



Welcome Parents!

Class of

2027

The College
Application Process

@WHSCounselingDepartment 

Look How Far We've Come...

SPRING 2026

- Met with your school counselor to discuss your postsecondary plan
- Asked 2 teachers for a recommendation letter (completed teacher brag sheets)
- Completed the *Counselor Brag Sheet* & updated your *Resume*
- Utilized Scoir for college research – identified REACH, TARGET, & SAFETY schools
- Updated “My Colleges” tab in Scoir
- Visited colleges

SUMMER 2026

- Continued with college research & college visits
- Finalized your college list
- Created a Common App account
- Researched application requirements
- Began working on college applications

Tonight's Agenda

See Guide P. 1

Checklist

- Continue to Demonstrate Interest
- Contents of a College Application Package
- Important Application Information
- Transcripts
- The College Application Process – 7 Steps
- Student Responsibilities & Counselor Responsibilities
- Applications Have Been Submitted... Now What?
- FAFSA
- Scholarships



Continue to Demonstrate Interest

See Guide P. 2

- Email College Admissions Counselors
 - College Tours & Information Sessions
 - Visit with College Representative at WHS:
 - In the school counseling office and/or an assigned classroom
- *Sign up on Scoir****



College Visit
Calendar

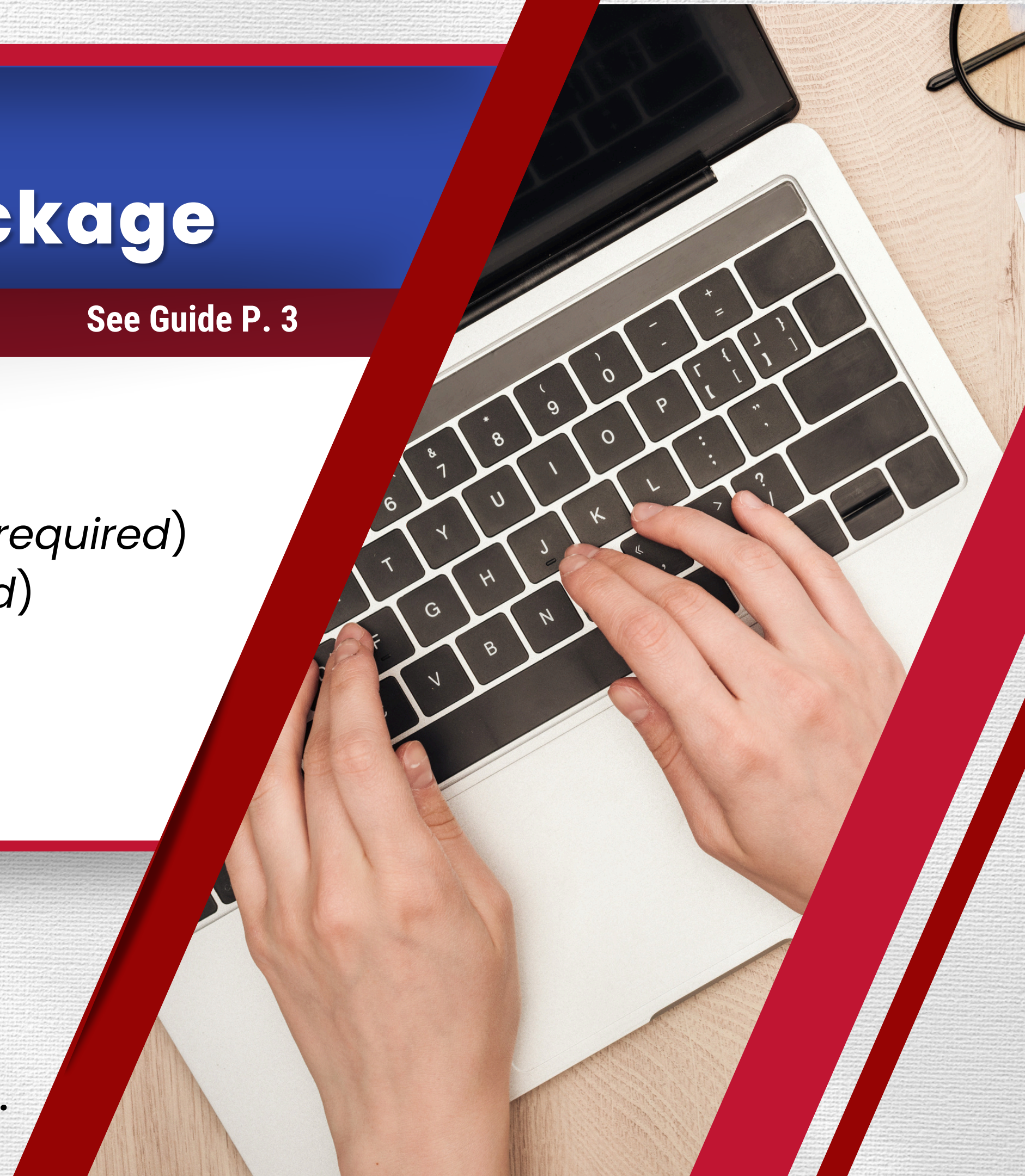


Contents of a College Application Package

See Guide P. 3

- Application
- Standardized Test Scores – (*if required*)
- Official Transcript (*if required*)... Or STARS
- Teacher Letter(s) of Recommendation (*if required*) & Counselor Written Evaluation (*if required*)
- School Profile

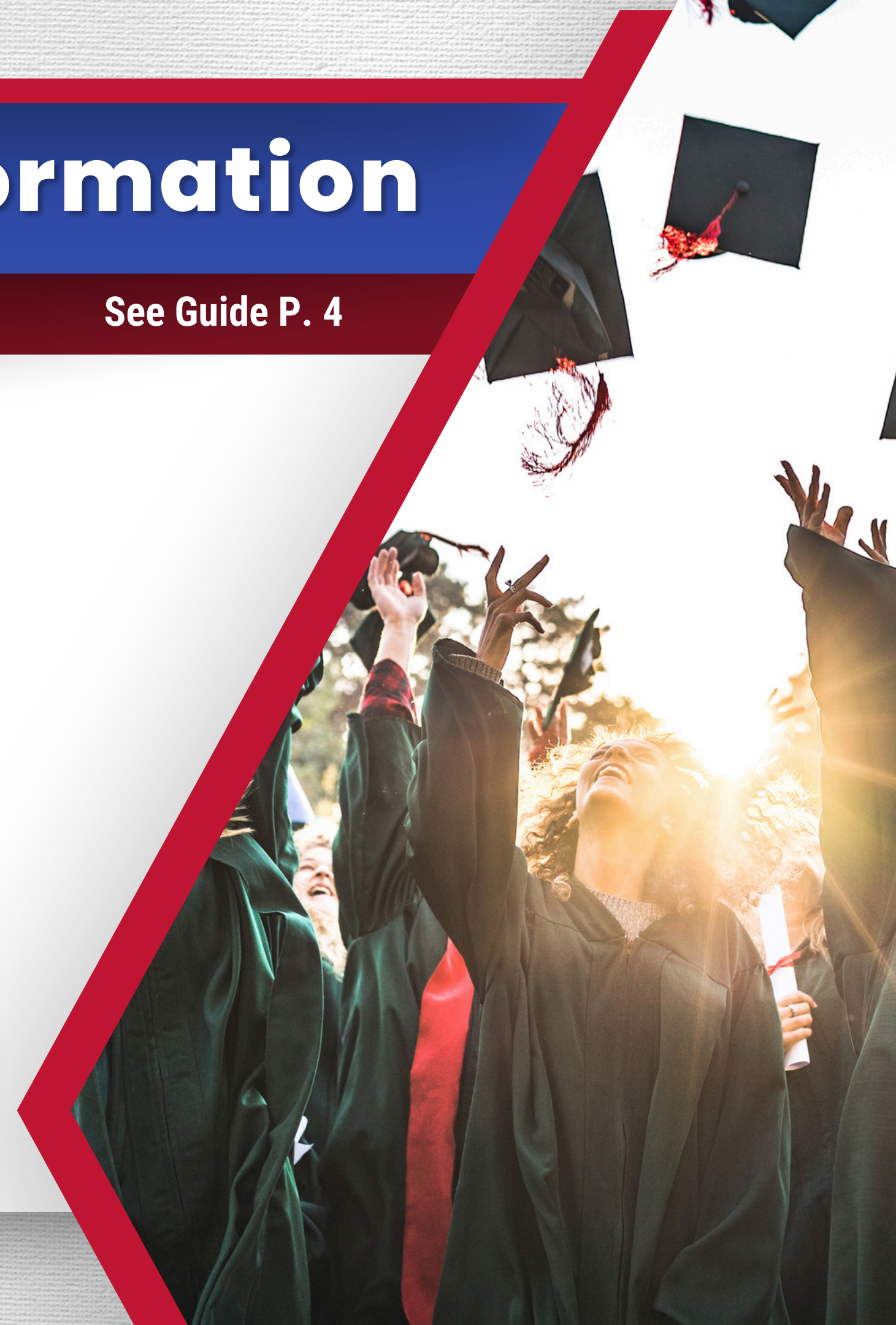
- * Colleges/Universities have different Admission Requirements. Do your research and get organized.
- * The transcript, recommendation letters & school profile are referred to as the supporting documents.



Important Application Information

See Guide P. 4

- *Class Rank - NONE
- *GPA - 4.33 Scale / Weighted
- *WHS CEEB Code: 310082
- *Graduation Date: June 18, 2027
- *Students in Graduating Class: 218
- *WHS Course Scheduling - Yearly



College Admissions Requirements Vary

VIRGINIA TECH

1. Common App - \$60
2. STARS - filled out by student
3. If using SAT/ACT scores, you **self-report** on **STARS**
4. No Letters of Rec.

[Virginia Tech Applicants](#)

SIMILARITIES

- Offer Common App
- Test Optional
- Self-report SAT/ACT & send official scores later if enrolling

U. OF SOUTH CAROLINA

1. Common App or School Specific - \$70
2. Unofficial Transcript - uploaded by you
3. If using SAT/ACT scores, you **self-report** on your **application**
4. No letters of Rec - UNLESS applying to Honors College

[South Carolina Applicants](#)



Visit college websites



Search "First Year Admissions Requirements"



Take notes & highlight what you will need to submit



Communicate with your School Counselor

Transcripts

See Guide P. 5

1. Initial Transcript –
Unofficial copy available in Genesis
2. Marking Period 1 Transcript
3. Semester 1 Transcript
4. Final Transcript

Note:

- Any Changes to Schedule/Transcript –
Student's responsibility to notify the college(s)
- Withdraw Pass/Withdraw Fail – noted on transcript
- SAT/ACT scores – not reported on Transcript

**Unofficial Transcripts are available in Genesis.
Please review your transcript!**



Marking Period 1 Transcript Release Form

Only complete this form for schools you have already applied to and are requesting it

- Once MP 1 ends your MP 1 grades will populate on your transcript.
- GPA and Class Rank will not be recalculated at this point.

@wallpublicschools.org [Switch account](#) 

* Indicates required question

Email *

☐ response @wallpublicschools.org as the email to be included with my

Student Name *

Your answer

Please send my transcript with Marking Period 1 grades to the following school(s) which I've already applied to: *

Your answer

Counselor *

Choose 

College Application Process – 7 Steps

See Guide P. 6-11

Refer to pages 6 through 10 of the guide for details on completing each of the 7 steps listed below.

1. Create a Common App Account - complete *5 tasks*
2. Connect your Common App & Scoir Accounts
3. Complete FERPA in Scoir
4. Request Letters of Recommendation in Scoir
5. Complete Applications - & ***STARS if required***
 - *essays/supplemental writing requirements*
6. Send SAT/ACT scores - ***if official is required***
7. Submit WHS College Application Form

College Application Form



Wall High School College Application Form

This form must be submitted to your school counselor for each college 10 school days prior to the application deadline.

Student's Name: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

College Name: _____

Application Due Date: _____

Which college(s) and/or major(s) you applied under:

(ex: College of Arts & Sciences: Psychology)

Date I applied: _____

If your college application is due:

This form is due to your counselor by:

October 15

October 1

November 1

October 16

November 15

October 29

December 1

November 13

December 15

December 1

January 1

December 10

January 15

January 4

My SCOIR account has been updated:

☐ YES ☐ NO

Application Type:

- ☐ Common App
☐ School Specific Application
☐ SCOIR Application

I applied:

- ☐ Regular Decision
☐ Early Decision (binding)
☐ Early Action (non-binding)
☐ Rolling
☐ Other: _____

Place a check next to supporting documents needed

- ☐ Official Transcript or ☐ STARS
☐ SAT/ACT Scores (sent by student)
☐ Counselor letter of recommendation
☐ Teacher letter(s) of recommendation

If required, please list the names of the teachers in order of which you would like them sent:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

**** FOR OFFICE USE ONLY ****

Date Received: _____

Transcript & Materials Sent on: _____

- ☐ via SCOIR
☐ Other _____

Student Responsibilities/ Counselor Responsibilities

See Guide P. 11

STUDENTS

- Complete FERPA (Scoir & Common App)
- Complete Applications
- Send Official SAT/ACT Scores
- Upload Unofficial Transcripts
- Complete STARS
- Complete WHS College Application Form & submit to school counselor (***follow *10 school day rule****)
- Write thank you cards
- Notify colleges of any schedule changes
- Check email for important **“next steps”** from colleges
- Update Scoir with admissions decisions

COUNSELORS

- Provide WHS College App Lesson
- Meet with seniors after they have applied to college – review the College App form & discuss any student responsibilities that still need attention
- Submit official WHS transcripts (***if required***)
- Submit MP 1, Midyear and Final official transcripts to colleges when requested
- Submit teacher letters of recommendation (***if required***)
- Submit counselor letters of recommendation (***if required***)
- Submit WHS Profile (***if required***)

Senior Contract

Seniors are asked to sign
the Senior Contract,
indicating they
understand their
responsibilities in the
college application
process.



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College Application Process

SENIOR CONTRACT

The WHS Counseling Department realizes the college application process can be overwhelming. We will continue to support you over the next several months as you navigate the demands of applying to college.

We've come a long way! Last spring, you and your parents met with your school counselor to discuss an individual post-secondary plan. We reviewed summer expectations and how to get a head start on preparing your college applications.

In September, school counselors presented a lesson to you during English class to review the important steps of the college application process. You received a copy of the WHS College Application Guide. Please refer to this valuable resource every time you are preparing a college application. The counseling department expects you to follow the guidelines we've established for you in this college guide.

We are eager to help support you through this challenging and exciting time in your life. Please take a moment to review our expectations and sign on the appropriate line to verify your understanding.

**** Please return this form to your school counselor by September 30th ****

I, _____, have read the WHS College Application Guide, and I understand that:

(Student Name - Please Print)

- The WHS Counseling Department has **10 school days** to process my college application supporting documents.
- I must notify colleges if I make a change to my school schedule after I have already applied to college.
- A W/P or W/F will appear on my transcript if I drop a class after the add/drop period.
- I must review my unofficial transcript in Genesis and check it for accuracy. All questions about my transcript must be discussed with my school counselor.
- I must notify my teacher recommenders about my 1st application deadline at least 4 weeks prior to the actual deadline.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

Applications have been submitted... now what???

See Guide P. 12

- Check email & college portals for important notifications
- Complete MP 1 and/or Semester 1 Google Transcript Request Forms- if colleges ask for it
- ***Keep Scoir updated with Admissions Decisions***
- Make your final decision by May 1st
- Indicate in Scoir which school you will be attending





Financial Aid Night

See Guide P. 12

Hosted by Solutions Prep

September

29

WHS Auditorium
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid will need to be completed by both students & parents
 - ***Graduation Requirement***
- The student starts the online application and then invites the parent as a “contributor”

Scholarships

See Guide P. 12

Checklist

- Types:
 - Merit – from colleges
 - WHS Local Scholarship Program
 - External – visit WHS Website, Fastweb, Scholarships.com, College Board Big Future, Bold.org, CareerOneStop
- Information about the WHS Scholarship Program will be emailed to students in December 2026 before winter break.
- Seniors are also invited to apply for external scholarships.
- If applying for an external scholarship that requires school documents, students must complete a “Scholarship Document Request” & allow 10 school days for processing. [HERE](#) is the link to the form.

Final Notes



College Application Process Quick Reference Guide

Junior Year

- ☐ Submit **Resume, Student Brag Sheet & Parent Brag Sheet** to your school counselor
- ☐ Verbally speak to 2 teachers about writing a letter of recommendation for you

Senior Year by September 15th...

- ☐ Communicate with your teacher recommenders about your 1st application deadline (must be at least 4 weeks before your first deadline)
- ☐ Review your unofficial transcript in Genesis for accuracy
- ☐ In **Scoir**, invite your teacher recommenders to upload letters of recommendation - make sure you select **general recommendation request**
- ☐ Integrate **Common App** and **Scoir**

Ongoing Senior Year...

- ☐ Work on your applications
- **Pay attention to supplemental requirements for each college****

For each college:

- ☐ Submit your college application
 - ☐ Send official SAT/ACT scores via CollegeBoard/ACT - **if required**
 - ☐ Create and complete **STARS - if required**
 - ☐ Update SCOIR accordingly. Remember, once you **connect** Common App and Scoir, updates you make to Common App will automatically update in Scoir. However, changes you make in Scoir do not automatically update on Common App. Check that your accounts match.
 - ☐ Immediately after you apply to each college, submit the **WHS Senior College Application Form** to your school counselor
- *** This is due 10 School Days*** before the application deadline**

- Encourage your students to utilize the **Senior Quick Reference Guide**
- **Students must sign and submit the Senior Contract**
- Counselors will check in with seniors over the next few weeks to discuss their first application deadline
- Seniors must reach out to their teachers regarding letters of recommendation- Let them know when their first application deadline is
- Applications and essays take a great deal of time - seniors should plan accordingly
- Visit college websites to get the most up to date information regarding application requirements & deadlines
- WHS College Application Forms are due to school counselors **10 school days** prior to the application deadline



TEAM EFFORT...

- We are in this together!
- Please encourage your seniors to reach out to their school counselor when they need help with college applications!

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