Post Secondary Planning



Timeline

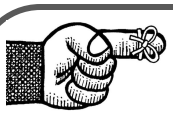


Types of Applications:

Institutional Application: Applications supplied by each college. At many public colleges and universities an institutional application can be shared with other campuses within that system (MNState, U of M, UW). Visit the admissions page of the college to access an institutional application.

Common Application (CA): Commonly known as "The Common App". Students can "share" this application with any participating institution without having to complete general application information more than once. Individual institutions may require supplemental materials (additional essays), but all requirements can be accessed in one place. Recommenders also submit evaluations and letters of recommendation through their own account. CA can be accessed at www.commonapp.org

Did you know that WHS participates in **Direct Admit MN?** This allows seniors to be accepted directly (avoiding fees, applications etc) into 55 Minnesota Colleges and Universities solely based on their GPA.. Each fall seniors will receive an invite to participate in the program.



Don't Forget!

- District ACT: March 12
- National ACT Test Dates:
  - March 6
  - May 8
  - June 5

Interested in non-four year options?

Dunwoody College of Technology offers monthly in person open houses.

Hennepin Technical College offers weekly tours and a virtual tour on their website.

ICATT Apprenticeship Programs offers local apprenticeships in high tech and manufacturing careers with a pathway to an associates degree.

Terms to Know:



Regular Decision: Application deadline where students get a response within a "normal" window of time. No special provisions are given to receive a decision earlier.
Early Action (EA): Application deadline that allows a student to receive a decision by a certain date as long as all application materials are submitted by a certain date.
Early Decision (ED): Application deadline that assures a decision by a certain deadline. This decision is "binding" meaning students must agree to attend that school if they are accepted. Students can only apply to one school using the ED option.
Rolling Decision: Admission process in which students are accepted as long as room remains for enrollment and the students meet the admission requirements set by the institution.
Teacher Recommendation: Feedback given to colleges by a teacher through the Common App. Students assign a teacher as a "recommender" and teachers electronically submit feedback and possibly a letter on the student's behalf. Students should confirm their recommendation requirements before requesting and allow at least two weeks for it to be written.
School Report (SR): Report completed by school counselor and electronically submitted to colleges about a student as part of the Common App. It includes a student's GPA, course rigor, school profile and copy of the student's transcript.
Midyear Report (MR): Report used by the Common App to collect first semester information about a student including any changes to their GPA or course schedule.
FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It is the starting point for any need-based financial.
CSS Profile: Supplemental financial aid application that is required by some colleges. It allows families to be more specific about their financial history and need. The cost is $25 to apply and $16 for each additional report.
Cost of Attendance: Total cost to attend a college or university including living, academic and tuition expenses
Student Aid Index: Amount of money a family is likely responsible for paying out of pocket towards a child's education through the FAFSA process. This is subtracted from the Cost of Attendance to calculate need-based aid qualification.
Student Aid Report: A basic report of your overall financial aid upon completion of the FAFSA.
FSA ID: Serves as the legal signature required to confirm and submit your FAFSA.

What makes a college application complete?

✔ Submitted Application (activities, essay, supplements)
✔ Application Fee Paid
✔ Transcript Sent (if not using Common App)
✔ Standardized Test Scores sent if required

College Visits

Most seniors say they wished they would have visited more campuses before deciding where to attend. Campus visits can be scheduled through the school's admissions page. They also offer virtual tours/sessions and MANY colleges visit WHS during fall and spring.



The Co$t of Applying

Application fees can be as high as $90. When you pair that with transcript fees and fees associated with sending your ACT scores, it can be a very expensive process. Make sure you are choosing wisely and thinking of things ahead of time.

Sending Official Transcripts

Transcript requests are submitted through Parchment.com. Students will use that account to request transcripts for applications that are not submitted via the common app.. There is a small processing fee.

