



11TH GRADE COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

CLASS OF 2025

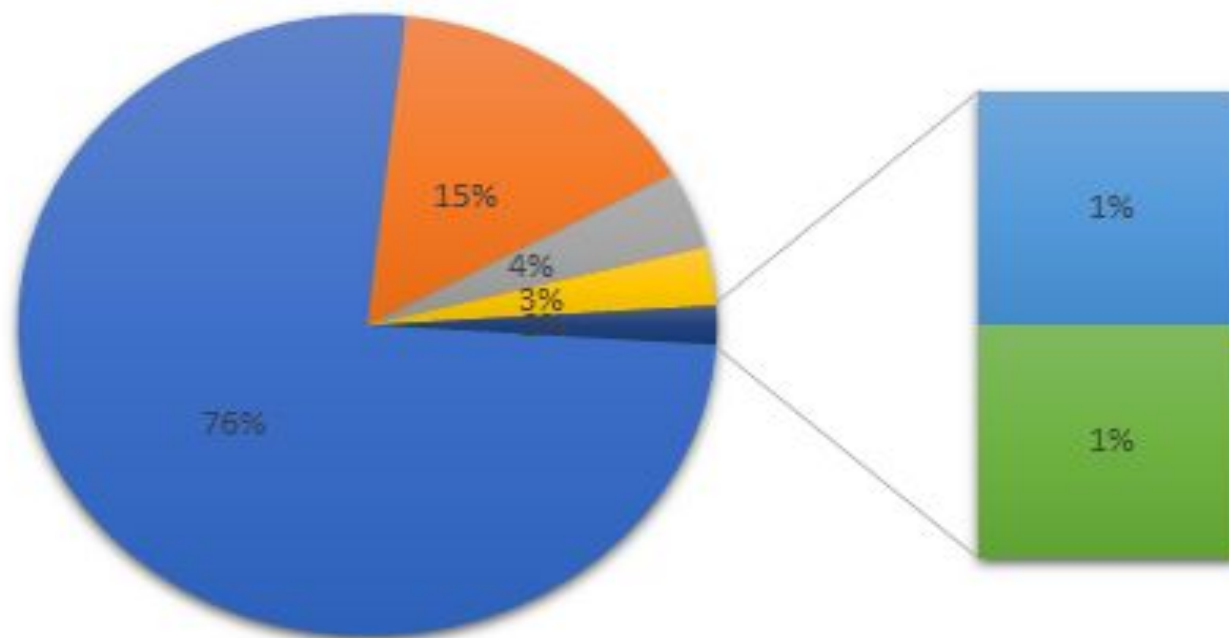
Agenda

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- How Do I Decide What Path is Right for Me?
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What are my options after graduation?

- 2-year college
- 4-year College
- Military
- ▶ Technical School
- ▶ Work
- ▶ Gap Year

Class of 2021 Senior Survey



4-Year School 2-Year Work Gap Year Business/Trade School Military

What Should Juniors Be Doing Now?



Do your research on college and career options

- Use Naviance/CollegeBoard websites for preliminary research
- College campus visits
- College rep visits in Town Hall
- Virtual tours/presentations/seminars

Keep your grades up through June 12th!

- This is your last full year to raise your GPA

How am I preparing for applying to college in the fall?

- Familiarize yourself with the WHS College Planning Checklist
- Plan 4 weeks ahead! Applying to college is like taking an extra course in 12th grade
- How am I going to organize my time/deadlines?

How Do I Decide What Path is Right for Me?

Take time to reflect:

- Where do you see yourself in 5 years? 10 years?
- Am I academically/socially-emotionally ready for college-level work and being more independent?
- Have I had honest/realistic conversations with parents?
 - Financial expectations
 - Location
 - Preparedness
 - Maturity
- Have I weighed out the pros/cons of 2-year college versus a 4-year college?



- Open to all seniors
- There is no minimum GPA to attend.
- SAT tests/GPA's are used to determine placement
 - 3.0 GPA-can place directly into college level
 - 2.0-2.99 GPA- college plus remedial classes
 - Less than 2.0-remedial classes required before college level
- Guaranteed Admissions Agreements to transfer to a 4-year college for those who qualify
- Students are encouraged to take DE classes in 12th grade
- Meetings with NOVA Counselor begin in the fall



Benefits:

- Additional time to grow/mature/improve my academic skills
- Additional time to figure out career track/major
- Save money!

Industry Specific Programs at NOVA

2 - 3 Year Associates of Applied Science and Certificate Programs

If you are not certain about going to a 4-year college, these are some examples of 2-3 year-long programs that will give you the training, experience and skills needed in a specific profession. These degrees and certificates boost your employability in these career fields.

Accounting	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	Automotive Technology	Business Management	Construction Management Technology
Cybersecurity	Dental Hygiene	Diagnostic Medical Sonography	Graphic Design	Hospitality
Information Systems Tech: Cloud Computing	Medical Laboratory Technology	Music Recording Technology	Nursing	Paralegal Studies
Photography & Media	Physical Therapist Assistant	Substance Abuse Rehabilitation	Radiation Oncology	Veterinary Technology



Application Requirements:

- Application (online)
- Application fee
- Official high school transcript
- Essay

Optional:

- Official SAT or ACT scores
- Letter of Recommendation

2-year Public Junior College in Petersburg, VA

- ▶ 1,500 students
- ▶ On-campus apartment-style housing (must keep a 2.5 GPA)
- ▶ Students have the option to transfer to William & Mary or any other 4-year college in Virginia
- ▶ Rolling admissions
- ▶ **Average GPA: 2.5**
- ▶ Approximately \$18,269/year
- ▶ www.rbc.edu



FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY



Quick Pointers

- Does it make sense for me to go to a 4-year school?
- Do your research!
 - Admission requirements
 - Average GPA/SAT scores
 - Majors, programs, internships
 - Cost
- Be realistic!
 - Safety school
 - Match school
 - Reach school
- Most WHS students apply to 6-10 colleges – This is NOT a competition!
- Consider visiting/taking a college tour for all schools you will apply to
- Get in the habit of checking your email every day. Communication (especially with your counselor) is very important.
- Familiarize yourself with the WHS College Planning Checklist



Admissions Deadlines - Options

Early Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Binding (legal contract)• You can only apply to ONE Early Decision school• Admission is granted usually by December 1st
Early Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-binding• You can apply to multiple schools• Admission is granted usually before winter break
Regular Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-binding• You can apply to multiple schools• Typically in January/February• Admission is granted by April 1st
Rolling Admissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You can apply whenever you want• Admission is granted on a first-come, first-serve basis so you can apply early for an early notification

What information do college admission officers review?

- Transcripts (Grades/overall GPA)
- Strength of high school courses
- Admissions test scores (ACT/SAT)“Test-Optional”
- Essay- a big part of your application
- Student’s demonstrated interest
- Personal accomplishments
 - Resume (extracurricular activities, club/sports, jobs)
 - Leadership
 - Letters of recommendation
- Courses in progress senior year & mid-year reports

Components of Your Application

Component	Who Is Responsible for Sending?	How?
College Application (Essay, resume, etc.)	Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online through admissions websites, Common App. or Coalition App.
*SAT/ACT Test Scores	Student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student submits request through College Board or ACT
Teacher Letter of Rec.	Teacher/ Counselor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student ask teacher in person first • Submit official request in Naviance (Plan 4 weeks in advance)
Official Transcript	Counselor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Transcript Request Form</u> (Available in the fall) • Once submitted, Counselor sends the following items through Naviance: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Official Transcript 2. School Profile 3. Secondary School Report 4. Teacher Letter of Rec. (if requested) 5. Counselor Letter of Rec. (if requested)

College Admission Tests

Note: Before you take one, find out if the schools you are applying to are "test-optional"



ACT

Consists of four tests: English,
Math, Reading, Science
Writing component is optional
Top composite score is 36



SAT

Consists of two tests: Verbal & Math
Each section is scored 200-800
Perfect score is 1600

TOEFL

Test for non-native English speakers
Talk to your counselor if you think you need to take this exam
Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing
Each section has a score range of 0-30

What Should I Be Doing Now?



By the End of June of 11th Grade

- Make sure you meet with your counselor before the summer
- Register/take the SAT or ACT (if applicable)
- Make sure you update your email in Naviance
- Identify and talk to at least 2 teachers to request a letter of recommendation
- Begin compiling a list of your accomplishments/resume
- Check your emails and Follow WHS College Planning Checklist

What should I do in the Summer?



www.ecmc.org/opportunities

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Checklist Items

- Research colleges
- Review SAT/ACT Scores
- Add 3-5 schools to your “Colleges I’m Applying To” List
- After August 1st, create your Common App account using the exact name and email that is listed in Naviance:
- Begin your college applications
- If you need a counselor letter of recommendation, please let your counselor know at least 4 weeks before your deadline.

What Should I Do in the Fall?

Suggested Timeline	Checklist Item
August/ September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Finalize your list of 6-10 schools that you are applying to● Register/take your 1st or 2nd attempt SAT or ACT (if applicable)● Complete the <u>FERPA Waiver</u> in your Common App● Complete the <u>Common Application Match</u> in Naviance-● Submit official requests for teacher letters of recommendation - Naviance● Continue working on college applications
October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Begin sending SAT/ACT scores to your colleges● Begin your FAFSA Application- <u>Availability is unknown at this time for Class of 2025</u> (fafsa.ed.gov)● Follow up with/thank your 1-2 teachers who are writing your letters of recommendation● Meet with your counselor to check-in and discuss application progress● Fill out a Transcript Request Form (1 FOR EACH SCHOOL)● This will be a Google Form link shared with you in the fall

Tips for Parents/Guardians

- **Counselors are currently meeting with their Juniors to discuss their post-secondary plans.**
- **Encourage independence!**
- **Help your child be realistic about their options.**
- **If applying to a 4-year college, help your child stay organized!**
- **Plan 4 weeks in advance!**
- **We don't recommend applying to more than 10 schools**
- **Encourage as much research as possible!**
- **College campus visits**
- **College rep visits in Town Hall come Fall 2024**
- **Virtual tours/presentations/seminars/panels**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ***Please check your email daily!***
Look out for emails regarding college rep visits, scholarships, and other important notifications.
- ***Do your research on your schools!***
Visit each school if possible.
- ***Be realistic*** with your schools (safety, match, and reach schools).
- ***Plan 4 weeks ahead!*** Teachers and counselors have approximately 50-60 other seniors requesting letters of recommendations/transcripts.



Questions

