

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
www.collegeboard.org Critical Reading Math * <u>Writing Optional</u> , but most schools would encourage students to take!	www.act.org English Math Reading Science * <u>Writing Optional</u> , but most schools would encourage students to take!	www.collegeboard.org English Social Studies Math Science World Languages **Required or highly recommended for most private colleges in addition to SAT or ACT



Registration

■ SAT & Subject Tests

www.collegeboard.org

Upcoming Test Dates:

November 5, 2016 (reg by 10/7/16)

December 3, 2016 (reg by 11/3/16)

January 21, 2017 (reg by 12/21/16)

■ ACT

www.act.org

Upcoming Test Dates:

December 10, 2016 (reg by 11/4/16)

February 11, 2017 (reg by 1/13/17)



SAT / ACT Prep

- Go to WLHS website:

www.wlhs.wlwy.k12.or.us

- Click on Guidance > **PSAT** or **SAT** (SAT page includes ACT info)
- 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 \$12 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 2016)

Private Colleges	Avg. GPA	Avg. SAT	Avg. ACT	# of Applicants	# Admitted
Claremont McKenna	3.95	1500	31	6,043	651
George Fox	3.65	1170	23	2,891	2,248
Gonzaga	3.75	1330	27	7,162	4,835
Hawaii Pacific University	3.32	1070	20	4,668	2,886
Linfield	3.6	1160	23	2,054	1,926
Pepperdine	3.75	1835	27	8,914	3,161
Reed College	3.9	1440	30	2,893	1,404
Santa Clara	3.64	1340	29	14,985	7,395
Stanford	4.0	1500	32	42,167	2,145
University of Puget Sound	3.52	1310	27	5,583	4,427
Whitman	3.89	1400	30	3,653	1,498
Willamette	3.7	1330	27	6,361	4,658



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 each college.
 3. 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)	Avg. Self-Help Aid	Avg. Need Based Aid	Avg. Merit Based Aid
	16-17	15-16	15-16	15-16
George Fox	\$43,898	\$5,131	\$9,870	\$13,714
Linfield	\$54,730	\$5,740	\$26,048	\$18,627
Reed	\$51,850	\$4,168	\$39,304	n/a
Willamette	\$58,967	\$5,529	\$29,199	\$19,925
Gonzaga	\$50,888	\$5,943	\$20,411	\$12,659
Univ of Puget Sound	\$58,352	\$6,822	\$24,324	\$15,389
Whitman	\$59,772	\$6,110	\$33,224	\$9,751
Whitworth	\$51,732	\$5,730	\$26,608	\$18,616
Claremont McKenna	\$66,685	\$4,797	\$40,781	\$15,713
Stanford	\$62,541	\$2,284	\$43,291	n/a
USC	\$66,631	\$7,108	\$32,291	\$21,275
Dartmouth	\$66,174	\$4,520	\$46,917	n/a

Tuition and Financial Aid

- **FAFSA** (must be completed AFTER Oct 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.wlww.k12.or.us

- Click on Guidance > Naviance Family Connection



Important Dates

- **October 3** – Public College Night (6:30pm in Forum)
- **October 10** – Private College Night (6:30pm in Forum)
- **Portland National College Fair** - Oregon Convention Center

Sunday, October 23, 2016

1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

Monday, October 24, 2016

9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

- **October 24** – Financial Aid Night (6:30pm in Forum)
- **March 6** – Community College Night (6:30pm in Commons B)

