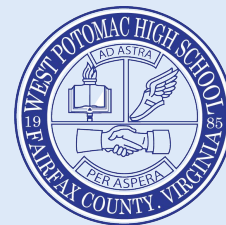


Class of 2025 Senior Information Night

West Potomac High School
Student Services Team



West Potomac High School Student Services Team



Presentation Agenda



- ❑ Graduation Requirements
- ❑ College Application Information
- ❑ WPHS College Process
- ❑ College and Career Center
- ❑ Naviance & Scholarships
- ❑ FAQs



Congratulations Class of 2025!

Graduation Requirements



- Seniors are required to meet with their school counselor to review graduation requirements and sign a graduation agreement. Individual senior meetings will be scheduled within the First Quarter of school.
- Please reference [FCPS Graduation Requirements](#)
- School counselors and Mr. Miguel Arroyo (OTG Coordinator) monitor progress throughout the year.

Post-graduation Options



- **2-year college**
- **4-year College**
- **Career/Technical Education-** career, business, technical, or nursing school
- **Military**
- **Employment**
- **Other-** i.e. Job Corps, AmeriCorps, etc.
- **College Prep School-** plan to attend any prep schools
- **Year Off (gap year)-** defer attending for one year to participate in a gap year program
- **Non-U.S. College-** plan to attend a foreign college/university
- **Apprenticeship Program**

College Application Information

What are colleges looking for?



- Transcript
 - How well you have done in the classes you have taken
 - Did you challenge yourself appropriately?
 - What courses are offered at West Potomac HS (DE/AP/HN)
- SAT/ACT
 - Test Optional- may not be required for each school
- Essay
 - Did you stay on topic and answer the question?
 - How is your story unique to other students applying?
 - What do you bring to their campus?
- Activities/Experiences/Leadership
- Recommendation letters
- Visits to campus/communication

Which College Application Platform Should I Use?



It is important to note that one application platform does not give you an advantage with any admissions decision. Common App and Coalition allow you to apply to multiple colleges at once.

- **Common App** - Accepted by 900+ institutions. It is “established” and fairly easy to navigate. *You must identify your **counselor** so they are able to complete your recommendation.*
- **Common Black College App (CBCA)** - For \$20 students can apply to 61 member HBCUs and specify their top four choices.
- **Institutional** - College/university specific application.
- **Coalition** - 150+ institutions that are highlighted as schools that offer affordability. This platform also has a “locker” feature to help you stay organized. *Your school counselor will submit your information via EDOCS (Naviance).*

Early Admission Types



ED – Early Decision: Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early. If you are admitted ED, you must withdraw your other applications. Commitment: BINDING

EA – Early Action: Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date. Commitment: NON-BINDING

REA - Restrictive Early Action: Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm. Commitment: NON-BINDING

Priority Admission: Students submit an application by a specified date to be considered for admission, scholarship money, and honors programs, etc. Please choose this option only if the college does indeed have a priority deadline. Commitment: NON-BINDING

Admission Types



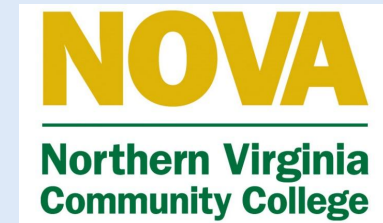
Regular Decision: Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time. Commitment: NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission: Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle. Commitment: NON-BINDING

Community College



- [ADVANCE](#) - Partnership between Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and George Mason University (Mason)
- [Guaranteed Admissions Agreement](#) - As a NOVA graduate, you are guaranteed admission to more than 40 area colleges and universities when you meet the agreement requirements between NOVA and that university.
- Benefits of attending a community college:
 - Guaranteed Admission
 - Cost effective
 - Flexible schedule
 - Living at home
 - Earn Transfer Credits
 - Explore different subjects



Does your college require standardized tests?



Fall 2024 SAT Testing Dates

- October 5
- October 9* - SAT Day @ WPHS (Deadline to opt-in is Sept. 4 - see email)
- November 2
- December 7

Fall 2024 ACT Testing Dates

- September 14
- October 26
- December 14

- West Potomac does not send your standardized test scores. It is the student's responsibility to have all test scores sent directly to each college. Visit the websites above to have your scores sent.
- Check with Ms. Young for more information regarding fee waivers for the ACT/SAT
- More than half of all U.S. 4-year colleges and universities will be "test-optional" for Fall 2023 admission. Check if the college/university is Test Optional/Test Flexible

Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)



- The SRAR allows you to enter, track, and submit your academic record electronically to participating colleges and universities.
- Students will still need to list SRAR school on their Transcript Request Form.
- Colleges will still require an official final transcript.
- All classes from 9th to 12th grade must be included in the SRAR
- Senior Year grades do not need to be entered; should be entered as “in-progress”
- Examples of some SRAR schools: Virginia Tech, Clemson, Penn State
- [SRAR tutorial](#)

How to Access Your Transcript in SIS



Unofficial transcripts are available in [StudentVUE and ParentVUE](#)

A screenshot of the Student Information System (SIS) interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with icons and text for: Home, Messages, Calendar, Attendance, Class Schedule, Course History (highlighted with a red arrow), Health, Student Info, FCPS Links, Test History, and Documents. The main content area has a header for 'Graduation Status Class of 2024' with a blue button labeled 'Unofficial Transcript' (pointed to by a red arrow). Below this are sections for 'Test Requirements', 'Student Course History', and 'Service Learning Hours Earned'. At the bottom right, the text 'No da' is partially visible.

Home

Messages

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Attendance

Class Schedule

Course History

Health

Student Info

FCPS Links

Test History

Documents

Graduation Status *Class of 2024* **Unofficial Transcript**

Subject Area Progress

Test Requirements

Student Course History

Service Learning Hours Earned

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West Potomac College Process

West Potomac College Application Process



1. Submit Transcript Request Form(s) and Consent For Release Of Student Records in Support of Postsecondary Applications (IS-111) to your school counselor **one month** prior to first deadline. Transcript request forms can be submitted throughout the school year **one month** prior to a college deadline. *See transcript request form for specific due dates surrounding holiday breaks.
2. School Counselor Recommendation letter process - Complete Student Information Form with resume, and activity list and **upload to Student Services Schoolgy by 9/20/24**.
3. Teacher Recommendation letter process - Ask teachers to write a letter on your behalf at least one month prior to first college deadline.
4. Student sends all test scores to colleges from College Board and/or ACT (**WP does not send ACT, SAT, or AP scores**).

***Other student responsibilities include: completing applications, sending scores, monitoring deadlines, researching scholarships, following up with college admissions reps regarding completion of applications and checking your professionally established email.

Deadlines



Senior Information Form

Transcript Request Form

Senior Information Forms
Class of 2023 Information

Please monitor your Class of 2023 Schoology for updates and information from Student and Career Center.

SAT/ACT Information

For more information on the ACT and to register: www.actstudent.org

For more information on the SAT and to register: www.collegeboard.org

WPHS PTSA and <https://westpotomach.fcpss.edu/student-services/college-and-career-center/test-prep>

Counselor Recommendations

Letters of recommendation are a team effort. We draw information from the student's cumulative personal interactions with the student, and counselor letter of recommendation request form, and comprehensive letter of recommendation. We do not release letters to students or parents as the letters are considered confidential between West Potomac and the college.

The Counselor Letter of Recommendation Request Form is used to help your counselor write your letter of recommendation. Students and parents, please provide as much detail as possible. For a counselor letter of recommendation, you are required to complete the attached form and email your TYPED responses to your counselor preferably by September 30th. (Please note counselors are unavailable between June 18th and August 13th). This will allow ample time to complete a recommendation letter.

A complete packet looks like this:

- Counselor Letter of Recommendation Request Form (Student Information) DUE BY 9/30/2022
- Counselor Letter of Recommendation Request Form (Parent/Guardian Information) DUE BY 9/30/2022
- Resume (please include categories from Student Activity Record Sheet) DUE BY 9/30/2022
- Consent for Release of Student Records in Support of Postsecondary Applications (Form IS-111) DUE ONE MONTH PRIOR TO FIRST COLLEGE DEADLINE
- Transcript Request Form DUE ONE MONTH PRIOR TO FIRST COLLEGE DEADLINE

What are your possible post-secondary plans and use of these documents? Check all possibilities you are considering at this time:

- 2 year college
- Career and Technical Education Training/Apprenticeship
- Military
- Employment
- Scholarships
- 4 year college or university
- Gap year
- College Prep School
- I'm not sure yet
- Other _____

**DUE:
Sept. 20!**

WEST POTOMAC HIGH SCHOOL
AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF STUDENT ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____
(Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Deadlines:

- Transcript Request Forms must be submitted to your school counselor at least ONE MONTH (not including weekends/holidays) before the college application deadline.
- For a counselor recommendation, you MUST submit a Senior Information Form to your counselor by September 30th, 2022. (Teacher recommendations will not be sent by your school counselor after this date.)

DEADLINE to bring Transcript Request to your Counselor	Application Deadline College/University
September 15, 2022	October 15, 2022
September 30, 2022	November 1, 2022
October 14, 2022	November 15, 2022
November 1, 2022	December 1, 2022
December 1, 2022	January 1, 2023
December 15, 2022	January 15, 2023
January 3, 2023	February 1, 2023

Rolling deadline: Transcript Request Forms are due to your school counselor at least one month before the application submission date.

While every effort will be made to ensure the on-time arrival of school documents to your selected college/university, please acknowledge that by submitting this request(s) with less than a month before your due date, it cannot be guaranteed that your documents will arrive by the deadline. These documents may include (in part or total) your transcript, school profile, letter of recommendation, supplemental materials, and any other documents your college/university may be requesting.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Each transcript package will include:

- Your official transcript which lists all final grades through the end of your junior year, your cumulative GPA, and senior courses
- WPHS Secondary School Profile
- WPHS Secondary School Report
- Mid-year report including semester grades sent in February for all schools requested
- Final senior grades sent in June to the college you're attending, based on senior survey answers

WPHS does NOT mail standardized test scores (SAT, ACT, TOEFL) to colleges.

You must request them directly through the College Board or ACT website.

**DUE: 1 MONTH
(not including
weekends/holidays)
BEFORE the college
application deadline**

Transcript Request Deadline Reminder!



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Transcript Request Form Example



Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____ School Counselor: _____



WEST POTOMAC HIGH SCHOOL
TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM **SAMPLE ONLY**

Print Neatly: Name of College, Scholarship or NCAA Street Address City, State Zip Code	Application Deadline Date	Decision Type	Application Type	Counselor letter of rec required? (Yes/No)	Student Services Use Only		
					Counselor Verification (Initials)	Date Received	Date Submitted to School
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University 925 Prices Fork Road Blacksburg, VA 24061	November 15, 2022	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling Admission <input type="checkbox"/> Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> College/University App <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common App <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition App <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship App	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
University of Virginia 190 McCormick Road Peabody Hall Charlottesville, VA 22903	January 5, 2023	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Action <input type="checkbox"/> Early Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling Admission <input type="checkbox"/> Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> College/University App <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common App <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition App <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship App	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
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Transcript Request Form Dates



West Potomac DEADLINE to bring <u>Transcript Request</u> to your Counselor	Application Deadline for College/University
September 16th, 2024	October 15th, 2024
October 1st, 2024	November 1st, 2024
October 15th, 2024	November 15th, 2024
October 31st, 2024	December 1st, 2024
December 2nd, 2024	January 1st, 2025
December 16th, 2024	January 15th, 2025
January 6th, 2025	February 1st, 2025
January 15th, 2025	February 15th, 2025

***Rolling deadline: Transcript Request Forms are due to your school counselor at least one month prior to your application submission date.**

Virginia College Application Week (VCAW)



- October 21-25, 2024
- **ALL** WPHS seniors will be able to apply to many of our Virginia colleges/universities for **FREE!**
- Ms. Young will share more information soon - keep an eye on Schoology.

College and Career Center

College and Career Center



- Check in with Ms. Young!
- College information/Assistance with Admissions Process
- SAT/ACT/ASVAB Testing information and study guides
- Scholarship and Financial Aid information, assistance with completing the FAFSA, VASA and CSS Profile
- College Rep Visits
- SAT/ACT Fee Waivers for students on free and reduced lunch
- Post-graduation planning; including military, trade schools, or employment



College and Career Center Workshops

See below for examples of session topics:

- Using Naviance Student to Find the Right Fit
- Common Application Workshop
- Navigating College Website
- Paying for College: Applying for Financial Aid
- Scholarship 101
- Cost of Attendance “How do I determine?”
- Earn While You Learn: Skilled Trades & Apprenticeships

Paying for College



- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen
 - 2025-2026 FAFSA will be available December 2024
 - Use 2023 tax return - must be completed each year
- Virginia Application for Student Aid (VASA)
 - Alternative for VA residents who are ineligible to file the FAFSA
- CSS Profile (by College Board)
 - Certain colleges use this to award financial aid (UVA, W&M)
 - If required, complete in addition to FAFSA or VASA
- Scholarships
 - Colleges
 - Naviance (Used at any college/university)
 - Scholarship Websites
- TAG Grants (Virginia Private Colleges)
- Loans- \$\$ you will back with interest
- Resources to assist students & families thru College Access Fairfax
 - Financial Aid Champion Mrs. Katrina Rowsey

Tips for a Successful College Application Process



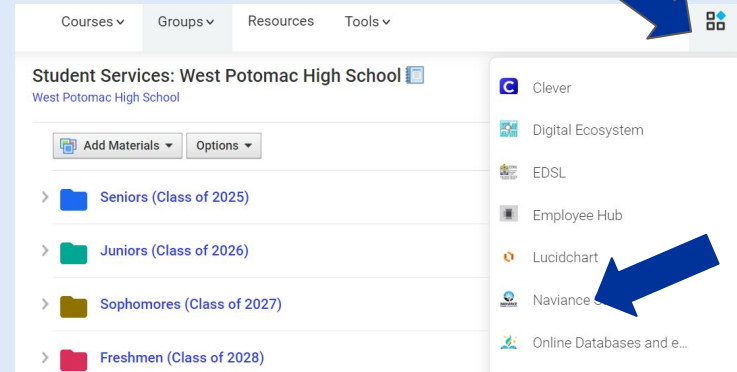
- See your school counselor or college and career specialist if you don't have a postsecondary plan
- Don't be afraid to ask questions- Utilize your resources!
- Set aside a scheduled time each week dedicated to college applications, scholarships, financial aid
- Have someone proofread your prompts/essays
- Remind your recommenders about deadlines
- Don't wait until the last minute!

Naviance

Naviance Student



- A web-based resource that supports academic, career, and college planning for middle and high school students.
- Students access Naviance Student through Schoology
- Parents and guardians have an account-<https://www.fcps.edu/naviance/>
 - View information about students' academic and postsecondary plans, interests and opportunities.
 - View available enrichment and scholarship opportunities.
 - Research colleges and careers.











What is offered in Naviance Student?



- College information
- Career exploration
- Videos & Interviews
- Scattergrams- data on college admissions
- SuperMatch College
- Scholarships search



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<p>Career Cluster Finder</p>  <p>The Career Cluster Finder helps you identify your interests and discover career clusters that contain careers that might interest you.</p> <p>Start Assessment</p>	<p>Career Interest Profiler</p>  <p>The Career Interest Profiler captures your interests to help identify your personality traits and suggests careers based on the U.S. Department of Labor's data.</p> <p>Start Assessment</p>	<p>Career Key</p>  <p>The Career Key helps you identify your traits, best match work environments and related careers by asking you questions about your interests.</p> <p>Start Assessment</p>	<p>Strengths Explorer®</p>  <p>Strengths Explorer® helps you identify your key strengths that you can use as you proceed on your college, career and life readiness journey.</p> <p>Start Assessment</p>

Naviance Student: Advanced College Search



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Scholarship List

National Scholarship Search



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COLLEGES

I'm thinking about



COLLEGES

I'm applying to



COURSES

I'm thinking about



Naviance Student: Scholarship List




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Home Self-Discovery Courses Careers **Colleges** Planner

♥ Demo


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- Find Your fit
 - SuperMatch College Search
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 - College Events
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- COLLEGES I'm thinking about
- COLLEGES I'm applying to
- COURSES I'm thinking about

 Show Me How

What can I be doing now to prepare?



1. Review the [College Application Checklist](#) in Schoology
2. Ensure list includes reach, target, and safety colleges/universities
 - Sign up for College Rep Visits at West Potomac HS in [Naviance](#)
1. Use Naviance to create lists using tools like SuperMatch & Scattergrams
2. Visit **each school's website** to review specific requirements
 - Utilize the [College Application/Scholarship Tracker](#)
1. Complete and submit documents below, found in Student Services Schoology course
 - [Consent to release student records](#)
 - Student Information form- submit in Schoology
 - Transcript request-**unofficial may be found in StudentVue/ParentVue**
1. Complete FAFSA beginning December 1, 2024
 - Attend completion workshop

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions



Q1. Does FCPS rank?

A. No, FCPS does not assign class rank.

Q2. Is my GPA weighted or unweighted?

A. FCPS students have one GPA—once a student participates in an Honors (HN), Dual Enrollment (DE), or Advanced Placement (AP) course, the GPA becomes weighted.

Q3. I want to find more information about career options. Where do I start?

A. Visit the College and Career Center, take the Career Interest Profiler in Naviance Student, attend Career Spotlights during the fall, and check out Schoology for more information.

Q4. Do I send my standardized test scores?

A. Yes, students have the responsibility to send scores directly to colleges/universities. Make sure to check if schools are score optional or require scores.

Q5. Should I change a class during my senior year?

A. The deadline to drop a course is typically in November (exact date TBD). If you drop a course after that date, it will be recorded as a “W/P” or “W/F” on your transcript. If you already applied to schools by this drop date, you will be required to notify those schools of any schedule changes.

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)



Q6. Where can I find our School Profile?

A. Our School Profile is available [here](#) on the West Potomac website.

Q7. How can I check if my counselor submitted my documents on Common App?

A. You will be able to see the date of submission/upload in your Common App account.

Q8. Are volunteer/service hours a requirement for graduation?

A. There are no specific requirements for volunteer/service hours for a diploma. Please note that students who wish to complete volunteer hours toward a civic seal through any clubs, honor society or outside organizations may still do so. Service hours are logged through Naviance using x2vol.

Q9. Does my application need to be submitted at the same time as my transcript and recommendation letters?

A. No. You do not need to coordinate submitting your application at the same time your transcript and recommendation letters are submitted. Please submit your application by the due date.