Post High School Planning

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Overview

Topics covered in this presentation:

Welcome to your senior year at Eastlake! We are going to discuss the various options that are available to you post high school and go over the specifics of the college application process.

Congratulations on your hard work and we look forward to helping you complete your final year of high school!

-Eastlake Counseling Team



Transcripts, High School + Beyond Plan



Application Types, Timelines, & Components



College & Career Center



Financial Aid

Post-High School Options

There are MANY different options for your life after high school.



College [4-year + 2-year]



Military



Apprenticeship

EMPLOYMENT Becupation CAREER Work

Meaningful Employment



To request an official copy of your transcript, use this <u>form</u>. Remember you are responsible for picking up + mailing these copies.

Counselors will upload your transcript into Common App + Coalition for you. You do not need to submit the form if using these platforms.

UNOFFICIAL copies of your transcript are available in Skyward under the Portfolio/Attachment tab after 10/4.

This is your final chance to review your transcript to ensure it is correct. Check for middle school grades, summer courses, grade bumps, etc.

If there are any errors, you will need to email Mrs. Johnson (registrar) ASAP to get corrections made. cathjohnson@lwsd.org

High School + Beyond Plan



xello

Xelio is an online program that helps anyone, anywhere in the world create a successful future through self-knowledge, exploration, and planning.



High School + Beyond Plan (HSBP)

- HSBP is a graduation requirement that prepares students for life after high school.
- HSBP requirements:
- Career Matchmaker + Skills Lab
- Creating and Yearly modifying a 4-year plan
- Building a resume
- Attending Financial Aid Night/Financial Advising Day
- Questions? Tyshawn Ward: College + Career Readiness Specialist
- tward@lwsd.org



Application Types

• Common types used for 2 & 4 year schools

Two Year Schools: Online admission application

• Individual school application (go to each school's website)

Four Year Schools: Schools may use one or more of the following:

- Common Application
- Coalition Application
- Send EDU
- School-Specific Application



Application Process: 2-Year Colleges

Steps to apply:

- 1. Complete the online admission application
- 2. Follow directions for each school's placement process (COMPASS, ACCUPLACER, High School Transcript, etc.)
- 3. Make an appointment with an academic advisor to choose classes
- 4. Register for classes

Note: 2-year and technical colleges don't require the SAT or ACT. Typically these applications are completed in the springtime. They have more flexible deadlines, but specific programs within each school can fill up so don't wait too long!

There are 29 community colleges and 5 technical colleges in Washington State. Visit <u>www.sbctc.edu</u> for more information about each school!



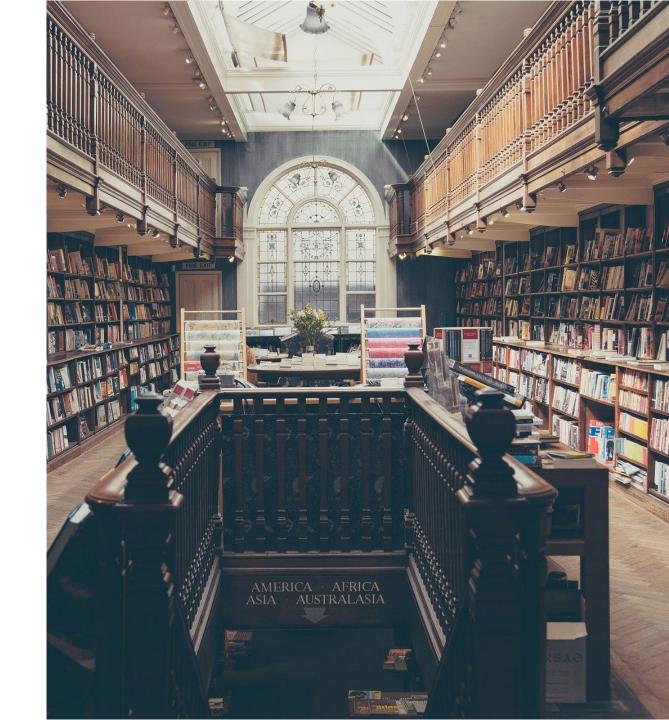
Application Process: 4-Year Colleges

Access the online application through the college's website and/or Common App, Coalition, etc. Check admission requirements!

Request your transcript if needed through Form (Common App, Coalition are done for you)

Request that your SAT and/or ACT testing agencies send score reports to your colleges directly.

Most public 4-year colleges do NOT require counselor/teacher letters of recommendation.



Basic information

Extracurricular activities, volunteer experience, work experience, etc.

Completed FAFSA/WAFSA

Components of College Application

Admission test scores (ACT or SAT)

- Some colleges allow you to super score
- LOTS of schools are waiving this requirement
- All WA schools are test optional INDEFINITELY

Entrance essay (see schools for specific questions and prompts)

High School Transcript



Application Process: Common App School Reports vs Letters of Rec



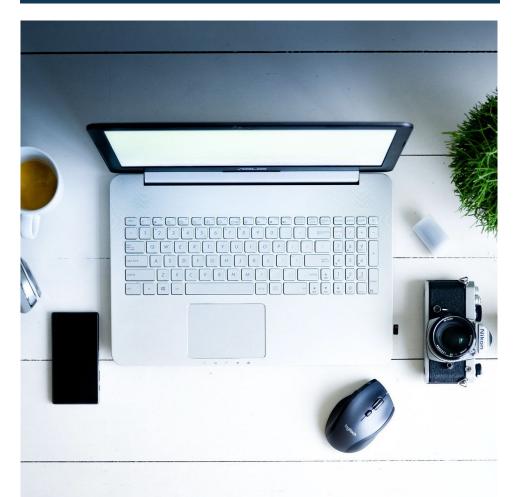
School Report

- EVERY school on the Common Application requires your counselor to complete a School Report
- In this report we list your GPA, submit your transcript, and a copy of your 12th grade schedule
- You need to list your Counselor under the "Counselor Recommender" section by email.
- You can submit the student portion of the application AT ANY TIME. You need to give your counselor at least 2 full weeks to complete their portion (2 weeks before your 1st deadline). Do not wait for your counselor to submit your application.

Counselor Letter of Recommendation

- Some schools (NOT all) require your counselor to write a letter of recommendation in addition to the school report.
- Before asking your counselor to complete this you need to double check **at least one school** you are applying to on the Common App/Coalition requires a "counselor recommendation" (remember: this is different than a school report)
- If you have a school that requires a Counselor Letter of Recommendation you need to complete the individual Form for your counselor, found <u>here</u>

Admission Terms



Rolling Admissions: Colleges evaluate applications as they are received versus waiting to evaluate at a set deadline

Pooling Admissions: Colleges evaluate applications in a "pool". No applications are reviewed until the deadline. Example: UW

Deferred Admissions: A second chance at admissions, rather than rejecting students being deferred means you will be reviewed again at a different time

Early Action: Students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college early

Early Decision: Students receive an early response to their application and are in a binding agreement (must attend that college)



NCAA Eligibility

- Requirements for student athletes who are considering playing at Division 1 or Division 2
- By now you should be registered at:
- www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Transcripts need to be sent to the college now and at the end of the school year.

Tools for Finding Your Way

XELLO, BIG FUTURE, COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

Tools for Exploring Your Options

There are a lot of options besides colleges. Below are some of the resources to help explore these options if you are unsure where to begin!





College & Career Center

HOW IT CAN SUPPORT YOU

College & Career Center (CCC)

Ways the CCC can support you!

College Visits at EHS

 Be sure to check out the CCC College Rep Visit Calendar on the CCC website for dates and times of schools who are scheduled.

Coordinates

- Military Visits
- College & Career Exploration
 - Post-Secondary Education
 - Careers

Dual Credit Programs

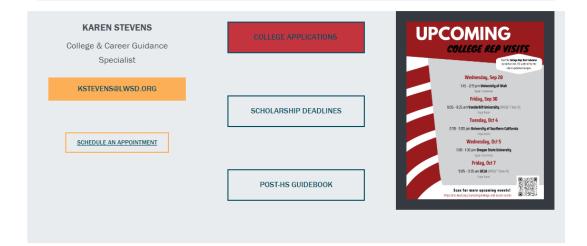
- WANIC Program
- CTE Dual Credit

Opportunity Resources

- Job Opportunities*
- Internship Opportunities*
- Volunteer Opportunities*
- Apprenticeships*
- Local Scholarships
- *Log in to Xello to view opportunities that align with your post-high school plan.



The College and Career Center helps facilitate the following: oollege & military information, scholarship and financial aid information, employment, volunteer and internship opportunities, WANIC, CTE Dual Credit, and much more.



College & Career Center Website

https://ehs.lwsd.org/counseling/college-and-career-center

Quick Financial Tips

FAFSA, WAFSA, SCHOLARSHIPS, ETC.

FAFSA & WASFA, Scholarships

FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid)

- Opens October 1st
- Get started on this EARLY!
- This applies for federal access to grants, scholarships, loans, work-study
- You will need parent/guardian assistance needed if you are a dependent student
- It is typically recommended to complete the application even if you don't think your financial situation will qualify (required for some scholarships)
- Website: <u>www.FAFSA.gov</u>

WASFA (Washington Application for Financial Aid)

 More information on WASFA: <u>https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa-</u> washington-application-state-financial-aid

Scholarships

- Deadlines occur all year long
- Scholarships that are school-specific
- Otterbot Texting Service
 - 360-928-7281
 - "Hi Otter" to get financial aid help!
- Popular Search Engines:
 - TheWashBoard.org
 - FinAid.org
 - FastWeb.com
 - Wsac.wa.gov
 - Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
- Check out the <u>College & Career website</u> for more information/if you need help knowing where to begin

Frequently Asked Questions

How many seniors are in the senior class?

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Do I need to send a transcript?

Most schools require a transcript (not all, ex. UW does not during admission process). If using Common App, Coalition, or SEND Edu your counselor will send it. Any other schools, you request a transcript using the Form and mail it yourself.

Does EHS rank students?

No. The entire district does not rank.

What is my weighted GPA?

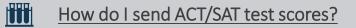
We do not weight GPA

Do I need my counselor to write a LOR?

Not necessarily. Check the admissions requirements to see if a Counselor LOR is required.

• Can I submit my Common App before my counselor/teacher has finished?

🖌 YES! 😊



Through their individual websites.



When do I apply to colleges such as Bellevue College, Cascadia, etc.?



Not until early spring, but you want to complete the FAFSA/WAFSA in October for Financial Aid

We are here to help!

Ways to meet with your counselor:

We would love to meet with you to help you with your post-high school planning!

Please complete the Form on the Counseling website if you want to set up a meeting with your counselor!

