

COMMON APPLICATION at
<https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/DownloadForms.aspx>

11th Grade Advisement Activity
Estimated time: 20-30 Minutes

Georgia's Teachers-As-Advisors Framework

Goal 11-2.3 - Identify and participate in ongoing, lifelong-learning experiences to enhance the ability to perform effectively and work in a diverse and changing world

d. Demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary for successful transition from one learning level to the next (e.g. high school to postsecondary)

Objectives: Students will become familiar with the Common Application and practice completing the application as practice for all other applications

Materials: Common Application (a five-page document; print front and back to save paper)

Activity:

1. *Say:* Good morning. Welcome to advisement. Today we are going to learn about and complete the college/university COMMON APPLICATION. The Common Application currently provides both online and print versions of its First-year Applications. The application membership represents nearly 400 institutions in the US: public and private, large and small, highly selective and modestly selective, and East Coast, West Coast, and every region in between. Before you consider using the common application, you should check online at <https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx> (write this address on the board for students to copy) to be sure the institution you have selected will accept the application. You can also Google Common Application and get the web site. I remember seeing colleges such as Agnes Scott, Morehouse and Clarke University on the list; however, there are not many Georgia institutions represented. We will use this application as a guide for all other applications so you can practice completing a college application. You will complete many applications in your career---this represents just one!
2. *Say:* You can go to <https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/FAQ.aspx> (write this URL on the board or flip chart), to see frequently asked questions regarding the application if you should decide to use it and your selected school will accept it. DO NOT send this application if your selected school is not on the list of member institutions.
3. *Distribute the paper-version of the application. Allow students the rest of the time to work on the application. Remind students:* GAcollege411 also has a practice application under the COLLEGE PLANNING tab.
4. *Dismiss:* I hope this activity will help you complete other postsecondary applications or any other application. If you have specific questions about the information required on the application, come see me. If I am unable to get the answers you need, make an appointment with your counselor to get the additional help! You should begin to gather or explore applications on GAcollege411 you will need for the various schools you have selected. We suggest that you apply to 3-5 schools and remember: *each school will require a processing fee, usually about \$25.00.* This fee can get expensive, so narrow your choices using some of the tools we have suggested as well as the ones available on the GAcollege411 website. You can apply at GAcollege411 for admission to participating colleges and track your applications. See you next time we meet.