Class of 2018

♦ Senior Class Meeting
August 2017

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Common Pathways After High School

Certifications and Apprenticeships

Military Service

Preparation for post-secondary

Associates Degree

Bachelors Degree
The College Application Book (CAB) for Class of 2018

• Your go-to resource for answers to your college questions, including:
  • Finding the right fit and comparing colleges
  • Making the most of your college visit
  • Navigating scholarships and financial aid

• Found in Naviance on your Homepage in “Links”
Finding the Right Fit

- Academic Fit
- Pricing Fit
- Campus Culture Fit
Ways for Students to Find the Right Fit

- College Visits and Presentations at WHS
- Shamrock College and Career Days
- Naviance SuperMatch
- Academic Fit-Naviance Scattergrams
Finding the Right Fit Academically

Naviance College Dashboard gives you all sorts of great info!
Finding the Right Fit Academically

The Naviance Scattergrams can help with determining your academic fit and the likelihood of admission.
Visit College Campuses

- Students are allowed two excused college visit days
- Set up appointment with the college’s Office of Admission prior to your visit.
- Take a tour, sit in a class, meet students and professors.
  - Examples: “Discover IU Days” & “Purdue Fall Preview Days”
- Complete the form and turn in to attendance two days prior to visit

College Visit Forms available in the Counseling Center and in the Naviance Document Library under Senior Forms
Upcoming Events

• Small group meetings with your counselor to further discuss college and scholarship application process
  • August 16-17

• Individual College Advising Meetings with your School Counselor
  • Throughout September and October

• Small Group Advising Sessions with Mrs. Easterday
  • More Info and dates to follow

• College Admission Presentations at WHS
  • Sign up in Naviance in the Colleges Tab
Upcoming Events

• Shamrock Career Day
  • Tuesday, Sept. 12
  • 2\textsuperscript{nd} Period in Main Gym

• Shamrock College Rep Day
  • Thursday, September 14
  • 3\textsuperscript{rd} Period in Main Gym

Sign up for these Events in Naviance in the Colleges Tab
Upcoming Events

Coffee with Parents

- Friday, September 1st
- 8:15 AM in the LGI

- A time for your parents to meet with WHS counselors to talk about college and career planning and the admission process
Upcoming Events

PSAT Day for grades 9-11

• Wednesday, October 11th

• Seniors should plan to be out of the building that day

  • College Visits—plan ahead and make an appointment. This day will be busy day for college visits and tours.

  • Job Shadowing

  • Other options will be available

  • More details will be forthcoming
The Application Process: Roles and Responsibilities

• **Student’s Role** *(p. 5 of the CAB)*
  - Seek counselor for assistance
  - Narrow your College Choices
  - Review Online Application Procedures
  - Use Naviance to Request Transcripts
  - Complete Applications and Required Forms
  - Complete and Send all Necessary Required College Admission Tests
• **MEET ALL DEADLINES!!**
The Application Process: Roles and Responsibilities

• Counselor’s Role (p. 7 of the CAB)
  • Advise on College Choices
  • Coordinate the Admission Process
  • Write Letter of Recommendation
  • Advocate in the Student’s Best Interests
College Application Process

1. Complete Applications Online
   - Common Application
   - College Admission Websites

2. Request transcripts through Naviance

3. If needed, request Letters of Recommendation

4. Send your SAT and ACT scores directly to colleges through the appropriate website
Naviance and College Applications

Common App? Or Online App through College Website?

Know your deadlines, and if you are submitting an application through Early Action, Early Decision or Regular Decision. Meet all deadlines!!
Common Application

• Can be used to apply to multiple colleges and universities. Over 400 colleges accept the Common App. [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

• Many colleges require a Common App Supplement

• Some colleges—such as Purdue and Notre Dame—use the Common App exclusively, while others may have an application on their website in addition.
Common Application Process

- Register with Common App
  - www.commonapp.org

- Enter your HS information
- Add at least one college to the My Colleges Tab
- Sign the FERPA Release by clicking on Recommenders and FERPA

- Complete the Account Matching Process in Naviance
- Found in the “Colleges I’m Applying To” Section
- Use Common App email address and Date of Birth
Common App Matching Found in “Colleges I’m Applying To”

Click Here to Watch a Video on Signing your FERPA Release and Match Your Common App to Naviance
Common Application Process

• Be sure all colleges are added to the “Colleges I’m Applying To” List

• Request Transcripts in Naviance in same section

• Request Letters of Recommendation

• Students MUST submit their Common Apps online before we can send their transcripts and letters of recommendation.
• Common App will not allow our information to go ahead of the student’s application.
More Common App Info

• Common App asks for Class Rank and Size:
  • Class of 2018 has 554 students
  • WHS does not rank its students

Common Application Workshop
• Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the LGI
• Bring your laptop and be ready to work on your Common App
All Other Applications

Complete the eApplication on the College’s Admission website
Add all colleges to the “Colleges I’m Applying To” List in Naviance

Request Transcripts in Naviance in same section

Request Letters of Recommendation in Naviance
The New Coalition Application

• Recently, colleges have come together to create a new program: The Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success
• There are about 90 colleges that are part of the Coalition, and they offer a Coalition application.
• www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

Since the Coalition Application is still fairly new, we recommend that you choose to apply through either Common App or through the college’s online application (eApplication) if they are available.
Adding Colleges and Requesting Transcripts in Naviance
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When Will Transcripts be Sent?
Only When Requested in Naviance, and Your Application is Marked “Submitted”

IMPORTANT DEADLINES!

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Transcripts will be sent out beginning August 30th.
Counselor Letters of Recommendation

- If a college or university requires a letter of recommendation from a counselor:
  - Complete the Letter of Recommendation Packet Page and all components by October 1st
  - Hard copy of Packet Cover Page must be turned in to your Counselor
    - Resume can be completed in Naviance or a hard copy can be turned in with packet cover page
    - Complete the Letter of Recommendation Worksheet in Naviance
      - Found in My Planner/Tasks Assigned to Me

Complete and Turn in By October 1st!
Letter of Rec Packet

Cover Sheet
Found in Naviance Document Library and Counseling Center
• Due Oct 1st with Parent Signature

Letter of Rec Worksheet found in Naviance under My Planner/Tasks Assigned to Me
• Short answer questions about you
Resume Builder in Naviance

• Found in About Me Tab

• Get Started Here!

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Teacher Letters of Rec

• If a college or university requires a letter of recommendation from a teacher:
  • First, request the letter in person.
  • Give teachers a minimum of FOUR WEEKS--if not longer--to complete.
  • Provide Teacher with the same Letter of Rec Packet, including:
    • Resume
    • Letter of Rec Worksheet
  • Request Letter in Naviance
  • Follow up with Teacher
    • If it has been several weeks, or a deadline is approaching, talk to them!
  • Write them a formal thank you note.
Submitting a Letter of Recommendation Request in Naviance

- Select teacher from drop-down
- Choose which college you would like letter sent to
- Include a personal note to the teacher
Sending Standardized College Entrance Tests

• Students must send all SAT and/or ACT scores directly to the colleges through their College Board or ACT accounts

• College Entrance Exam scores do NOT appear on the student’s transcript

• If you still need to take an SAT or ACT, schedule them for early this Fall.

• Students on Free/Reduced Lunch can take one free SAT and ACT per school year.
  • See your counselor for a waiver.
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• If you are signing up to take an SAT/ACT, utilize your four free “score sends” upon registration
  • After that, sending scores will cost about $12 per college

• SEND SCORES AT LEAST 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE COLLEGE ADMISSION DEADLINE
  • Rush reporting of scores will cost you more money and can still take a few days
Preparing for College Entrance Tests

• The College Board and ACT websites offer free online test preparation—take advantage of it!
  • Khan Academy partnering with College Board for SAT Prep.
    • Link it with your PSAT results for personalized prep
  • ACT: www.act.org/testprep/

• Selective colleges may require SAT Subject Tests
  • Visit: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search
to see if your college recommends or requires Subject Tests
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** Westfield HS is an SAT Test Administration Center on October 7, 2017 and June 2, 2018

Last date to take exam before most Early Admission Deadlines.
### ACT

**www.actstudent.org**

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*Registration will be done through the Counseling Center and not on the ACT website.

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NCAA Eligibility Center

• Any student wishing to play NCAA Div. I or II athletics in college must:
  • Register online at www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org
  • Request high school transcripts through the NCAA Eligibility Center website
  • Send SAT/ACT scores to NCAA through appropriate testing websites, just like you would send to a college
    • NCAA Code: 9999

Check out the NCAA Guide for the College Bound Student Athlete for more eligibility information.
Meeting Deadlines

• In order to meet all admission deadlines:

  Submit Applications & Transcript requests 4 weeks prior to deadline

  Submit Counselor Letter of Rec Packet by October 1

  Send your SAT/ACT scores three weeks before admission deadline

  If needed, request Teacher Letter of Recommendation 4 weeks prior to deadline
Scholarships

• Scholarships opportunities abound through:
  • Colleges and Universities
  • National Scholarship Programs
  • Local Organizations and Businesses

• School Counseling Center
  • List Updated Throughout the Year on Naviance

• Naviance National Scholarship Search
Finding Scholarships on Naviance

School Counseling Center List

National Scholarship Search
Upcoming Scholarships

- Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship
  - Full tuition to any college in the state of Indiana
  - Academics, community service and financial need taken into consideration
  - Applications due to the Counseling Center by Friday, Aug. 11th!

- Indiana University Wells Scholarship: Full tuition, room and board, and fees for four years
  - Can include a year of Study Abroad
  - Applications and information will be available on Naviance very soon
  - On average, a Wells Scholar has a 3.9 GPA along with strong test scores

- Westfield Education Foundation and Westfield Athletic Booster Club Scholarships
  - A wide variety of scholarships available
  - Application packet available in March
Financial Aid

• Need-based Financial Aid Consists of:
  • Grant Assistance
  • Student Loans
  • Work-Study

• All Families Should Complete the FAFSA to be considered for Need-based Aid
  • Can be completed starting in October.
  • Indiana state colleges deadline is March 10. Private and out-of-state schools may have earlier deadline.

Financial Aid WebEx will be emailed home to all seniors and available online later this fall!
**Time Line of the Senior Year**

- **Aug. — Dec.**
  - Complete College Applications
  - (Confirm each college’s admission deadline)

- **Oct. — Feb.**
  - File FAFSA

- **March — April**
  - Review Financial Aid Packages

- **May 1**
  - Natl. Candidates Reply Date!

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  - Look for Scholarships on Naviance

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Final Thoughts

• Senior year DOES matter! Work hard and keep your grades up. It’s not just about getting in; it’s also about being PREPARED.

• Again, meet ALL deadlines and don’t procrastinate!

• Naviance is where it’s at!

• Be sure your email address is up-to-date in Naviance.

• The School Counseling Center, Mrs. Easterday and college admission counselors are here to help you—take advantage of the resources available to you.