

# COLLEGE APPLICATION TOOLKIT

CLASS OF  
2021

FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
2020

# TOPICS

- **Transcript**
- **Senior Schedules**
- **Standardized Tests**
- **What to Look For In A College**
- **What Colleges Are Looking For**
- **Researching Colleges**
- **Applying to Colleges**
- **Paying For Colleges**
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# WHAT COLLEGES ARE LOOKING FOR IN YOU

- **Transcript**
- **Standardized Test Scores**
- **Activities**
- **Recommendations**
- **Essay**

Factor	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
Grades in College Prep Courses	216	76.9%	12.5%	9.3%	1.4%
Grades in All Courses	218	77.1	13.8	6.4	2.8
Strength of Curriculum	218	51.8	35.3	7.3	5.5
Admission Test Scores (SAT, ACT)	219	54.3	27.9	13.7	4.1
Essay or Writing Sample	217	18.9	35.9	22.1	23.0
Counselor Recommendation	213	14.6	46.0	25.8	13.6
Student's Demonstrated Interest	212	13.7	25.5	32.1	28.8
Teacher Recommendation	211	10.9	46.4	28.0	14.7
Class Rank	217	9.2	24.0	34.6	32.3
Subject Test Scores (AP, IB)	216	6.9	30.6	30.6	31.9
Portfolio	210	6.2	5.7	27.6	60.5
Extracurricular Activities	214	7.9	36.0	36.9	19.2
SAT II Scores	212	2.4	6.1	21.2	70.3
Interview	213	4.7	17.4	31.9	46.0
State Graduation Exam Scores	210	1.9	7.6	21.9	68.6
Work	211	2.8	15.6	47.4	34.1

SOURCE: NACAC Admission Trends Survey, 2016

White Plains, NY 10605

Class Of:

State School Number: 030  
 Counselor: Monteagudo, Marcos  
 Principal: Ellen Doherty

Sub.	Course Title	Mark	Credits	Sub.	Course Title	Credits		
<b>2014-2015</b>				<b>2018-2019</b>				
MAT	ALGEBRA	A+	1.000	<b>Courses in Progress</b>				
SCI	EARTH SCI R 8	A+	1.000	ENG	SUPA: Eng. Wrt & Text. Studies	1.000		
LOTE	SPANISH 1	A+	1.000	SOC	Economics of Sports Honors	0.500		
			<b>Total:</b>	3.000	SOC	Criminal Law	0.500	
<b>2015-2016</b>				MAT	AP Calculus BC	1.000		
ENG	English 1 Honors	B+	1.000	MAT	AP Statistics	1.000		
SOC	Global History 1 Honors	A-	1.000	SCI	AP Physics C	1.000		
MAT	Geometry Honors	A+	1.000	TEC	Engin. Design & Devel. Honors	1.000		
SCI	Living Environment Honors	A-	1.000	PE	Team Sports	0.500		
LOTE	Spanish 2A	A	1.000	<b>Total: 6.500</b>				
TEC	Intro to Engineering Design	A	1.000					
TEC	Architect. Drawing-Commercial	A	0.500	<b>Assessments/Exams</b>				
TEC	Architect. Drawing-Residential	B+	0.500	<u>Date</u>	<u>Test Name</u>	<u>Test Score</u>		
PE	Aquatics	A+	0.500	6/5/2018	Regents Common Core ELA - Jun	99		
			<b>Total:</b>	7.500	6/1/2016	Regents Common Core Geometry - Jun	98	
<b>2016-2017</b>				6/13/2017	Regents Global History - Jun	94		
ENG	English 2 Honors	A-	1.000	6/2/2015	Regents Phy Set/Earth Sci - Jun	98		
SOC	AP World History	A	1.000	6/5/2018	Regents US History&Gov't - Jun	98		
MAT	Algebra 2 Trigonometry Honors	A+	1.000					
SCI	Chemistry Honors	A	1.000	<b>Statistical Data</b>				
LOTE	Spanish 3A	A	1.000	<b>GPA: 4.910</b>				
ART	Introduction to Ceramics	A	0.500	<b>Total Credits Earned: 25.500</b>				
BUS	Marketing Concepts	A+	0.500	<b>Class Rank: 21 out of 500</b>				
TEC	Construction Systems	A+	0.500	<b>Graduation Date:</b>				
PE	Fitness and Aesthetics	A+	0.500					
HEA	Health	A	0.500					
			<b>Total:</b>	7.500				
<b>2017-2018</b>								
ENG	AP Language and Composition	A	1.000					
SOC	AP U.S. History	A	1.000					
MAT	Pre Calculus Honors	A+	1.000					
SCI	Physics Honors	A+	1.000					
LOTE	Spanish 4 Honors	A	1.000					
ART	Intermediate Ceramics	A+	0.500					
SCI	Princ. of Engineering Honors	A+	1.000					
TEC	Manufacturing Systems	A	0.500					
PE	Lifetime Sports	A+	0.500					
			<b>Total:</b>	7.500				

# COURSES FOR SENIOR YEAR

- Course Catalog:

<https://tinyurl.com/rms8edu>

- Select appropriately challenging courses.
- Colleges will look at the courses that you select for senior year as well as your grades!

# STANDARDIZED TESTS

- SAT/Subject Tests/ AP exams  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- ACT  
[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- SAT vs ACT  
<https://blog.prepscholar.com/act-vs-sat>
- Preparation  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
- Fee waivers available for those who qualify in College and Career Center
- A practice ACT was offered at WPHS on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>
- Utilize PSAT and practice ACT scores to determine which test is the best fit for you

# RESEARCHING COLLEGES

- Naviance / Family Connection

<https://student.naviance.com/wphs>

- Contact your counselor if you do not have your login information
- College Visits at White Plains High School
- College Fair - County Center
- Visit College Campuses
- Big Future <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

# WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A COLLEGE

- Program
- Location
- Atmosphere
- Activities
- Cost

Anything that is important to you  
is important in choosing a college

# STUDENT ATHLETES

- Division I and II must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse - [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- Speak with your coaches about what level of college they can see you playing
- D III = No Clearinghouse
- <http://www.espn.com/espnw/voices/article/18171678/parenting-aspiring-college-athlete-here-recruiting-process-really-like>

# APPLYING TO COLLEGE

- Common Application [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- University Application – University website
- Coalition Application  
<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- SUNY APP  
<https://www.suny.edu/attend/apply-to-suny/>
- CUNY APP -  
<http://www2.cuny.edu/admissions/apply-to-cuny/>

# WHEN DO YOU APPLY?

- When applying to colleges, it is important to understand the different admissions options that each school offers and to carefully consider which option is the best fit for you.

# WHEN DO YOU APPLY?

- **Regular Decision:**

Students must submit an application by a specified date and they will receive a decision within a clearly stated period of time. This is a non-binding admission plan. If you are accepted to the college, you have until May 1st to decide if you will attend

- **Rolling Admission:**

No specific application deadline exists. Applications are reviewed as they are received, and admission decisions are sent out as they are determined. If accepted, you have until May 1st to decide if you will attend.

# WHEN DO YOU APPLY?

- **Early Action (EA):**

Early Action applications typically have deadlines in November and December. Students who apply through early action will receive an admission decision earlier than the students who apply through regular decision. This is a non-binding admission plan; if accepted, you have until May 1st to decide if you will attend. You are permitted to apply to more than one college using early action.

- **Early Decision (ED):**

When applying under this plan you are making a commitment that if accepted, you will withdraw all other college applications and attend that college. You may only apply early decision to one school. Deadlines for early decision are usually due in early November. Early decision should only be used by students who have thoroughly researched college options, visited several campuses and discussed this decision at length with their family and their counselor.

# WHEN DO YOU APPLY?

- Restrictive Early Action (REA)

Differs from school to school. Some schools only allow you to apply Early to their institution, which prevents you from going ED or EA anywhere else. Others prevent you from going ED elsewhere but will allow you to go EA to other schools.

- Priority (PRI):

The definition of a priority deadline will vary from school to school. In general, applying by this deadline ensures that you will receive the best consideration for admission as well as for merit-based scholarships and invitations to special programs. In some cases applicants are required to apply by a priority deadline in order to be considered for scholarships or financial aid or to guarantee housing availability.

# “SPECIAL” APPLICATIONS

- “Director’s Cut” “President’s Choice” “Fast App” “Priority Application”
- Often free, with no essay or letters of recommendations
- Speak with your counselor before deciding to use this type of application

# PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- CSS Profile - [www.collegeboard.org/profile](http://www.collegeboard.org/profile)
- FAFSA - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Financial Aid Night – At White Plains High School – 2020 Date is to be determined
- Net Price Calculator – on every college website
- MyIntuition - <https://myintuition.org/schools/>

# FAFSA

- **2021-2022 FAFSA Application**
- **The FAFSA launches on October 1, 2020**
- **You'll report 2019 tax information**
- **There's no need to update after filing 2020 taxes**

# JUNIOR YEAR TIMELINE

- Register and take standardized test (SAT / ACT)
- **FEBRUARY** – Schedule program planning with counselor
- **MARCH – MAY** - Schedule Individual college/post-secondary family meetings
- Submit Counselor College Questionnaire and Parent/Guardian Brag Letter:  
<https://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/Page/21039>
- Request letters of recommendation from 2 teachers
- Email those teachers the request via Naviance and provide them with the Student Self Reflection Form
- Develop the “colleges I’m thinking about” list on Naviance
- Explore summer opportunities. Look for a job, internship or volunteer position.

# LAST AND MOST IMPORTANT!

- **Talk to your school counselor!**
- **Your counselor can help you with every aspect of college/post-secondary preparation covered in these slides, and a lot of other things that weren't.**
- **We are here to ensure that your hard work pays off, not just in high school but in college and beyond.**