



How To Get To COLLEGE

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A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

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- Parent

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ELEMENTARY

Students :

- Do your best in school
- Read a lot
- Have fun learning
- Learn about careers and colleges
- Find educational games on-line

Parents:

- Help your child develop an interest in school
- Check your child's homework and follow his or her progress in school
- Start saving for your child's college education
- Utilize school and on-line educational resources

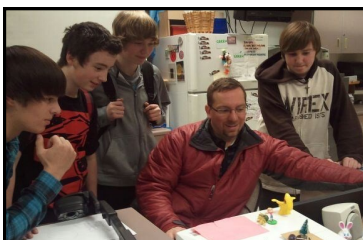
Middle School



White River School

District Mission:

Ensure high levels of learning for all students preparing them for success beyond high school.



Students:

- Think about college as an important part of your future. Discuss your thoughts and ideas with your family and with staff at school
- Take classes for high school credit (Algebra, Geometry and Spanish 1)
- Take challenging (honors) and interesting classes to prepare for high school
- Ask your parents, guardian or school staff to help you research which high school or special programs will most benefit your interests.
- Develop strong study habits and time-management skills
- Do your best in school and on standardized tests. If you are having difficulty, don't give up. Ask for help.
- Become involved in school or community based activities
- Research college requirements
- Utilize school and on-line educational resources
- Consider whether AVID is a good fit for you

Parents:

- Stay in contact with your child's teachers and counselors.
- Help your child develop good study habits and time management skills
- Keep an eye on your child's grades and/or state assessments
- Continue to save for your child's college education.
- Research college requirements and set up individual meeting with your child's school counselor regarding college information
- Talk to your child about his or her interests and help match those interests with a college major and career
- Research resources to help support your child as he or she transitions into the higher grades
- Develop 5-year plan with your child
- Start researching SAT/ACT requirements and schedule practice exams
- Start visiting college campuses
- See your Child's counselor to see if your student qualifies for the College Bound Scholarship; must apply as a 7-8th grader

High School

Students:

- Take challenging and required classes to prepare you for college
- Start thinking about your career interests
- Develop 5-year plan
- Study hard and get excellent grades
- Become involved in school or community based activities
- Browse through college literature or surf the Web to get an idea of what kinds of schools may be of interest to you
- Start researching SAT/ACT requirements and practice material
- Know NCAA requirements if you want to play sports in college
- Make a list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities
- Register with College Board
- Consider whether AVID is a good fit
- Create a portfolio of your best work

Parents:

- Review 5-year plan
- Start researching SAT/ACT requirements and practice material
- Research college requirements and set up individual meetings with your child's school counselor regarding college information/resources
- Continue to save for your child's college education
- Visit college campuses

Freshman Year...

Sophomore Year...

Students:

- Meet with your school counselor to discuss colleges and their requirements
- Update your 5-year plan
- Consider taking practice SAT/ACT exams
- Attend college fairs
- Continue to take challenging and required classes to prepare you for college
- Continue to get involved in in school or community based activities
- Continue to keep a record of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities

Parents:

- Review 5-year plan
- Consider having your child take practice ACT/SAT exams
- Research college requirements and set up individual meetings with your child's school counselor
- Continue to save for your child's college education
- Attend college and financial aid nights with your child

Junior Year...

Students:

- Take the PSAT: October
- Plan on taking either ACT/SAT in Winter or Spring
- Review 5-year plan
- Attend college and financial aid nights: Fall
- Continue to take challenging and required classes to prepare for college
- Continue to stay involved in school or community based activities
- Develop a tentative list of post high school educational options
- Visit selected colleges you are interested in

Parents:

- Attend college and financial aid nights with your child
- Take your child to visit college campuses
- Talk to your child about post high school options
- Review 5-year plan
- Make sure your child is scheduled to take either ACT/SAT
- Continue to save for your child's education
- Continue to research college requirements and set up individual meetings with your child's school counselor
- Research scholarships



4 Year College Requirements

Web-Site: www.wsac.wa.gov

- ⇒ 4 years of English
- ⇒ 3 years of Math
- ⇒ 2 years of Laboratory Science
- ⇒ 3 years of History and Social Science
- ⇒ 2 years of Foreign Language (2 years of same language)
- ⇒ 1 year of Visual Art

Senior Year...

Students:

- Complete all final college course requirements
- Retake or take SAT/ACT, if applicable: Fall
- Apply to the colleges you have chosen: Fall
- Attend college and financial aid nights: Fall
- Apply for scholarships: Fall
- Apply for financial aid: Fall/Winter
- Review your college acceptances and compare the colleges' financial aid packages: Spring
- When you decide which school you want to attend, notify that school of your commitment: Spring

Parents:

- Complete your child's financial aid packet: Fall/Winter
- Stay connected with your child's school regarding scholarships
- Attend college and financial aid nights

How to Pay For College:

- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.thewashboard.org
- www.studentscholarshipsearch.com
- www.collegeanswer.com
- www.cappex.com
- www.nelliemae.org

College Research:

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.univsource.com
- www.ed.gov
- www.allaboutcollege.com
- www.khec.com
- www.campustours.com
- www.princetonreview.com

College Readiness Assessments:

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.actstudent.org
- www.khec.com
- www.allaboutcollege.com