

Westfield High School

Four-Year College Planning: A Guide to Success

A year-by-year guide to keep you on track and guide you through the admission process.

Grade 9 Planned Events:

- Naviance Session on 4-Year High School Plan
- ***Shamrock College & Career Fairs****
- ***CORE Time College Admission Rep Visits****
- ***PSAT****
- ***College Planning Night****
- ***Group Academic Planning Session and Individual Scheduling Meeting with Counselor****

Things to Consider/Action Items:

- All grades are now recorded on your transcript and count in your GPA. Keep your grades up!
- Get involved in extracurricular activities
- Identify your interests

Grade 10 Planned Events:

- Career Interest Sessions during CORE Time
- Career Boot Camp

Things to Consider/Action Items:

- With some career exploration under your belt, start to discuss your future education plans with your family and with your counselor. Are you taking an appropriate schedule for your intended career path?
- Begin looking at colleges that offer your program of interest. Stop by campuses while traveling.
- Consider summer enrichment programs that might help you learn about your area of interest?

*** Programs offered/provided each year in Grades 9-11**

Grade 11 Planned Events:

- Naviance Session on the College Search
- PSAT/Natl. Merit Scholarship Qualifying Exam
- 2 SATs and 1 ACT Offered at WHS
- 2 Excused College Visits in Grade 11
- Grade 11 Group Admission Meeting
- College Admission Boot Camp

Things to Consider/Action Items:

- Create a resume of all high school activities, honors and awards.
- Narrow your college search.
- Take your first SAT/ACT no later than spring.
- Look at college costs with the online Net Price Calculator and have a family discussion on expectations/realities.
- Take official college visits to the schools on your short list.
- Register for the NCAA or NAIA, if you are considering college athletics.

Grade 12 Planned Events:

- Group College Planning Meeting in August
- Individual Senior Meetings with Counselor
- Common Application Workshops
- Coffee With Senior Parents
- 2 Excused College Visits in Grade 12

Things to Consider/Action Items:

- Take a final SAT/ACT in the fall if needed. Send all test scores to colleges.
- Complete applications and request transcripts in a timely manner. Meet all deadlines!
- Complete the FAFSA and review Financial Aid Notifications from each college.
- Search for Scholarships in Naviance.
- May 1: National College Decision Day! Deadline to enroll at your intended college.

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