

Jackson Township High  
School



# Navigating the College Process During the Merge

Class of

2026

Jackson Township High School Guidance

# On the Agenda



01. Meet the team

02. What are we doing for the Merge?

03. College Application Basics

04. The Common Application

05. SCOIR

06. Upcoming Events/Important Dates

# MEET THE TEAM @ JTHS

Mr. Patterson

Mr. Tedeschi

Ms. Fellenz

Mrs. Goodale

Mrs. Siegle

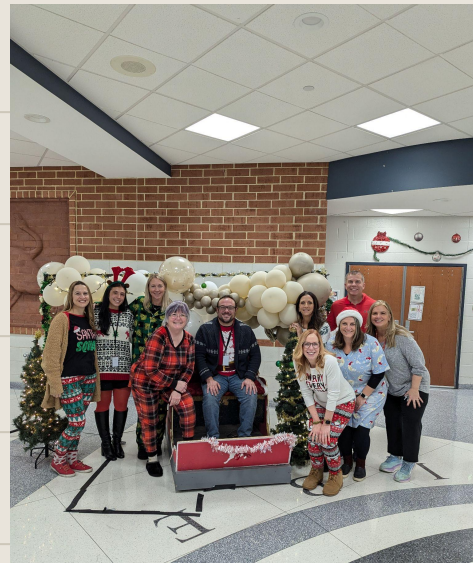
Mrs. Myres

Mrs. Kratz


Ms. Stenta

Ms. Ciner

Mrs. Ferrara



# Updated School Profile



## JACKSON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026 School Profile

### Administration

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### WELCOME TO THE NEW JACKSON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Located in Jackson, New Jersey, Jackson Township High School is the newly unified high school formed through the merger of Jackson Memorial and Jackson Liberty High Schools.

While the name is new, the school proudly continues the longstanding traditions of academic excellence, competitive athletics, and vibrant extracurricular offerings that defined both predecessor schools. As legends, our students embody strength, unity, and pride.

This merger allows for equitable access to rigorous academic programs, as well as high-quality extracurricular and athletic opportunities for all students in the Jackson Township community—ensuring every student is empowered to thrive.

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR THE CLASS OF 2028**

Because students in the Class of 2028 attended either Jackson Memorial or Jackson Liberty High School for the majority of their high school experience, this profile includes relevant data and information from both schools. This includes, but is not limited to, course offerings, academic performance metrics, and post-graduation outcomes to provide a comprehensive and accurate representation of their educational journey.

Students in the Class of 2028 completed their first six semesters at either Jackson Memorial High School or Jackson Liberty High School. As a result, initial transcripts will reflect the GPA, class rank, and class size earned at their original high school. Final transcripts will report the cumulative GPA, class rank, and combined class size under Jackson Township High School. Additional information regarding a student's rank within the merged class can be requested through the Jackson Township High School Guidance Department.

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**CEEB:**  
310587

## College Board Merge

## Jackson Township High School

**Created:** 6/25/2025

**Last Updated:** 7/21/2025 1:53:39 PM

**Status:** Under Review 

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## Outreach to Colleges



JTHS CEEB: 310587

Introduction to JTHS



# College App Basics

## Step 1

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### Narrow Down Your Search

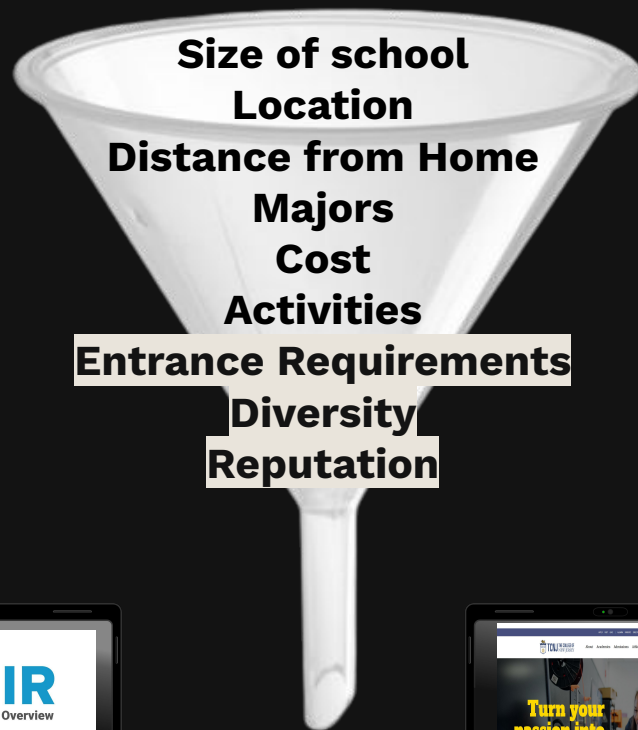
5,300 College and Universities in the U.S.

What factors are most important to your student and to YOU!

Use SCOIR, College Board Big Future to narrow down your search!

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Other things to look for: **Acceptance Rate, Graduation Rate, Activities**



# College App Basics

## Step 2

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### Visit! Visit! Visit!

You would NOT buy a car without test driving it, right? Same goes for College. Make sure you get on campus to visit!

Look for Fall Open House Dates on each of your schools websites.

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# College App Basics Step 3

## Get Organized!

When you finalize your list review the application deadlines, requirements, and any specific elements they may need for the application.

For example: The school may be “test optional” but your intended major is NOT.

The screenshot shows the Indiana University at Bloomington website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the university logo, name, location, and website URL. Below this is a menu with links to Overview, Studies, Student Life, Admissions, Costs, and Profiles. The main content area features a large image of the university's entrance and a grid of statistics. The statistics are as follows:

AVERAGE TOTAL COST	GRADUATION RATE	ACCEPTANCE RATE	REGULAR DECISION DEADLINE
<b>\$4,632</b> Income: \$0 - \$30K <a href="#">More about Cost &amp; Aid</a>	<b>78%</b> Within 6 years <a href="#">More about Learning Environment</a>	<b>76%</b> <a href="#">How does this relate to me?</a>	<b>February 1</b> <a href="#">See all deadlines</a>

**Application Deadline**  
**Financial Aid Deadlines**  
**Do they require additional essays?**  
**A portfolio?**  
**An Interview?**

# College App Basics Step 4

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## Apply!

Most college applications will be done via The Common Application.

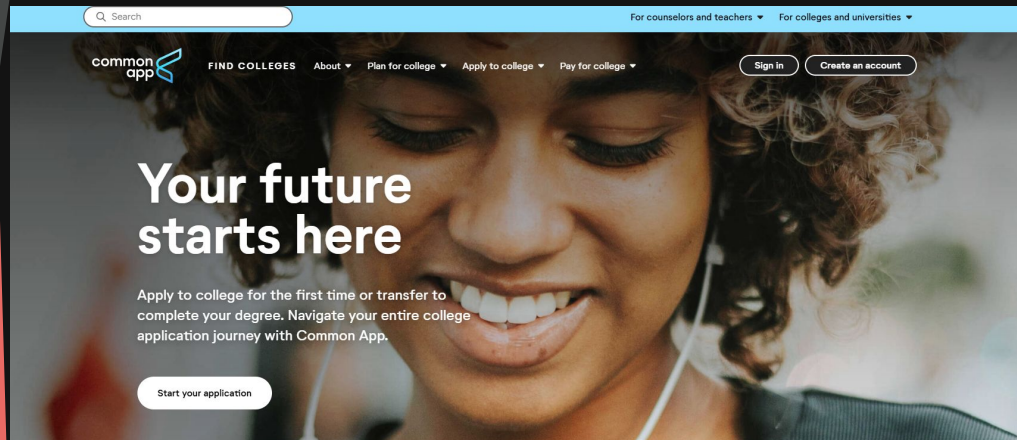
One application that goes to many schools.

Each school will have a section that also needs to be filled out specifically for that school.

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Can start as early as August 1

Applying for the FALL 2026 Semester





# College App Basics Step 5

**Have your documents sent!**

**Request letters of recommendation via  
SCOIR**

**Add Schools to your “Colleges I’m Applying to  
Column in SCOIR”**

**Have your counselor send your initial  
transcripts via SCOIR**

**This takes place in the fall! Be mindful of any  
EARLY Deadlines**

The screenshot shows the SCOIR application dashboard for Richard Sampson. The interface is divided into four main columns: Suggested (0), Following (5), Applying (5), and Applied (1). The Suggested column lists schools like College of William & Mary, High Point University, Southern California Institute of Arch..., Villanova University, and West Chester University of Pennsylv... The Following column lists Franklin & Marshall College, Framingham State University, and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylv... The Applying column shows application progress for Franklin & Marshall College (Regular Decision Jan 15) and Framingham State University (Regular Decision Feb 15). The Applied column shows Saint Xavier University Chicago, IL, with a Rolling application status (Tasks complete 0/4, Docs downloaded 0/1) and a Pending application status (Tasks complete 0/4, Docs downloaded 0/1). The dashboard also includes a sidebar with navigation links like Overview, Academic Overview, Activities & Achievements, College Preferences, Career Profile, My Drive, Scattergram, Colleges & Applications, Documents, Awards, Messaging, and Notes. A green Help button is visible in the bottom right corner.

**Accept SCOIR INVITE**

# College Summer Office Hours!

**9 AM - 12 PM**

**@ JTHS**



Come get help with the  
College Applications Days  
before the start of the  
school year!

**July 30**

**August 6**

**August 13**

**August 20**

**Come to the  
Guidance Office!**



# Merge Specific Items

# The Common Application During the Merge



**Reporting Current High School (Jackson Township High School)**

**Reporting Past High School (Liberty or Memorial)**

**Reporting Class Size**

**Reporting Class Rank**

A screenshot of the Common App website's 'Education' section. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid'. The left sidebar lists various sections: 'Common App', 'Profile', 'Family', 'Education' (which is highlighted with a blue arrow), 'Testing', 'Activities', 'Writing', and 'Courses & Grades'. The main content area is titled 'Education' and contains a list of dropdown menus: 'Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School', 'Other Secondary/High Schools', 'Colleges & Universities', and 'Grades' (which is highlighted in blue). Below these is a field for 'Graduating class size (approx.)'. On the right side of the Education section, there is a 'Need help?' link and a 'Need Help?' section with instructions on how to use the help link.

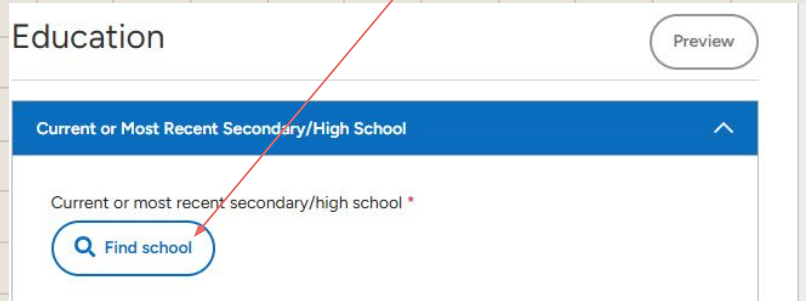
All of these items are located under the “EDUCATION” Section of the Common Application

# The Common Application During the Merge



## Reporting Current High School (Jackson Township High School)

Step 1: Click “Find School”



Education

Preview

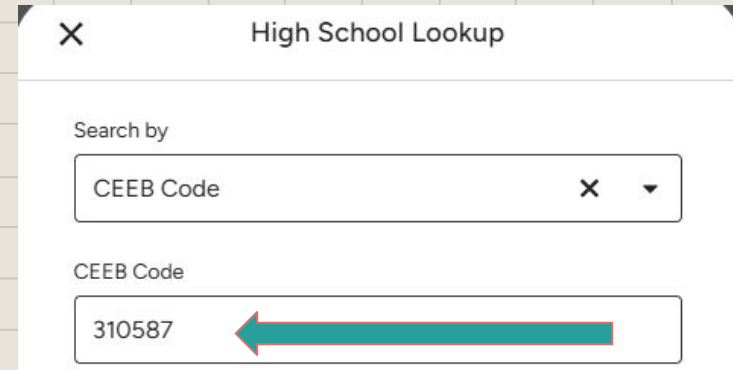
Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School

Current or most recent secondary/high school \*

Find school

A red arrow points from the text "Step 1: Click 'Find School'" to the "Find school" button.

Step 2: Search by CEEB. Enter 310587



High School Lookup

Search by

CEEB Code

CEEB Code

310587

A green arrow points from the text "Enter 310587" to the input field containing "310587".

# The Common Application During the Merge



## Reporting Current High School (Jackson Township High School)

Big  
Note

*Right now the search will come up as “Jackson Liberty High School.”*

Within the next month, this will be changed to “Jackson Township High School”

If you begin your applications by August 1 and it still says Liberty please select “Liberty.” In the Box provided write

Please provide details about the circumstances under which you did or will not graduate from secondary/high school.\*

Press Alt/Opt+F10 from the editor to navigate to the toolbar, or Alt/Opt+0 for a list of [keyboard shortcuts](#).

**B** *I* U [ ]

Due to the merger of Jackson Memorial High School and Jackson Liberty High School I will attend my senior year and graduate from Jackson Township High School 310587

Min: 1 / Max: 250

0/250 words



# The Common Application During the Merge

## Reporting Past High School (Liberty or Memorial)



### Step 1: Click 1

### Step 2: Search “ Not listed under high school name

Other Secondary/High Schools

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

☐ 0

☒ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

[Clear answer](#)

Secondary/high school 2 \*

[Find school](#)

Secondary/high school 2 from date\*

Date uses "month year" format (e.g. August 2002)

Secondary/high school 2 to date\*

Date uses "month year" format (e.g. August 2002)

High School Lookup

Search by

High School Name

High School Name

Not listed

Choose school \*

Sort by: Near my address

Homeschooled

I don't see my high school in this list

[What about homeschooling?](#)

Everyone should report  
their past high school as  
either Jackson Memorial or  
Jackson Liberty High School

# The Common Application During the Merge

## Reporting Past High School (Liberty or Memorial)



### Step 3: Complete the Form

X

School Information

High School Name\*

Jackson Memorial High School

Country/Region/Territory\*

United States of America X

School Type\*

- Choose an option -

Please complete this required question.

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Back

Continue

**Jackson Memorial High  
School**

**101 Don Connor Blvd**

**Jackson Liberty High School**

**125 N. Hope Chapel Road**

# The Common Application During the Merge

## Reporting Past High School (Liberty or Memorial)



### Step 4:

Fill in the “more  
information  
box”

Please provide details about why you left each of the above secondary/high schools.\*

Press Alt/Opt+F10 from the editor to navigate to the toolbar, or Alt/Opt+O for a list of [keyboard shortcuts](#).

**B** *I* U [ ]

Due to the merger of Jackson Memorial and Jackson Liberty High School in July of 2025, all students from both schools now attend the new Jackson Township High School.

Min: 1 / Max: 250

0/250 words

# The Common Application During the Merge

## Reporting Class Size and Class Rank



**Grades** ^

Graduating class size (approx.)\*

Class rank reporting

☒ Exact

☐ Decile

☐ Quintile

☐ Quartile

☐ None

Clear answer

Class rank\*

Former Memorial Students,  
report your class size as  
**347**

**Report Rank as it appears  
on your transcript**

Former Liberty Students,  
report your class size as  
**261**

**Report Rank as it appears  
on your transcript**

# SCOIR

All students should check their email to accept the new invitation from SCOIR.

Even if they registered last year, they must accept this new invitation.



- **Research Colleges**
- Take Career Interest Inventories
- **Request Letters of Recommendation**
- Follow colleges
- **Work with your counselor to manage your college documents**

# Upcoming Events

## Oct. 7

**College and Career Night at the Jersey Shore:** *Hosted by the Ocean County School Counselors Association*

College Fair

@ RWJ Barnabas Health  
Arena at Toms River North

6PM

## Oct. 8

**College/Career  
Planning/Financial Aid  
Night** @ Jackson Township  
High School

**Presentation about the  
college process and  
financial aid**

6 PM

## Oct. 23

**FAFSA Workshop: Get help  
completing your FAFSA**

@ Jackson Township High  
School

5 PM



## Fall 2025

College representatives from various in and out of state schools will visit the guidance office during common lunch! Students can come and meet admissions reps.