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Planning for Life After Senior Year

Class of 2022

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Introductions

Today's Objectives

1. Review senior year timeline
2. Review FINANCIAL AID GRADUATION REQUIREMENT
3. Re-cap of options after high school
4. Deciding “What to be when you grow up”
5. How to be prepared for the proper training
6. Benefits of AP and Dual Credit
7. Ordering transcripts
8. Upcoming events to be aware of
9. Sign-up for individual counselor appointments

Senior Year Timeline

FALL

- Senior appointment
- Register for AP Exams
- Continue college search and visits
- Request letters of recommendation
- File FAFSA (or Alternative Application)
- Take the ASVAB
- Complete the CSS Profile (if necessary)
- Apply to schools - NOVEMBER 1
- Scholarship search

SPRING

- Continue applying for scholarships
- Watch for financial aid award letters
- Decide on your school (May 1)
- Solidify plans
- Complete Senior Exit Survey




Financial Aid Graduation Requirement

ALL graduates in the State of Illinois MUST fill out financial aid.

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid
 - Opt-Out Form

The FAFSA isn't just for associates or bachelors degree programs! Students can receive need-based Pell grants, federal student loans, and other student aid for technical, trade, and vocational programs at community colleges and many other schools and training programs.



Which do I fill out?

FAFSA

Eligible students who plan on attending college level classes during the 2022-2023 school year. Must fill out every year you plan to attend school.

ALTERNATIVE APP

Open to qualifying transgender or undocumented students who are not eligible to complete the FAFSA. Must fill out every year you plan to attend school.

OPT OUT FORM

For students who understand what the financial aid applications can do for them and still decide they are not going to fill them out. Must be 18 or have a parent/guardian sign.

Information Needed

FAFSA ONLY

- Social Security Number
 - Parents who do not have a SSN must enter 000-00-0000
- Alien Registration Number, if student is not a U.S. Citizen
- Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID to sign electronically

FAFSA & ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION

- 2020 federal tax return, W-2s, and other records of income
- Banking statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- List of colleges student would like to attend

Options For After High School

Need Financial Aid

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

(Trade School or
Community College) -
6 months+

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

(Community College) -
2 year degree

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

4 year degree

NO FINANCIAL AID NEEDED...YET

MILITARY

Air Force, Army, Coast
Guard, Marines, National
Guard, Navy

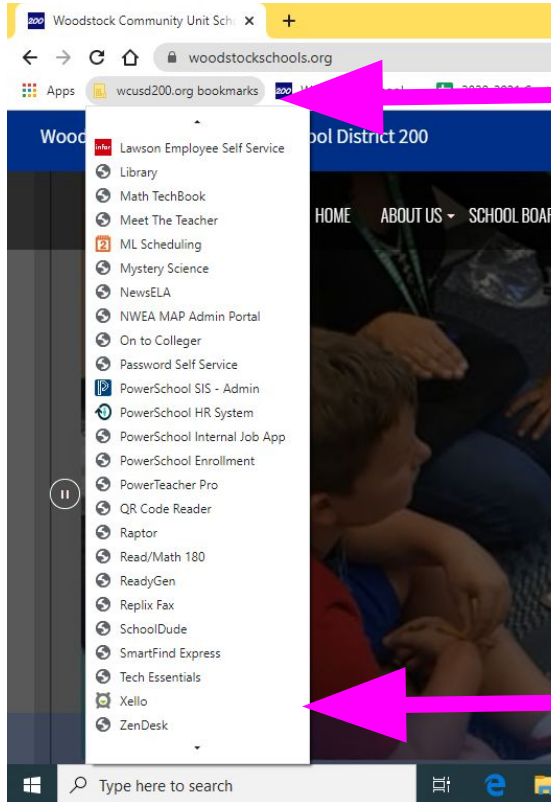
APPRENTICESHIP

Work under a professional
in a specialized career to
learn skills

WORK

Get your resume ready!

Narrowing Down Your Search



When you are logged in to your student account, select the "wcusd200.org bookmarks"



Drop down to the Xello link. If you are logged in with your student account, your access should be automatic*.

*any trouble, contact your counselor

Xello

Interest Inventory

Personality Styles

Research

The screenshot shows the Xello student dashboard. At the top, the browser address bar displays 'student.xello.world/dashboard'. The navigation bar includes the Xello logo and links for 'About Me', 'Explore Options', and 'Goals & Plans'. A large pink arrow points to the 'About Me' section. The main content area features a 'Hey Amanda!' greeting, a '0% All Lessons' progress indicator, and a 'Career Backup Plans' card with a 'Get Started' button. The 'About Me' section lists completed items like 'Matchmaker', 'Personality Style', and 'Mission Complete', along with 'Learning Style' and 'Skills Lab'. The 'Explore Options' section lists 'Careers', 'Schools', 'Majors', and 'Saved Options'. The 'Goals & Plans' section lists 'My Plans', 'College And Career Readiness Indicator', and 'College Planning'. The bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with the search bar and system tray.

*If you need help at anytime during your research process,
please contact your counselor or Mrs. Harmer*

Choosing A School

- Decide what is most important to you (financial aid, major, location, etc.)
 - Example: Eastern Illinois University offers free tuition for families who make less than \$61,000 a year if they have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Check for virtual tours and see who is offering in person tours
 - Example: Eastern Illinois University lists their virtual tour on their Admissions website
- Email the admissions office to talk to a Admissions Rep
- Log on to virtual college fairs or in-person fairs

We will be offering visits with Admissions Representatives as well as Military Representatives. Stay tuned for those!

Another Resource for College Research

BigFuture.com

Log in with your College Board account

Or use it without logging in and getting
personalized results

See which schools might work best for you



SAFETY

You know you can get in no matter what

MATCH

Based on statistics of who has gotten in before, I could more than likely get in.

REACH

Academically or financially, it might be difficult to go to this school

Application Preparation

- Brag Sheet
 - Volunteer Work
 - Work Experience
 - Athletics
 - Extra Curricular
 - Awards
 - Scholarships
 - Things we don't know!
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Allow at least 2 weeks when requesting from teachers, coaches, counselors, advisors, etc.
 - Don't wait to submit your application because you are waiting.
- Start now and aim to apply by November 1

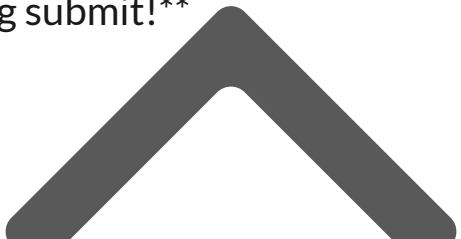


What about my test scores? What is “test optional”?

Should you retake the SAT? Should you take the ACT?

- Test scores *can* qualify you to not take placement exams
- Test scores *can* help you qualify for scholarships

Test optional means that the school isn't requiring you to submit a SAT or ACT score. Instead, some schools may request an interview. Make sure you know the colleges rules about test optional before hitting submit!



AP and Dual Credit

AP

- Taking the test is required for the gpa bump
- In the State of Illinois, all public institutions are required to give credit for a 3, 4, or 5. *Credit varies by institution*
- You must send your scores to the school you plan to attend

DUAL CREDIT

- Classes follow the college syllabus
- Your grade is automatically transcribed at the high school AND on your college transcript
- Grades lower than a “C” can have negative impacts on financial aid

Transcripts

Option 1: Some schools are “self-reporting”, where you will type in all of your high school courses along with the grade you received. If you have submitted your Records Release Form, the Registrar can send you a PDF transcript.

Option 2: Select the school on Xello that you are interested in and select “Send Transcript”. Please don’t select this option until AFTER you have applied.

Option 3: Contact your School Registrar ([Mrs. Zingrone](#) at WHS or [Mrs. Sandall](#) at WNHS) and they can send your transcript. *Please allow 2 business days for them to be ready.* These are free for current students - \$10 if you need it immediately! **PLAN AHEAD**

****If you filled out the Common App, your transcript will automatically be sent.****







Senior Appointment Form

Let's work through this together

Form Sections

Senior Appointment

STEP 1	PUT YOUR NAME ON THE FORM!!!	
STEP 2	SKIP SECTION I & II	
STEP 3	LIST YOUR POST-SECONDARY PLANS	
STEP 4	Identify SAFETY, MATCH, REACH options	

UPCOMING EVENTS



OCT 6

MTI Career Expo
at McHenry High
School 6-8pm



OCT 21

ASVAB at 8:20am
for career
exploration or
military options

OCT 1

FAFSA &
Alternative
Application open



OCT 7

MCC College Fair
at MCC from
5:30-7:30pm



One-on-One Appointment Expectation

ALL Seniors should meet with their counselor one-on-one by the end of September. They will plan to take what we covered today and make it more personal for you as they get to know you even better!

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