

Lawrence Academy College Counseling Pledge

Application Integrity Pledge

You are to be the sole author of your applications, application essays and all other components. You must be the sole submitter for each of your college applications. While it may be tempting to allow well-intentioned parents, siblings, friends, tutors, counselors and/or agents to complete some portions of your applications, please remember that doing so is unethical. Should a prospective college suspect that you did not complete your application yourself, they may decline to consider your application for admission. The following statement comes directly from the Common Application, and its language is reflective of certification statements found in other college applications:

“I certify that all information submitted in the admission process -- including this application and any other supporting materials -- is my own work, factually true, and honestly presented, and that these documents will become the property of the institution to which I am applying and will not be returned to me. I understand that I may be subject to a range of possible disciplinary actions, including admission revocation, expulsion, or revocation of course credit, grades, and degree should the information I have certified be false.”

Early Decision Pledge

If you apply to a college via a binding Early Decision plan, you are making a contractual agreement to attend that college and to withdraw your applications to other colleges if accepted. After a student has been admitted to a college via an Early Decision plan and has placed an enrollment deposit there, the College Office will not submit supporting documents (e.g., transcripts, letters of recommendation) to additional colleges.

Test Score Pledge

You are the owner of your test scores. It is your responsibility to send official test scores to all colleges that require scores as part of the application process. Each college has set its own policy regarding score choice, i.e., which scores you are required to send. It is your responsibility to navigate these different expectations, though you are welcome to ask your college counselor for assistance in interpreting these policies. The college office will not share your test scores with colleges without your permission.

Discipline Reporting

It is expected, when asked in the college application process about any formal discipline at Lawrence Academy, that students will respond in an honest and forthright manner. If Lawrence Academy discovers that a student has not answered honestly and forthrightly according to the

college's purpose and definition, the school will immediately contact the college and provide an account of the student's relevant disciplinary history consistent with the school's records. If a college reaches out to inquire about a student's disciplinary history, Lawrence Academy will answer honestly. Aside from specific inquiries from colleges, Lawrence Academy does not automatically report disciplinary decisions to other schools or colleges unless they occur following the submission of application materials by the student and/or during the student's senior year.

Communication with Colleges

When signing your applications for admission, you will be reminded that offers of admission are conditional, pending receipt of final transcripts demonstrating work comparable in quality to that upon which the offer was based, as well as honorable dismissal from the school. It is your responsibility to communicate directly to colleges any changes to your course schedule, senior year performance, or disciplinary record that may impact your admission decision.

Transcript Pledge

Lawrence Academy will send all transcripts from any educational institution from the ninth grade on (or the international equivalent). Please know that this includes any year you have repeated. You must also report this on The Common Application, which states:

“If you have attended any secondary/high schools not listed in the previous section, please indicate the number of schools.”

Matriculation

Finally, it is our expectation that you will commit to matriculate at one college at a time. The College Office will submit a final transcript to the college of your choice (typically the college at which you have placed an enrollment deposit) in the week after your graduation from Lawrence Academy. We will also submit transcripts to any colleges at which you are actively remaining on the waitlist. If, after May 1, your college of choice changes, you are expected to notify the college office of these changes. At no point is it acceptable to indicate intent to enroll at two or more colleges simultaneously.

Signed by:

Student Signature, Date

Parent/Guardian Signature, Date