

## Measuring Student Growth

### An Indirect Measure for School Counselors

**Objective:** Increase rate at which seniors complete the common application

**Administration Directions:** see the [common college application](#)

**Student Directions:** same as above

**Task:** completion of the common application by January 1 senior year

**Data Collection:** through [Naviance](#) (Note: common app completion data can be gathered on site or through other online management systems.)

**Scoring:** Each student who completes the common application contributes to the overall completion rate of the high school. Students who enter high school after October 15 are not included in this study. Students who leave the high school before January 1 of senior year are not included in this study.

**Growth Calculation:** We calculate growth by comparing the percentage of seniors completing the common application in the present year with the percentage from the previous year. If there is no increase in the common application completion percentage, it is low growth. If the percentage increases by 1 to 5 points, it's moderate growth. An increase of more than five points is high growth.

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