

College Admissions / Financial Aid Timeline

JUNIOR YEAR

September / October:

- Register and take the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) exam
- Attend area college fairs
- Check Naviance and online for scholarships (ongoing)
- Sign up with Method Test Prep

November / December / January / February:

- Review PSAT results with your counselor
- Consider taking an SAT preparatory course (community library, Stony Brook HCARE, etc.)

March / April / May / June:

- Register and plan for the SATs /ACTs /SAT 2s
- Meet with your counselor for a Junior Conference
- Attend the WFHS College Fair
- Request letters of recommendation
- Visit colleges during spring & summer vacations
- Plan to participate in enriching summer activities ASAP, such as volunteer work, acquiring a meaningful job or internship, enrolling in summer courses at college, etc.

SENIOR YEAR

September:

- Register and take SATs / ACTs / SAT 2s
- Complete your Brag Sheet
- Prepare your extra-curricular sheet
- Finish obtaining letters of recommendation – Make sure you request the teachers on Naviance
- NAVIANCE – Add colleges to “Colleges I’m Applying To”
- Check Naviance and online for scholarships (ongoing)
- Meet with college representatives visiting WFHS – visit the Center for an updated list

October:

- Schedule a Senior Conference with your counselor
- Attend college fairs and open houses at colleges
- Meet early decision/early action application deadlines
- Senior athletes: sign up with NCAA Clearinghouse
- File CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE if necessary
- File FAFSA form as soon as possible after October 1st

November:

- Attend Financial Aid Night – Date To Be Determined
- Narrow your choices to 5-8 colleges and review the list with your counselor
- Complete and mail/submit online applications
- Send your SAT and/or ACT scores to your schools
- Fill out a Transcript Request Form for each school, requesting counselor to send a transcript

December / January:

- Complete and mail/submit online applications

February / March

- Be sure to hand in colleges’ mid-year report requests
- Notify your counselor of all scholarships, grants, awards and college acceptances
- Attend On-Site Admissions if you have not submitted applications yet

April / May:

- Reply promptly to colleges; notify them of your decision
- Fill out senior survey on Naviance, indicating where to send your final transcript

June:

- Graduation 😊