

Junior College Planning



WHS College Planning Resources
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College Planning Tool: SchoolLinks

Benefits:

- Increased Utility (Course/Grad plan, post-secondary goals)
- Transparency of Information
- College & Career Planning and Exploration

College Planning uses:

- School Search feature allows students to input individualized criteria and narrow down options
- Favorite schools and build out your final list



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Further College Planning uses during senior year:


- Lets us know where and when a student is applying
- Used to send student's transcripts to their colleges
- How teachers submit letters of rec on behalf of student



Campus Visits



One of the best ways to start exploring your options is to schedule a campus visit! Students may receive an **excused absence** for college visits as long as they do the following:

- Have a parent report the visit in VisitU App
 - Bring back proof of visit to the Attendance Office
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Campus Visits

Helpful suggestions to make the most of your visit:

- Contact Admissions office in advance to schedule tours, sit in on classes, talk to students, etc.
- Take pictures and notes
- Come prepared with questions
- Talk with tour guides/students- ask about their experiences
- Try to go when they are in-session

Meet your College Reps

- College Reps visit WHS
- Convenient networking! Can be very important.
- Be active with this in the fall.
- Register for visit through SchoolLinks (or stop by guidance office for assistance)

College Now

- Individual family appointments—FREE service for our WHS families
- Personalized assistance with Financial Aid (FAFSA), scholarship search, college applications.
- Sign-up online through link posted on WHS Guidance Webpage





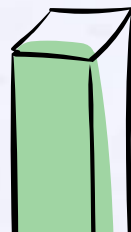
So, what should I do now?



Encourage your student to:

- Maintain strong grades
- Continue activity involvements
- Visit Campus
- Do your Research

- Interview People and explore potential careers
- Consider which teachers to ask for Letters of Rec (1-2)
- Take ACT/SAT



Everybody Needs a Plan

- Be active and diligent
- Set up a timeline with your student
- Start early—fall will be here before you know it
- Pay close attention to deadlines
- If you have any questions during the process—reach out!

Upcoming ways to get College Planning Info

Be on the lookout for WHS info events:

- Senior College Bootcamp for students (takes place the same day as senior schedule pick-up)
- Senior College Planning & SchoolLinks Training Presentations in English classrooms early Fall
- Financial Aid Night in October

Ongoing events during school year: College Application Help Days, Individual Senior Meetings, College Now appointments, WHS College Rep Visits, Scholarship Search Help Days, Career Speaker Series



Thank you for your time!

Do you have any questions?


Reach out to your school
counselors:

Mrs. Rapp (A-D)

Mrs. Freund (E-K)

Mrs. DiPaolo (L-Rh)

Mrs. Ross (Ri-Z)



And now please
welcome Michele
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