Senior Workshop
The ABCs of College Applications

Purpose: This lesson serves to provide students with information and materials necessary in the college application process

Objectives: Students will be able to:
- understand the college application process
- organize necessary information required and help for college applications

SOLS:
HA1. Understand their academic status toward meeting the graduation requirements
HA2. Understand the variety of post-secondary options available to them and the requirements of those options including the relationship of academic status and scholastic record
HA3. Students will demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to ensure a successful transition from high school to post-secondary options
HC4. Students will understand how the changing workplace requires lifelong learning, flexibility, and the acquisition of new employment skills
HC11. Apply decision-making skills to career planning.

Life-Long Learner Standards:
Gather, organize, and analyze data; evaluate processes and products; and draw conclusions
Acquire and use precise language to communicate ideas, knowledge, and processes

Materials:
- Manila folder for each student that includes the following *(each school may use their own forms)*
  - transcript request form
  - college checklist (stapled on the outside of the folder)
  - college ‘to-do’ sheet
  - three teacher recommendation forms
  - activity sheet
  - senior autobiography
  - parent recommendation
- PowerPoint presentation entitled “The ABCs of college applications” located on the share drive
- Laptop (media center personnel are setting up the screen for us)

Procedure:
- Pass out the manila folders to students as they come in
- Introduce yourselves to the students and remind them of the new counselor caseloads
- Proceed through the PowerPoint and have the students follow along in their packets
  - Hyperlinks
    - Slide 4: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and “MHS school counseling website”
    - Slide 6: “Documents due to your school counselor”
    - Slide 8: “What is a secondary school report”
      - Scroll down to page 4 (7 out of 10) to get to the VT SSR
    - Slide 10: “Personal Essay”
      - Scroll down to page 10 of 24 to get to the UVA personal essay port of their application
• Answer any questions along the way

NOTE: This PowerPoint presentation will take place over both days. Remind students to bring their folders back for the second day of the presentation.

Differentiation: presentation is provided verbally, visually and students receive a packet with checklists and forms.

Evaluation/Extension: Once students complete the workshop, they may meet individually with their counselors to discuss their plans.