

Timeline

Freshman Year

- Meet with your counselor to review your four-year plan.
- Access your account in Maia Learning. Complete the Interest Profiler or one other "Character" Assessment to begin exploring career and educational options.
- Visit the College and Career Center in Lab 258 at O'Plaine or meet with Mrs. Hartley and get acquainted with resources and think about what appeals to you.
- Sign-up to attend a College and Career Center presentation or career workshop. Sign-up to meet with college admission representatives during their visit to our O'Plaine Campus. See the complete list of college visits and upcoming workshops with the link in your WTHS email.
- Document your accomplishments/activities on Maia Learning's Resume in the "Portfolio" section.
- Attend Exploring Your Options Night on February 17.
- Take the PSAT-9 in April. Create your College Board account and link your PSAT scores to Khan Academy for personalized, free SAT test prep.

Sophomore Year

- Meet with your counselor to review your four-year plan making adjustments to coincide with your post-high school plans.
- Attend Sophomore College Planning Night on January 20th and/or Camino a College on February 2nd.
- Visit the College and Career Center. Sign-up to meet with college admission representatives during their visit to our O'Plaine Campus. See the complete list of college visits and upcoming workshops with the link in your WTHS email.
- Sign-up to attend a presentation or career workshop.
- Find a community service or volunteer activity that suits you.
- Re-visit the Career Interest results to assess which career reflects your interests.
- Understand what your grades and classes are on your transcript and how to calculate your GPA.
- Take the PSAT in April and utilize Khan Academy with the College Board to improve your skills for the SAT your junior year.
- Explore summer program opportunities at colleges or universities to enrich your experiences.
- Take opportunities for early college visits—either formally or informally.



Junior Year

FALL

- Meet with your counselor to review your four-year plan making adjustments to coincide with your post-high school plans.
- Sign-up in Maia Learning to meet with college admission representatives during their visit to WTHS. See schedule of college visits on Maia Learning under the Events section.
- Take the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test on Wednesday, October 13th. This is strongly encouraged for all college bound juniors and necessary for anyone wishing National Merit recognition.
- Attend the IACAC Illinois Regional College Fair at College of Lake County and attend the NACAC Chicago College Fair or in Milwaukee either virtually in-person (TBD).
- Sign into Maia Learning and add colleges to "Considering List" in the Universities section.
- Visit colleges in person when you are able.
- Attend Junior College Planning Night on Thursday, November 4th and Junior Seminars.

WINTER

- Start your post-high school planning in earnest. A good first step is to **meet with your counselor** and review your strengths and interests, your academic plan, and your current record.
- Register carefully for your senior year courses, making sure that you will have the necessary college admission requirements for colleges you are interested in.
- Research college using Maia Learning, the College and Career Center, talking with college representatives, and asking colleges to send you information.

SPRING

- Discuss college costs with your family to begin to research financial aid and scholarship opportunities.
- In the spring, take the SAT Test in April. Consider taking the ACT and possibly SAT again. If you are considering ROTC or a service academy, contact the appropriate persons so that you are doing the preliminary parts of the application.
- Attend your junior spring seminar about the college search, SAT test and building your holistic application.
- Utilize Maia Learning to search and build a list of colleges that meet your criteria and pique your interest. Note their application deadlines and testing requirements.
- Register for the NCAA Eligibility Center and submit your ACT or SAT scores to code 9999 if you plan to participate in a Division I or II sport in college. Visit colleges you are interested in the spring or summer.

Timeline (continued)

Senior Year

FALL

- Attend the College Application Kick-Off presentation on August 31st to learn about the application process with your parents, if possible.
- Re-take the ACT or SAT if necessary. Have test scores sent to the colleges in which you are applying.
- Sign-up in Maia Learning to meet with college admission representatives during their visit to WTHS. See schedule of college visits in Maia Learning under the Events section.
- **Make an appointment to see your counselor.** Review your credits, college entrance requirements, and college choices. Talk about the application process and the counselor and/or teacher recommendations. If needed, complete the letter or recommendation form and submit copies to your counselor and requested teachers.
- If needed, contact teachers, coaches, or advisors directly about letters or recommendations.
- Sign-up in Maia Learning under Events to attend helpful, senior specific workshops in the College and Career Center.
- On Thursday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m., attend the Financing Your Child's Education at WTHS O'Plaine Auditorium.
- After October 1st, fill out the FAFSA if you plan to apply for need-based financial aid.
- Attend the NACAC Chicago National College Fair or the Milwaukee National College Fair either virtually or in-person (TBD) with your parents, if possible.
- Attend the FAFSA Completion Evening Workshops for parents & students, if needed in October or November.
- Attend the IACAC Illinois Regional College Fair at College of Lake County either virtually or in-person (TBD) Firm up your alternatives.
- Attend the NACAC Performing Arts College Fair at the UIC Forum either virtually or in-person (TBD) with your parents, if possible.
- Come to the College & Career Center to get help with your applications, if needed.
- Check out scholarship opportunities in Maia Learning under the Universities tab (Scholarships).
- Complete applications and essays. See your counselor or post-secondary counselor about any questions you have about the application process.



- **Check application deadlines** and meet those deadlines. Remember that most college applications are submitted prior to winter break, and that counselors need requests for recommendations at **least two weeks before the application deadline**. The University of Illinois priority deadline is in November 1st. Many other colleges have early deadlines as well.
- Request transcripts be sent to the college you are applying to. Click [here](#) for a link to the directions of how to request your transcripts through Maia Learning.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY

- Complete the CSS Profile (financial aid) **if your college choices require it.**
- Submit the final applications. Notify your counselor of all college responses in Maia Learning (accepted, not accepted, wait listed, withdrawn and final decision) and all scholarship offers.
- Request mid-year reports be sent to the colleges that require them. Stay in constant communication with your counselor and keep them updated with documents you need.
- Stay focused on your academic work while you wait for acceptance letters.
- Attend the Local Scholarship Workshop for Seniors on February 11th.
- Pay attention and if qualified, apply for the numerous local, state and national scholarship opportunities through Maia Learning or in the CCC.

MARCH-JUNE

- Make final campus visits if needed.
- Send in confirmation and the housing deposit to the college you decide to attend.
- Notify colleges of your decision to attend or not attend. Note: the National Candidate Reply date is May 1.
- Notify your counselor of your plans and complete the graduation survey through Maia Learning.
- Request your final transcript in Maia Learning to the college you plan to enroll at.
- Print or download a copy of your Resume from Maia Learning before you graduate.

AFTER GRADUATION

- If you need an additional transcript to be sent to a transfer college after your high school graduation, you will need to create a Parchment account to request one. For additional information about this process, click [here](#). Questions? Contact our Registrar at cflowers@wth.net or 847-548-6740.
- Your Maia Learning account will not be accessible by students after graduation.