



Junior Family College Night



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Agenda

- Exploration
- Research
- Naviance
- SAT/ACT
- Factors in College Admission Decisions
- Preparing for Senior Year
- Financial Aid/Scholarships
- Connect with Us!



Exploration

What are the possibilities
after high school?

- Four-Year Colleges and Universities
 - Community College
 - Transfer Degree
 - Associates Degree (2-Year)
 - Certificate Program (1-Year)
 - Apprenticeship Program
 - Oregon Promise
 - *A state grant program where students will only pay \$50 per term, if the student has a 2.5 cumulative GPA and meets eligibility criteria based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC).*
 - Military
 - Work
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Four-Year & Community College

What to think about, to talk
about, and to consider?

- Location and size
 - Academic majors, educational programs, and opportunities
 - Campus activities, athletics, and extracurriculars
 - Housing options
 - Dining facilities
 - Support services
 - Admission requirements
 - Cost of attendance and financial aid
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Unsure about a Major or Academic Interest?

It is common for students to be unsure about their major or academic area of interest:

- Inquire about first-year course of studies
- Inquire about when you have to declare a major
- Consider a liberal arts college
- Talk with your school counselor
- Use Naviance
 - Personality, interest, and skill inventories

Certain about a Major or Academic Interest?

- Consult publications and websites such as U.S. News and World Report, Peterson's, Princeton Review, and Barron's for published ratings
- Investigate the details:
 - What courses are required for specific majors or academic programs
 - Number of professors with highest degree in field
 - Research institution vs. teaching institution
 - Number of students seeking higher education, securing jobs, etc. after graduation
 - Attend a class
 - Meet with a professor in that major or program
 - Meet with a current student in that major or program

Research

How do I gather information and learn more about the possibilities after high school?

- WHS College & Career Center
 - Google Classroom- Class of 2022
 - Naviance
 - Attend virtual small group meeting with your school counselor or Mrs. Tucker during the week of February 8th
 - Virtual College Rep Visits
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Naviance

- Web-based software purchased by the district to assist in the college and career planning process
- Naviance access:
 - Log into student's WHS google account
 - WHS Website>For Students>Naviance>Single Sign-On
- Research and explore colleges:
 - SuperMatch or College Match
 - College Lookup
- Access college data and acceptance history (WHS graduates 2006-2020)
- Sign-up for virtual/in-person visits with college admission reps
- Create resume
- Students will also use Naviance during their senior year to request transcripts, to request letters of recommendation, and to access the scholarship database.

Resources

- **Oregon Public Universities (OPU) Virtual Tour:**
 - April 2021 (dates TBA)
- **NACAC Virtual College Fairs:**
 - Several opportunities through spring.
 - <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>
- **PNACAC Regional College Fair:**
 - Information about the 2021 Spring PNACAC Fair opportunities will be available soon. Please check back in late January for updates.
- **BigFuture Days:**
 - Hosted by the CollegeBoard. Four regional virtual events in February and March.
 - [BigFuture Days | College Board](#)
- **Community and Two-Year Colleges:**
 - www.community-college.org
- **College Websites & Social Media**
 - Most have robust virtual tours as well as information sessions
 - <https://campustours.com/>
 - <https://www.youvisit.com/>
- **US News Best Colleges:**
 - www.usnews.com/rankings
- **Colleges That Change Lives:**
 - www.ctcl.com
- **Historically Black Colleges:**
 - www.nbcufirst.com
- **LGBTQ+:**
 - [LGBTQ-Friendly Colleges | The Princeton Review](#)
- **NCAA Clearinghouse:**
 - www.ncaaclearinghouse.org
 - Must register if you plan to pursue DI or DII college athletics
- **Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE):**
 - www.wiche.edu/wue
- **U. S. Department of Education:**
 - <http://www.ed.gov/>

Virtual Campus Visits & Tours

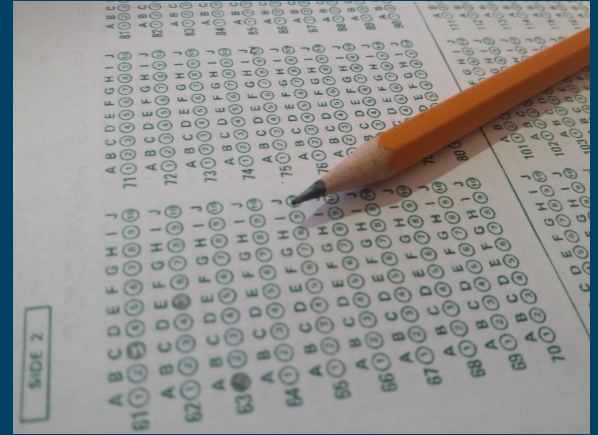
One of the best ways to learn more about a 4-year college or community college, and to collect valuable information!

- Visit several different colleges to get best perspective
 - Admissions information sessions via Zoom
 - A glimpse into the lives of current students
 - Information about the on-campus living experience
 - Visit admission websites for dates and registration information
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SAT/ACT

What is going on?
What should I do?

- www.collegeboard.org
- www.actstudent.org



Admission Testing Policies

- **Test-Optional:** refers to colleges that give students the choice to submit standardized testing scores if they feel it reflects their true ability. Colleges will consider scores if submitted, but there will not be a penalty for choosing not to submit scores.
- **Test-Blind:** refers to colleges that will not consider standardized testing scores for any applicant, even if submitted.

Admission Testing Policies for Fall 2021

- Oregon State University/University of Oregon/University of Washington
 - **Test Optional for Fall 2021 and beyond**
- Western Oregon University and Portland State University
 - **Test Optional, if student has a 3.0 GPA or above**
- Linfield, University of Portland, Willamette University, and BYU
 - **Test Optional**
- Reed College
 - **Two-Year Test Blind Policy**
- University of California
 - **Test Blind**
- Most highly selective schools
 - **One-Year Test Optional Policy for 2020-2021**

The Importance of Testing? It Depends...

- Lower Priority:
 - The largest set of colleges, about 80% of 4-year colleges. Admission decisions do not hinge on test scores. They mainly look at GPA and course rigor.
- Plus Factor:
 - This set of colleges, about 20% of 4-year colleges, are still selective, so strong test scores can be a plus factor, but not a singular difference maker.
- Still Important:
 - These highly selective colleges have less than 10% acceptance rates. Only about 1% of 4-year colleges. It is still advisable to take the SAT/ACT.

Please see: <https://www.compassprep.com/is-test-optional-that-simple/>

If taking the SAT/ACT makes sense for you...

- Time is on your side
- Almost all colleges accept either the SAT or the ACT for admission
- The SAT or the ACT is typically taken in the spring of the junior year and no later than December of the senior year
- [SAT/ACT Testing Schedule](#)

Goodbye SAT Subject Tests and the Essay

- CollegeBoard is eliminating the SAT Subject Tests program
- The SAT optional essay will still be available for students through the June 2021 administration.

Practice for the SAT

- CollegeBoard has partnered with Khan Academy to provide personalized SAT practice
- Students link their PSAT scores to Khan which will result in a personalized practice plan.
- WHS also offers a SAT Prep Course for English and Math that begins on Sunday, March 14 and ends on Sunday, May 2. Sign-up with the Bookkeeper. Another prep course will likely be offered in the Fall.

Resources

SAT Registration: [College Board - SAT, AP, College Search and Admission Tools](#)

ACT Registration: [The ACT Test for Students](#)

[2021 SAT/ACT Testing Schedule](#)

[Test Prep: Khan Academy](#)

[SAT and ACT Policies and Score Ranges for Popular Colleges and Universities](#)

[Colleges Are Now Test Optional. Is It That Simple?](#)

Factors in 4-Year College Admission

So, what will be considered?

According to the National Association of
College Admission Counselors (NACAC):

- GPA and grades in college preparatory courses
 - Strength of schedule
 - Essay
 - Teacher recommendation
 - SAT or ACT test scores, if applicable
 - Student's expressed interest in the school
 - Counselor recommendation
 - Class rank
 - Interview, if applicable
 - Extracurricular activities
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Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Automatic Admit vs. Comprehensive Review or Holistic Review
- OPU Recommended GPAs:
 - UO - Comprehensive Review
 - OSU - Holistic Review, preferred 3.0 or better
 - Southern - Holistic Review
 - PSU, Western Oregon, OIT - 3.0 Automatic Admit
 - Western Oregon requires a letter of recommendation if student does not have a 3.0
 - Eastern- 2.75 Automatic Admit

Preparing for Senior Year

What to focus on this spring?

- Continue to do the BEST that you can in your classes.
 - Review your course history in StudentVue and meet with your school counselor if you have questions
 - Plan for a strong senior schedule
 - Categorize your colleges of interest
 - Reach
 - Good Fit
 - Safety
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Forecasting

- Planning for March or early April
- StudentVue
- Combining AP and non-AP courses
- Review the [Curriculum Guide](#) - courses subject to change
- Be mindful of unique admission requirements
 - University of California System requires 1-year of the same visual or performing arts course, and 1-year of World History
 - University of Washington requires one semester of a visual or performing arts course

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

- WHS offers 22 different courses that represent every content area
- Students will select AP courses during forecasting in March/April
- Increases course rigor
- Demonstrates to college admission officers that they have sought the most rigorous curriculum available
- Opportunity to earn college credit by passing the AP exam in May

Dual Credit

- Dual credit program with Clackamas Community College, Portland Community College, or Oregon Tech (OIT)
- Opportunity for students to earn transferable community college credit for approved college-level classes
- Students must register for the college credit and will receive the grade earned in the class (A-F)

Clackamas Community College (ACC):

- Pre-Calc
- Discrete B
- Spanish III & IV
- French III & IV
- AP 2D Art & Design
- Graphic Arts I & II
- AP Literature & Composition (12th grade)

Portland Community College:

- Spanish Lang & Lit

Oregon Tech:

- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C (certification in-progress)

Summer Opportunities

- WLWV Internship Program
- Oregon Tech:
 - Take advantage of rigorous curriculum or to learn more about high demand careers
 - Enroll in college level courses such as Speech, Psychology or Introduction to Film
 - Enroll topics courses such as Medical Detectives or PC Hardware
 - Courses are \$25/credit
 - www.oit.edu/hst
- Saturday Academy:
 - Classes and camps in Medical Science, Computer Science, Visual and Performing Arts, Engineering, and more.
 - www.saturdayacademy.org/
- List of opportunities on Naviance:
 - Community Service
 - Paid Employment
 - Camps (academic and personal enrichment)
- Clackamas Community College:
 - Summer Scholars Program
 - Jumpstart on four-year college general education requirements- tuition free!
- CTE Summer Camps:
 - Explore programs such as Horticulture, Welding, Music and Film, and the Health Professions

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA)
 - Open on October 1, 2021
 - Will use prior-prior year (PPY) for filing
 - Purpose is to provide families with more accurate financial aid information earlier in the admission process
- What can you do now?
 - Financial Aid: Net Price Calculators
 - Scholarships: GPA and test scores, Community Service, Letters of Recommendation, Essays/Writing Prompts

Financial Aid & Scholarship Resources

- [FAFSA](#)
- [ORSAA](#)
- [Office of Student Access & Completion \(OSAC\)](#)
- [College Board Opportunity Scholarships](#)
- [FinAid](#)
- [FastWeb](#)
- [Niche](#)

Connect with Us!

- Google Classroom
 - Class of 2022 join code: 4wxxs77
- Instagram - whscollegecareer
- Twitter- @WHSCollegCareer
- Remind- text to the phone number 81010 one of these codes (based on your last name)
 - @whs2022A-G
 - @whs2022H-P
 - @whs2022Q-Z
- WLWV Listserv
 - WVHS-Homes
 - WVHS-Homes22



Thank you for Attending!

Senior College Night will be in
late September followed by
Financial Aid Night in early
October

