



**WELCOME
BACK
Class of 2027
Parents**

Mrs. Brooke Stoudt
College & Career
Counselor

Where Can I Find Information?



*Parent Square: College & Career Update
Newsletter (posted weekly) and
announcements will be posted here!*



*My Drive (Student/Parent Accounts):
Videos, Application Information,
Scholarship List*



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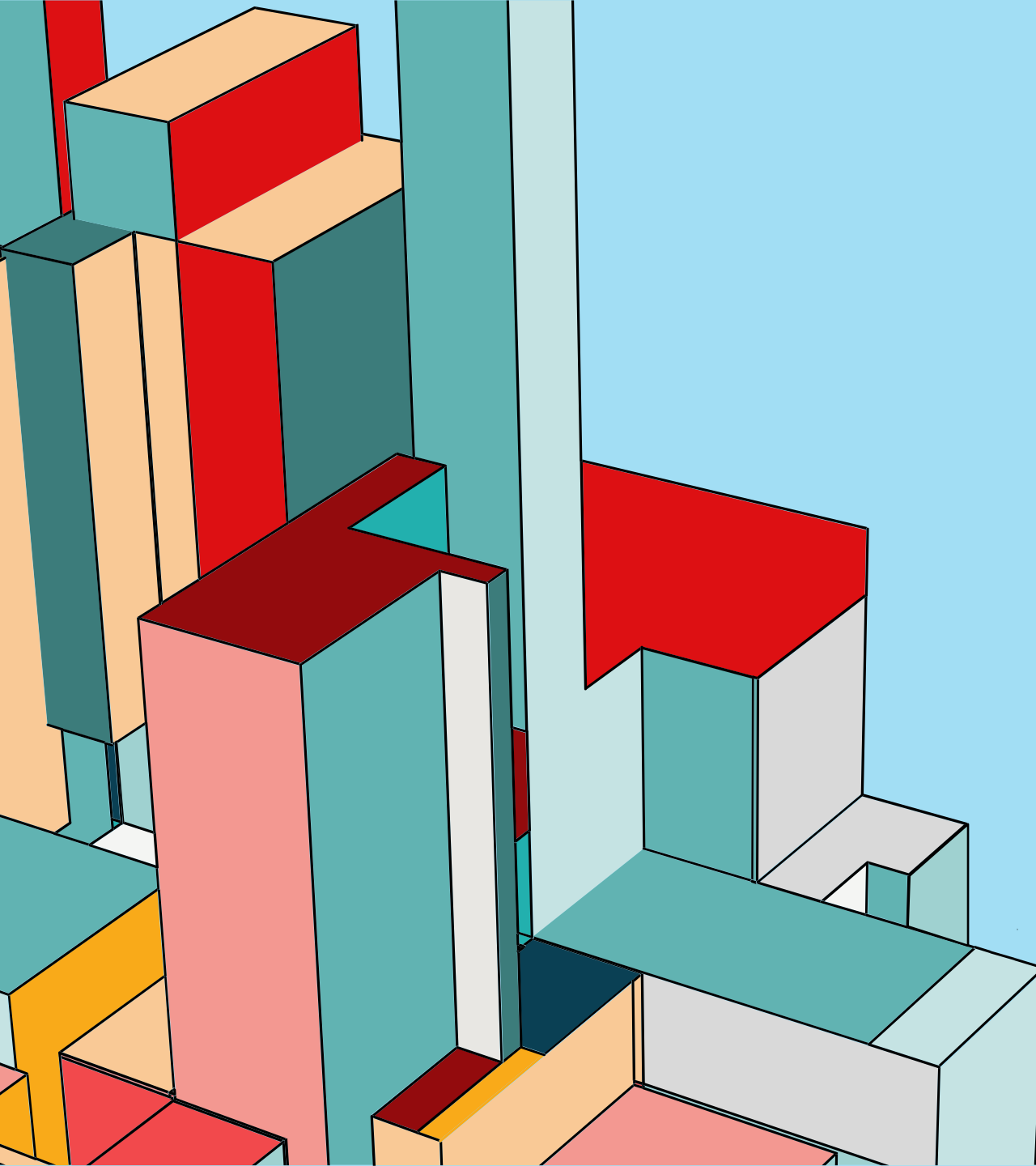
Receives all transcript request paperwork
Processes, manages, and sends all documents to colleges
Point person if you have any questions about missing documents



www.scoir.com

For account issues, please contact the Counseling Office!

WHS Counseling uses Scoir to submit all supporting documents to colleges. Students must manage applications through a Scoir student account.



WHS SENIOR COLLEGE APPLICATION INFO SESSION

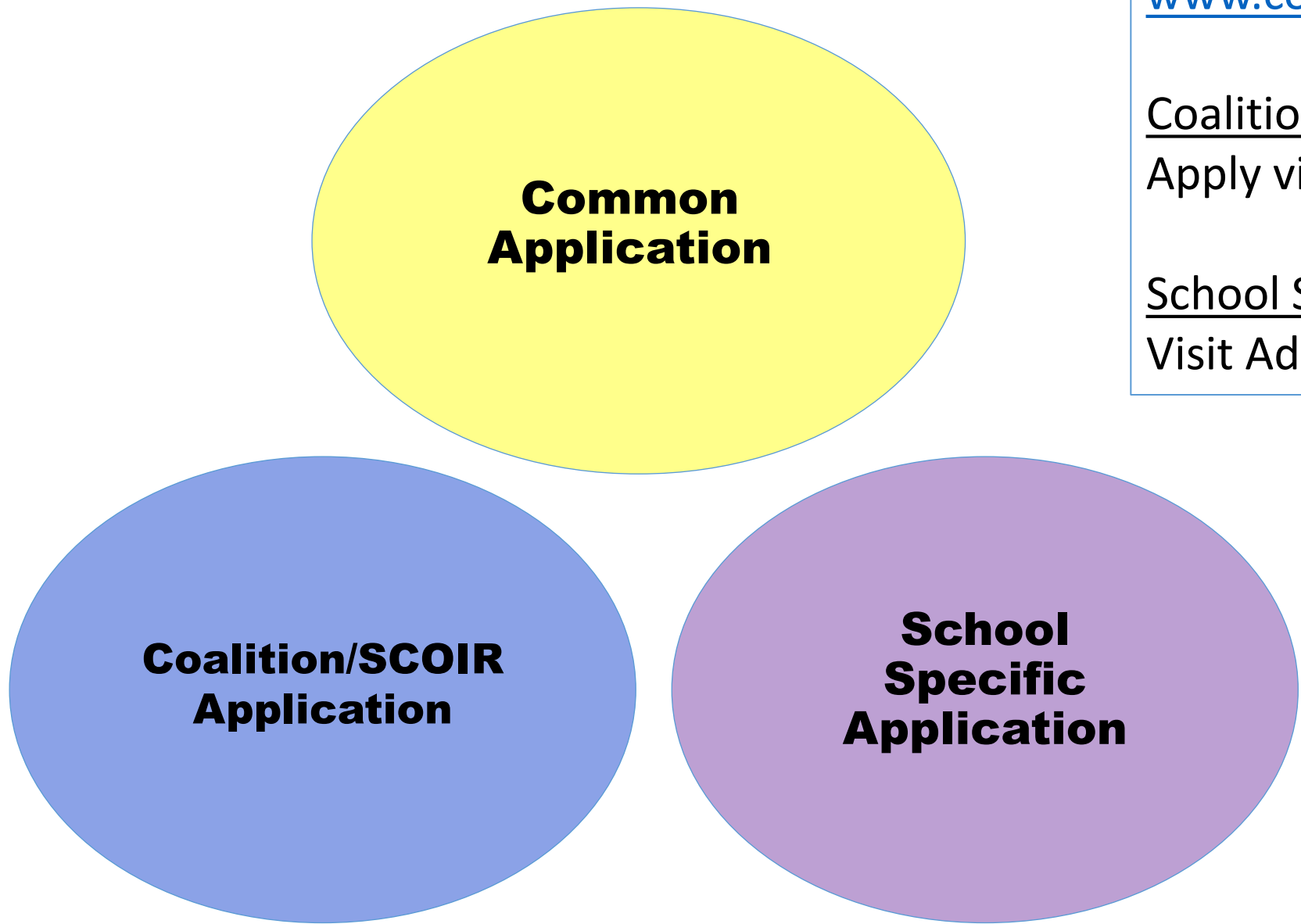
SEPTEMBER, 2026



The WSD email address does NOT receive emails from outside the district!

**STUDENTS SHOULD
NOT USE THEIR
WSD EMAIL
ADDRESS ON ANY
COLLEGE or
SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

APPLICATIONS



**Common
Application**

**Coalition/SCOIR
Application**

**School
Specific
Application**

Common Application:
www.commonapp.org

Coalition/Scoir Application:
Apply via Scoir

School Specific:
Visit Admissions website

***DO NOT SUBMIT
MORE THAN ONE
APPLICATION TO
A SCHOOL!***

COMMON APP FAQ

FAST FACTS

Class Size: 357

Rating Scale: None

Report WEIGHTED GPA

GPA Scale: 4.0

Entry Date: August, 2023

Grad Date: June, 2027

**See Student Scoir Drive for Full
Fast Facts Document**

Recommenders & FERPA

FERPA: Recommend that students waive their rights to read recs

The screenshot displays the Common App interface for the 'Recommenders & FERPA' section. A modal window titled 'Invite Teacher' is open, showing the following fields: 'Subject *' with a dropdown menu labeled 'Select subject'; 'Title' with a dropdown menu labeled 'Choose an option'; 'First Name *' with a text input field labeled 'First Name'; 'Last Name *' with a text input field labeled 'Last Name'; and 'Email Address' with a text input field labeled '<<leave blank>>'. At the bottom of the modal are 'Cancel' and 'Invite' buttons. In the background, the 'Recommenders & FERPA' page is visible, showing a 'FERPA Release Authorization' section and a list of 'Invite Recommender' buttons. A red hand cursor is pointing at the 'Invite Teacher' button in the background.

*DO NOT INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESSES
WE WILL SUPPLY RECS THROUGH
SCOIR*

Parts of the Application: Who's Sending What

HIGH SCHOOL



Transcripts
Mid-Year Reports
Counselor Rec
Teacher Rec
Fee Waivers



COLLEGE

STUDENT



Application
Test Scores
Outside
Recommendations*

ALERT: SOME COLLEGES ARE SELF-REPORTING TRANSCRIPT SCHOOLS

*Outside letters of recommendation should be sent by the recommenders.

CHECK APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS/DEADLINES



Students are responsible for knowing what their college requires.
Check college website for most up-to-date information regarding
application requirements and deadlines.

APPLYING/APPLIED LIST- ADD YOUR COLLEGES TO YOUR APPLYING LIST BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR TRANSCRIPT/RECOMMENDATION REQUEST FORM

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My Colleges

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Top Choices

Docs

Sort: Deadline

Export

+ Add College

Not Interested

View (3)

Suggested

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Following (10)

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Boston University

Boston, MA

⋮

Gwynedd Mercy University

Gwynedd Valley, PA

⋮

Stony Brook University

Stony Brook, NY

⋮

⚡ Scoir

Start Application

Applying (1)

ARCADIA UNIVERSITY

Arcadia University

Glenside, PA

⋮

Docs Sent 0

Applying for 2025-2026 entry

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Applied (1)

Where are you enrolling?

Move your choice here.

Penn State University (Uni...

University Park, PA

⋮

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Early Action Nov 1

Outcome Pending

Docs Sent 0

Checklist 0/7

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Supply Application Information

How are you applying?

Application Method

Common App

College Website

Other

First Year Deadlines

Early Decision September
November 2

Early Decision II September
January 5

Regular Decision September
January 5

SAT/ACT Reporting

☐

 I intend to apply Test Optional and will not be reporting SAT/ACT scores to this college

Cancel

Save

Choose the Application
Deadline Type and
Application Method.
Hit Save.

EARLY DECISION AGREEMENT

1. You will need to complete this in Scoir if you are applying EARLY DECISION to an institution

2. The ED Agreement will show up in the “Docs” section of My Colleges

2. You will need to add a parent/guardian email for their approval

3. Your counselor will also sign once student and parent/guardian approvals are received

How are you applying?

Common App

College Website

Other

First Year Deadlines

Early Decision
November 1

Trustee and Presidential Scholarships
December 1

Early Decision II
January 5

Regular Decision
January 5

Early Decision Agreement required

Submitting an application for Early Decision requires you to sign an agreement acknowledging your commitment to enroll at this college, if admitted. You will need to add or select one parent/guardian, who will also be required to sign this acknowledgement. Please note this college might refuse to consider your application if it does not receive a fully completed Early Decision Agreement prior to the application due date.

SAT/ACT Reporting



I intend to apply Test Optional and will not be reporting SAT/ACT scores to this college

Sign the FERPA Waiver

FERPA:

Students will be asked to sign a FERPA Waiver to either waive/not waive their access to their application documents and materials once they enroll in college. Colleges request this information from students to determine whether the letters of recommendation were submitted as confidential documents (would not be read by the student).

STUDENTS MAY BE ASKED BY TEACHERS TO SIGN THE FERPA WAIVER PRIOR TO UPLOADING ANY DOCUMENTS.

- Waive means *give up*
- You will be asked to sign a FERPA Waiver on Scoir and some application platforms (i.e. Common App)
- **Recommended Option:** Granted/I waive my right to review recommendations and supporting documents.

Get more out of Scoir

FERPA Waiver

Sign Ferpa Waiver

We'd like to notify you about your rights to information relating to your college applications, and we'll need you to answer a question before you proceed. When you apply to college, your application file typically includes information considered to be confidential, such as letters of recommendation and notes made by college admissions officers. Under regulation known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, you might obtain the right to access some of this information. These rights only apply to documents held by the college you attend, so it is unlikely you will have a need to see them. Colleges prefer to know that the information they compile in your application file will remain confidential, so it is recommended that you sign the following "waiver" to give them this assurance.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records and gives students/parents certain rights with respect to reviewing and challenging education records.

Some rights granted under FERPA provide you the ability to access letters of recommendation and other confidential records related to your application of admission. The "Waiver of Rights" below asks you to give up these rights. Please know that granting a waiver is not required as a condition of admission to any educational institution.

RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

☐ **Granted**
I WAIVE my right to inspect and review any confidential letters and confidential statements, such as letters of recommendations, assessments, and application review notes that relate to my admission to an educational institution.

☐ **Not Granted**
I DO NOT WAIVE any of my right to inspect and review confidential information relating to my admission to an educational institution.

ELECTRONIC CONSENT

I understand that when I click the "Save" button below I will be affixing my digital signature to this legally binding model authorization. If I am a parent/guardian of a minor, I understand that these rights pertain to the personally identifiable information contained in my child's education records.

Skip Sign & Continue



SENIOR CLASS

INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

THE WISSAHICKON SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS INSTITUTED PROCEDURES CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING STATUTES REGARDING DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN A STUDENT'S COLLEGE FILE. THIS INFORMATION CAN BE RELEASED UPON PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OR STUDENT OVER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO A SPECIFIED POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION BY SIGNING THIS FORM AND RETURNING IT TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE. NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY STUDENT IN THIS DISTRICT WILL BE RELEASED TO ANY INDIVIDUAL OR AGENCY WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT PURPOSE.

SIGNING THIS RELEASE FORM REPRESENTS YOU GIVING THE WISSAHICKON SCHOOL DISTRICT PERMISSION TO SEND TRANSCRIPTS, TEST SCORES, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ANY REQUEST INITIATED BY YOU OR YOUR CHILD FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR TO POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS, SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS, OR BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE WISSAHICKON SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN ALL OF ITS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AND IN ITS EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES. NO STUDENT, EMPLOYEE, OR OTHER PERSON SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN, BE DENIED THE BENEFITS OF, OR OTHERWISE BE SUBJECT TO DISCRIMINATION IN REGARD TO ANY DISTRICT PROGRAM ON GROUNDS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, AGE, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR HANDICAP.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE RELEASED:

NAME	ATTENDANCE RECORD
HOME ADDRESS	ACADEMIC GRADES (9-12)
DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE POINT AVERAGE
YEAR OF GRADUATION	STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES*
COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION (IF ANY)	AP SCORES*
TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS (IF ANY)	

Student Name (Please Print)

Student ID #

Year of Graduation

Parent/Guardian Signature

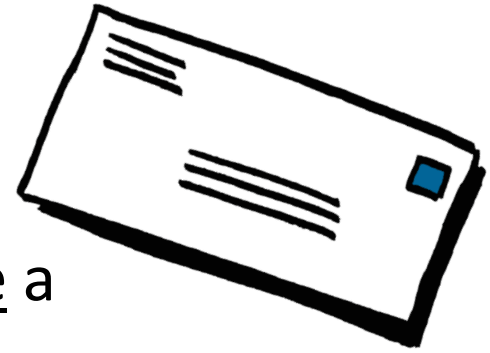
Date

**WHS does not include standardized test scores, including AP scores, as part of the transcript or academic record. Students must make a specific request for such scores to be sent. Most programs will require scores to be sent directly from the testing service.*

INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

Complete this form once and turn it in to Ms. Simpson in the Counseling Office- we need this form before we can send any documents for you!

Recommendations



- Teacher Recommendations should be uploaded into Scoir before a transcript request is made (unless recommendations are not needed/required).
- All necessary recommendations will be sent with the transcript as one electronic file.
- Not all colleges require letters of recommendation – check what is permitted by the institution.
- Counselor Letters of Recommendation - automatically written if needed for application. These will be completed after a transcript request is made.

*Students must complete **SENIOR QUESTIONNAIRE** on Scoir (under “Assignments” on the Home page).

Parent Brag Sheet optional.

THANK THE TEACHERS

Teachers love to hear about student outcomes and where they will be attending!

WHS Transcript/Recommendation Request

STUDENT NAME: _____ Student ID: _____ Date: _____

School Counselor: _____ Date of Birth: _____

READ AND COMPLETE BOTH SIDES AND SUBMIT TO MRS. SIMPSON.

Processing of these documents will take place within 10 SCHOOL days.

Application Deadline	College/Scholarship Name	Recommendations Requested Check the requirements for each college on their website or application.
	1.	Teacher: _____ Teacher: _____ Counselor: YES or NO (circle one)
	2.	Teacher: _____ Teacher: _____ Counselor: YES or NO (circle one)
	3.	Teacher: _____ Teacher: _____ Counselor: YES or NO (circle one)
	4.	Teacher: _____ Teacher: _____ Counselor: YES or NO (circle one)
	5.	Teacher: _____ Teacher: _____ Counselor: YES or NO (circle one)

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: _____ 10th School Day: _____
over →

TRANSCRIPT/ RECOMMENDATION REQUEST FORM

- Add up to 5 colleges/scholarships per sheet- use as many sheets as you need!
- Submit to Ms. Simpson in the Counseling Office
- Make sure to turn in the form at least **10 SCHOOL DAYS** before your deadlines!
- Check back of form for checklist of what needs to be done before submitting form
- You **DO NOT** need to have submitted your application prior to turning in this form
- This is how you officially notify WHS where you need your documents sent

Review: Transcript Request Checklist



Complete the following before submitting a transcript request form:

- ☐ Add college to Scoir (this includes all NCAA requests) under Applying or Applied, depending on current status.
- ☐ Complete FERPA Waiver on Scoir
- ☐ Verify teacher recommendations are uploaded into Scoir (if teacher recommendations are not needed for application, students can submit form without them)
- ☐ Complete Senior Questionnaire on Scoir “Assignments”
- ☐ If applicable, submit Early Decision Agreement electronically on Scoir
- ☐ If applicable, submit application fee waiver request on Scoir (for students who receive free/reduced lunch)

If all required items are completed at the time of your submission, documents will be sent within TEN school days.

TRANSCRIPT/ RECOMMENDATION REQUEST FORM DEADLINES

Application Type	College Deadline	WHS Transcript Request Deadline
Early Action/Early Decision	October 15	October 1
Early Action/Early Decision	November 1	October 16
Early Action/Early Decision	November 15	October 29
Rolling Admission (No deadline/April deadline)	ASAP	ASAP – recommended by end of October
Regular*	January	10 school days before college deadline

NOTE: The last day to request transcripts prior to winter break will be on **Wednesday, December 9th. If you have a January 1st deadline, make sure all transcript requests are in by this date. We will resume taking transcript requests on Monday, January 4, 2027.*

Students can check that materials have been received/status of application through their portal for each college or by contacting the admissions office

Self Reported Transcripts



- Some colleges now allow/require students to self-report their academic transcript and/or test scores.
- Systems include the STARS (formerly SRAR/SSAR), Courses & Grades (Common App), Internal Program
- Students add their own academic record: courses, grades, credits, GPA
- Students may need to submit application first – ALLOW PROCESSING TIME!

Samples of Self-Reported Transcript Schools:

- Penn State University
- University of Connecticut
- Virginia Tech
- Florida State University
- University of Washington
- Georgia Tech
- University of Florida
- Rutgers University
- Clemson University
- Arizona State University
- University of Delaware
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Arizona
- University of Illinois
- Temple University

Senior Grades Matter!

- Students must notify the School Counseling Office AND the Admissions Offices where they have applied if they change their schedule after transcripts are sent.
- Mid-year report – requested by some colleges after 1st marking period or after 1st semester
- Final Grades – a final high school transcript will be sent to the one college that student enrolls
- Bottom line = senior grades matter!
- Colleges can give warnings, probation, or even rescind admission (worst case scenario)



School Rep/Military Visits

BEGIN SEPTEMBER 8th!

**STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP IN
SCOIR AT LEAST 24 HOURS
PRIOR TO VISIT**

**PICK UP PASS IN
COUNSELING OFFICE AHEAD
OF VISIT**



May 1, 2026 – National Decision Day

Outside of Early Decision applicants, all other students have until MAY 1, 2026 to make deposits and decisions about their applications. This allows time for feedback from all applications, consideration of all financial aid packages, and additional time for visiting. An offer of admission is valid until this date. If, on May 1, a college does not receive an enrollment deposit, they will assume that the student is not coming.

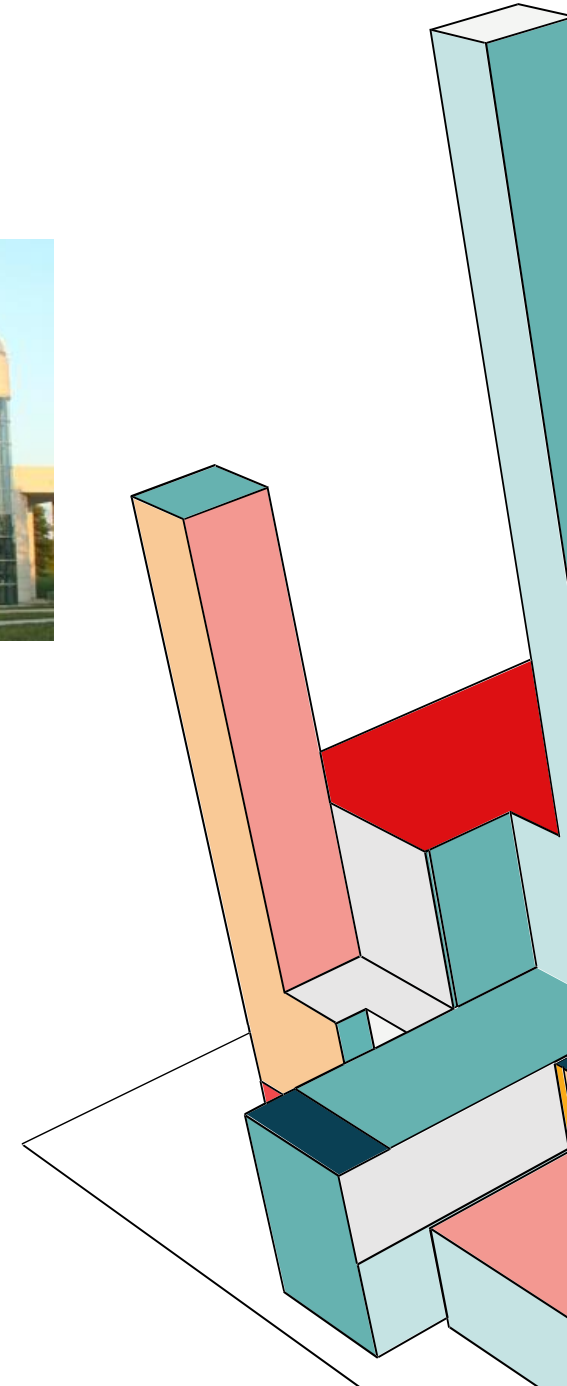
Exception: Colleges that don't guarantee first year housing must still allow enrollment deposits until May 1st, but could run out of housing before this.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 2 Year Transfer and Career Programs
- No application deadline
- SAT/ACT not required (except for placement test exemptions)
- Open Admissions
- Articulation agreements with many local colleges, including Temple
- Sports and clubs available! Great option for cost savings
- No housing available
- Honors Program
- Montgomery County Police Academy



Look for info on Application Assistance Days & Application Completion Sessions in the Fall/ Winter and a Senior-only Campus visit in the Spring!



MILITARY



- Enlistment in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, & Space Force
- Recruiters schedule visits to WHS- these are posted on Schoology and in the College & Career Update
- Other options include military academies, military colleges, ROTC programs, and national guard

TRADE/TECHNICAL



- Programs designed to prepare students to enter the workforce in specialized professions
- Programs/training can vary in length
- Apprenticeship programs- "earn while you learn" model offered by certain trade unions
- Colleges geared toward trades include PA College of Technology and Thaddeus Stevens College
- Montco offers a culinary training program
- Specialized programs offered at technical schools such as Automotive Training Center, Universal Technical Institute, & Jean Madeline Aveda Institute

GAP YEAR

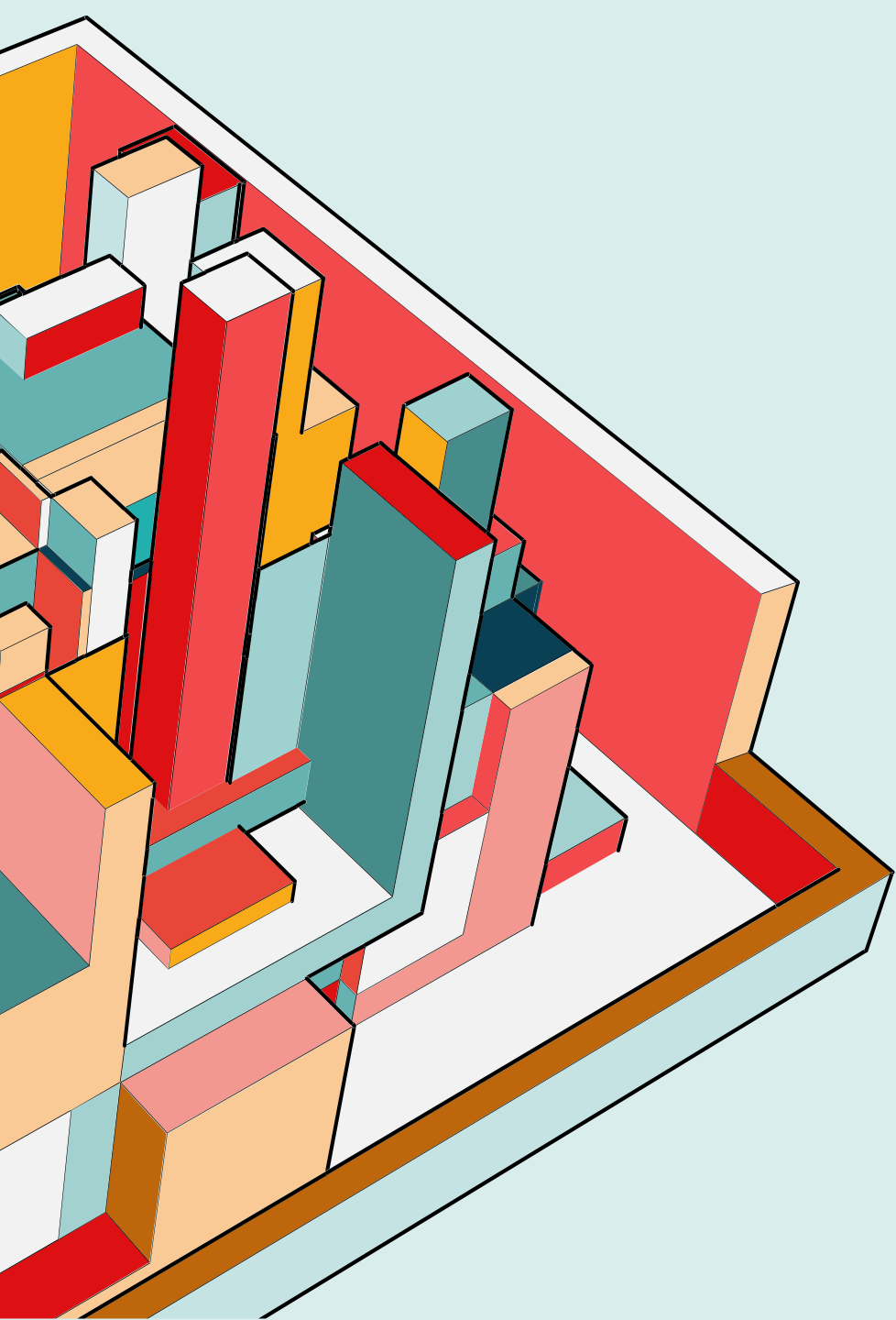


- Planned time off prior to pursuing postsecondary education or training
- Students sometimes choose to explore career interests, internship opportunities, travel, community service
- [Gap Year Association](#) - a great research to start your search

WORKFORCE



- Some students choose to pursue full-time employment after high school
- Resume building and interview skills are important
- Scoir is a resource for career exploration
- Students can explore job search sites like LinkedIn and Indeed



FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS

SPRING 2026 FINANCIAL AID
NIGHT [PRESENTATION](#)

FAFSA

Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

1. [Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
2. Form used by all colleges to determine eligibility for federal student aid
3. The 2027-28 FAFSA opens October 1, 2026 for seniors graduating from WHS in 2027
4. NEW: PA now requires high school seniors to complete the FAFSA (or an opt-out form)



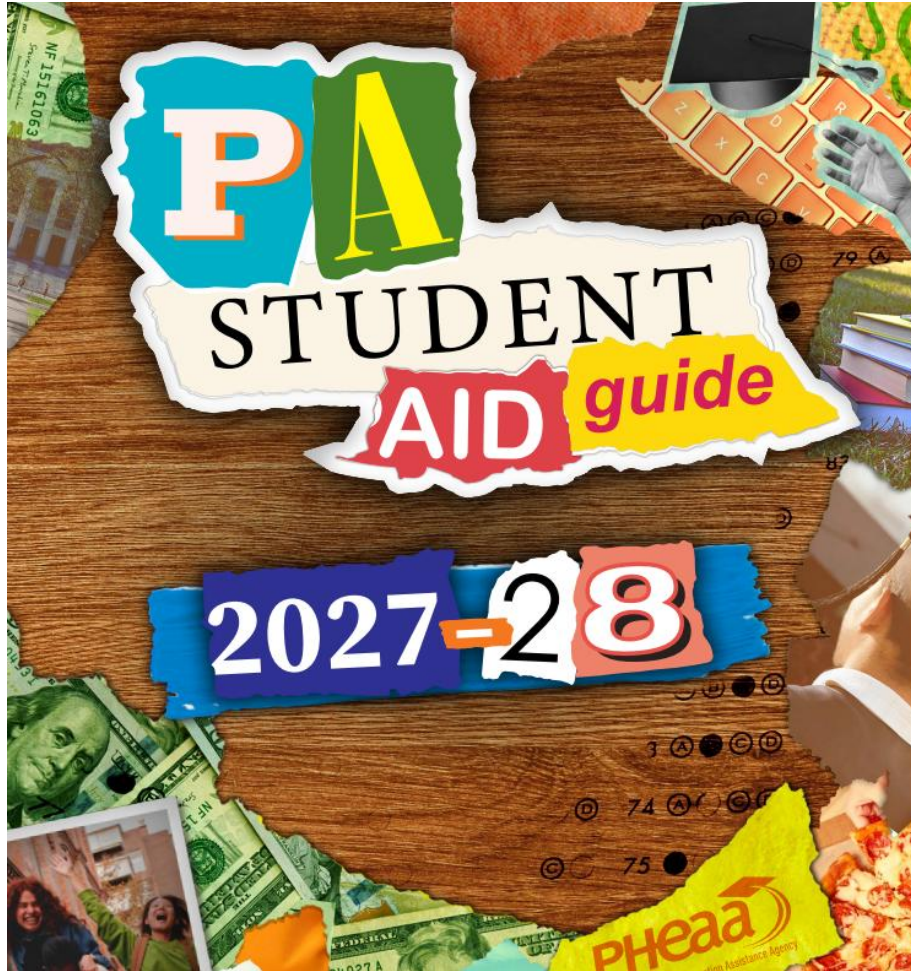
CSS PROFILE



1. [Ccssprofile.collegeboard.org](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org)
2. Additional financial aid form that is required by some colleges and universities- be sure to check the financial aid website of each college, as they will have specific requirements and deadlines listed
3. CSS Profile opens on October 1, 2026 for seniors graduating from WHS in 2027

IMPORTANT: Check the financial aid website of each college you are considering to understand what forms are required and applicable deadlines!

PHEAA FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES



<https://www.pheaa.org/college-planning/student-aid-guide>

PHEAA Grants Student Loans Funding Opportunities College Planning Tools & Resources Sign In

PHEAA & PA Forward Keystone RepayReady **Financial Aid & FAFSA**

Financial Aid & FAFSA® Webinars

Searching for Scholarships

The cost of a postsecondary education can add up quickly for students and families. Thankfully, there is funding to help cover those expenses. Join us as we share tips to help students successfully search for and apply for scholarships. After attending this webinar, students will understand the different types of scholarships, resources for finding scholarships, and tools to help increase their chances of earning those scholarships.

[VIEW WEBINARS](#)

Get Ready to File the FAFSA

Join us for our **Get Ready to File the FAFSA** webinar and learn the key steps you can take now to prepare for filing the 2027-28 FAFSA. We'll discuss who needs and how to get a StudentAid.gov account, share practical tips to make the application process easier, and review important deadlines and requirements for federal and state financial aid programs. This session will help students and families feel informed and confident as they get ready to file.

[VIEW WEBINARS](#)

Ask an Access Partner

Join our **Ask an Access Partner** webinar, a live, interactive session where experienced higher education access partners will answer your financial aid questions on a wide range of topics such as questions on federal and state aid programs, the FAFSA, and scholarships.

[VIEW WEBINARS](#)

Creating Your StudentAid.gov Account

To fill out and submit the FAFSA, you will need a StudentAid.gov account. Join us to learn more about what the StudentAid.gov account is, and when and who should create an account.

<https://www.pheaa.org/tools-resources/financial-aid-webinars>

Scholarships



WHS Scholarship Database
View link in Drive

Student Check List

- ☐ Finalize college list
- ☐ Begin applications – note all requirements and deadlines
- ☐ Add colleges to Scoir “Applying” or “Applied” list
- ☐ Complete Senior Questionnaire
- ☐ Submit transcript request form(s) when teacher letters are uploaded
- ☐ If submitting scores, send SAT/ACT via testing website (allow at least 2 weeks before deadline)
- ☐ Begin FAFSA, CSS Profile or any other financial aid paperwork required by college after October 1st
- ☐ Meet with college reps during Fall visits
- ☐ Schedule interviews (where available)
- ☐ Check status of application after submission! Allow 2 weeks from when we submit documents for them to match to application.
- ☐ Regularly check email – colleges will reach out to students to notify them of missing documents or issues with an application.



RESOURCES

MRS. STOUDT- College & Career Counselor

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[MAKE AN APPOINTMENT](#)

Scoir Drive: documents will be posted

COLLEGE & CAREER UPDATE- weekly newsletter
posted to Parent Square each Monday

