

# Senior Family College Night

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# Agenda

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- Finalize Your List of Colleges
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- Application Essay
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# What are the Possibilities After High School?



- **Four-Year Colleges and Universities**
- **Community College**
  - ◆ Transfer to a 4-Year
  - ◆ Two-Year Associate's Degree
  - ◆ One-Year Certificate
  - ◆ Career Technical Education/Apprenticeship
- **Oregon Promise**
  - ◆ A state grant program for students with a **2.0 cumulative high school GPA** who plan to attend community college within 6 months of high school completion.
  - ◆ Application will open in October
- **Military**
- **Work**

# How do I Learn More about the Possibilities After High School?

- WHS College & Career Center
- Naviance
- College Admission Representative Visits
  - ◆ Hosted during class time in the College & Career Center
- Campus Visits and Tours
- First Generation College Group
  - ◆ September 23 at lunch in the College & Career Center

- For 4-Year:
  - ◆ Small group meeting with your school counselor during the week of September 26th
- For Community College:
  - ◆ Small group meeting with your school counselor in October
  - ◆ Complete the Oregon Promise application together
- For Military:
  - ◆ Military Night in October (exact date TBD)

# College Rep Visits

Did you know that the College & Career Center hosts college admission representatives from across the country?

- We currently have over 35 college representatives scheduled to meet with students, and the list continues to grow!
- College Visits will be hosted during class time in the College & Career Center.
- These meetings are a great opportunity to learn about specific colleges and to meet the reps who will work with WHS students and will likely read your application!
- Visit Naviance to check out the list and sign up!





# 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>Quick Links>Naviance>Single Sign-On (Green bar)
- Access college data and acceptance history (WHS graduates 2006-2022)
- Sign-up for visits with college admission reps
- Students will also use Naviance to request transcripts, to request letters of recommendation, and to access the scholarship database.



# Finalize Your List of Colleges



**Reach School**- these are your top choices, but ones where your chances of admission are lower. Maybe your academic profile matches or falls slightly short of the college's average, and/or the competition for the limited places in the incoming class is intense.

**Match School**- these are colleges where you fit the admission requirements and have a good chance of acceptance. They should have the things that you are looking for in a college and you should be happy to attend.

**Safety School**- these are colleges where the requirements indicate that there's little chance that you won't be accepted. You can afford to attend, and you would be happy to attend.



# Application Deadline Types

## Early Action

Non-binding early application deadline type. Submit application by an earlier deadline, usually in November, and receive a decision earlier than Regular Decision- usually before the end of December.

Example:

**UO** = Nov. 1 & **OSU** = Nov. 1

## Regular Decision

Most common application deadline type. Submit application by a regular deadline, usually no later than February, and receive a decision within 4-6 weeks.

Example:

**UO** = Jan. 15 & **OSU** = Feb. 1

## Priority

Deadline that guarantees consideration for scholarship and financial aid.

Example:

**OSU** = Feb. 1

## Rolling

Applications are evaluated as they are received versus waiting to evaluate all applications after a hard deadline.

Example:

**PSU, WOU, SOU, Montana State**

# Unique Application Deadlines

There is only ONE deadline!

**University of Washington:** Nov. 15

**University of California (UC) System:** Nov. 30

**California State System (including Cal Poly San Luis Obispo):** Nov. 30



# Typical Application Requirements



- Online **Application** and Fees
- **Transcript** (Coursework, GPA, and Class Rank)
- Other Possible Requirements:
  - ◆ **Letters of Recommendation**
  - ◆ **Essay**
  - ◆ **Test Scores (SAT/ACT)**

# Online Application Types

## School Specific- Direct to Institution

Application used by state schools that do not require recommendations

Example:

**UO, OSU, PSU, UC System**

## Common App

Application used by over 1,000 colleges. Most private or selective schools use the Common App and they usually require recommendations

Example:

**Linfield, University of Portland, Seattle University, OSU, UO**

[commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org)

## Priority

Application sent to your email providing an incentive to apply, i.e., no app fee or essay

Example:

**Montana State**

## Coalition App

Application used by approximately 150 schools. We typically recommend that students do not use Coalition App.

[coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://coalitionforcollegeaccess.org)

# Transcripts

In Naviance:

## Step 1: Add Colleges to *Colleges I'm Applying to*

- Important to communicate with school counselor which schools planning to apply to
- Select deadline type
- Indicate application type
- Add and request Transcript

## Step 2: Request Transcript

- Initial and Mid-Year

# Self-Reporting Your Coursework & Grades

Some colleges do not require a transcript- What?!

Yep! It's true.

When you add the college to Naviance, it automatically populates, *Initial Materials Submitted*

Use StudentVue to see all your courses and grades and add them to your application

Example: **Oregon State, University of Oregon, University of Washington, Brigham Young University (BYU), UC System, and Cal State System**



Log into StudentVue

Click on Course History on left side of screen

Click on the subject area

It tells you what you've taken (and also what you are enrolled in) and the credits you have completed

# Letters of Recommendation

## → Teacher Recommendation

**Step 1:** Check to see if your college(s) require teacher recommendation(s).

If **NO**, not part of your process.

**Step 2:** If **YES**, in Naviance, request letters of recommendation, email teacher(s) your Senior Autobiography, and give 3 weeks notice.

## → Counselor Recommendation

**Step 1:** Common App requires a counselor recommendation called the **Secondary School Report**

**Step 2:** Email your school counselor your Senior Autobiography and give 3 weeks notice.



# Application Essay/ Personal Statement



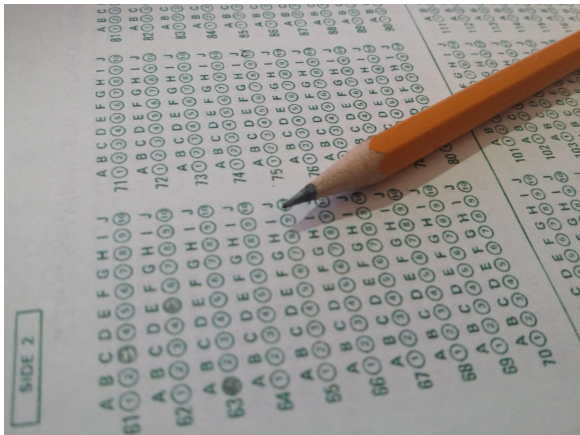
If an essay or personal statement is required, it is your opportunity to tell a story about YOU, to give a glimpse into your life, to describe your passions or special talents, and to share your academic potential.

# Application Essay Tips!



- Share something about yourself that cannot be found anywhere else in your application. Instead of writing what you think they want to read, write about something you want them to know. Reveal something about YOU, so that you stand out.
- Tell a story. Write about something that details another slice of your life or personality. Show how you will fit into the campus culture and how you will impact the community.
- Be descriptive and detailed using your own voice.
- Answer the Prompt! The most common mistake made- many students forget to go back to the original question. If there is a specific question to be answered, make sure you address it.
- Ask as many people as you can to read your essay and give feedback. Your family, a teacher who knows you well, your counselor, and Mrs. Tucker are all great resources! Ask for help - the WHS Counseling Team is with you and willing to give feedback!

# SAT/ACT 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.

# SAT/ACT- Admission Testing Policies

It is important to check the admission requirements for each school to learn about their testing policies

- Oregon State University/University of Oregon/University of Washington
  - ◆ **Test Optional**
- Western Oregon University and Portland State University
  - ◆ **Test Optional**, encouraged if cumulative GPA is below 2.74 or 2.49 respectively
- Linfield, University of Portland, Willamette University, Lewis & Clark, and BYU
  - ◆ **Test Optional**
- Reed College
  - ◆ **Test Blind** for Class of 2023
- University of California
  - ◆ **Test Blind**

# 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...

- All colleges that require test scores accept either the SAT or ACT for admission
- Register to take the SAT or ACT no later than December of the senior year
  - ◆ SAT: [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
    - SAT School Day - October 12 (Seniors only)
      - Test is offered at WHS
      - **Register by September 14 at 3:00 pm** on Web Store or with WHS Bookkeeper
  - ◆ ACT: [Act.org](https://act.org)
  - ◆ [2022 SAT and ACT Dates](#)
- If sending scores, log-in to account at either CollegeBoard (SAT) or ACT Student (ACT) and request that all scores be sent directly to colleges from the testing organization.

## Helpful Tips!

- Applications will ask about our **grading system** and WHS is a **semester** system.
- In some cases, applications will allow students to report AP scores
- Applications will ask about **college coursework**
  - ◆ Dual enrollment courses - credits earned through CCC, PCC, or Oregon Tech.
  - ◆ Courses taken at college outside of school
  - ◆ Depending on the application, they may want to know the school name, location, course title, dates attended, and/or credits completed, so refer to your college transcript for this information.





# Admission Decisions

- Typically, most colleges consider:
  - ◆ Academic coursework in 9th-11th grade
  - ◆ Strength of senior schedule
  - ◆ Grades earned
  - ◆ Grade trend
  - ◆ Essay/Personal Statement
  - ◆ Test Scores (optional)
  - ◆ Extra-curricular Activities
  - ◆ Letters of Recommendation

- Automatic Admit vs. Holistic Review
- Oregon Public Universities' Recommended GPAs:
  - ◆ U of O – holistic review
  - ◆ OSU- holistic review, prefer 3.0 or better
  - ◆ PSU- 2.5 automatic admit
  - ◆ Southern- holistic review, minimum 2.5
  - ◆ Western- holistic review, minimum 2.75
  - ◆ Oregon Tech – 3.0 automatic admit
  - ◆ Eastern – 2.75 automatic admit

# Financial Aid & Scholarships

**FAFSA:** Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) beginning on October 1, 2022

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

**ORSAA:** If you are unable to complete the FAFSA, complete the Oregon Student Aid Application (**ORSAA**)

<https://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/>

**Scholarships:** Research and apply for...

**Naviance-** Scholarship database including national and regional and local scholarships. Local scholarships are typically available in January and February.

**Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC)-** Over 600 scholarships available for Oregon students with one application. Application available online beginning November with an Early Bird deadline in February 2023.  
[www.OregonStudentAid.gov](http://www.OregonStudentAid.gov)

**Student Search-** For any CollegeBoard exam (PSAT, SAT, AP), opt in for Student Search (free) and you will receive college and scholarship information

# Connect with Us!

**Google Classroom** - Class of 2023 join code: **z3kam72**

**Instagram** - whscollegcareer

**Twitter**- @WHSCollegCareer

**Remind**- text to the phone number 81010 one of these codes (based on your last name)

@whs2023A-G

@whs2023H-P

@whs2023Q-Z



# Resources

- NACAC Virtual College Fairs: Multiple dates
  - ◆ <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs/>
- PNACAC Regional College Fair: October 9 & 10 @ Doubletree Lloyd Center
  - ◆ <https://www.pnacac.org/fall-fairs>
- US News Best Colleges:
  - ◆ [www.usnews.com/rankings](http://www.usnews.com/rankings)
- Colleges That Change Lives:
  - ◆ [www.ctcl.com](http://www.ctcl.com)
- Historically Black Colleges:
  - ◆ [www.hbcufirst.com](http://www.hbcufirst.com)

- LGBTQ+:
  - ◆ LGBTQ-Friendly Colleges | The Princeton Review
    - ◆ <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings?rankings=lgbtq-friendly>
- NCAA Clearinghouse:
  - ◆ [www.ncaaclearinghouse.org](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.org)
  - ◆ Must register if you plan to pursue DI or DII college athletics
- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE):
  - ◆ [www.wiche.edu/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/wue)
- U. S. Department of Education:
  - ◆ <http://www.ed.gov/>

# Thank you for attending!

Please join us on **Tuesday, September 27 at 6:00 pm** for the Financial Aid webinar in English or on **Thursday, September 29 at 6:00 pm** for the Financial Aid webinar in Spanish