



■ **Class of 2027**

# College Application Toolkit & Introduction to SCOIR

■ **January 22, 2026**

Supporting White Plains High School Families  
Through the College Application Process

# What Colleges Are Looking For

Transcript

Standardized Test  
Scores (when  
applicable)

Activities

Recommendations

Essay

**PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGES ATTRIBUTING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE TO FACTORS IN  
ADMISSION DECISIONS: FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN, FALL 2023**

	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
High school grades in college prep courses	185	76.8	15.1	4.9	3.2
Total high school grades (all courses)	185	74.1	18.9	5.4	1.6
Strength of high school curriculum	185	63.8	22.7	10.3	3.2
Positive character attributes	184	28.3	37.5	18.5	15.8
Essay or writing sample	185	18.9	37.3	26.5	17.3
Student's interest in attending	185	15.7	27.6	25.4	31.4
Counselor recommendation	185	11.9	40.0	27.6	20.5
Teacher recommendation	185	10.8	40.5	28.1	20.5
Extracurricular activities	185	6.5	44.3	30.8	18.4
High school class rank	183	5.5	22.4	43.2	29.0
Admission test scores (ACT, SAT)	185	4.9	25.4	38.9	30.8
Portfolio	185	4.9	10.8	24.3	60.0
Interview	185	4.3	8.6	32.4	54.6
Work	185	2.2	30.8	40.0	27.0
State graduation exam scores	185	1.6	6.5	18.4	73.5
Subject test scores (AP, IB)	185	1.1	22.2	25.9	50.8

# Transcript

**Student Name:**  
[REDACTED]

<b>Student ID:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Date of Birth:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Gender:</b> F	<b>Grade:</b> 12
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**Parent/Guardian:**  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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## TRANSCRIPT

**Enter Date:** 7/1/2019  
**Leave Date:**  
**Class Of:**

<b>School Name/Address:</b> White Plains High School 550 North Street White Plains, NY 10605-3099 <b>Tel:</b> (914) 422-2182 <b>Fax:</b> (914) 422-2196 <b>State School Number:</b> 030 <b>Counselor:</b> Falber, Emily <b>Principal:</b> Emerly A. Martinez	<b>CEEB Code:</b> 335955
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Sub.	Course Title	Mark	Credits	Sub.	Course Title	Credits
<b>2018-2019</b>				<b>2022-2023</b>		
MAT	ALGEBRA	A-	1.000	ENG	AP Literature and Composition	1.000
SCI	EARTH SCI R 8	A-	1.000	SOC	Eco:Farm to Table to Classroom	0.500
LOTE	SPANISH 1	A	1.000	SOC	Criminal Law/Criminal Justice	0.500
	<b>Total:</b>		<b>3.000</b>	MAT	AP Calculus AB	1.000
<b>2019-2020</b>				SCI	Anatomy & Phys. Honors	1.000
ENG	English 1 Honors	A	1.000	SCI	Science Research 3	1.000
ENG	AVID 9 Elective	A	1.000	PE	Yoga Pilates Plus	0.500
SOC	Global History 1 Honors	B	1.000		<b>Total:</b>	<b>5.500</b>
MAT	Geometry Honors	B+	1.000			
SCI	Living Environment Honors	B+	1.000			
LOTE	Spanish 2A	A	1.000			
MUS	Tiger Band	A	1.000			
PE	Aquatics	A+	0.500			
	<b>Total:</b>		<b>7.500</b>			
<b>2020-2021</b>						
ENG	English 2 Honors	A+	1.000			
SOC	AP World History	A-	1.000			
MAT	Algebra 2 Trigonometry Honors	A-	1.000			
SCI	Chemistry Honors	B+	1.000			
SCI	Science Research 1	A+	1.000			
LOTE	Spanish 3A	A	1.000			
MUS	Concert Band	A	1.000			
PE	Fitness and Aesthetics	A	0.500			
HEA	Health OL	A+	0.500			
	<b>Total:</b>		<b>8.000</b>			
<b>2021-2022</b>						
ENG	AP Language and Composition	A+	1.000			
SOC	AP U.S. History	B	1.000			
MAT	Pre Calculus Honors	B-	1.000			
SCI	Physics Honors	B+	1.000			
SCI	Science Research 2	A+	1.000			
LOTE	Spanish 4 Honors	A-	1.000			
ART	Introduction to Sculpture	A+	0.500			
ART	Introduction to Photography	A+	0.500			
PE	Yoga, Meditation & Mindfulness	A+	0.500			
	<b>Total:</b>		<b>7.500</b>			

### Statistical Data

GPA: 4.642  
Total Credits Earned: 26.000  
Class Rank: 56 out of 503  
Graduation Date:

\*Summer School Course  
#Indicates a course not taken at WPHS (and unweighted)  
A 1.3 multiplier is applied to Honors, AP, SUPA & Science Research classes.  
All other classes are unweighted. PE is unranked.  
For transfer students, the weighted GPA includes all weighted and unweighted courses taken at WPHS as well as unweighted courses taken at any previous school. For that reason, the weighted average for transfer students is not an accurate measure of comparison in terms of final GPA or ranking.

Graduation Requirements - Class of 2023 - Min. of 22 Units of Credit

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Senior Schedules

## Course Catalog

- <https://hs.whiteplainspublicschools.org/guidancel/wphs-course-catalog>

Select **appropriately** challenging courses

Colleges look at senior year courses and first semester grades

# SAT/ACT

- **SAT** [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- **ACT** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- **Test Preparation**
  - Khan Academy
    - <https://www.khanacademy.org/digital-sat>
  - ACT Student
    - <https://tinyurl.com/4jwvx723>
- **SAT vs ACT**
  - SAT is a critical reasoning test
  - ACT is a content-based test
    - <https://blog.prepscholar.com/act-vs-sat>

# Researching Colleges

## Scoir

- Students received registration information through school email
- College research platform for students and parents
- Tool counselors use to send application materials
- Initial college lists created on Scoir during Junior Meeting

## College Fairs

- Southern Westchester College Fair at County Center: 4/29, 6:00 to 8:30 PM
- Manhattanville College Fair: During school day - TBD

## College Visits at WPHS

- Over 130 colleges come to visit WPHS during the school day in the Fall
- Students sign up for these visits through Scoir

## Visit College Campuses

- Students and families can sign up for college visit opportunities via college websites
- Students and families can visit colleges virtually and in person

## Big Future

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Another college research tool run by the College Board
- Scholarship opportunities available for students who use Big Future

What to Look  
For In A  
College

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Program

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Location

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Atmosphere

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Activities

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Cost

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Anything important to you is  
important in choosing a college

# Applying to Colleges

## Common Application

- [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

## CUNY Application

- <http://www2.cuny.edu/admissions/apply-to-cuny/>

## SUNY Application

- <https://www.suny.edu/attend/apply-to-suny/>

## Coalition Application

- <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

## University/College Application

- Find application on university/college website

# DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



National Association for  
College Admission Counseling  
*Guiding the way to higher education*

## STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

### Non-Restrictive Application Plans

#### Regular Decision

**DEFINITION:**

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

**COMMITMENT:**

NON-BINDING

#### Rolling Admission

**DEFINITION:**

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

**COMMITMENT:**

NON-BINDING

#### Early Action (EA)

**DEFINITION:**

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

**COMMITMENT:**

NON-BINDING

### Restrictive Application Plans

#### Early Decision (ED)

**DEFINITION:**

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

**COMMITMENT:**

BINDING

#### Restrictive Early Action (REA)

**DEFINITION:**

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

**COMMITMENT:**

NON-BINDING


Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

For a copy of this flyer, please visit [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org)

# What is SCOIR?

A college and career readiness  
platform used at White Plains  
High School



Connects students, families, and  
school counselors



Central hub for college planning  
and applications

# Why White Plains High School Uses SCOIR

Keeps the college  
process organized and  
transparent

Strengthens  
communication among  
students, families, and  
counselors

Tracks progress,  
documents, and  
important deadlines

# Student Features

College search,  
comparison, and fit tools

Career and interest  
exploration

Application tracking and  
deadline reminders

# Counselor Support at White Plains High School

Counselors monitor student progress in SCOIR

Manages transcripts, school forms, and recommendations

Ensures application materials are sent on time

# How Parents Use SCOIR

1

View your student's college list and application status & make suggestions

2

See important updates and deadlines

3

Support planning conversations at home

## College Applications in SCOIR

Supports Common Application and direct-to-college applications

Keeps all deadlines in one place

Helps ensure required school materials are submitted

# Parent Account Setup

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Parents receive an email invitation from SCOIR

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Accounts are linked directly to your White Plains HS student

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Parent access is view-only to promote student independence

# How Parents Can Help

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**Encourage**

Encourage students to check SCOIR regularly

**Discuss**

Discuss college fit: academic, social, and financial factors

**Contact**

Contact the White Plains High School Counseling Office with questions

# Looking Forward!

Paying for  
College

## WPHS Financial Aid Night

- 2026 date is to be determined
- Typically held in Oct/Nov

## FAFSA

- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

## New York State TAP

- <https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw>

## CSS Profile

- [www.collegeboard.org/profile](http://www.collegeboard.org/profile)

## College Cost Estimation Tools

- Net Price Calculator

Paying for  
College

**FAFSA** - 2027/28

Application  
opens October  
1, 2026

- Report 2025 tax information

## Next Steps

Student registers and takes standardized tests (SAT/ACT)

Student and family schedule Junior Meeting with counselor

Student completes Junior College Planning Survey on SCOIR

Student and family research colleges and plan visits for school breaks

# Next Steps

## ■ FEBRUARY THROUGH MARCH

- Student schedules and attends Program Planning meeting with counselor
- Student completes Program Planning Survey
- Student and family continue to research colleges

# Next Steps

## ■ MARCH – MAY

- Parent/Guardian completes and submits Brag Letter to counselor
  - English: [Parent Brag Letter](#)
  - Spanish: [Parent Brag Letter \(Spanish\)](#)
- Student requests letters of recommendation from two teachers and adds them on SCOIR
- Student explores summer opportunities
  - Job/Internship
  - Volunteer positions
  - College/Education courses

# Questions & Support

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White Plains High  
School Counseling  
Department



SCOIR Help Center  
available online



We are here to  
support you and  
your student

February 5<sup>th</sup> – WPHS Program Planning Night 6:30 pm

March 26<sup>th</sup> – WPHS College Panel Night 6:30 pm