

**WHAT'S YOUR
PLAN AFTER
GRADUATION?**

TOPICS WE WILL COVER

- UNDERSTANDING A TRANSCRIPT
- POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS
- RESEARCHING SCHOOL
- DECISION PLANS
- COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
- STANDARDIZED TESTS
- FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS
- JUNIOR YEAR TASKS
- SENIOR YEAR TIMELINES

TRANSCRIPT REVIEW (WHAT IS CONSIDERED?)

1. THE CLASSES YOU CHOSE IN HS SHOULD ALIGN WITH YOUR FUTURE PLANS.
2. WHAT'S YOUR OVERALL NGA? WHAT IS YOUR GPA YEAR-TO-YEAR?
3. CLASS RANK.

***FOR YOUR GPA, WE ACTUALLY PUT YOUR NGA (NUMERIC GRADE AVERAGE) ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT. WE REFER TO THE COLLEGE BOARD CONVERSION CHART TO DETERMINE A STUDENT'S GPA.

Course Title	LGR	%	EC	Course Title	LGR	%	EC	
22-23 Williamsport Area High School								9TH GR GPA/CR SUMMARY: NGA: 88.17 Cr Att: 7.00 Cmp: 7.00
AP ENG 11	B	80.85	1.00					10TH GR GPA/CR SUMMARY: NGA: 90.01 Cr Att: 7.00 Cmp: 7.00
PCT WRLD HIST II (H)	B	85.04	1.00					
PRECALC/TRIG H	B	86.68	1.00					
PHYSICS I	B	89.91	1.00					
INTRO TO BUS	A	95.75	0.50					11TH GR GPA/CR SUMMARY: NGA: 90.48 Cr Att: 7.00 Cmp: 7.00
PERSONAL FINANCE	B	89.23	0.50					
PIANO KYBRD	A	100.00	0.50					
CON ORCH	A	100.00	1.00					
HEALTH 02	A	96.71	0.50					12TH Gr GPA/CR SUMMARY: NGA: Cr Att: 0.00 Cmp: 0.00
21-22 Williamsport Area High School								
ENG 10H	B	84.46	1.00					
CIVICS/GOV H	B	80.35	1.00					
MOD GEOM H	B	83.94	1.00					Cumulative NGA: 89.55 Earned Credit Hrs: 21.00 Class Rank: 84 out of 350
CHEMISTRY I H	A	92.52	1.00					
SPANISH 2	A	94.24	1.00					
CON ORCH	A	100.00	1.00					
HEALTH 01 (S2)	A	92.05	0.50					TEST RESULTS ACT SAT KEYSTONE Alg Bio Lit
PE 05	A	97.08	0.50					
20-21 Williamsport Area High School								
ENG 9H	B	87.34	1.00					
US HIST II H	B	83.18	1.00					
MOD ALG 2H	B	81.71	1.00					
BIOLOGY I H	B	84.21	1.00					
SPANISH 1	B	85.29	1.00					
FR ORCH	A	98.84	1.00					
PE 01 (S2)	A	99.17	0.50					
CAR PATH/FIN LIT	A	94.00	0.50					
GRADE SCALE				INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS				
A=Excellent		(90-100%)						
B=Good		(80-89.99%)						
C=Average		(70-79.99%)						
D=Min. Ach.		(65-69.99%)						
E=Failing		(1-64.99%)						
M=Medically Excused		(0)						
W=Withdraw		(0)						
I=Incomplete								

SENIOR YEAR CLASSES

WHAT DO I NEED TO TAKE:

- 4TH ENGLISH CREDIT
- 4TH MATH CREDIT
- SWING CORRECT FOR SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES. A 4TH CREDIT IS NEEDED IN ONE, AND A 3RD CREDIT IN THE OTHER (UNLESS YOU ARE A L3 CTE STUDENT).

WHAT SHOULD I TAKE:

- FOREIGN LANGUAGE; NOT REQUIRED, BUT USUALLY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED/REQUIRED FROM COLLEGES.
- CHALLENGING COURSEWORK

POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS

- **TRADE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

TRAINING IS FOCUSED ON BUILDING SKILLS SPECIFIC TO AN OCCUPATION, SUCH AS AUTOMOTIVE, CARPENTRY, WELDING.

- **COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

STUDENTS CAN EARN GENERAL EDUCATION CREDITS AND TRANSFER TO A LARGER SCHOOL.

- **WORKFORCE**

FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT DIRECTLY OUT OF WAHS.

- **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**

TRADITIONAL 2 OR 4 YEAR SCHOOL.

- **MILITARY**

ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINES, SPACE FORCE, COAST GUARD OR NATIONAL GUARD.

- **GAP YEAR**

TAKE A YEAR OFF, TYPICALLY WITH FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, AND THEN ATTENDING A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY.

RESEARCHING SCHOOLS, FACTORS TO CONSIDER:

- ADMISSION CRITERIA
- COST
- ACADEMICS
- DISTANCE FROM HOME
- GEOGRAPHIC SETTING
- ATMOSPHERE
- SIZE

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BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST

- REACH: COLLEGES WHERE THE STUDENT APPLIES KNOWING THEY DO NOT MEET SOME REQUIREMENTS. MAY BE WORTHWHILE IF YOU HAVE OTHER ATTRIBUTES, EXPERIENCES, OR QUALITIES THAT ALLOW YOU TO STAND OUT.
- TARGET: COLLEGES WHERE THE STUDENT MEETS MOST OF THE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA. STUDENT FALLS WITHIN ACCEPTABLE RANGE OF GPA, SCORES, ACTIVITIES, ETC.
- SAFETY: COLLEGES WHERE THE STUDENT EXCEEDS ALL OF THE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- EARLY DECISION:
 - BINDING AGREEMENT WITH THE COLLEGE, REGARDLESS OF FINANCIAL AID AWARD. IF ACCEPTED, STUDENTS MUST WITHDRAW OTHER APPLICATIONS. DEADLINES ARE IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.
- EARLY ACTION:
 - NON-BINDING, BUT MUST BE COMPLETED EARLY! MOST DEADLINES ARE IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER. WILL HEAR BACK SOONER THAN THOSE APPLYING REGULAR DECISION.
- REGULAR DECISION:
 - TRADITIONAL APPLICATION AFFORDED BY MOST SCHOOLS. APPLY BY A SPECIFIC DATE AND RECEIVE A DECISION WITHIN A STATED PERIOD OF TIME.
- ROLLING ADMISSIONS:
 - APPLY THROUGHOUT THE FALL. APPLICANTS ARE TYPICALLY NOTIFIED WITHIN 4-8 WEEKS.

HOW DO I APPLY AND GET A TRANSCRIPT?

- APPLY TO COLLEGES THROUGH THE COMMON APPLICATION OR DIRECTLY ON THE COLLEGE WEBSITE.
- TO REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT THROUGH PARCHMENT, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS AT [HTTPS://WWW.WASD.ORG/OUR-SCHOOLS/WILLIAMSPORT-AREA-HIGH-SCHOOL/TRANSCRIPTS](https://www.wasd.org/our-schools/williamsport-area-high-school/transcripts)

SAT/ACT DATES/INFO:

- STUDENTS MUST REGISTER COMPLETELY ONLINE FOR THE SAT AND ACT.
- THE SCHOOL **DOES NOT** SEND SAT OR ACT SCORES. STUDENTS MUST PAY TO SEND THESE REPORTS DIRECTLY TO EACH COLLEGE FROM THEIR COLLEGE BOARD ACCOUNT.
- STUDENTS GET 4 FREE SCORE REPORTS WHEN THEY REGISTER.
- BASED ON A FAMILIES FINANCIAL STATUS, YOU MAY QUALIFY TO TAKE THE SAT TWICE, FOR FREE.
- **SOME SCHOOLS ACCEPT SCORES ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT. PLEASE DISCUSS THIS WITH YOUR COUNSELOR.

2023-24 DATES & DEADLINES

SAT

AUG 26, 2023

Reg by July 28

OCT 7, 2023

Reg by Sept 8

NOV 4, 2023

Reg by Oct 5

DEC 2, 2023

Reg by Nov 2

MAR 9, 2024

Reg by Feb 23

ACT

SEPT 9, 2023

Reg by Aug 4

OCT 28, 2023

Reg by Sept 22

DEC 9, 2023

Reg by Nov 3

FEB 10, 2024

Reg by Jan 5

APR 13, 2024

Reg by Mar 8

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- 1. FAFSA:

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID. CAN BE COMPLETED AS EARLY AS DECEMBER 1ST OF SENIOR YEAR. ******FINANCIAL AID NIGHT WILL BE ON OCTOBER 17TH AT 6:00 PM. FOLLOWED BY A CREATING FSA ID AT 7:00 PM. JANUARY 16TH IS THE FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP AT 6:00 PM. YOU ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

FAFSA TELLS YOU HOW MUCH YOU QUALIFY FOR IN FREE MONEY (GRANTS, WHICH YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY BACK) AND HOW MUCH YOUR EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC) WILL BE. EFC IS BASED ON YOUR FAMILY INCOME. GO TO THE [FAFSA4CASTER](#) TO SEE AN EARLY ESTIMATE OF THIS NUMBER.

$\text{COST OF SCHOOL} - \text{EFC} = \text{FINANCIAL NEED/HOW MUCH MONEY YOU WILL NEED TO PAY.}$

PAYING FOR COLLEGE, CONTINUED....

- 2. SCHOLARSHIPS:

MONEY THAT DOES NOT NEED TO BE PAID BACK. STUDENTS CAN START SEARCHING NOW! ONCE ACCEPTED TO SCHOOL, IT IS IMPORTANT TO MONITOR YOUR FINANCIAL AID PAGE FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES. *****WAHS HAS A COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION THAT BECOMES AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY. ALSO, IN A FEW WEEKS, THERE WILL BE A COMPREHENSIVE LIST AVAILABLE THAT REFERENCE BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. LOOK AT SCHOLOGY AND CHECK-IN WITH GUIDANCE REGULARLY!!!!**

- 3. LOANS:

MONEY BORROWED BY STUDENT OR FAMILY THAT MUST BE PAID BACK. CAN TAKE OUT FEDERAL AND/OR PRIVATE LOANS THROUGH LENDER OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

- 4. WORK STUDY:

BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED, PROVIDES STUDENT WITH AN ON-CAMPUS JOB.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

- DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSEWORK ALLOWS STUDENTS (GRADE LEVEL AND GPA REQUIREMENT VARIES PER COURSE) AN OPPORTUNITY TO EARN COLLEGE CREDITS WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL.
- WAHS HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY AND PENN COLLEGE. *COURSES HAVE TO BE BOARD APPROVED FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT AS WELL.
- THE BIGGEST BENEFIT OF DE IS EARNING COLLEGE CREDITS AT AN AFFORDABLE RATE.

Bloomsburg | Lock Haven | Mansfield
COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PA

PENNSYLVANIA
COLLEGE OF
TECHNOLOGY

NCAA CONSIDERATIONS

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER DETERMINES YOUR ACADEMIC FOR COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS.

IF A STUDENT IS PLANNING ON COMPETING IN DIVISION 1 OR DIVISION 2 ATHLETICS, THE STUDENT MUST REGISTER ONLINE THROUGH THE NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE.

STUDENT/FAMILY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THAT THEY MEET NCAA COURSE AND GPA REQUIREMENTS.

STUDENTS NEED TO REGISTER BY JULY 1ST OF JUNIOR YEAR IN ORDER TO BE PRE-SCREENED FOR LIMITED, OFFICIAL VISITS.



JUNIOR YEAR TASKS

- START TO RESEARCH COLLEGES AND NARROW DOWN YOUR LIST. VISIT IF POSSIBLE!!!! LYCOMING COLLEGE ALSO HOSTS A YEARLY COLLEGE FAIR, BE ON THE LOOKOUT.
- BE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT THE COURSES YOU CHOOSE FOR THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR.
- REGISTER FOR THE SAT OR ACT IN THE SPRING.
- REGISTER WITH NCAA IF PLANNING TO PLAY D1 OR D2 ATHLETICS.

SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

- APPLY TO YOUR CHOSEN COLLEGES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SEATS CAN AND WILL FILL UP, EVEN IF YOU MEET OR EVEN EXCEED A SCHOOL AND/OR PROGRAM'S REQUIREMENTS.
 - RE-TAKE SAT OR ACT, IF NECESSARY.
 - SECURE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.
 - HAVE AN ADULT OR TWO READ/REVIEW ANY COLLEGE ESSAYS.
 - ATTEND FINANCIAL AID/FAFSA NIGHTS!
 - LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!!!!
 - COMPARE YOUR FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE FROM THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT HAVE ACCEPTED YOU.

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

- 9TH GRADE, MRS. ECK: KECK@WASD.ORG
- 10TH GRADE, MRS. HUNSINGER: SHUNSING@WASD.ORG
- 11TH GRADE, MRS. HARRIS: MKHARRIS@WASD.ORG
- 12TH GRADE, MRS. BECKER: JBECKER@WASD.ORG

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

- 11TH GRADERS NEED TO RETURN A PHYSICAL EXAM PER THE STATE MANDATE BY THE END OF THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR.
- 12TH GRADERS NEED TO RETURN PROOF OF THE MENINGITIS #2 VACCINE FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PER THE STATE MANDATE OR RISK EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL