Credit Check

* Transcript Review
* Senior Year Courses
* Graduation Requirements
* Credit Check
* Course/Credit Deficiencies

Post High School Plans

* 4 Year University
* Technical College
* Work
* Apprenticeship
* Military

Applications & Deadlines

* College
* University
* Technical School

College Fairs

* [www.gotocollegefairs.com](http://www.gotocollegefairs.com)
* [www.wefs.org](http://www.wefs.org)

Scholarships

* Letters of Recommendation
* Volunteer/Community Service
* Resume

Financial Aid

* Application at [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov)
* Begin filing October 1st of senior year
* College Goal Wisconsin Events (flyer enclosed)

Testing

* ACT
* SAT
* Accuplacer
* ASVAB

ACT National Test Dates and Registration Deadlines:

For: *Oct 26*, register by **Sept 20**

 *Dec 14*, register by **Nov 8**

 *Feb 8*, register by **Jan 10**

 *Apr 4*, register by **Feb 28**

 *Jul 13*, register by **May 8**

 *Jul 18*, register by **June 19**

**Know yourself & your reasons for attending college**

* Recognize your strengths and weaknesses
* Analyze your interests and values
* Achieve a personal goal
* Increase your earning power
* Prepare for a career and expand learning
* Extracurricular activities and social life
* Influence of family and friends

**Checklist for a campus visit**

* Meet with an Admission Counselor
* Verify admission requirements
* Determine actual college costs
* Ask about financial aid opportunities
* Take a campus tour
* Investigate your academic program(s)
* Attend a class
* Talk with students and faculty
* Discuss your chances for success:
	+ admission
	+ graduation
	+ placement

College/University Plan

**Junior Year:**

**September - May** -

* College representatives will be at WHS for small group presentations. Dates and times are posted on the bulletin board across from the Counseling Office, and in the Library. To attend a session, get a pass from the Counseling Office.
* Begin researching scholarships. Resources are available in the Counseling Office, and on-line.
* Practice taking the ACT exam at: [http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf](http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf%20)

**October** -

* Campus visits
* Attend Education Fairs

**February - June** -

* Take the ACT (or wait for mandatory ACT test in February) or SAT if you plan to attend a college/university. Your choice depends upon the college’s requirements. All UW schools in Wisconsin accept the ACT or SAT as a college entrance exam.

**February/March –**

* **Take the mandatory ACT Plus Writing college admissions exam**
	+ **ACT test on March 3rd; make-up date March 17h**

**Spring of Junior Year** –

* Visit college campuses. Make certain that you call in advance to make an appointment. Phone numbers are available in the UW System and Private Colleges Guide.

**Senior Year:**

**September** –

* Reminder to obtain at least 3 letters of recommendation from people who know you well and can attest to your skills & abilities (teachers, pastor, community member, counselor, principal).

**September/October** –

* Apply to colleges. University of Wisconsin schools start accepting applications Sept. 15th of your Senior year. **Apply early!!!!**
* Attend the Education Fair if you didn’t go as a junior and obtain information from colleges.
* Campus visits

**October** –

* **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Apply online!!**
	+ Visit: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> for everything you need to know about obtaining an FSA ID and filling out the FAFSA.
* Begin to check the scholarship list on the WHS website, paying close attention to deadline dates.

**January - June** –

* Mail admission fees to colleges
* Respond to housing notices
* Make early arrangements for college orientation and registration.

Technical/2 Year College Plan

**Junior Year:**

* **September/May** -
* College representatives will be at WHS for small group presentations. Dates and times are posted on the Counseling Office window. To attend a session, get a pass from the Counseling office.
* Begin researching scholarships. Check out resources that are available in the Counseling Office.
* **October** –
* Attend an Education Fair
* **February** –
* Students may begin to apply to technical colleges/2 year programs as early as February 1st of their junior year. Certain programs may have waiting lists so apply early.
* Once you have been accepted to a program, set up an appointment with Mr. Olson or Mrs. Prodell to take the Accuplacer Exam at WHS.
* **February - June** –
* You may need to set up testing for certain programs. Please check with your technical college/program to see if this applies to you. Technical colleges may take ACT scores as your entrance exam (some programs require their own test).
* **February/March –**
* **Take the mandatory ACT Plus Writing college admissions exam**
	+ **ACT test on March 3rd; make-up date March 17th**
* **Spring of Junior Year** –
* Visit technical college campuses. Make certain that you call in advance to make an appointment. Phone numbers are available in the Wisconsin Technical Guide.

**Senior Year:**

* **September - October** -
* Remember to obtain at least 3 letters of recommendation from people who know you well and can attest to your skills & abilities, (teachers, pastor, community member, counselor, principal)
* Begin checking the WHS [Scholarship website](https://www.wrightstown.k12.wi.us/high/scholarship_list.cfm), and the [UW Help website](https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/counselors/navigating-financial-aid/uw-system-scholarship-links/) for available scholarships.
* Apply to a technical college / 2 yr. program if you did not apply last February. **Apply early!!**
* **October - February** –
* **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Apply online!!**
	+ Visit: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> for everything you need to know about obtaining an FSA ID and filling out the FAFSA.
* Begin to check the scholarship list on the WHS website, paying close attention to deadline dates.
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* **January/June** –
* Mail admission fees to colleges
* Make early arrangements for college orientation and registration.
* **February** –
* Attend a financial aid meeting if possible.
* **May** –
* Let Mrs. Halfman know of any scholarships you have been awarded.
* Request your final transcript be sent to your college or university via the Parchment website. (The link to [Parchment](http://www.parchment.com/) is on the [WHS website](https://www.wrightstown.k12.wi.us/high/)).

World of Work Plan

**Junior Year:**

**November** –

* If you are interested in a military career, sign up to take the ASVAB test.

**Summer** before senior year –

* Start researching possible employment opportunities, update your resume and work on interviewing skills.

**Senior Year:**

* **September - December** –
* Obtain three letters of recommendation from people who know you well and can attest to your skills and abilities.
* Check the Counseling Office, local newspaper, Library and bulletin boards for possible job opportunities.
* **September – January**
* Log in to [Xello](https://login.xello.world/), review interest inventories, and explore career opportunities.
* **May** –
* Attend a job fair (look in local newspapers for more information or search the internet under: Job Fairs in Wisconsin).
* Register with a Job Center in the area in which you would like to work (google Wisconsin Job Center, or Michigan Job Center, for example).

**Online Resources**

**Campus Tours**

(<http://www.campustours.com>)

Virtual college tours, interactive maps and live video cameras.

**Family Education Resources**

(<http://www.familyeducation.com/school-and-learning/preparing-college>)

Provides educational resources for students and parents.

**Petersons**

(<http://www.petersons.com>)

Studying abroad, careers and job info, summer programs, financing education, college quest and test prep.

**UWHelp**
(<http://www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu>)

Advising and academic info for the 4 year UW system. Info includes admissions, majors, programs, scholarships, and financial aid.

**UW Colleges**

(<http://www.uwc.edu>)

Info on Wisconsin 2 year colleges including admissions, timetables, financial aid and online applications.

**Collegeboard**

([https://www.collegeboard.org](https://www.collegeboard.org/)/)

SAT info and registration, financial aid, scholarship, career search, college search and application info.

**Wisconsin Technical Colleges**

(<http://witechcolleges.com>)

Information on Technical Colleges in WI.

**US Dept of Education Federal Student Aid**

( <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/> )

Everything you need to know about how to apply for financial aid from the federal government.

**Fastweb**

(<http://www.fastweb.com>)

Scholarship search and financial aid info.

**Scholarship** **Search by College Board**

(<http://www.collegeboard.com/paying>)

Scholarship search and financial aid info.

**Financial Aid**

(<http://www.finaid.org>)

Information includes: loans, scholarships, military aid and other financial aid.

**Department of Workforce Development**

([https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/)](https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/)

Information includes support programs, apprentices, child care, employment and training, insurance and much more.

**Testing and Evaluation Services**

(<https://testing.wisc.edu/centerpages/regionaltesting.html>)

Information on the UW System campuses that is convenient for regional placement tests.

**Occupational Outlook Handbook**

(<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>)

Career information includes: working conditions, training, education needed, earnings and expected job prospects.

**Xello (formerly Career Cruising)**

([[https://login.xello.world](https://login.xello.world/))](https://public.careercruising.com/en/)

Xello is a self-exploration and planning program that helps people of all ages achieve their potential in school, career and life. WHS students have usernames and passwords to log in. Contact Counseling office if you have misplaced that info.

**Health Careers**

(<http://www.wihealthcareers.org/>)

Info on all health careers in the area.

**ACT**

(<http://act.org>)

Information includes ACT assessment and other programs & services.

**College Navigator**

(<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>)

Another great resource to compare schools, create and save a spreadsheet with college information, and much more.