# Setting Up & Starting The Common App

# Learning Targets

- ➔ I can set up a Common Application account.
- ➔ I can enter key details into "Education Section" of the Common Application.
- ➔ I can successfully add colleges I want to apply to in my Common App account.
- ➔ I now have the pink form and the application checklist

# Set up a Common App account

http://www.commonapp.org/

**Create Account**

**Once you get to the page that says "Hello!" you can stop.**

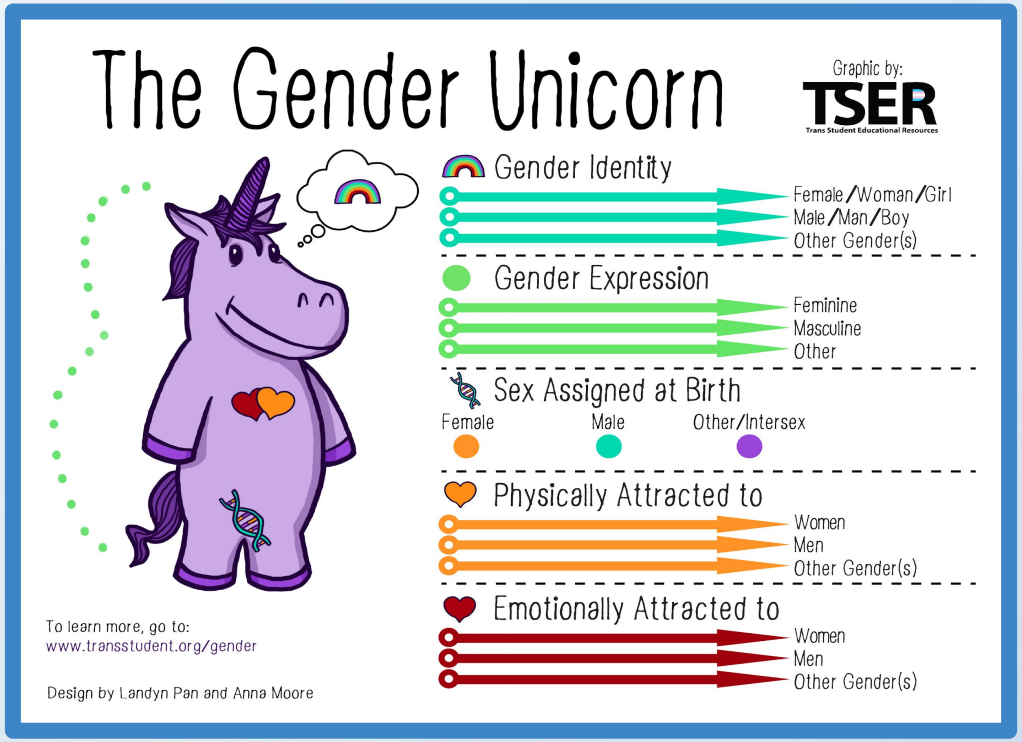
*If you have already started the Common App, use this time to continue working and or review/ proofread

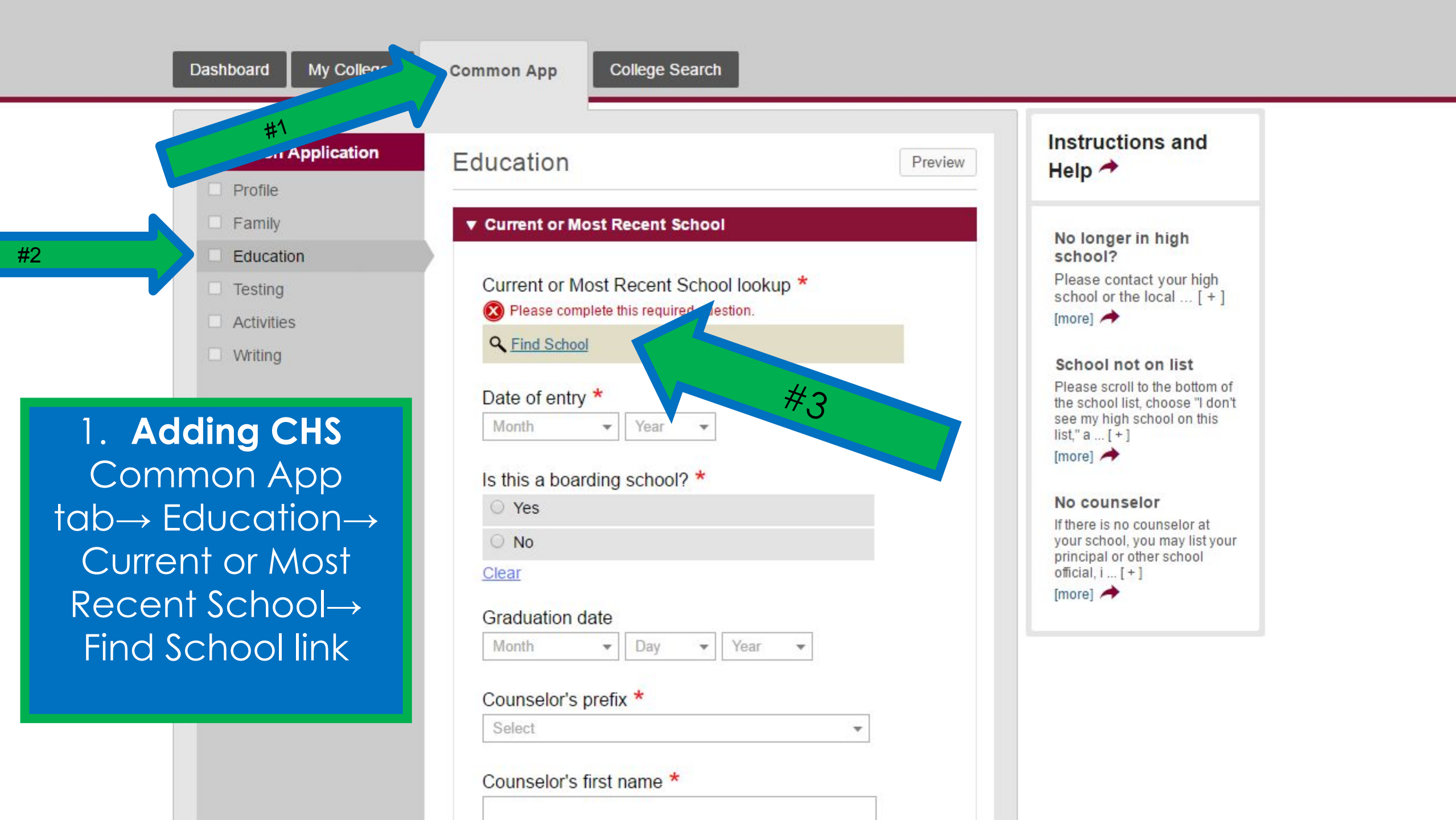
*__PLEASE__ set aside some time at home to work on your Common App. This will **not** be something you complete during AT

- ❑ You will have to Fill out **all the sections** of the Common Application.
- ❑ We'll get started in AT with a couple sections and safety tips
- ❑ If you are having trouble with your essay, make sure to meet with an English teacher for help and editing (you can do this through the Literacy Lab as well)....
    - B1- Ms. Hughes, A1, AT, and B3 - Mr. Thime

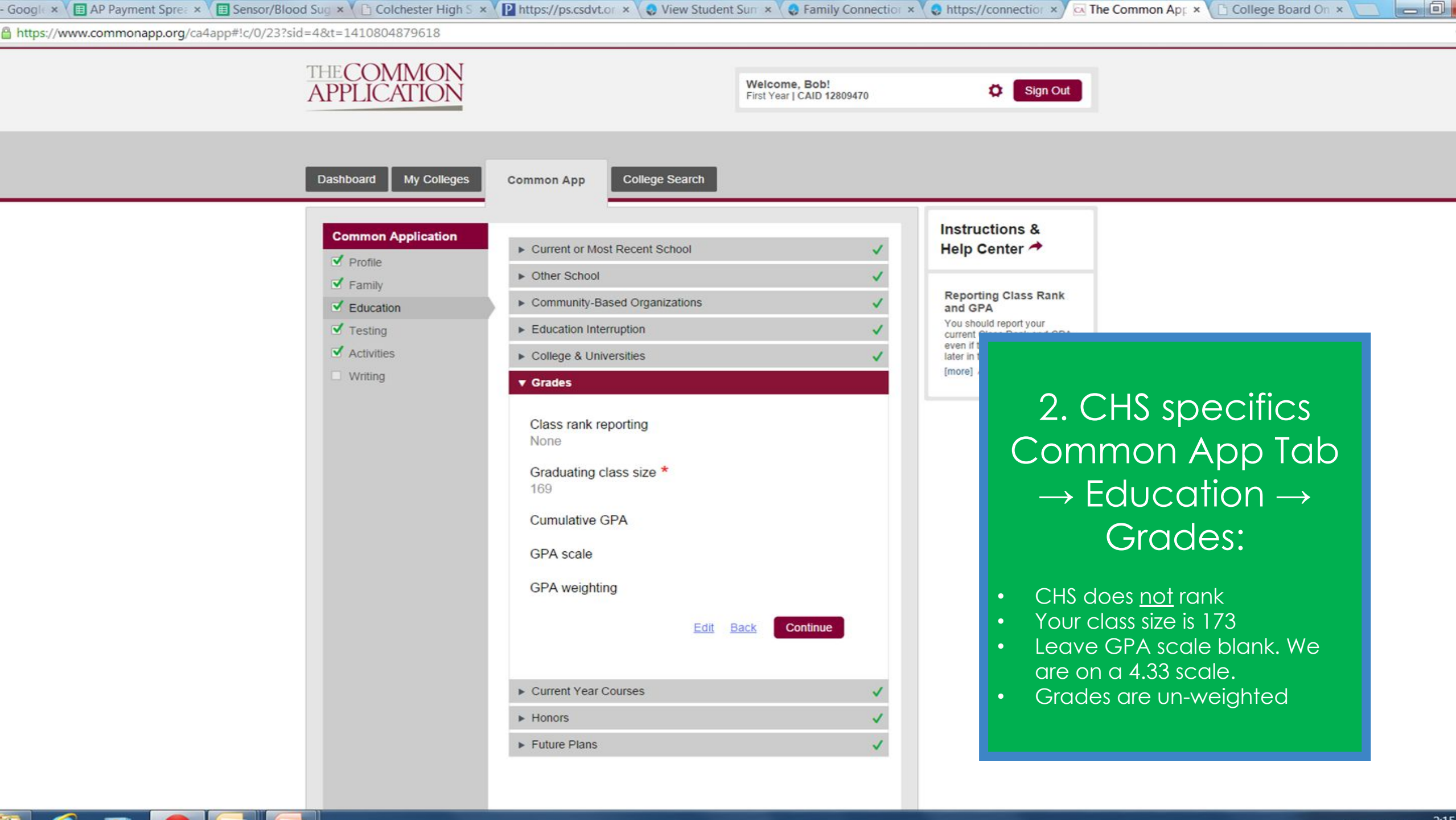
# Profile Section changes

- Students will answer the question of "Sex" and have to answer Male or Female BUT there is a section that says "If you would like the opportunity, we invite you to share more about your gender identity below."






1. **Adding CHS** Common App tab→ Education→ Current or Most Recent School→ Find School link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Future Plans
Instructions & Help Center
Reporting Class Rank and GPA
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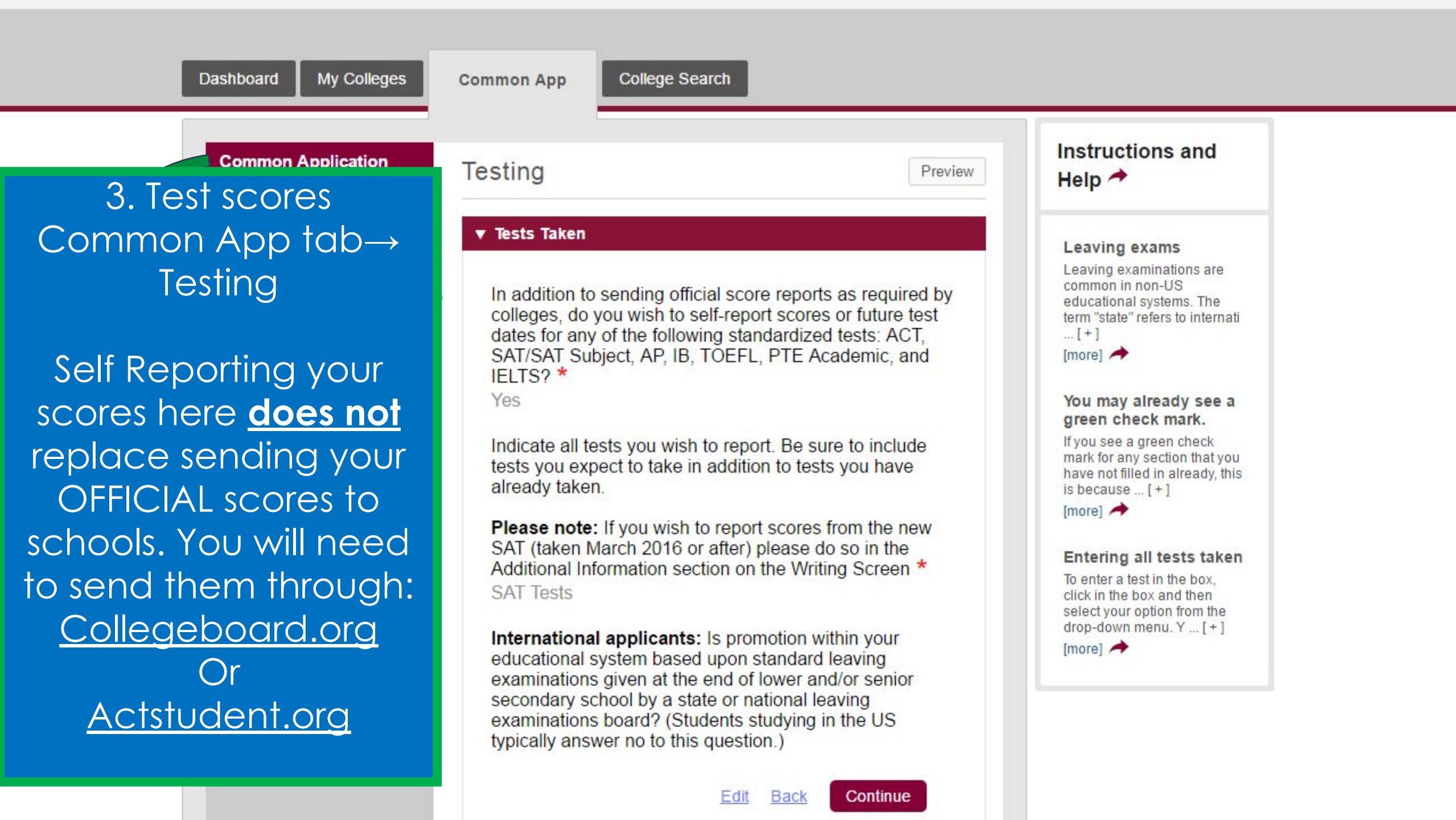
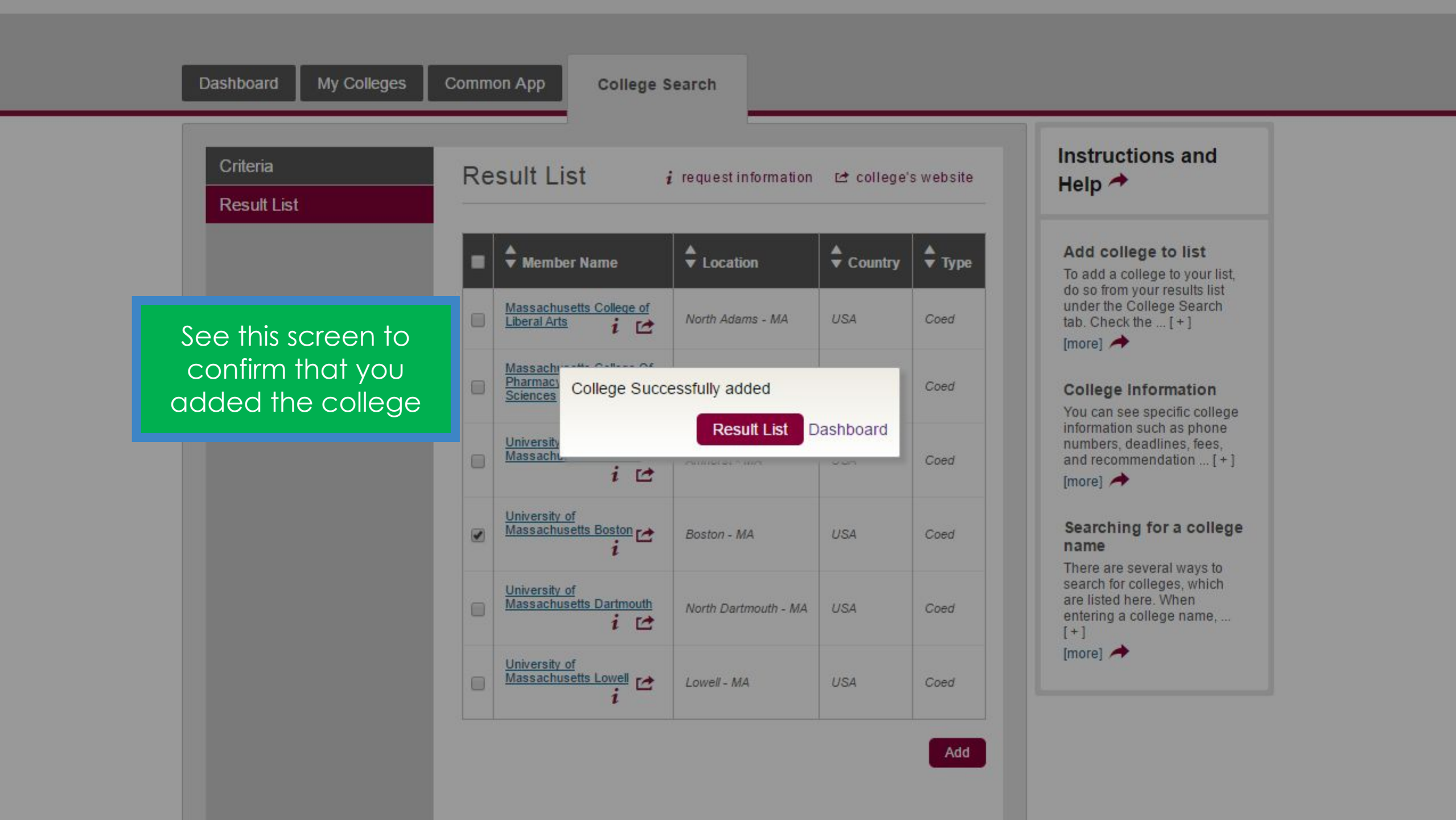
2. CHS specifics Common App Tab → Education → Grades:
CHS does not rank
Your class size is 173
Leave GPA scale blank. We are on a 4.33 scale.
Grades are un-weighted




3. Test scores
Common App tab→
Testing

Self Reporting your scores here **does not** replace sending your OFFICIAL scores to schools. You will need to send them through:
Collegeboard.org
Or
Actstudent.org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Add
Instructions and Help
Add college to list
To add a college to your list, do so from your results list under the College Search tab. Check the ... [ + ]
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College Information
You can see specific college information such as phone numbers, deadlines, fees, and recommendation ... [ + ]
[more]
Searching for a college name
There are several ways to search for colleges, which are listed here. When entering a college name, ... [ + ]
[more]
See this screen to confirm that you added the college

# College Application Checklist

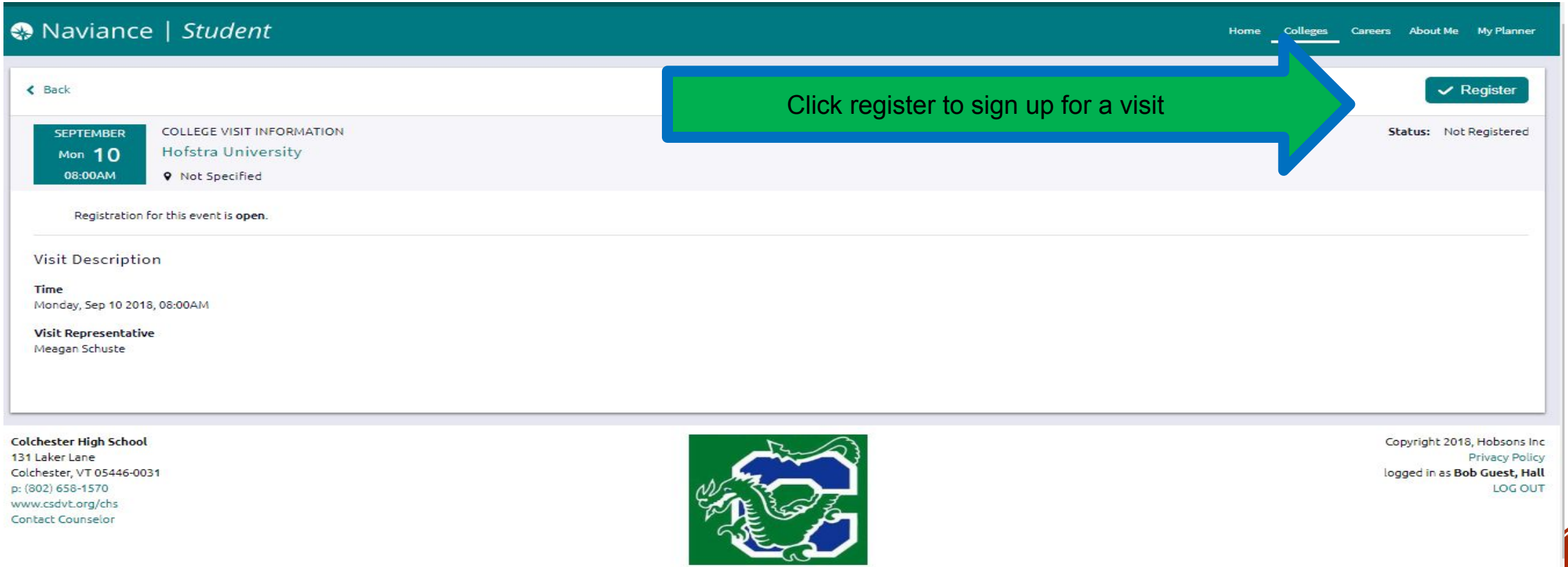
(The checklist formally known as the senior checklist)

# The Pink Form

- ❑ You MUST give your pink form (transcript release form) to Mrs. Ward in Guidance ASAP to permit school records to be sent to colleges. This needs to be done **AT LEAST 3 WEEKS** before application deadline
- ❑ You'll need a parent's signature, even if you are 18.
- ❑ **Nothing will be sent to schools until this form is signed and given to Mrs. Ward**

# Bonus Activity

- Sign on to Naviance
- Look at the "What's new" section "click view more" and click on a college you would like to visit with.
- Sign up for at least one college admissions rep visit in Guidance



# Next AT

- More Common App fun with key details and essential reminders
- Linking Common App and Naviance
  - Why is Naviance so important, anyway?