



CLASS OF 2024

College & Post-Secondary Planning Night

September 14, 2023

7:00 pm

INTRODUCTIONS

- *Jason Sabino, Director of School Counseling*
- *Rob Carmenini, School Counselor*
- *Trish Godon, School Counselor*
- *Barbara Cappucci, School Counselor*
- *Fran Hernandez, School Counselor*
- *Lauren Krueger, School Counselor*
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- *Tara Miles, School Counselor*
- *Monica Rito, School Counselor*
- *Lauren Sagat, School Counselor*
- *Vanessa Kuronya, School Counselor*

**WELCOME ALL CLASS OF 2024 SENIORS AND
PARENTS ATTENDING THIS EVENING!**



APPLICATION PROCESS

- ❑ **Online applications** (go to the college's website, look for "Apply Now" links), School Specific App, Common App:
 - ❑ Demographic Info
 - ❑ Activities/Extracurricular commitments
 - ❑ School Specific Info (drop down questions, **short answer/essays**)
 - ❑ ***Personal Statement*** (word limit varies)
 - ❑ Additional Information (Common App OPTIONAL)
 - ❑ General prompt 650 words
 - ❑ COVID or other natural disaster prompt 250 words
- ❑ **Transcript and profile**
- ❑ **Standardized test scores** *VIEW ADMISSION OFFICE WEBSITES*
 - ❑ Test Optional? Test Flexible? Test Free? Tests Required? Dates to commit to the process?
 - ❑ Report directly to colleges from www.collegeboard.org and/or www.actstudent.org. or do they allow you to self report?
- ❑ **Recommendations**
- ❑ **Special talent or skill: Audition? Portfolio? NCAA Eligibility?**
- ❑ ***Demonstrated Interest (In person, virtual, WHRHS-specific)***



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APPLICATION INFORMATION

High School Information

SSN# _____ - _____ - _____ *

Class Size: 445 Date of Graduation: 6/13/24

Class Rank: *None (we do not rank)*

Six Semester Unweighted GPA _____/4.0 scale

Six Semester Weighted GPA _____/5.3 scale

****Common app only allows the selection of a 4.0 scale, so you will self report your unweighted GPA on that application***

Full year courses = 5 credits

Lab sciences = 6 credits

Semester courses = 2.5 credits

PE = 1.25 credits each quarter

Health= 1.25 credits

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SENIOR CHECKLIST



- ❑ **Questionnaires:** Make sure you have submitted your counselor questionnaire. Make sure you handed out your teacher recommendation forms. If not then please do ASAP!
- ❑ **Resume:** Utilize Resume Builder on Naviance if needed.
- ❑ **List of Colleges:** You should have been researching schools to develop a list. Be aware of application due dates and deadlines. Review list with your counselor.
- ❑ **SAT/ACT Testing:** Check with your college as many have adopted test-optional policies for the Class of 2023. Read each school specific policy, as they can differ from college to college. Students are responsible to send their scores to the colleges.
- ❑ **Student Athletes:** You need to register on the NCAA website if you have not done so already. WHRHS cannot send out your transcript to them unless this is done. Let your counselor know once you've registered.
- ❑ **Application Process:** Start working on your applications and college essay. Once you have submitted an application you need to schedule an appointment with your counselor. You will complete the Naviance Process with your counselor. (requesting transcript/recommendations)
- ❑ **Counselor Meetings:** Seniors should email their counselor with questions throughout the application process. We are here to help. Students MUST also schedule an appointment with their counselor after they have submitted each application to complete the Naviance process. (Request recommendations and transcript)

SENDING RECOMMENDATIONS & TRANSCRIPTS



The process for having documents sent to colleges is as follows:

1. Students apply to school(s). This means the student completes application, pays application fee and submits application to college(s).
2. Student sends SAT www.collegeboard.com and or ACT www.actstudent.org scores to college(s) directly from testing service
3. Colleges you have applied to **MUST** be added to your "College's I'm Thinking About" tab prior to meeting with your counselor for transcript and recommendation request submission
4. Provide a signed (by parent) copy of the Universal Transcript Release Form to your counselor (One release covers all applications) [Transcript Release](#)
5. Student schedules an appointment with counselor:
 - ☐ E-mail address used on Common app (if applicable)
 - ☐ Naviance Password
 - ☐ Name(s) of teacher(s) providing recommendation
 - ☐ List of college(s) student has submitted applications
 - ☐ Midyear reports when requested go to ALL colleges in the “colleges I’m applying to” list

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Students should update their “colleges I’m thinking about” list in Naviance. Students do **NOT** add anything to the "colleges I'm applying to" section; all requests are added by or with counselor.

****Because WHRHS uses Naviance, DO NOT ADD COUNSELORS OR TEACHERS IN THE COMMON APPLICATION RECOMMENDERS SECTION****

2023-2024 Application Deadlines

College Deadline	WHRHS Deadline
November 1st	October 11th
November 15th	October 25th
December 1st	November 13th
December 15th	November 27th
January 1st	December 4th
January 15th	December 20 th

OTHER POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS

- ❑ Alternatives to Traditional College -
<https://www.collegiateparent.com/high-school/alternatives-to-traditional-college/>
- ❑ Gap Year: Travel, Volunteer, find yourself and what you want to do
- ❑ Community College: Associates Degree / Certification Programs
- ❑ Technical School/Trade School
- ❑ Military
- ❑ Online Classes: Enrichment / Explore Career Options

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- ❑ Attend Financial Aid Night: September 27th @ 7:00pm via Video Webinar (Teams)
- ❑ FAFSA form – www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ❑ HESAA - <https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/Default.aspx>
- ❑ Estimator tools: <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/> and Net Price Calculators
- ❑ Helpful tools - <http://www.collegeboard.com/parents/pay/> and www.studentaid.ed.gov
- ❑ Scholarship search engine – www.fastweb.com, [Unigo](#), [Cappex](#), [Niche](#)
- ❑ CSS/Financial Aid Profile – <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/> - October 1st
- ❑ NCAA Eligibility Center - <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND LINKS

- ❑ WHRHS School Counseling Dept. College Information - <https://www.whrhs.org/guidance/post-secondary-planning/college-information>
- ❑ NAVIANCE - <https://student.naviance.com/whrhs>
- ❑ NCAA Eligibility Center http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp
- ❑ CollegeBoard Big Future - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- ❑ Niche - <https://www.niche.com/colleges/search/best-colleges/>
- ❑ Fair Test - <https://www.fairtest.org/>
- ❑ Common App - <https://www.commonapp.org/>



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Questions?