

## 2021-2022 Junior Parent Night Live Q&A

- How can we get the outcome/summary of the Junior meeting? [The meeting was recorded and will have been uploaded to the EHS website Here](#)

A recording of the Junior Parent Night Live Q&A will be posted on the EHS Counseling website.

- How is weighted GPA computed? Does UW look at generic GPA or weighted GPA? [EHS and LWSD do not weight student's GPA's. Student transcripts are created on an unweighted basis with a 4.0 as the highest individual grade and cumulative GPA possible. EHS sends unweighted transcripts to all colleges for student applications, including UW. Colleges may make their own weighted GPA's for students, assigning a higher grade scale above 4.0, for rigorous classes such as AP, UW in the high school or Running Start classes. Colleges may differ in how they weight the GPA's and do not provide that to high schools.](#)
- What is the latest for Eastlake as test center for SAT? [There will be no more SAT tests offered at EHS this school year but may have it available for next school year. If so, there will be advanced notification of this through the Wolves Weekly.](#)
- My student didn't receive an email regarding the Junior Meeting Form. Where can they find it? [Emails were sent via Skyward to all Junior students at their LWSD email addresses and parents using the parent email provided in Skyward. Please check your spam or junk folder as it comes from a donotreply alias. If you still cannot find the email, please click the survey link HERE. After the survey is complete, the student will get an email with their counselor's bookings link to schedule a Junior Meeting. If those steps still do not help allow your student to set a meeting, please have them email their counselor or sign up to see them sign up link](#)
- Is there any way to know the class rank of my child? [EHS and LWSD does not rank students. We do not create a list or publish any list for student rank. The only time we will manually create a rank is when required by a scholarship for a student. The student sends the scholarship link for the recommendation to their counselor, and they will then fill it out with rank included when required and send it directly to the scholarship committee.](#)
- What does test optional mean? [This means it is not required by the college to apply, it is optional to send with the application. It is advised to send SAT/ACT scores to the college when it improves an application by being at or above the published incoming Freshman average SAT/ACT score.](#)
- On official transcripts, will the transcript show a percentage grade or just a letter grade? If a letter grade, is it possible to request that it shows the percentage grades as well? [All EHS and LWSD transcripts record grades by letter and corresponding number such as a B grade equals a 3.0. The transcript has a scale for what letter grade equivalent is for the number.](#)
- Is it recommended for students to schedule a meeting with their school counselors for LOR? Is there any checklist of information they need to prepare/provide for the LOR? [It is recommended that students get to know their counselor during their four years at high school so there is a relationship built over time. For the LOR, counselors need an email requesting the letter be written or an in-person meeting for the request. After students submit the LOR form and upload their resume to the form, counselors may follow up with students and meet with them to go over their information and make sure they are comfortable with what they will be sharing.](#)

- Can you share insights about importance of work experience on a college application? [Work history while in high school is very beneficial and a positive. It shows organization, drive and determination to hold a job while managing school. If the job has aspects of responsibility and work in an area that the student is passionate about or developed skills in, that can be highlighted in the LOR. If the job, internship or volunteer experience is in a field of intended major in college or career focus, that also can be accentuated within the letter.](#)
- How do colleges know whether the course work taken is rigorous or not? What information do they have from school? And how do they compare students from 2 different schools that have different courses? [Transcripts have course codes that indicate whether they are honors, UW in the high school or college credit classes. These are applied to AP, Honors, UW in the high school and Running Start college courses. Those are designated as rigorous courses to colleges. If a student has taken 5 or more of these classes, counselors rate them as having taken the most rigorous course material in high school on the Common Application. Colleges will be able to tell rigor by the course codes and by subject course codes as well so even if they are different in title, they can tell by the codes.](#)
- Will taking SAT in OCT be late to get the scores before applying for college? [Scoring for the SAT or ACT takes 2-3 weeks and applications for college can begin as early as October 15<sup>th</sup>. In order to have time for the score report to be completed, it is advised to take the tests prior to October.](#)
- Are there any other sources of information in regards of vocational schools? We did look at the information on the school website, but wonder if there are other suggestions? [There is information in the Post High School Guidebook \[Guidebook link\]\(#\) and on the College and Career Teams.](#)
- How soon should my child ask a teacher to write a LOR? [Before the end of the school year, beginning in May until the last day of school. Once a teacher has agreed to write the letter for the student, they should follow up in September or October and let them know their application due dates and request it be completed 2 weeks prior to the earliest date.](#)
- By when would counselors like to have all the details about the student's extra curriculums, jobs, clubs, etc? [Counselors need 2 weeks prior to the earliest application deadline to complete the Letter of Recommendation \(LOR\). The LOR request form should be completed in October for October or November due dates and all details for extracurricular activities, including work and volunteer hours, are uploaded in a resume form at that time.](#)
- If your SAT score from your 2<sup>nd</sup> try is lower than the 1<sup>st</sup> try, can you not send in your lower score? [Yes, students can take SAT tests multiple times if desired and can choose which of the tests to share with colleges.](#)
- Are results of AP tests shared with schools? [Students control if AP scores are shared to colleges and they can send some, all or none.](#)
- If my child takes a gap year, should he do the applications to college as well as get the LOR during the fall? [It is easier to get the application completed and LOR's completed in senior year while at EHS and then when accepted to the college, request a gap year. That way, the student is guaranteed admission the next school year and doesn't need to submit anything else. It is possible to do the year after graduating, however, there will have been a year away from school and the student may have to come in to EHS to meet with teachers and/or their counselor to complete the process.](#)

- Does the seal of biliteracy contribute to the strength of the application profile? [Yes, it is an achievement and shows distinction of being fluent in a language other than English.](#)