

Post-Secondary Planning

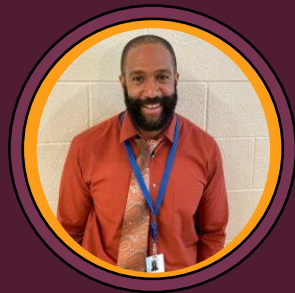
*Washington-Liberty High School
Counseling
January 22, 2026*



Who is My Counselor?



Dara Williams
Director



Dewey Cashwell
10th: A-Ba
11th: A-Ba



Alain Poutre
10th: Bb-Ce
11th: Bb-ol



Lizzy Palmer
10th: Cf-D
11th: Com-Ego



Bridgette Wanzer
10th: E-F
11th: Er-Go



Jessie Osher
10th: K-L
11th: L-Mc



Megan Grasso
10th: M
11th: Md-O



Regla Perez Pino
10th: N-Pi
11th: P-Ro

Who is My Counselor?



Atiya Rehman

10th: H-J

11th: I-K



Erin Gagen

10th: Pj-Sa

11th: Rof-So



Nicole Low

10th: Sb-Tl

11th: Sp-V



Alysha Damratowski

10th: G

11th: Gp-H



Tyler Wynnnyk

10th: Trj-Z

11th: Vid-Z



Ronald Valdez

EL Counselor

A-G



Irma Medrano

EL Counselor

H-Z



Elysse Catino

College and Career

Upcoming Events

- *January 16: Electives Fair (all lunches)*
- *January 22-27 : Quarter 2 Assessments*
- *January 29 : End of Quarter 2*
- *January 29: Activities Fair*
- *Mid-February: Course selection due and Academic Advising*





Brief Overview

- *Introduction*
- *SchoolLinks*
- *Prepping for Success*
- *Testing*
- *Junior Year*
- *Senior Year: What to Expect*
- *Additional Options*



SchoolLinks



SchoolLinks

College & Career
Platform



- *Career Exploration*
- *College Search*
- *College Profile*



SchooLinks

College & Career
Platform



*QR Code to APS SchooLinks
Resource page*





STUDENT
Home



Home



Student



Explore



Plan



Engage



Career



College

Here's what's happening

Check out this Scholarship!

Major Randall Diaz, FLWG Group 6

Scholarship

Deadline: January 15, 2026

Civil Air Patrol, USAF Auxiliary

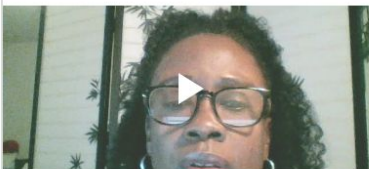
What advice would you give a student in high school who might want to become a registered nurse?



Registered Nurse
JOCELYN WILTZ

622

What is the nursing schedule like?



Registered Nurse
JOCELYN WILTZ

427

Exit Student Demo



James Snyder



To Do List 3

Events

Reminders

My Team

Survey/Forms

Shared Notes

5 Overdue To Dos (30+ Days)

1 Overdue!

December 2025

31st Set/update Goal College



Not Done



2 Due within the Next Four Weeks!

January 2026

31st Favorite Majors or Training Programs



Not Done



31st Set/Update Post-Secondary Goal



Not Done



5 More To Dos Coming Up This Year

Show Remaining To Dos





STUDENT

Scores and Performance

Exit Student Demo ×



James Snyder



No GPA found.
Unweighted GPA

No wGPA found.
Weighted GPA

No class rank data found.

ACT scores /36

View your colleges' ACT stats →

? ACT Goal ⓘ

Add ACT Goal score...



? PreACT Goal ⓘ

Add PreACT Goal score...



Add ACT score...

Register for the ACT ↗

AP Test scores

No AP scores found.

SAT scores /1600

View your colleges' SAT stats →

? SAT Goal ⓘ

Add SAT Goal score...



? PSAT Goal ⓘ

Add PSAT Goal score...



Add SAT score...

Register for the SAT ↗

Other scores

Here's what's happening 📌

Check out this Scholarship!
Kevin Kamenetz Scholarship
Deadline: March 2, 2026

Central Scholarship

Events

Opportunity Board

Experience Tracking

Programs

Deadline: March 2, 2026

Central Scholarship

Check out this Scholarship!

**Goodwin Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
Alumni Scholarship**
Deadline: March 2, 2026

Central Scholarship

Check out this Scholarship!

Charles Green Family Foundation

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Show Remaining To Dos

School Search

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School search

Favorites & lists

Admission stats

Final list

College applications

Enrollment decision

Search schools

Search for a location, school, or program...

List Split Map

Filter by

School Type 2 Campus Admissions Acceptance Sports Degree Type Other

Sort by

Applications from District

Virginia Public Private

79 Schools

83.6% Grad Rate

Virginia Tech

Blacksburg, VA | Public

90.8% Grad Rate

University of Virginia-Main Campus

Charlottesville, VA | Public

66.4% Grad Rate

James Madison University

Harrisonburg, VA | Public

48.5% Grad Rate

George Mason University

Fairfax, VA | Public

43.9% Grad Rate

Virginia Commonwealth University

Richmond, VA | Public

90.8% Grad Rate

William and Mary

Williamsburg, VA | Public

25.2% Grad Rate

Old Dominion University

Norfolk, VA | Public

69.1% Grad Rate

Christopher Newport University

Newport News, VA | Public

18.4% Grad Rate

Baylor University

Waco, TX | Private

59.3% Grad Rate

University of North Carolina

Chapel Hill, NC | Public

47.1% Grad Rate

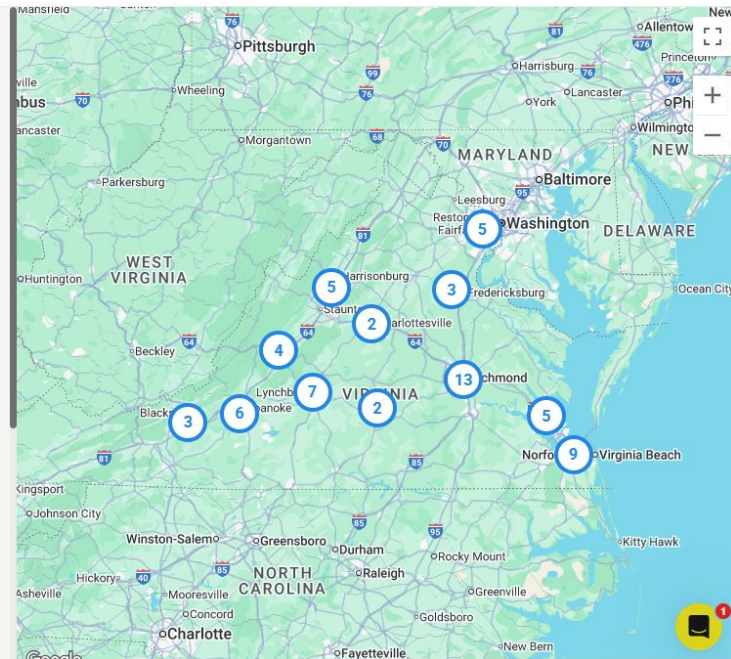
University of Virginia

Charlottesville, VA | Public

83.3% Grad Rate

University of Virginia

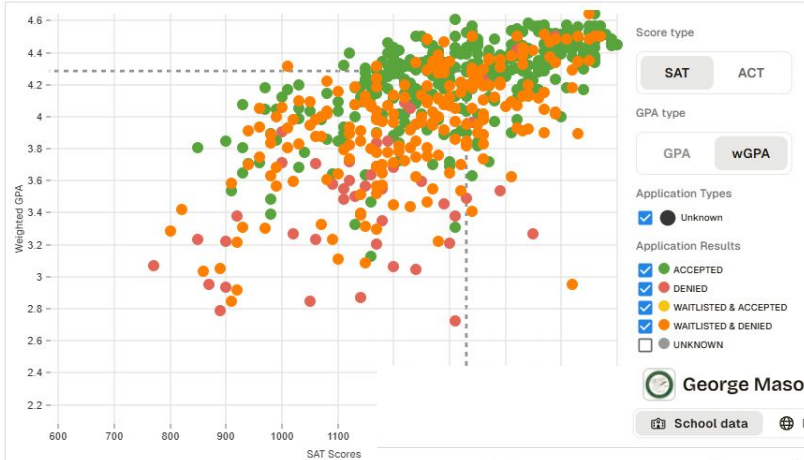
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Scattergram

Acceptance by GPA

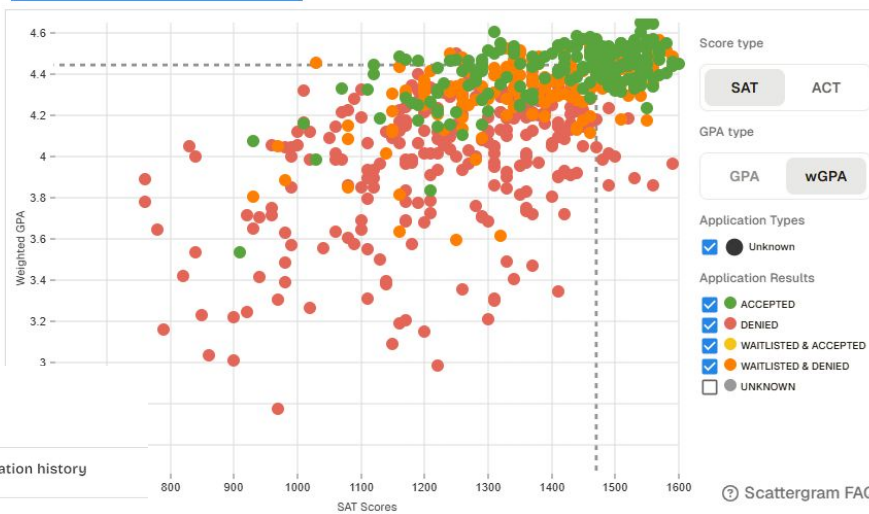
Application history



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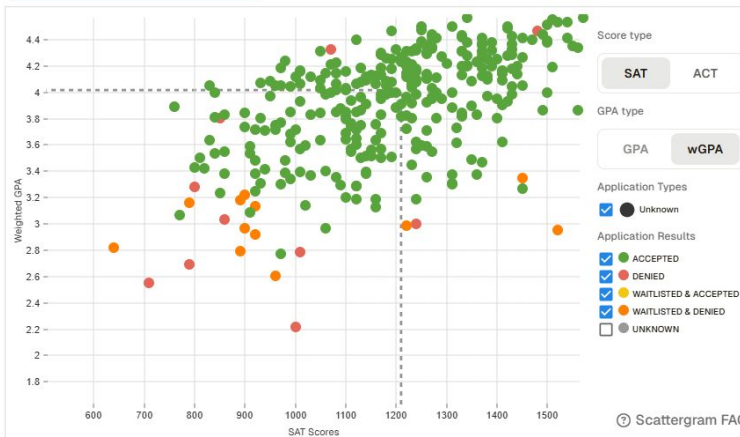
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Application history





Prepping for Success

Beyond the Classroom

Creating a Resume/Portfolio

- *Academic and extracurricular awards and recognitions*
- *Volunteer, internships, paid work, summer enrichment programs*
- *Activities, membership in clubs and positions held*





STUDENT
Profile



Home



Student



Explore



Plan



Engage



Career



College

Exit Student Demo



Troy Villa



Troy Villa Class of 2029 | Washington-Liberty High School

+ Add preferred name

+ Add pronouns

Write a headline

Write an objective

Add cover photo

Public profile

+ Add social accounts

About me

My story

Experience

Bragging rights

Academics

Portfolio

Credentials

My videos

References



My Story

Post-Secondary Goal



No future path chosen

Career Goal



No career chosen

College Goal



No college chosen

Major/Training Goal



No major/training chosen

Change goals

My strengths

+ Add



You have not added anything yet

Click the button to add

Things I'm proud of

+ Add



You have not added anything yet

Click the button to add

My interests & hobbies

+ Add



Prepping for Success



Things to Consider:

- *Rigorous courses (AP/IB, Dual-Enrollment courses - potential for college credit)*
- *Meeting with counselor to review high school graduation requirements*
- *Maintain good grades & challenge self academically*
- *Summer school*
- *Testing - PSATs, SAT, ACT*

Understanding the Transcript



Student Name [REDACTED]		Arlington Public Schools Secondary School Transcript		School Name/Address Washington-Liberty High School 1301 N Stafford Street Arlington, VA 22201	
Perm ID [REDACTED]	State ID [REDACTED]	Grd 12	Gen [REDACTED]	Tel: 703-228-6200 Fax: 703-524-9814	
Date Of Birth [REDACTED]		Phone [REDACTED]		Alternate School Number: 0080	
Home Address [REDACTED]		Diploma Type		Enter Date: 09/05/2012	
Graduation Date					

Course Title	Mark	Cred	Cmp	VC	Course Title	Mark	Cred	Cmp	VC	Graduation Requirements - Subject Area	Req'd	Comp	WIP	Needed
Swanson Middle School 5800 Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA, 22205 Mem: 170.0 Abs: 1.0 Pts: 169.0					Washington-Liberty High School 1301 N Stafford Street, Arlington, VA, 22201 Mem: 177.0 Abs: 1.0 Pts: 176.0					Elective	4.00	7.00		
Yr: 2020-2021 Term: YR Grade: 07					Yr: 2023-2024 Term: YR Grade: 10					English	4.00	3.00		1.00
Spanish I	B	1.00			Spanish III	B	1.00			Asian & Personal Finance	1.00	1.00		
Cred Cmp: 1.00 VC: 0.00					Cred Cmp: 7.00 VC: 0.00					World Lang or Fine Art or CTE	2.00	2.00		
Swanson Middle School 5800 Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA, 22205 Mem: 169.0 Abs: 0.0 Pts: 169.0					Washington-Liberty High School 1301 N Stafford Street, Arlington, VA, 22201 Mem: 174.0 Abs: 3.0 Pts: 171.0					Health & PE	2.00	2.00		
Yr: 2021-2022 Term: YR Grade: 08					Yr: 2024-2025 Term: YR Grade: 11					History & Social Science	3.00	3.00		
World Geography	C	1.00	1.00		Algebra II	A	1.00			Laboratory Science	3.00	3.00		
Cred Cmp: 1.00 VC: 1.00					Economics & Personal Finance	A	1.00			Mathematics	3.00	3.00		
Washington-Liberty High School 1301 N Stafford Street, Arlington, VA, 22201 Mem: 175.0 Abs: 2.0 Pts: 173.0					English 11, Dual Enrollment	B	1.00	2.00		TOTALS	22.00	23.00	0.00	2.00
Yr: 2022-2023 Term: YR Grade: 09					Entrepreneurship	B+	1.00			Graduation Requirements - Test History				
Algebra I	A	1.00	1.00		Intro to Business & Marketing	A	1.00			Discipline				
Biology	A	1.00	1.00		Prin-Of-Physics	A	1.00			Mathematics	1	1		0
Computer Graphics	P	0.00			US & VA Hist	B	1.00			English Writing	1	1		0
CPN/AD/First Aid	P	0.00			Cred Cmp: 7.00 VC: 2.00					Laboratory Science	1	1		0
English 9	A	1.00			Washington-Liberty High School 1301 N Stafford Street, Arlington, VA, 22201					History & Social Sciences	1	1		0
Health & PE I	A	1.00			Yr: 2023-2024 Term: YR Grade: 10					English Reading	1	1		0
Spanish II	A	1.00			Earth Science	B+	1.00			TOTALS	8	8		0
W.Hist/Geog/1500 AD-present	B	1.00			English 10 Inten	B	1.00			Graduation Requirements - Test History				
Cred Cmp: 7.00 VC: 2.00					Geometry	B+	1.00			Test Name	Admin Dt	Result	Perf Lvl	
Washington-Liberty High School 1301 N Stafford Street, Arlington, VA, 22201 Mem: 177.0 Abs: 1.0 Pts: 176.0					Gourmet Foods Into Cntry Arts	A	1.00			ACT, SAT & CTE Industry Credentials				
Yr: 2023-2024 Term: YR Grade: 10					Health & PE II	A	1.00			Test Name	Admin Dt	Score		
Earth Science	B+	1.00								SAT I Superscore	06/07/2023	1080		
English 10 Inten	B	1.00												
Geometry	B+	1.00												
Gourmet Foods Into Cntry Arts	A	1.00												
Health & PE II	A	1.00												
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Course Title	WIP	AP	IB	SEM	INT	ENR	FIN
African American Studies, A	B						
Chemistry	B+						
Eng 12 AP/Lit	A						
Precalculus/Trigonometry	E						
VAUSD Gen Ed AP	B+						

HW	AP	IB	SEM	INT	ENR	FIN
Advanced Fine Arts						
AP, IB, Dual Enrollment						
Intensified						
Repeated						

<p>Arlington Public Schools Virginia School Division Code is 007. The Virginia School Code is displayed in the top right box labeled Alternate School Number. The Enter Date listed is the student's initial enter date with Arlington Public Schools. However, the student may not have been enrolled continuously.</p> <p>An additional 1.0 quality point is earned for College Dual Enrolled, AP, and IB courses. An additional 0.5 quality point is earned for certain advanced Fine Arts courses. Intensified courses do not receive an additional quality point.</p> <p>When a student has repeated a course, the lowest grade earned is not calculated in GPA. If the repeated course grade is the same as the original grade, only one course grade is calculated in GPA.</p> <p>When a student withdraws from a course after deadline a mark of W is issued. This is not calculated in GPA.</p>	
<p>GPA/Rank Summary</p> <p>High School GPA 3.6087</p> <p>Credits Attempted 23.000</p> <p>Class Rank 567 Based on GPA 3.6087</p> <p>Class Size 658 Calculated 10/28/2025</p> <p>Completed Semesters 6</p>	<p>Grade Point Legend:</p> <p>Regular: A = 4.0, B+ = 3.5, B = 3.0, C+ = 2.5, C = 2.0, D+ = 1.5, D = 1.0, E = 0.0</p> <p>Weighted: A = 5.0, B+ = 4.5, B = 4.0, C+ = 3.5, C = 3.0, D+ = 2.5, D = 2.0, E = 0.0</p> <p>Half-Weighted: A = 4.5, B+ = 4.0, B = 3.5, C+ = 3.0, C = 2.5, D+ = 2.0, D = 1.5, E = 0.0</p>



Testing

Digital SAT



FORMAT



COMPUTER

SECTION ADAPTIVE



Difficulty of Module 2 depends on performance on Module 1.

QUESTION FORMAT



MULTIPLE CHOICE

4 answer choices



STUDENT-PRODUCED RESPONSE

Math section only

TIME PER QUESTION



READING & WRITING



MATH

SCORING

1600

Reading and Writing | **200-800**

Math | **200-800**

Total Score | **800-1600**

READING PASSAGES



54 SHORT PASSAGES

1 question per passage

STRUCTURE

98

Questions

2 hr 14 min



2 hr 55 min

3 hr 35 min with essay

215

Questions

64 min

32 min

Reading & Writing Module 1

27 Questions

32 min

Reading & Writing Module 2

27 Questions

10 min break

70 min

35 min

Math Module 1

22 Questions

35 min

Math Module 2

22 Questions

English

75 Questions

Math

60 Questions

Reading

40 Questions

Science

40 Questions

45 min

60 min

35 min

35 min

15 min break

FORMATS



PAPER



COMPUTER
(International Testing)

INCREASING QUESTION DIFFICULTY



For Math and Science sections only

QUESTION FORMAT



MULTIPLE CHOICE

4 answer choices: English, Reading, Science

5 answer choices: Math

TIME PER QUESTION



ENGLISH



READING



MATH



SCIENCE

SCORING

36

English | **1-36**

Reading | **1-36**

Math | **1-36**

Science | **1-36**

Composite Score | **1-36**

OPTIONAL WRITING TEST



1 PROMPT WITH 3 PERSPECTIVES

40 minutes | Scoring: 2-12

ACT



Testing Prep & Info:

- *Many students will try both SAT & ACT to see which prefer*
- *Khan Academy - provides great test prep for SAT*
- *Score reports (if need assistance must contact test website):*
 - o **PSAT & SAT** - visit [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
 - *SAT scores available within days after test*
 - o **ACT** - visit [ACT.org](https://act.org)
 - *ACT scores available with 2 weeks after test*
- *Test-optional*



SAT Testing Dates:

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Saturday, August 15, 2026*

Saturday, September 12, 2026*

Saturday, October 3, 2026*

Saturday, November 7, 2026*

ACT Testing Dates:

WL CEEB
Code:
470125

APRIL
11

April ACT
Register by **March 6**
Late registration*: **March 24**
Scores released: **April 21**

Register Now →

JUNE
13

June ACT
Register by **May 8**
Late registration*: **May 29**
Scores released: **June 23**

Register Now →

JULY
11

July ACT
Register by **June 6**
Late registration*: **June 24**
Scores released: **July 21**

Register Now →

*Late Registration Fees Apply
**No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date

2026-2027 National Test Dates Schedule

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline (Late fee applies after this date.)	Late Registration Deadline
September 19, 2026	August 14	September 1
October 17, 2026	September 11	September 29
December 12, 2026	November 6	November 29
February 27, 2027	January 22	February 9
April 10, 2027	March 5	March 23



Junior Year

Junior Year Timeline

Meet with school counselor and/or college and career counselor to discuss post-secondary plans

1

Register for ACT/SAT , if you plan to submit scores

3

Finish 11th grade strong!!

5

Make list of colleges & visit virtually or in person in spring & summer.

2

Follow up with counselor if you have more ?s about college process.

4

Complete BRAG Sheets and turn into counselor before summer.

6

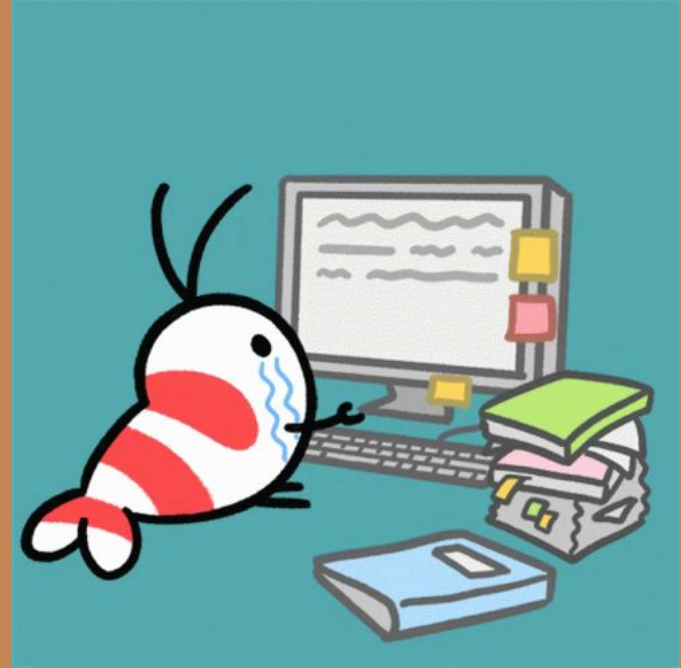
Summer: Start Common App, work on college essays, and build resume

7



Researching Colleges & Majors

- *Decide on important factors*
- *Begin to collect information*
- ***Factors to Consider :***
 - *Size*
 - *Geographical area*
 - *Type of setting*
 - *(city, urban, rural)*
 - *Cost*
 - *Extracurricular activities*



Upcoming Deadlines

- *Drop middle school classes (Priority deadline May 15, 2026)*
- *Drop ACT/SAT scores (early fall)*
- *Submit brag sheets (May 29, 2026)*





Senior Year

Fall Senior Timeline

Narrow college choices,
attend college fairs,
& meet with college
representatives

1

Mindful of Deadlines
Time management is key, especially for
early action/early decision deadlines
(Oct 15-Dec 1)

3

2

September:
Come to Senior Night

4

October:
FAFSA opens

5

Communicate, Communicate!
Stay in communication with
counselors and parents



College Application Timeline

THE COMMON
APPLICATION

EARLY ACTION TIME FRAME: (OCT-DEC)
REGULAR ADMISSION TIME FRAME: (JAN-FEB)

ACT[®]

CollegeBoard SAT[®]

Step
1

**Link Common App &
Naviance**

*Your Common Application
will get linked to Naviance.
We will send Coalition
schools through Naviance
but there is no linking.*

Step
2

Add Colleges

*To your Naviance account,
Common Application,
and/or Coalition
Application*

Step
3

Request Teachers

*For your Letter of Recs.
Ask in-person first, then
add them to your Naviance
account*



Step
4

**Fill out Transcript
Request Form**

*one per college, minimum
15 school days in advance
of a deadline. You do not
have to have submitted
your application to submit
a request*

Step
5

**Submit your
Applications &
Official Test Scores**

*If applicable, many
colleges are test-optional.
This is the responsibility of
the student*



**CHECK YOUR INDIVIDUAL
COLLEGE DEADLINES!**

Pro tip - Submit your application
24-48 hours in advance of deadline

Winter/Spring Senior Timeline

Finalize college applications & research and apply to scholarships

1

READ EMAILS from colleges & respond promptly

3

May 1 - notify the college you will attend and send in your deposit

5

Complete the **FAFSA**

2

Review college **financial aid packages**

4

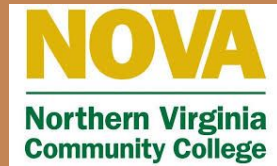
Notify counselor which college plan to attend

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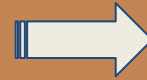


Senior Year Opportunities

- *Urban Alliance is an organization that offers paid internship opportunities for Seniors.*
- *Risings Seniors must have General's Flex Periods in the afternoon in order to participate.*
- [CCRV \(USGS\)](#)



- *More options guidebook*

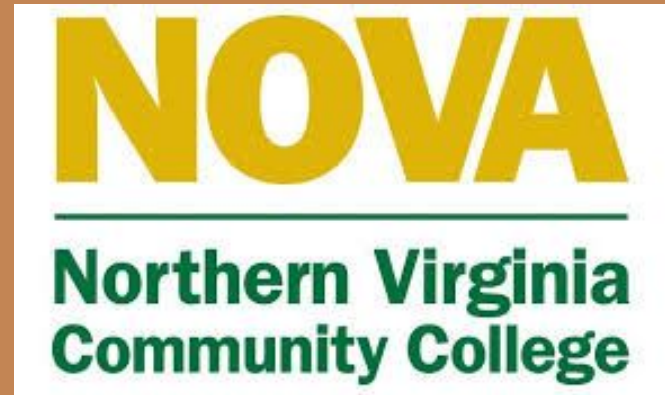


A stylized illustration of a person with light brown skin and wavy teal hair, wearing a purple graduation cap and gown. They are smiling and holding a rolled-up white diploma tied with a teal ribbon in their left hand. The background is a solid light orange color with a large, darker orange circle behind the person's head. The text "Additional Options" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font across the lower part of the image.

Additional Options

Community College

- *Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC)*
- *Associate Degree*
- *Career Certificates*
- *Non-Degree Seeking Options*



Gap Year

- *Different reasons to justify a gap year*
- *Well thought-out decision*
- *Know the pros and cons for you*
- <https://www.gooverseas.com/gap-year/usa-fairs/schedule>



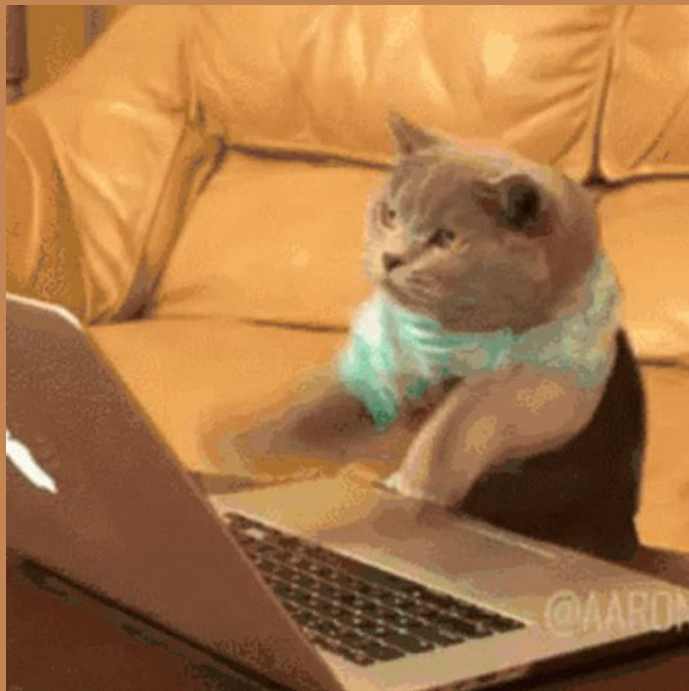
Work

- **Workforce** – entering a job right away
 - Visit www.vec.Virginia.gov for support in the job seeking process
- **Job Corps** – free education and vocational training
 - <https://www.jobcorps.gov/>
- **Apprenticeships** – on-the-job training
 - <https://www.doli.virginia.gov/registered-apprenticeship/>



Structured Options

- *Apprenticeships*
- *City Year*
- *Job Corps*
- *Year Up*



Military

- *Serious decision*
- *Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test is a requirement*
- *Must be at least 17*
- *Must have a high school diploma or equivalent*



A stylized illustration with a dark purple background. In the center is a large, light cream-colored circle containing the text. To the left, a female graduate with orange skin, pink floral blush, and a yellow braided ponytail is shown from the chest up, wearing a purple graduation cap and gown, and holding a purple diploma. To the right, a male graduate with yellow skin, pink floral blush, and blue wavy hair is shown from the chest up, wearing a purple graduation cap and gown, and raising his right fist in a celebratory gesture. Another purple graduation cap is shown flying through the air in the upper right. The overall style is flat and modern with bold colors.

Thanks for attending!

Any questions?