

Private College Night

West Linn High School

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College Introduction

- College as a home
 - Partnership
- Public vs. Private
 - Competition
 - Cautions
 - Vocab...



Early Action

Under this plan, highly qualified candidates who apply early may receive offers of admission by mid-December. Unlike the Early Decision Plan, the Early Action Plan does not allow an institution to request an applicant to make a prior commitment to enroll, indicate college preferences, or make and response to an offer of admission until the traditional May 1 candidates reply date.



Early Decision / Binding

Some colleges offer to notify applicants of acceptance or rejection during the first semester of their senior year. Two types of early decision plans exist:

1. **Single Choice Plan** – Students cannot apply to other colleges until the early decision college has notified them.
2. **First Choice Plan** – Students may apply to other colleges, but must name the early decision as their first choice and agree that, if accepted, you are honor-bound to attend the early decision college. If denied for early decision, your application will be reconsidered with other applications as if you have never applied earlier.



“Easy” or Priority Applications

- Some schools have been sending applications to students that do not require an essay, possibly no recommendations, and sometimes NO application fee.
- It is OK to submit these applications if you are interested in that particular college or university, but DO NOT do so without consultation with your parents, counselors, or even without further research into the school itself. Sometimes applying to these particular schools can “bind” you to that school, prohibiting you from applying anywhere else!!!
- It is advisable to do the Common Application whenever possible (even for priority apps)!



Standardized Testing

SAT Reasoning Test	ACT	SAT Subject Tests
<p data-bbox="180 575 784 625">www.collegeboard.org</p> <p data-bbox="275 636 690 815">Critical Reading Math Writing</p> <p data-bbox="150 891 810 1062">For Juniors, check out the New SAT starting in March 2016!</p>	<p data-bbox="1080 575 1416 625">www.act.org</p> <p data-bbox="1141 636 1355 872">English Math Reading Science</p> <p data-bbox="958 953 1538 1189">*<u>Writing Optional</u>, but most schools would encourage students to take!</p>	<p data-bbox="1717 575 2316 625">www.collegeboard.org</p> <p data-bbox="1793 636 2239 943">English Social Studies Math Science World Languages</p> <p data-bbox="1633 991 2405 1148">**Required or highly recommended for most private colleges in addition to SAT or ACT</p>



Registration

■ **SAT & Subject Tests**

www.collegeboard.org

Upcoming Test Dates:

November 7, 2015 (reg by 10/9/15)

December 5, 2015 (reg by 11/5/15)

January 23, 2016 (reg by 12/28/15)

■ **ACT**

www.act.org

Upcoming Test Dates:

October 24, 2015 (late reg by
10/2/15)

December 12, 2015 (reg by 11/6/15)

February 6, 2016 (reg by 1/8/16)



SAT / ACT Prep

- Go to WLHS website:

www.wlhs.wlwy.k12.or.us

- Click on [Academics](#) > Guidance and Career Center > [PSAT/SAT/ACT](#)
- WLHS offers an SAT prep course. Look for info in the ROAR because the class fills up fast!



Sending SAT/ACT scores

- “Official” scores must be sent directly from SAT (Collegeboard.org) or ACT (act.org) in order for colleges to accept score reports.
- If scores are requested to be sent to your colleges at the time of registration for SAT, then you can send up to 4 for free. After the first 4 then they will charge you \$11.25 for the additional ones requested.
- ACT has a similar process. Please check registration websites for information on sending scores.
- It is advisable to NOT score choice the SAT reasoning test/ACT and to send all scores. Some may choose to score choice for the SAT subject tests, though.



Student Profile

- GPA
 - Test Scores
- Rigor in Curriculum
 - Extracurricular
- Recommendations
 - Essays



Private College Profiles (c/o 2015)

Private Colleges	Avg. GPA	Avg. SAT	Avg. ACT	# of Applicants	# Admitted
Claremont McKenna	3.95	2075	31	5,518	647
George Fox	3.65	1655	23	2,431	1,830
Gonzaga	3.75	1865	27	6,991	4,650
Hawaii Pacific Univ	3.32	1460	20	4,129	2,980
Linfield	3.6	1655	23	2,139	1,972
Pepperdine	3.75	1835		9,721	3,630
Reed College	3.9	2054	30	2,893	1,404
Santa Clara	3.64	1835	29	14,339	7,344
Stanford	4.0	2172	32	38,828	2,208
Univ of Puget Sound	3.52	1842	27	4,588	3,910
Whitman	3.89	1977	30	2,586	1,473
Willamette	3.7	1865	26	8,109	4,690



Private University Admissions Process (Step 1)

See your counselor!

Common App Schools Only:

- Set up Common App username and login (write it down)!!!
- Fill out Common Application (used for most private schools – see list online www.commonapp.org). Add all colleges to Common App site (under My Colleges).
- Once registered for Common App and have Education section filled out, the student can fill out the FERPA waiver on Common App. Must check “Yes, I waive my rights...”.
- Make sure to then “Match” the Common App to Naviance (required for electronic rec letter submission).
- Proofread and submit essays.



Private University Admissions Process (Step 2) – Transcript Request

- On Naviance, request transcripts when moving colleges into the “Colleges I’m Applying To” section **at least 2 weeks prior to deadline**.
- Also important to indicate whether student is applying Early Action, Early Decision, Priority or Regular Decision.
- If the school only accepts transcripts via mail:
 1. **Provide at least 2 weeks notice!!!**
 2. Bring in stamped, addressed envelope for each college –
Sandie Yamauchi will mail official transcripts to college.
 4. Fill out transcript request form in Sandie Yamauchi’s office.



Private University Admissions Process (Step 3) - Recommendations

■ Teacher / Counselor Recommendations

- ✓ Fill out student profile sheet located in guidance office or downloaded from Naviance under the “Documents library”>Recommendation Form.
- ✓ Give copies of Recommendation Form to teacher and counselor and request letter – **PROVIDE AT LEAST 2 WEEKS NOTICE!!!** Counselor will consult with student on individual recommendations.
- ✓ Counselor and Teacher will submit Common App/Private College forms and rec letters online through Naviance.



Important Notes...

- Online college applications and teacher/counselor evaluation information + transcripts **can be submitted at separate times.** As long as all are received by the due date, the student's application process will be complete!
- Use the Naviance handouts provided in "Document Library" to navigate the Naviance system.
- Students and parents can check the status of teacher/counselor online submissions through the Naviance program.



College	Total Cost (tuition + room/board) 14-15	Avg. Self-Help Aid 14-15	Avg. Need Based Aid 14-15	Avg. Merit Based Aid 14-15
George Fox	\$40,400	\$5,244	\$6,623	\$8,953
Linfield	\$45,826	\$4,946	\$9,536	\$10,226
Reed	\$57,910	\$2,700	\$31,668	n/a
Willamette	\$52,370	\$7,052	\$33,694	\$14,519
Gonzaga	\$43,690	\$10,835	\$10,078	\$15,177
Univ of Puget Sound	\$52,870	\$6,687	\$23,465	\$10,055
Whitman	\$54,050	\$5,700	\$22,849	\$7,589
Whitworth	\$45,134	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$5,000
Claremont McKenna	\$59,765	\$3,395	\$19,890	\$5,000
Stanford	\$55,856	\$3,532	\$23,883	n/a
USC	\$58,504	\$4,860	\$23,260	\$10,568
Dartmouth	\$58,890	\$5,487	\$37,877	0

Tuition and Financial Aid

- **FAFSA** (must be completed AFTER Jan 1)
 - ✓ Parents/students CAN request PIN earlier and access FAFSA worksheet online, which they will need to fill out the FAFSA!
 - ✓ Beware of scams. Go to Naviance, under resources for FAFSA link!
- **CSS Profile** (only required for certain schools)
 - ✓ Can access CSS Profile NOW!
 - ✓ Go to Naviance, under resources for CSS link!
- **Scholarships** (Institutional, Private, Local)
 - ✓ Go to Naviance, under scholarships for more info!



College and Career Center

- College Search Resources
- College Visits
- Scholarship Information
- Internship / Career Information
- **NAVIANCE**

WWW.WLHS.WLWV.K12.OR.US > ACADEMICS > GUIDANCE &
CAREER CENTER > NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION



Important Dates

- **October 5** – Public College Night
(6:30pm in Forum)
- **October 12** – Private College Night
(6:30pm in Forum)
- **Portland National College Fair**
(Oregon Convention Center)
Friday, October 23, 2015
9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.
Saturday, October 24, 2015
1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.
- **October 26** – Financial Aid Night
(6:30pm in Forum)
- **March 7** – Community College Night
(6:30pm in Commons B)

