

Welcome to Junior Information Night

Western Wayne High School
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College Admissions Process

1. When completing applications request transcript and supporting documents be sent at least one week before the deadline. This can include essays, letters of recommendations, etc. Guidance Department will not guarantee meeting college deadlines for applications submitted late.
2. Applications are **not** complete without a high school transcript. Students must complete the Western Wayne online transcript request form online located on the Western Wayne website under the Guidance department tab.
3. Transcripts are sent out certified registered mail. The first transcript a student sends out is free. Additional requests will cost \$5.00 each.
4. Students requesting letters of recommendation should request the letter at least **TWO WEEKS** in advance and supply the recommender with a resume.
5. Final transcripts will be sent to the college that the student will attend. **FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS will be given to seniors during graduation practice.** Remember, college admissions representatives review all senior year grades very carefully

General Information on Financial Aid

- Student aid is money provided by the federal government or another entity, such as a school or state government, to help students pay for college.
 - Types of Aid:
 - Federal grants- Pell, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
 - Grants are free aid and do not have to be repaid
 - Loans- Perkins, Stafford
 - Loans must be repaid with interest
 - Subsidized loans- federal government pays the interest of the loan during the student's college years
 - Unsubsidized loans- student is responsible for the interest of the loan during their college years
 - Federal Work-Study
 - Work-study provides income from a part-time job
 - Nonfederal sources of aid
 - State aid
 - School aid
 - Private Scholarships

General Information on Financial Aid

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Eligibility for most federal student aid programs is based on financial need. To determine a student's financial need, a student must complete and file a FAFSA.
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - A FAFSA can be completed after October 1st of the student's senior year
 - To complete the FAFSA, students (and their parents) need their social security numbers, driver's licenses, federal income tax return, Form(s) W-2, current bank statements, and records of any stocks, bonds, and other investments and assets.
 - Students and parents completing the FAFSA online need to apply for a PIN in order to electronically sign their completed FAFSA form.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT: Friday, October 12, 2018 AT 6:00 PM

Career Cruising

- www.careercruising.com
- Login: wwhs
- Password: wildcats
- Students also have their own login and password for their personal portfolio
- Each year school counselors use this system to help students with career and college exploration

Getting Ahead

- How can you earn college credit in high school?
 - AP (Advanced Placement) classes
 - Students may enroll in a Western Wayne AP class and then sit to take the AP exam in the Spring
 - Students who take AP exams may receive college credit
 - Check with the college you are interested in to see if they accept AP exams for credits and what score is needed
 - Dual Enrollment
 - The dual enrollment program allows high school students to earn college credit for courses in high school
 - Tuition is paid directly to the university by the student.

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- CLEP (College Level Examination Program)
 - Students have the opportunity to earn college credit by taking an online exam
 - Western Wayne is an online testing site
 - CLEP exams cover material taught in courses most students take as requirements in the first two years of college.
 - A college usually grants the same amount of credit to students earning satisfactory scores on the CLEP exams as it grants to students successfully completing the course.
 - Students pay an exam fee
 - Students should check with the college they are interested in to see if they accept CLEP exams for credit and what score is needed

Other Important Information...

- NCAA eligibility
 - The NCAA Eligibility Center will certify the academic and amateur credentials of all college-bound student-athletes who wish to compete in NCAA Division I or II athletics.
 - Students interested in playing a Division I or II sport need to register at www.eligibilitycenter.org
 - Students also need to send their SAT/ACT scores and an official high school transcript to NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Students should attend College Fairs (April 30 and Fall of 2018)
- ACT on April 24th (during the regular school day)
 - Register in Guidance by submitting a check for \$61.50

Questions???

- Means of communication:
 - Scholarships & Career Opportunities
 - Emails
 - Phone
 - Blackboard Connect- Text/email messages from Guidance
 - Schedule an Appointment
 - Check out our Facebook page