are you a 1st generation college student?

**1st generation**: If **neither** parent holds a Bachelor's degree from a 4-year college, a student is considered a 1st generation college student.

**GOAL**: Our goal is to make the transition from high school to college easier!

**Please find the link to the Google Form on the Guidance Webpage.**
What type of college should I attend?

- **COLLEGE** offers courses leading to a 4 year degree
- **UNIVERSITY** usually has several colleges on one campus
- **PUBLIC** receive state tax funds; lower tuition
- **PRIVATE** no state tax funds; higher tuition-often more grants
- **COMMUNITY** offers courses leading to a 2 year (Associate's) degree or certification
- **TECHNICAL** offers job related programs and licensure
What do colleges look at?

• Difficulty of high school courses taken
• Grades and grade point average
• Test scores (ACT/SAT)
• Academic reputation of high school
• Extracurricular activities
• Recommendations
• Essays
• Interviews
• College courses taken while in high school
• Class Rank
What factors should I consider?

- Type of college (2 year, 4 year, public, Christian, etc.)
- Size of college
- Location
- Housing
- Reputation
- Cost/Financial Aid
- Athletics/Extracurricular
- Support services
- Majors offered
- Campus Visit
Where do I look for information?

• College Websites (Admissions), Future student pages
• Interactive web sites-Facebook, Twitter, College Week Live, BigFuture, Collegeboard.Com
• College catalogs/bulletins
• Talk with college representatives
• Attend college fairs
• Check the Internet websites (Guidance page, Google Search)
• Talk with counselors, teachers, parents, alumni
• Take a campus visit
Meet your COLLEGE REPS!!

REPS WHO VISIT WHS:

• Convenient networking! Can be very important.
• Be active with this in the fall.
• **Register for visit through Naviance** (or stop by guidance)
Campus Visits

- Contact Admissions office in advance to schedule tours, sit in on classes, talk to students, etc
- Take pictures
- Take notes
- Come prepared with questions- see handout
- Talk with tour guides/students- ask about their experiences
- Try to go when they are in session

- Pick up **College Visit form** in WHS Attendance office (at least 2 days before your scheduled visit)
How do I select a major?

Examine your areas of interest, values, goals, and ambitions.

- **Naviance** - Self Assessments/Detailed Reports -- links to possible college majors
- **Job shadow** and **speak with people** who work in careers that seem interesting to you.
- Approximately **50%** of all college freshmen are undecided on a major.

If you delay choosing a major, you may need to take additional coursework. Most colleges have a course designed to help undecided freshmen find a major.
How much does college cost?

Yearly tuition at Ohio’s **state supported colleges** runs approximately:  $15,225 Average

At a **Private college**, tuition can be  $27,035- average

2 Years at **Community College**- $10,371 average

**Room and board** can add another $12,000+

Other expenses include: books, supplies, travel, clothes, toiletries, entertainment, etc.
COLLEGE TUITION COST SAVINGS

- 2 year colleges/branches-
  - reasonable cost, quality education
  - And transfer credits! Can roll into a 4 year college/degree, with a thought out plan.

  ex: Wayne College- $6000/year

Technical career-oriented degrees offered by two-year colleges can lead to employment immediately after the student completes his/her associate degree.
Financial Aid & Scholarships

Be Active & Diligent! YOU must search for sources of aid- and meet all deadlines.

- College websites, national search engines (Fastweb), and local scholarship in January.
- File the FAFSA after October 1st of senior year.
Individual family appointments

Personalized assistance with Financial Aid (FAFSA), scholarship search, college applications.

Sign up online thru Sign-Up Genius (Guidance Webpage or Naviance)

Junior Student Info Mtg Jan. 28th!
## ACT/SAT test & registration dates 2020

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**ACT**

[actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

**SAT**

[collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)
ACT/SAT score reports

***Some schools require that scores be sent directly from testing center (i.e. OSU, Miami, Cincinnati, NCAA)

Free to send to 4 colleges- select when registering. (Otherwise, you will pay $13 to send score report)
Junior Parent College Planning Night

- **Wednesday March 4th** at 6:30 p.m. in the P.A.C

Topics covered include:
- *Getting started with the college admissions process*
- *Campus visits*
- *College search*
- *ACT/SAT testing*
You say college is not for you?

What is holding you back?

• My grades are not good enough
• My family is not helpful/supportive
• I am the 1st in my family to attend
• I can’t afford it
• It is too overwhelming

You can overcome these obstacles!

Check out

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/student-profile
Interested in the Military?

Military Academy Day- TBD

Info from 5 branches for prospective students

- US Military Academy
- US Naval Academy
- US Air Force Academy
- US Merchant Marine Academy
- US Coast Guard Academy

www.goarmy.com
NCAA- should I register?

Yes, if you plan to play Div 1 or 2 sports in college.

www.eligibilitycenter.org

You must be registered and certified by NCAA to receive athletic scholarship.

Register during your junior year.
So, what should I do now?

- maintain strong grades
- continue involvement in activities
- consider which 1-2 teachers to ask to write your letters of rec
- Visit Campuses
- Interview people!
- take ACT/SAT; work to improve test scores
But … when do I apply?

Types of Admission

Rolling- typically Sept-July. Will evaluate as applications are received

Regular Decision- most common, deadlines between Nov-January

Early Decision- if accepted, you agree to attend and withdraw all other applications. Binding. *Not recommended for students relying on Financial Aid!

Early Action/Priority- like early decision, but not binding. Can accept offer, or wait until spring to decide.

Watch deadlines!
questions?
Naviance Login:

**Username:**
6-digit Student ID number

**Password:**
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