentaid.gov
- MEFA – Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority - www.mefa.org
- CSS Profile – www.collegeboard.org

Class of 2025 Guidance Google Classroom

- All students were invited in the fall to join the classroom
- [Class of 2025 Guidance Classroom](#)
 - Class code is typwcol
- Source for all up to date important information and announcements regarding open houses, seminars, college visits, testing information, etc.

Student Responsibilities

Complete Applications
Write Essay(s)
Request Recommendation Letters
Request Your Transcript via Scoir
Send Your SAT/ACT Scores (if applicable)

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

Attend College Visits with Student
Support, Motivate, and Encourage!
Complete the FAFSA
Complete the CSS Profile (if applicable)

Counselor Responsibilities

Provide Feedback on College List Based on Academic Profile
Write Letter of Recommendation (if applicable)
Create and Send Reports Through Scoir
Send Transcripts Through Scoir
Offer Ongoing Guidance Throughout the Process

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