

Common Application FAQ's

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This information sheet will help you complete the Education section of the Common Application!
As always, if you have any questions, please see your counselor.

Tutorials:

<https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-time-students>

Education Section: School

School Lookup: Enter code 221105 or search for Silver Lake Regional High School

Date of Entry: 08/2022

Boarding School: No

Graduation Date: 05/29/2026

Counselor Information: Insert your counselor's name:

Mrs. McGovern = Last name A - F mmcgovern@slrsd.org ext 1026

Mrs. Cranshaw = Last name G - L (and CTE students in Child Care & Culinary) acranshaw@slrsd.org ext 1025

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Mrs. Preble = All CTE Students (except Child Care & Culinary) meghanpreble@slrsd.org ext 1027

Title: School Counselor

Email: see above

Counselor Phone: 781-585-3844 (extensions, see above)

Education Section: Grades

Class Rank Reporting: Decile (you can find your decile on your Naviance account under the "about me" section, then click profile)

Rank Weighting: Weighted

Graduating Class Size: 268

Cumulative GPA: You can find your cumulative GPA on your Naviance account under the "About me" section, then click "Account" directly under your name.

GPA scale: 5.0 (there isn't an option to select 5.3, which is our GPA scale. Our school profile explains our grading system in more detail, it's ok to select 5.0 for this question)

GPA Weighting: Weighted

Education Section: Current Year Courses

Be sure to enter ALL of your senior year courses, including semester 2 courses, exactly how it appears on your schedule (including if it says Honors or CP1).

Levels: Only complete this section if you are in an AP level course. CP1 level courses, this section can be left blank

Credit Value: Full year courses = 4 credits Semester courses = 2 credits

Honors: Please list any Honor Roll, Evening of Excellence, NHS, etc. awards that you may have received. These recognitions should be **academic only**.

Courses & Grades:

This is the last section of the Common App. At first glance, it will tell you if any of your schools require you to fill it out. If any of your schools want this section completed, you can get this information by accessing your Powerschool Portal (where you would view your current grades). There is a link called "Historical Grades". This will provide you the information needed to complete the Courses and Grades section of the Common App.

FERPA (Waiver of access)

After you finish completing the Education section of the Common App, you will be able to complete the FERPA. Under the terms of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), you can review letters of recommendation and accompanying forms **after** you enroll at a postsecondary institution and only if that institution saves the documents post-enrollment.

This will probably be the only time you'll ever hear someone say that it's **okay** to waive your rights! Waiving your right let's colleges know that you will not read your recommendations. That, in turn, reassures colleges that your recommenders have provided support that is candid and truthful. While you are free to respond as you wish, if you choose *not* to waive your right, some recommenders may decline your request and some colleges may disregard letters submitted on your behalf. Remember, even if you retain your right of access, you won't be able to view any recommendations until *after* you have been admitted to, and enroll in a college. In other words, FERPA does not give you the right to inspect recommendations before they are sent to your colleges. **Overall, it makes more sense, and we suggest, for you to "waive your rights".**

This can be confusing, so if you have any questions regarding this process, please see your counselor.

Supplements/Questions: Many colleges will ask you to answer questions, specific to that college. You will notice this section when you are in the “My Colleges” tab on the Common App. Once both the application as well as the supplements have been completed and a green checkmark is present, submit both the application as well as a supplement to the individual school. You will know both the application as well as the supplements have been appropriately submitted when you look at the “Dashboard” section and all show green checks versus yellow bullets.