WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL • HOME OF THE WILDCATS

Class of 2027
Senior Parent Night

Your guide to a successful senior year

Presented by Ms. Michelle Padura, Principal

Your Senior Support Team

They couldn't be here tonight, but they are your go-to contacts all year

Ms. Huggins

Assistant Principal

Senior Privileges, parking, discipline, graduation, and activities.

Ms. Rodriguez

“Ms. Rod” • Counselor & Senior Sponsor

Graduation requirements, Schedules, credits, senior activities, common app/Xello & graduation

Ms. deCordova

BRACE Advisor

College applications, transcripts, FAFSA, Bright Futures, scholarships, common app/Xello

Tonight's Agenda

1. Graduation Requirements
2. Dual Enrollment
3. Testing
4. College & Career Planning
5. Paying for College
6. Senior Activities & Dates
7. Wellness & Support
8. Questions & Follow-Up

The Senior Year Roadmap

Senior year runs on deadlines. Stay ahead of them.

FALL

- Check credits & GPA in Focus
- Final SAT/ACT/CLT attempts
- College applications
- FAFSA & FFAA opens ***Oct 1***

WINTER

- Mid-year grades matter
- Scholarship applications
- Spring dual enrollment

SPRING

- AP/AICE exams
- Financial aid offers arrive
- Choose a school/path by ***May 1***
- Final transcripts
- Senior events & graduation

Early Decision & Early Action deadlines: October 15 and/or November 1

On Track to Graduate

Florida Standard Diploma requirements

24	2.0	ELA	MATH	40
Credits	**Unweighted GPA**	**Grade 10 FAST ELA**	**Algebra 1 Geometry EOC**	**Community Service**
Includes required core courses	Minimum cumulative GPA required	Passing score, or a concordant SAT/ACT/CLT score	Passing score, or a concordant SAT/ACT/CLT score	Documented hours before graduation

Action step: Review credits, GPA, and test status in Focus this week. Ask about credit recovery now, not in April. ***October 19-30****: Every senior meets with a counselor for a graduation check-in during their government/economics class period***.**

Questions? Ms. Huggins (AP) or Ms. Rodriguez (Counselor)

Dual Enrollment: A Head Start on College

Free tuition and books for qualifying students

College Partners

Broward College
3.0 unweighted GPA + qualifying test

FIU
3.0 unweighted GPA + college-ready test

FAU
3.0 unweighted GPA + counselor approval

University of Florida
3.6 unweighted GPA + SAT 1100 / ACT 22 / PSAT 1130

Know Before You Enroll

- A “D” or “F” ends dual enrollment eligibility
- College grades become a permanent part of the transcript
- Keep a 3.0 unweighted high school GPA
- Signed recommendation form each term

Spring deadline: October 2nd

Questions? Ms. Rodriguez (Counselor) • Details on the Western High website

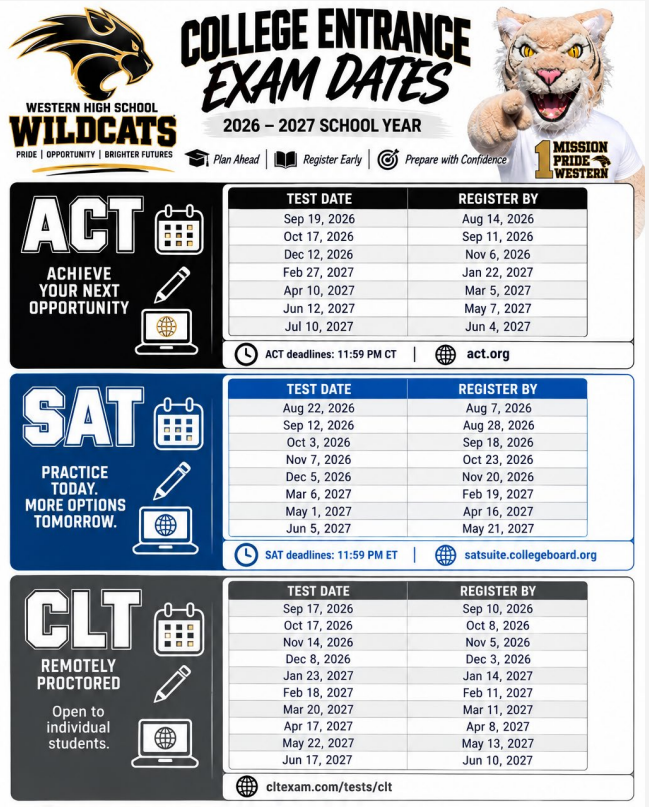
Dual Enrollment: A Head Start on College

Questions? Contact Ms. Molnar, School Counseling Director.
nicole.molnar@browardschools.com

Details:

- *Western High website › Academics › Dual Enrollment.*
- *School counseling department Canvas page. https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/1988844*

Testing This Year



SAT / ACT / CLT

Final chances to raise scores for college admission are in December 2026 and Bright Futures in August 2027. Register early, as seats fill.

Next dates: December 2026

Testing This Year

Graduation Retakes

Seniors still needing FAST ELA or Algebra 1 should retake or earn a concordant score.

Key Dates

Oct 15

PSAT

Dec 3

FAST ELA retakes

Dec 8

EOC retakes

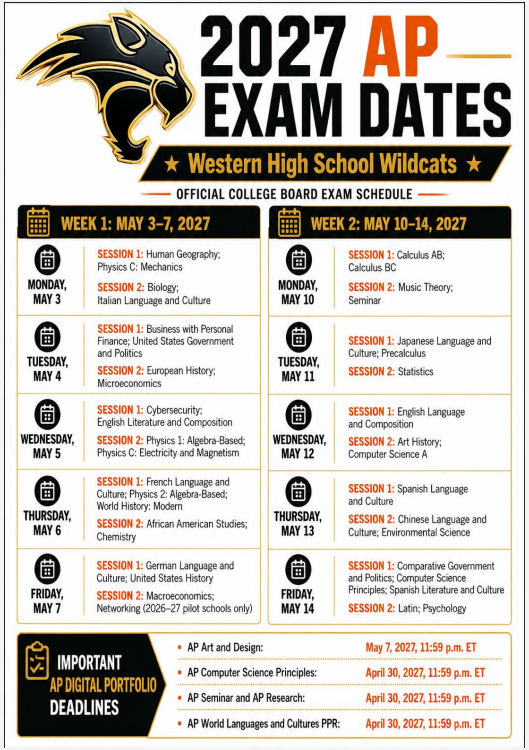
More retake dates will be announced as they are confirmed.

Testing This Year

AP & AICE Exams

Passing scores can earn college credit. Exams are in the spring; registration and fees are due earlier.

2027 AP Exam Dates



ACE Testing Schedule

College & Career Planning with BRACE

BRACE = Broward Advisors for Continuing Education

1

Build a List

Mix of reach, match, and likely schools

2

Know Deadlines

Early action, early decision, regular, rolling

3

Apply

Common App/Xello or each school's own portal

4

Send Transcripts

Request through Xello, not Focus

5

Decide by May 1

Compare aid offers before committing

Stay connected: Join Ms. deCordova's BRACE IG group for deadlines, college visits, and scholarship alerts.

Paying for College

FAFSA

Oct 1

The 2027–28 FAFSA opens. File early — some aid is first-come, first-served, and Florida uses it for state aid.

studentaid.gov

Florida Bright Futures

	Academic (FAS)	Medallion (FMS)
Weighted GPA	3.50	3.00
SAT / ACT	1330 / 29	1190 / 24
Service hours	100	75

Verify current requirements at floridastudentfinancialaid.org

Scholarships: Local, college, and national awards are shared through BRACE. Service hours must be approved before graduation.

Questions? Contact Ms. deCordova (BRACE Advisor)

Every Path Is a Good Path

Not every senior's next step is a four-year university

2-Year College

Associate degree, then transfer to a university (2+2)

Technical College

Career certificates at Atlantic, McFatter, and Sheridan Tech

Military

Enlistment, ROTC, or service academies. BRACE offers the ASVAB and recruiter visits.

Workforce & Gap Year

Apprenticeships, jobs, or a structured gap year with a plan

Ms. Edmond is our amazing Career & Technical Ed Advisor. Students can connect with her in room 529

Senior Activities & Important Dates

Updates: follow "Ask Ms. Rod" and "whs.class.2027" on Instagram

FALL & WINTER

OCT — **Graduation Assembly – Jostens**
Oct 21 & 22 · during study halls

NOV — **Cap & Gown Orders**
Nov 1 · jostens.com

DEC — **Senior Portraits**
Dec 1–5 · yearbook deadline

JAN — **Yearbook Ads**
Jan 15 · space is limited

SPRING & BEYOND

APR — **Grad Bash**
Apr 9 · 450 spots · $280

MAY — **Prom**
May 15 · Diplomat Beach Resort

MAY — **Senior Week**
May 17–21 · pending finals

TBA — **Graduation**
May 22–28 · venue TBA

Pay online through the E-store | Obligations, attendance & discipline affect participation

Supporting Your Senior

Senior year is exciting, and it can be stressful.

Check in often

Ask how they're doing, not just about grades and applications.

Watch for burnout

Balance deadlines with rest, activities, and time with friends.

Guard against senioritis

Colleges can rescind offers over a big drop in final grades.

Use our support

School counselors and district mental health resources are available to every student.

Stay Connected

Go Wildcats, Class of 2027!

Wildcat Weekly

Common questions will be answered in an upcoming issue.

Follow us on social media

BRACE: @WHSBRACEPROGRAM
Ask Ms. Rod: @MSRODWHS
Western HS 1981: @WESTERNHS1981
Senior Class: @WHS.CLASS.2027

Have a Question?

We'll make sure it reaches the right person

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Main school resources: Focus • E-store • BRACE page • Wildcat Weekly