WL College Information Night

September 11, 2024

Congratulations! It is your Senior Year!

Presentation Topics:

- Naviance, Financial Aid, & Scholarships
- 2. Deadlines, Transcripts, & Transcript Requests
- 3. Student Responsibilities in the Application Process
- 4. Counseling Responsibilities in the Application Process
- 5. Northern Virginia Community College
- 6. Digital Presence & Staying Connected
- 7. Resources & Visits

Naviance, Scholarships, & Financial Aid



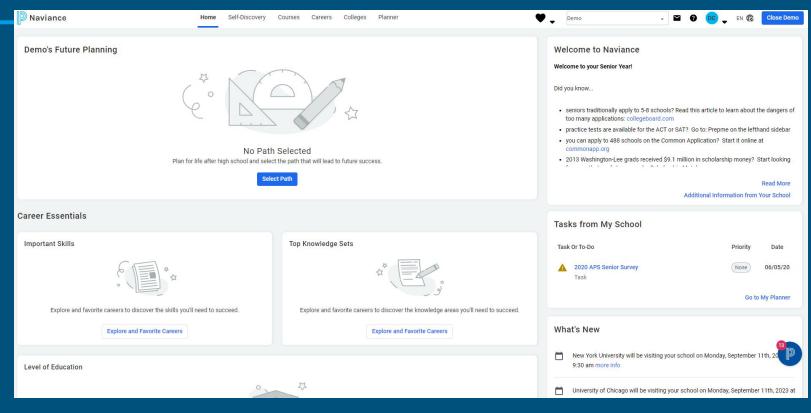


Naviance College Planning System

Tools for Students & Parents

- College Planning
- Career Exploration
- Naviance lessons for all grade levels
- Requesting Teacher Recommendations
- Sending Supplemental Information to Colleges
- Signing up for College Visits

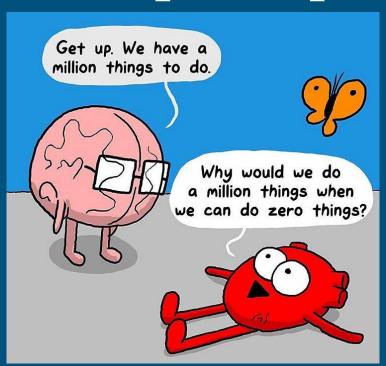
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Financial Aid & Scholarships

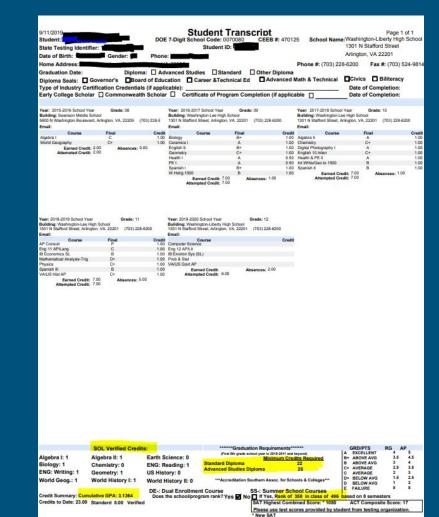
- Scholarships are emailed home & in Naviance
 - Scholarship season January-April
 - Join a national search engine
 - College specific scholarships
- FAFSA & Financial Aid
 - Soft roll-out beginning October 1st. All should have access by December 1
 - Paying for College Workshop
 - November 17; 7:00pm
- CSS Profile
 - Opens October 1st
 - Mostly private Colleges/Universities

Deadlines, Transcripts, & Transcript Requests



2024-2025 Deadlines

- College deadlines
- SAT/ACT registration deadlines
 - o <u>www.collegeboard.org</u>
 - o www.act.org
- WL Registrar deadlines
 - o <u>karla.mcghee@apsva.us</u>



Unofficial Transcript

- Please direct any Questions/Concerns to your counselor
- Deadlines have passed:
 - Middle School Grade Removal
 - Form that parent, counselor, and director sign
 - Please discuss removing any classes with your counselor 1st!
 - SAT/ACT removal from transcript
 - Form in Frequently Used Forms

Grading Scale:

AP/IB/DE:

*New: Advanced Arts Electives

Earn .5 weight

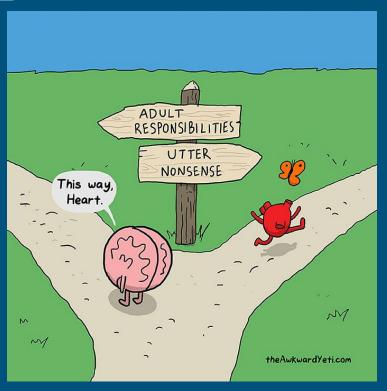
Electronic Transcript Request

Where can you find the link?

- 1. WL Counseling Website
- 2. WL College & Career Website
- 3. Counseling Canvas Course

tinyurl.com/WLTranscript25

Student Responsibilities in the Application Process



The Application Process: Student Responsibilities

You own your college list, application, and so on

Keep a diverse portfolio of colleges (i.e., reach, target, likely options)

Send your own exam scores via College Board and/or ACT

Request letters of recommendation (and decide where they go)

Plan <u>ahead</u> – give proper <u>advance</u> notice for all requests

Review your own materials thoroughly

Check email (APS and also personal) regularly/frequently!



BRAG Sheets

Help us help you!

Student BRAG Sheet – student completes and uploads to Canvas course (or emails to counselor after the spring Junior deadline

 Parent/Guardian BRAG Sheet – parent/guardians(s) fill and email to counselor

Teacher BRAG Sheet – you fill and give to teacher(s) as needed

Counseling Responsibilities in The Application Process

The Application Process: Counseling Responsibilities

- Send official transcripts
- Letters of recommendation
- Send Secondary School Report
- Communicate important info
- Support in planning
- Help troubleshoot



Application Basics Recap

Common Vocabulary

Early Action Admit

Early Decision Waitlist

Regular Decision Defer

Deny

The Five Components of the College Application



Courses, Curriculum, and Grades

Activities





Testing

Essays/Writing Samples





Letters of Recommendations

Northern Virginia Community College

NVCC

NVCC has restructured the way they do advising and is very student driven

Jasmine Haywood

Email: jhaywood@nvcc.edu

703-845-6029



Why Community College?



Class sizes



Guaranteed Admissions **Honors College**

Digital Presence & Staying Connected

Digital Presence

- Make sure you have a professional email address, check it regularly.
- Be mindful of what you say on social media
 - Even if your accounts are private
- Google yourself to see what others could see if they googled you









How to Stay Connected: Social Media

General WL Counseling Accounts:



@wlhscounseling



@wlhscounseling

WL College and Career Counseling Instagram Account:



@wlhsccc

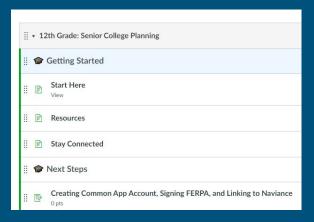


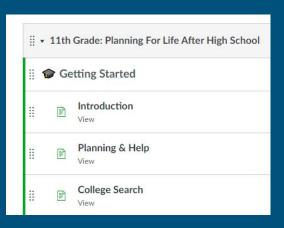
How to stay Connected: Websites

WL College & Career Website

https://wl.apsva.us/office-of-counseling-services/college-career-counseling-office/

Counselor Canvas Courses





Frequently Used Forms

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Home / Office of Counseling Services / Frequently Used Forms	
Electronic Transcript Request Form submit one request per college transcript request *23-24 form coming soon	Student Brag Sheet 2023-2024 Information that will help your counselor write a letter of recommendation for you.
Parent Brag Sheet Information that will help your counselor write a letter of recommendation for your child.	<u>College Application Guidebook</u> One-Stop-Shop for all things related to the college application process. Intended for Senior year.
<u>Educational and Career Planning</u> A tentative planning document that is to be reviewed annually and revised as needed.	<u>College Visit Verification</u> This form must be filled out correctly prior to a college visit to excuse the absence.
PROFILE 2022-23	<u>GenFlex form</u> This form must be filled out by everyone listed – including the Activities Office.
Common Application FAQ	Request for Elimination of MS Credit from HS transcript

https://wl.apsva.us/office-of-counseling-services/frequently-used-forms/

Resources & Visits

Saturday Application Help

Counselors available to help with: applications, essays, forms, etc.

Dates:

- September 28
- October 19
- October 26
- November 9
- December 14
- January 11

(Above sessions will run from 9am to 12pm in room 1030)







OPEN OFFICE Hours

with Ms. Catino

SENIORS, STOP BYII

Need help with your college applications? Essay? Not sure where to apply?

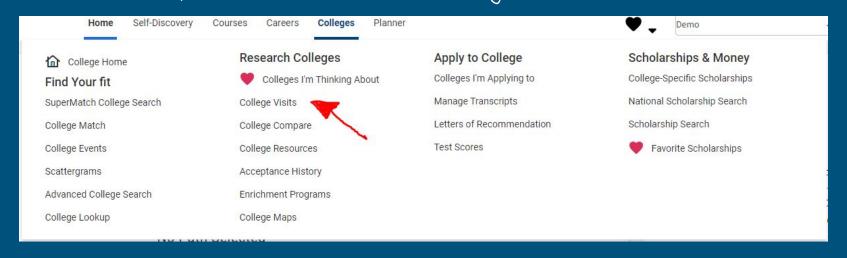
TUESDAYS DURING ALL 3 LUNCH PERIODS ROOM 1030

*BEGINS 9/12; NO APPT. NECESSARY

College Visitation Procedures

- 1. Sign-up on Naviance
- 2. Both in-person and virtual visits are available

REMEMBER: You are responsible for all work missed in your classes!



Visiting a College Campus

Verification Forms Available

- Approval from Assistant Principal
- Verify with College Official

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Mary Washington University

Beyond APS: College Fair 2024





CLASS OF 2025

COLLEGE **APPLICATION GUIDEBOOK**



WL SENIORS

Credit by Exam

Exam Date: November 5th

Students who would like to take an exam in a language they are fluent in for potential credit.

Registration due September 27th



Some languages such as Bengali, Farsi, and Mongolian require a different test and students will

For questions, please call
703-228-6097 for assistance.

Q&A





Virtual Student Events!

College & Career Virtual Student Events

Common App Live

August

The CA is accepted by more than 1,000 colleges worldwide. Join to learn about the process, available resources, and how to approach your applications. Pre-registration required.

How to Write Your

College Essay
September Join Stacey Thomas with the University of Kentucky for tips and strategies to get started on your creative masterpiece, your college essay. link to join

What Admissions Staff Look for in an Applicant

Presented by Matt Wilcox, Admissions Counselor Pre-registration is required

Finding the Right College Fit

Presented by Amanda Wilder, NVCC

October

Paying for College Presented by Jimmy Mauger, Financial Aid Manager, NVCC. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend

nk coming soon

All events are virtual and begin at 7:00pm. APS employees will not be present for the workshops.

Stay Connected! Join your counselor's Remind group! Students only!

