Class of 2021: Preparing for College

Everything you need to know about the college process presented by: The College and Career Center and Counselors

Meet your Junior/ Future Senior Team

Counselors: Ms. Maites and Mr. Collins College and Career Coordinator: Ms. Arrington

Assistant Principals : Julian Pineda and Kendric Hawkins Dean of Students: Mr. Haith Attendance Counselor: Ms. James Social Worker: Ms. Mathis DC CAP: Mr. Barton and Ms. Larnouth

THE COLLEGE PROCESS MEETING AGENDA

- A quick glance into how to go to college- parents, students
- Naviance accounts
- College and Career Process
- College Board accounts
- Summer Opportunities
- Available Student Supports
- Options for Community Service Hours
- Announcements and FAQs



Preparing For Your College/ Career in High School



Available Resources

DC CAP

FAFSA-Opens October 1st

Scholarships

DC TAG-Opens February 1st

Common application workshops

Essay writing workshops

200+ College visits to Wilson

Community service hours opportunities

College Advice/ Mentorship

What should juniors be doing now...

Have parent/student meeting with Ms. Arrington. Schedule at <u>www.wilsoncollegeandcareer.setmore.com</u> after March 4th SAT



Think about what teachers you would like to write Letters of recommendations

Rigorous classes for senior year



Develop list of colleges you are thinking about in Naviance



Prepare for the March 4th in-school SAT

Graduation Requirements

- English 4 credits
- Math 4 credits
- Social Studies 4 credits
- Science 4 credits
- World Language 2 credits
- Career/Technology 2 credits
- Health & Physical Education -1.5 credits
- Elective 1.5 credits
- Art 0.5 credit
- Music 0.5 credit



Transcript Request Process

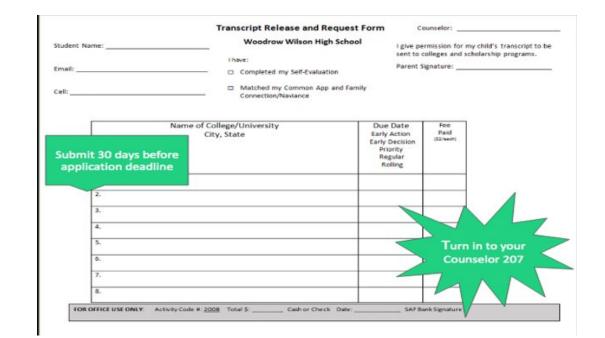
Students turn in the Transcript Release and Request Form to school counselor. Counselors have 30 days to fulfill request!

Counselor are charged with completing the following items for each student

Common APP School
ReportNACAC ReportCommon App
Counselor
Recommendation
ReportWritten Evaluation-
Counselor
recommendation
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Transcript Release and Request Form

- Must be given to counselors 30 days before first deadline
- Complete Tiger Paws Self-Evaluation
- Match Naviance and Common App
- Have a good sense of all the schools you are applying to



A Snapshot of the Common App/ Naviance Process

Create Common App account

Sign CA FERPA release waiver

STUDENTS

Match CA account in Naviance

Add colleges to application list

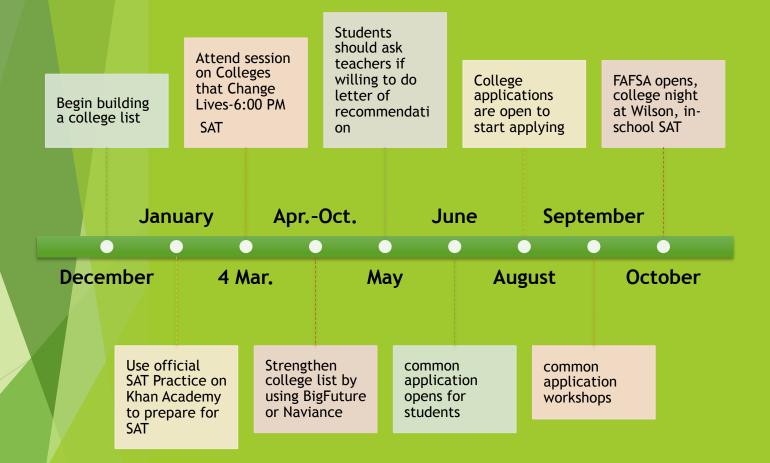
Request LORs and transcripts

College Board

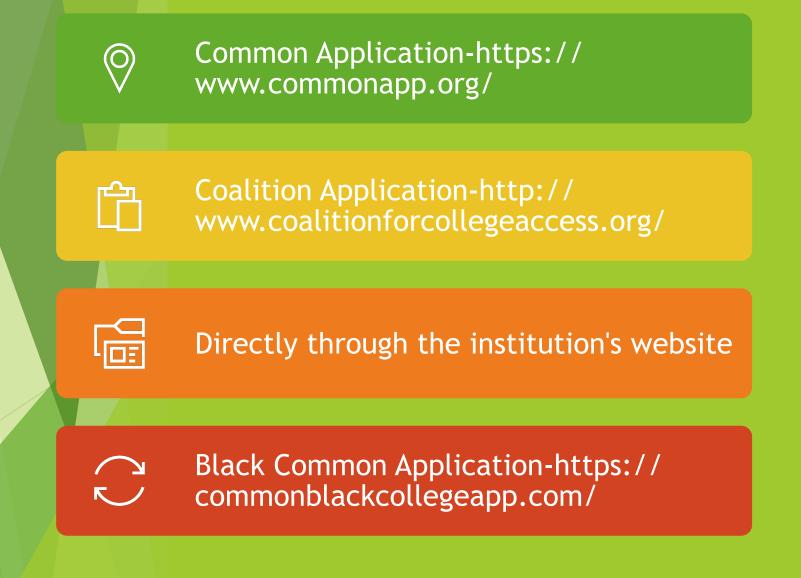
- Go to Collegeboard.org and create an account
- Why would you use college board?
- 1) Check PSAT, SAT, and AP scores
- 2) Has useful tools of practice test, career planning, and college searches
- 3) Use Big Future to find best fit colleges
- 4) Useful scholarship information
- 5) Send SAT scores to colleges you are applying to (give at least two weeks)



Timeline for College Process



Ways to apply to colleges



College Application Terms

- Early Decision- (ED) A binding commitment to enroll; that is, if accepted under ED, the applicant must withdraw all other applications and enroll at that institution.
- Early Action- (EA) is a type of early admission process offered by some institutions for admission to colleges and universities in the United States.
- Regular Decision- is the normal process by which students apply by published deadlines, with promise of receiving an admissions decision no later than April 1 of their senior year.
- Demonstrated Interest-is the degree to which you show a college that you are sincerely interested in coming to their school. It has become an important, subtle tool that colleges use to efficiently and accurately enroll a specific target number of students each year.

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Commonly used Terms

- Naviance-We send all school documents including school reports and profile, written evaluations, teacher recommendations, and the transcript through Naviance
- EDocs-electronic documents sent to colleges and universities
- Tiger Paws Self-Evaluation-Survey counselors use to write your recommendation
- Transcript Request Form- The form you write the schools you are applying to on and turn into your counselor (30 days before the first deadline)
- Common APP- The most common way to apply to colleges (you do not apply through Naviance)



What Can Juniors Do?

Create	Create a resume that includes your extracurricular activities.
Continue	Continue to research and narrow the choices on your College Wish List by attending college visits, fairs, and gathering college applications and brochures.
Attend	Attend vocational/trade/career information sessions.
Create	Create a CollegeBoard account.
Make	Make sure you are logging on to your Naviance Account.
Befriend	Befriend your teachers. You will need college/career/employment recommendations.
Create	Create a professional email.
Create	Create a personal statement.



Community Service

- 100 Hours required to graduate
- Class of 2020 Goal: Complete community service hours by December 2020
- Try to get as many hours as possible this summer
- Next year, Wilson will be offering Saturday opportunities for community service hours
- Senior counselors will keep seniors aware of any outside community service hours

Summer College Boot Camp



Students will receive a clear understanding of the college application process.



Students will gain an understanding of the universe of schools and develop a list of 5 schools that are right for them.



Students will complete the common application including a first draft of the essay.



Students will learn about the financial aid process and become informed about how to research scholarships.



Students will receive input on choosing the test (SAT or ACT) that is right for them and learn about self-study resources.

College Summer Boot Camp Dates

Monday, June 22: 9am - 5pm, field trip to visit two colleges in the DC area

Tuesday, June 23: 9am - 1pm

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Wednesday, June 24: 9am - 1pm

Thursday, June 25: 9am - 1pm

Friday, June 26: 9am - 1pm (celebratory lunch at Guapos)

A simple breakfast will be provided each day at 8:30am; Gift cards for lunch (Tuesday - Thursday) will be provided.

Financial Aid

- FAFSA-(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)-is administered by the Department of Education, and the results that it presents are then given to your college or university's financial aid office. It assesses you and your family's financial situation to determine how much you can afford to pay for college. (WWW.fafsa.ed.gov)
- DC TAG- (Tuition Assistance Grant) Up to \$10,000 towards the difference of in-state and out-of-state tuition for all public colleges and universities throughout the US; public and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) throughout the US; all private, nonprofit colleges and universities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. (www.osse.dc.gov)
- DC College Savings Plan-Helps parents to save money for their child's education while lowering their taxes. (<u>www.dccollegesavingsplan.com</u>)
- DC CAP Scholarship Pays up to \$4,000 for DC residents. (www.dccap.org)

Words of Advice...

Panorama Survey

Dear Wilson Families,

- Help the teachers and the administration understand how we can best support you and your children.
- Please take the DCPS Family Panorama
 Survey
- Bit.ly/dcpsfamily
- The survey will inquire if you think that your children feel a sense of belonging
- And are challenged at Wilson.