

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2027

Your next step starts with a plan.

SENIOR SEMINAR



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Today's roadmap

01

Your options

College, military, apprenticeships, and work

02

Applications

Timelines, transcripts, and key terms

03

Support

College & Career Center resources and events

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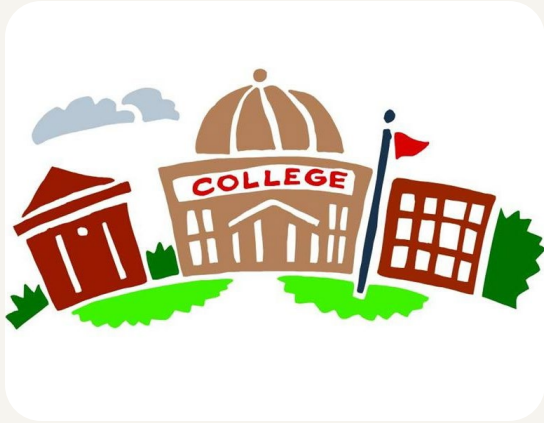
Paying for it

FAFSA, WASFA, and scholarships

YOUR GOAL

Leave with one clear next step and the person or resource that can help.

Your path after high school



College

4-year or 2-year



Military

Service + training



Apprenticeship

Earn while you learn

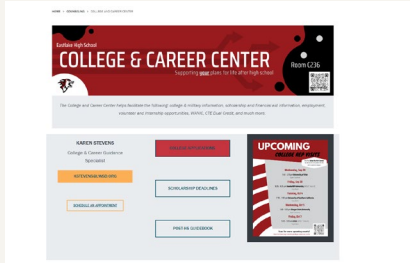


Employment

Build skills on the job

Today we are focusing on the college application process, however there are LOTS of different pathways after high school.

Tools for exploring your options



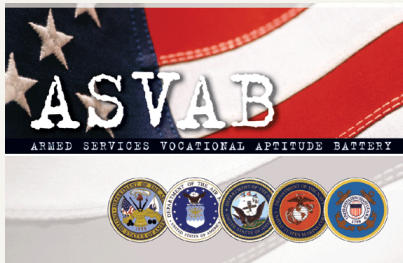
College & Career Center

Local support, visits, links



BigFuture

Compare colleges, majors, careers



ASVAB

Explore strengths and career fit



SchoolLinks

Skills and career matching

2-MINUTE MOVE

Open one resource and save it before you leave.

Transcripts

1 Common App

Add your counselor's email to the FERPA section. Your counselor uploads the official transcript.

2 Official copy

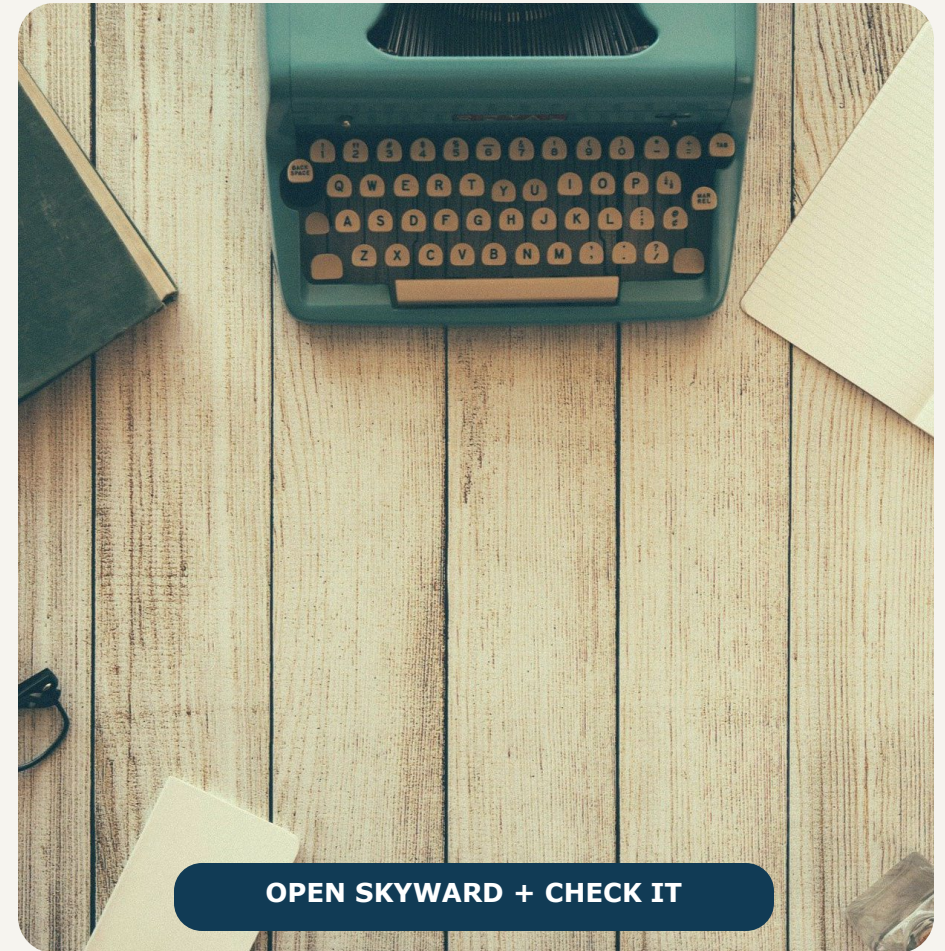
Email registrar Kim Sonnenberg when a school needs a mailed or physical copy.

3 Unofficial copy

Download it in Skyward under Portfolio / Attachment.

4 Final accuracy check

Review grade replacements, summer courses, and grade bumps. Email your counselor about errors.



Applying to 2-year and technical colleges

1

Apply online

Complete the college's admission application.

2

Complete placement steps

Follow each school's directions for transcripts or placement.

3

Register for classes

Popular programs can fill, so earlier action helps.



GOOD TO KNOW

**SAT or ACT scores usually are not required.
Deadlines are often more flexible.**

Washington has 29 community colleges and 5 technical colleges. Learn more at sbctc.edu.

Your 4-year college application

- **Application** College website or Common App
- **Transcript** Counselor uploads it or registrar sends it
- **Test scores** Send directly only when needed from agency
- **Essay** Required by some colleges
- **Activities** Work, clubs, service, sports, and more
- **Letter of Recs** Check the school's exact requirements

CHECK FIRST

Most public 4-year colleges do not require counselor or teacher letters.



University of Washington application

TWO SUBMISSIONS

Common App



STARS

Self-reported transcript and academic record system

COMMON APP deadline + STARS deadline

NOVEMBER 15 + 22



School report or counselor letter?

REQUIRED FOR EVERY COMMON APP SCHOOL

School report

Your counselor submits:

GPA
Transcript
Senior Class Schedule
Eastlake School Profile

Add your counselor in the Counselor Recommender section.

ONLY WHEN A COLLEGE REQUIRES IT

Counselor letter

Before requesting one:

1. Confirm that at least one college requires it.
2. Complete your counselor's [individual form](#).

Give your counselor at least 2 full weeks.

IMPORTANT

You can submit your part before your counselor submits theirs.

Admission terms

ROLLING

Colleges review applications as they arrive.

POOLING

Colleges wait until the deadline, then review the full pool. UW is an example.

DEFERRED

The college reviews your application again later.

EARLY ACTION

You receive an early decision without a required commitment.

EARLY DECISION

You receive an early decision and agree to attend if admitted.

Ask yourself: Which deadlines on my list are binding?

NCAA eligibility



DO THIS NOW

Confirm that your Eligibility Center account is active.

Planning to compete in Division I or II?

1

Register

Create or check your account at eligibilitycenter.org.

2

Send transcripts

They are needed now and again at the end of the school year.

3

Get help

See Ms. Sonnenberg for transcript uploads.

College & Career Center

Events, college visits, exploration, and one-on-one application help

College + Career Specialist: Ms. Jennifer Fichamba

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Think of one task you would rather do with support.

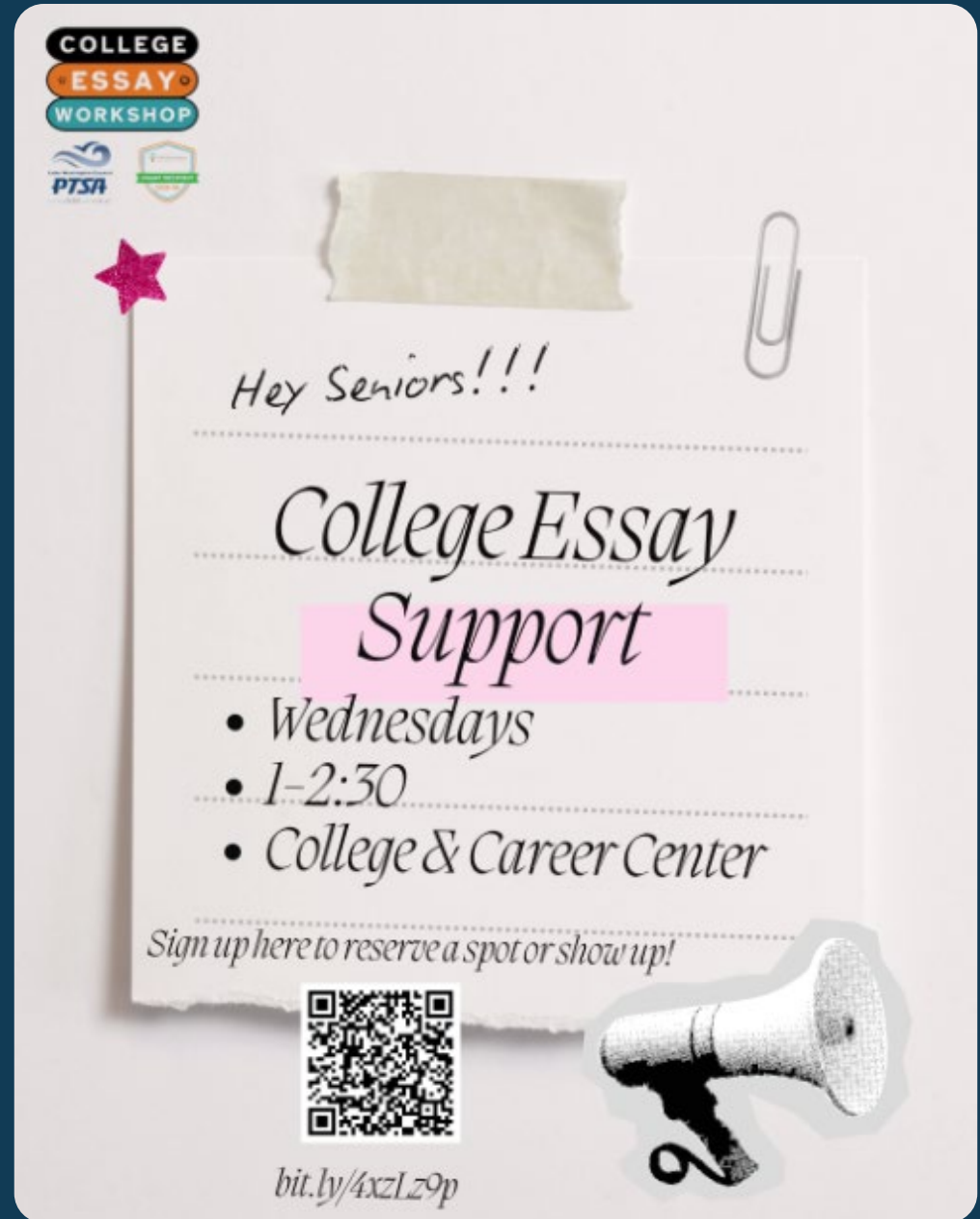
UPCOMING EVENT

College Essay Support

Eastlake College + Career Center

A second set of eyes can make your essay stronger.

ADD IT TO YOUR CALENDAR



UPCOMING EVENT

Right Fit: College Webinar

September 30, Webinar

Finding the right fit for college is one of the most essential components of the college process

ADD IT TO YOUR CALENDAR

RIGHT FIT COLLEGE WEBINAR

Presented by Allie Kvidera, Willamette University



**Live College Planning Webinar Open to All
Lake Washington School District Families**

Join us for an informative evening designed to help students and families better understand the college search and application process. Learn how to identify colleges that are the right fit academically, socially and financially, and gain valuable insights for navigating the path to higher education.



Wednesday, September 30



6:30–7:30 PM



[Webinar Link](#)



UPCOMING EVENT

WSU Instant Decision Day

October 5 at 3:20 PM

Bring your questions. Leave with clarity.

[ADD IT TO YOUR CALENDAR](#)

WSU Instant Decision Day

**Eastlake High School
October 5th at 3:20pm**

Join representatives from Washington State University for Instant Decision Day to get your decision on the spot! This event is recommended for seniors with a **3.0 cumulative GPA** or higher. If you're not sure of your GPA, check with your college and career office!

Students must register prior to the event to be eligible for an instant decision. Walk-ins will not be guaranteed an instant decision.

Scan QR code to register!



**WASHINGTON STATE
UNIVERSITY**

UPCOMING EVENT

College Fair

October 12 at Eastside Catholic

Choose 3 colleges you want to meet before you arrive.

ADD IT TO YOUR CALENDAR



2026 Plateau
COLLEGE FAIR
OCTOBER 12TH | 5PM TO 7PM
EASTSIDE CATHOLIC GYM

- Discover your future, find your fit!
- Research attending colleges and rank top picks!
- Ask reps about programs, campus life, and admissions!
- Grab brochures and contacts for later!

SEE WHO WILL BE THERE!



REGISTER HERE



PRESENTED BY:



UPCOMING EVENT

ASVAB

October 21 at 8:30 AM
Eastlake

Use the results to explore careers and strengths.

ADD IT TO YOUR CALENDAR

REGISTER TO TAKE THE ASVAB

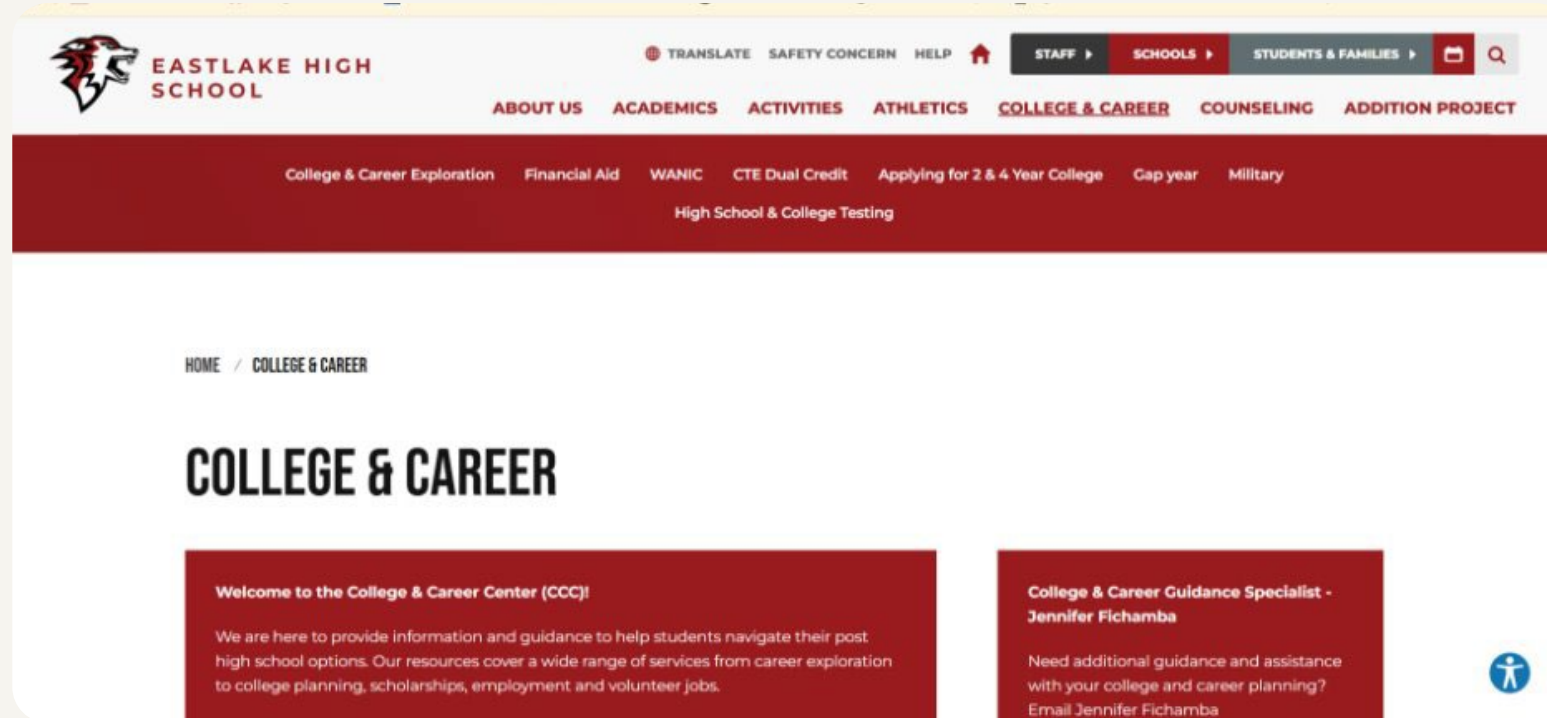
WHAT: FALL ASVAB TEST
WHERE: EHS
WHEN: OCTOBER 21ST (SUPER WEDNESDAY)
TIME: 8:30 AM
LOCATION: CLASSROOM TBD

SCAN the QR Code
to Register



bit.ly/4zW2jcq

College & Career Center website



BOOKMARK IT

[Eastlake High School: College + Career Website](#)

How the College & Career Center can help

Explore

- College and career exploration
- Military visits
- Postsecondary options

Apply

- Application support
- College essay support
- [Financial aid and scholarships \(including local scholarships\)](#)

Earn credit

- WANIC
- CTE Dual Credit
- Dual credit programs

Find opportunities

- Jobs and internships
- Volunteer opportunities
- Apprenticeships

50+ COLLEGE VISITS THIS FALL

Check the website and follow @eastlakehs_collegeandcareer

Paying for what comes next

FAFSA, WASFA, scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study

Where could free money come from?

FAFSA, WASFA, and scholarships

FAFSA

- Federal aid application
- Grants, loans, scholarships, work-study
- Parent or guardian help may be needed
- fafsa.gov

WASFA

- Washington Application for Financial Aid
- For people who do not file FAFSA
- wsac.wa.gov/wasfa

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Deadlines happen all year
- Check college-specific awards
- Search TheWashBoard, Fastweb, FinAid, WSAC, and BigFuture
- College + Career

[WSAC Financial Aid Nights](#)

OTTERBOT

Text "Hi Otter" to 360-928-7281 for financial aid help.

Frequently asked questions

Q1 How many seniors are in the class?

616

Q2 Do I need to send a transcript?

Most schools require one. Your counselor sends it through Common App or SENDedu. Email Kim Sonnenberg for other schools.

Q3 Does Eastlake rank students?

No. The district does not rank students.

Q4 What is my weighted GPA?

Eastlake does not weight GPA. Colleges may recalculate it.

STILL WONDERING? ASK YOUR COUNSELOR.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Use the Skyward tile to schedule an individual meeting with your counselor or come to the Wolf Time College Application Support sessions!

YOUR NEXT STEP

Choose one action and put it on your calendar before the day ends.

