

College Planning Checklist



Middle School

- Form good study habits and high school college prep curriculum
- Participate in school activities
- Explore interests and summer opportunities
- Read for pleasure

9th & 10th Grade

- Focus on college prep curriculum and form good study habits
- Choose interesting electives
- Begin developing community contacts (church, part-time work, volunteer)
- Explore extracurriculars, summer opportunities, personal interests and participate in school activities
- Start to attend events on college campuses (plays, sporting events, concerts)
- Get to know your college counselor
- 10th grade only – PreACT (at WCA) and rising junior scheduling

11th Grade

- Continue good study habits and strategize college prep courses
- Develop deeper commitment to chosen activities
- Begin the college search – college research portfolio
 - College research paper and career interest and strengths assessments
 - Practice college essay
 - Attend college admissions rep visits at WCA, college fairs and events
 - Schedule college visits
- PSAT – taken fall semester at WCA
- ACT prep courses at WCA and schedule ACT testing
- PLAN meetings with your college counselor – spring
- NCAA/NAIA registration if necessary

12th Grade

- Schedule Senior Check-in with college counselor
- Continue the college search
- Attend college admissions rep visits at WCA, college fairs, and events
- Schedule college visits
- Apply to colleges
- Develop essay/personal statement (work with college counselor)
- Secure recommendations if needed
- Request transcripts
- Track application, housing, scholarship, and financial aid deadlines
- Develop time management skills and independence

Programs

Middle School

College Knowledge 101
Curriculum Planning Night
I4AP Meetings

9th Grade

College Knowledge 101
Curriculum Planning Night

10th Grade

College Knowledge 101
Curriculum Planning Night
Rising Junior Scheduling
PreACT

11th Grade

JPIN (Jr. Parent Info Night)
Curriculum Planning Night
ACT Prep Class
Jr. PLAN Meetings
Approaching Applications
PSAT

12th Grade

College App Workshops
Sr. App Check-in Meetings
SPIN (Sr. Parent Info Night)
Decision Data Gathering

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