



College Planning Checklist

WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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 extracurricular, 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 & Personality Inventories
- Practice college essay
- Attend admissions rep visits at WCA and college fairs & events
- Schedule college visits
- PSAT—taken fall semester at WCA
- ACT prep courses at WCA and schedule ACT testing
- J-CAP—Junior College Action Plan meetings for students and families
- 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 and 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 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
- J-CAP Meetings
- 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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