College Planning Checklist

WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ◯ Form good study habits
- ◯ Participate in school activities
- ◯ Explore interests and summer opportunities
- ◯ Read for pleasure

9TH & 10TH GRADE

- ◯ Focus on college prep curriculum and form good study habits
- ◯ Choose interesting electives
- ◯ Begin developing community contacts (church, part-time work, volunteer)
- ◯ Explore personal interests and participate in school/summer opportunities
- ◯ Start to attend events on college campuses (plays, sporting events, concerts)
- ◯ Get to know your college counselor
- ◯ 10th grade only—PreACT and PSAT10 (at WCA)
- ◯ Meet with your College Counselor to schedule your classes

11TH GRADE

- ◯ Continue good study habits and strategize college prep courses
- ◯ Develop deeper commitment to chosen activities
- ◯ Begin the college search in your Junior English class
- ◯ Think about Best Fit - take Career Interest & Personality Inventories
- ◯ Practice college essay
- ◯ Attend admissions rep visits at WCA and college fairs & events
- ◯ Schedule college visits
- ◯ PSAT (opt-in)
- ◯ ACT prep courses at WCA and schedule ACT testing
- ◯ J-CAP—Junior College Action Plan meetings for students and families
- ◯ Additional Individual meetings with your college counselor as needed
- ◯ NCAA/NAIA registration if necessary

12TH GRADE

- ◯ Schedule senior check-in with college counselor
- ◯ Continue the college search
- ◯ Attend college admissions rep visits at WCA and college fairs and events
- ◯ Schedule college visits
- ◯ Apply to colleges
- ◯ Develop essay/personal statement (work with college counselor)
- ◯ Secure recommendations if needed
- ◯ Request transcripts
- ◯ Track application, housing, scholarship and financial aid deadlines
- ◯ Develop time management and independence

PROGRAMS

Middle School

- Invitation to Freshman Forward
- Curriculum Planning Information
- I4AP Meetings

9th Grade

- Freshman Forward
- Curriculum Planning Night

10th Grade

- Sophomore Session
- Curriculum Planning Information
- Rising Junior Scheduling
- PreACT/PSAT10

11th Grade

- JPIN (Jr. Parent Info Night)
- PSAT(opt-in)
- Curriculum Planning Information
- ACT Prep Class
- J-CAP Student/Family Meetings
- Ongoing Personal College Advising
- Approaching Applications Workshop

12th Grade

- College App Workshops
- Sr. App/Essay Check-in Meetings
- SPIN (Sr. Parent Info Night)
- Decision Day and Scholarship Reporting

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