

Post Secondary Planning at OJRHS

OJRHS School Counseling Department
2025

A few OJRHS Post Secondary Statistics

78% of OJRHS students go onto pursue higher education (this percentage includes 4 year, 2 year, and Trade and Technical colleges)

Penn State University, University of Pittsburgh, and West Chester University are our highest attended post secondary institutions.

We range between 1 - 5 students being admitted to attend and Ivy League every year

36.4% of our last graduating class had earned a weighted GPA of 4.00 or higher

Large Scale Events

Trade & Technical School Day

12-15 trade and technical schools (and community colleges) come into OJRH during the school day for a 2 period presentation on trades and what they can offer prospective students

College Fair/College Visits

Over 100 colleges and universities attend a in school College Fair for our 10th and 11th grade students. All students have the ability sign up for individual college visits in Naviance.

Reality Fair

An interactive, real life financial learning experience designed to show students some of the financial challenges they may face when starting out on their own. 11th graders attend this event.

Junior Information Night

Parents and students get the opportunity sit through three presentations related to post secondary planning. One is a college panel with admissions reps, one is a financial aid presentation, and the third is a presentation on the college essay

Junior Send Up

Parents and students get the opportunity to hear a presentation recap on all things related to post secondary planning for their Juniors to be as prepared as possible going into the summer

College Application Night

Students and parents get the opportunity to sit through a comprehensive presentation from the School Counselors about all the details of the college application.

Large Scale Events

Wildcat Futures Senior Sessions

These are sign up only sessions for seniors in the summer/fall that support seniors through completing the common app, requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation, etc

Wildcat Futures Junior Sessions

These are sign up only sessions for juniors geared to support them through doing college searches, major research, and all the other important information related to post secondary planning

NCAA Night

Students and parents are given an opportunity to hear a presentation from an OJRHS School Counselor about what is required academically to be a potential NCAA athlete

FAFSA Completion Night

Parents are able to sign up for time slots to work one on one to complete their student's FAFSA with an experienced PHEAA representative.

Financial Aid Night

A local college financial aid representative gives a one hour presentation for students and parents on the ins and outs of financial aid with the most up to date information

Course Selection Night

OJRHS School Counselors give parents and students a presentation overviewing the course selection process and what is expected of students to complete the process for the upcoming year

Individual Student Planning

Small Group Junior Conferences

Counselors meet with small groups of Juniors in January-March to cover all things post secondary planning related and provide important information. Counselors leave these meetings with a strong understanding of where the junior is at in their planning and students leave with action items, resources, and guidance.

Individual Senior Conferences

Seniors have the opportunity to meet 1 on 1 with their School Counselor to go over where they are at in their post secondary plan and gain assistance based on their individual needs. These meetings are held between September and October.

Trends & Important Information

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Majors with test requirements

We are seeing an increase in post secondary institutions looking for students to have taken Physics at some point in their HS career

A rise in early applications/application inflation & yield protection

We are seeing a large uptick in schools becoming Self Report institutions, meaning students are responsible for inputting their HS transcript

Student aid has not increased relative to tuition cost increases

Increase in southern schools and those institutions being more competitive

Increase in OJRHS interest in Trade and Technical Schools

Cost vs. Attendance

Important Information

Students pursuing highly competitive schools are encouraged to continue core content area courses beyond our graduation requirements and take as rigorous a senior year school as feasible

Schools are requesting senior student applicants quarter 1 grades as part of the admissions process

Campus visits are overlooked but absolutely vital in this process

Test options and merit based aid

**Thank you for your
time!**