

WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL



Junior College Planning Night

Career Exploration

Naviance - <https://student.naviance.com/wwhs>

The career planning and assessment tools in Naviance allow students to realize their strengths, goals, knowledge, values, and interests in future careers, to help them work toward a path that is inspiring to them.

Career Interest Profiler - The Career Interest Profiler is an online career interest assessment for students based on Holland's interest codes. It allows students to complete an inventory which analyzes their own interests and pairs the results with potential career matches.

Roadtrip Nation - delivers multi-media resources that expose students to a wide array of available career paths.

**Contact Counseling Center for Naviance account registration, if needed, or help logging into your existing account.*

How To Research Colleges

- ▣ **Naviance** <https://student.naviance.com/wwhs>
 - Identify college preferences
 - Search for colleges
 - Develop prospective college list
 - Compare colleges
 - Compare your qualifications to recent WWHS application results
 - View list of colleges visiting WWHS

Factors to Consider When Selecting a College

Obvious

- Location
- Setting
- Size/Population
- Costs (2- vs 4-year; public vs. private)
- Campus Life (Greek life, clubs, athletics, arts, weekends)
- Majors Available

Not-So Obvious

- Retention rate
- Stretching the traditional classroom
- Quality of students/selectivity
- Outcomes and FOUR year graduation rates

Additional Resources for College Research

- ▣ **WWHS Counseling Center**
 - Counselor
 - Virtual College Visits - View dates and times & sign up in Naviance
 - Individual Junior Planning Conferences
 - Spring College Fair - 03/16/23
 - Senior College Planning Night
 - Senior Meetings with Counselor
 - College Application Support (Seniors) Pd-3-7
 - Counseling Center Website - <https://www.shufsd.org/counseling-center>

Additional Resources for College Research

- ▣ **College and University Admissions Offices**
 - The rising tide of mail/e-mail
 - Website, Publications, Blogs and Social Media
 - Virtual tours and events
 - Interviews (if available)
 - Campus Visits, Info Sessions, and Open House Programs
 - Get credit for being there!
 - Live the life as much as possible

- ▣ **Other**
 - Internet – www.collegedata.com (comprehensive college profiles and admissions statistics)
 - College Guidebooks
 - College Alumni
 - Current College Students (especially Whitman alum)

Prepare to Apply

- ▣ Choose Challenging Senior Year Courses
- ▣ Visit Colleges
- ▣ Decide Where to Apply
- ▣ Review Application Requirements and Procedures
- ▣ Take SAT and/or ACT
- ▣ Attend College Planning Workshops for Juniors
- ▣ Begin Working on College Essay
- ▣ Request Teacher Letters of Recommendation
- ▣ Review your social media footprint

College Admissions Tests

- ▣ SAT
 - 3 Hours
 - 4 Tests: Reading, Writing and Language, Math-Calculator, Math-No Calculator
 - Highest Composite Score is 1600

- ▣ ACT
 - 3 Hours and 40 Minutes with Writing Test
 - 4 Tests: English, Math, Reading, Science
 - Optional Writing Test
 - Highest Composite Score is 36

SAT/ACT Test Prep

- ▣ Method Test Prep (Free) - Online SAT/ACT test prep through Castle Learning
- ▣ SCOPE Education Services- January 2023 (please see flyer)
- ▣ ALBERT IO- Free online service (<https://www.albert.io/>)

For more information please visit the Standardized Testing Information tab on the Counseling Center website at: <https://www.shufsd.org/guidance/sat-act-prep>

Applying to College

- ▣ The Common Application - www.commonapp.org
 - Standardized application for 900+ Colleges
- ▣ SUNY Application –
www.suny.edu/attend/apply-to-suny/how-to-apply/
- ▣ CUNY Application - www.cuny.edu/admissions/apply.html
- ▣ Coalition Application Powered by SCOIR-
<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- ▣ Individual College Applications

Components Reviewed by Admissions

- ▣ Transcript
- ▣ Activities/Involvement
- ▣ Demonstrated Interest
- ▣ Recommendations
 - Counselor
 - Teachers
 - Outside the classroom
- ▣ Essay
- ▣ Academic Program
- ▣ Standardized Test Scores

Who Does What?

STUDENT

- Submit Student Brag Sheet and Parent Brag Sheet to the Counseling Center
- Activity Resume - on Naviance
- Request Teacher Letters of Recommendation - in person & Naviance
- Complete & Submit Applications to Colleges
- Obtain College Application Receipt from Counseling Center
- **RESPECT DEADLINES**
- Send SAT/ACT Scores to colleges
- Send Supplemental Information
- Apply for Financial Aid - FAFSA, TAP
- Mid-Year or Current Grade Report Request to Counseling Center (if required)
- Report Outcomes & Attending College on Naviance through Senior Survey

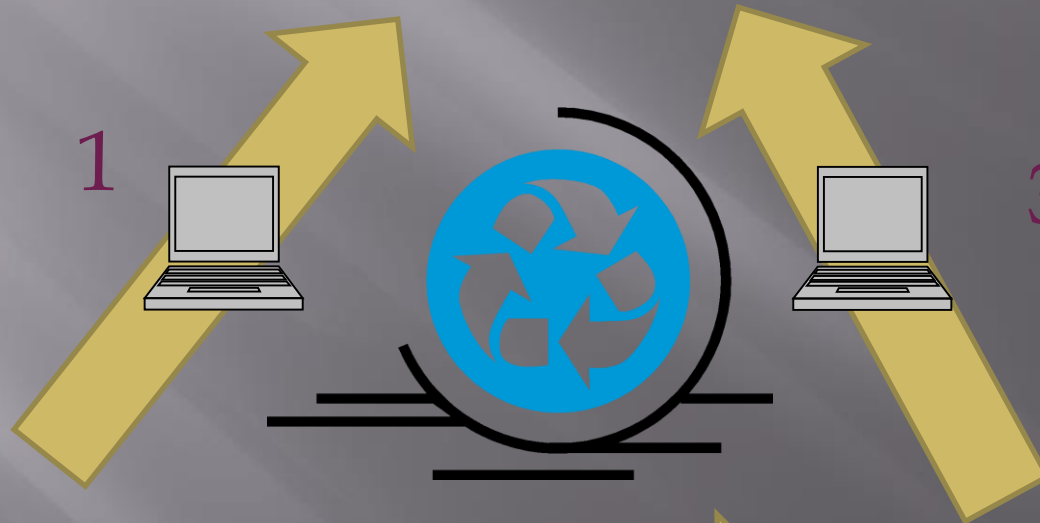
COUNSELING CENTER

Will submit the following:

- Official Transcript
- School Report
- WWHS School Profile
- Fee Waiver Confirmation (if applicable)
- Counselor Letter of Recommendation
- Teacher Letters of Recommendation
- Mid-Year Transcript or Current Grade Report (Common App and Upon Request)
- Final Transcript to College

Who Does What?

College Admissions



Student
(Online Application &
Testing Scores)

Counseling Center
(Naviance)

You've got questions...

We have answers!

We will going over this information in detail during our individual parent/student college meetings but please feel free to contact your child's school counselor with any questions you may have beforehand.