



WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL for ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

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CLASS OF
2024

INDIVIDUAL GUIDANCE MEETING

The *1-on-1 Guidance Meetings are going great*. Make sure you check the appointment calendar for your timeslot. We will discuss your transcript, courses and exams needed toward graduating in June, and your college applications. Students who miss their appointments will be placed at the end of the list. Parents or guardians can email me at [terraferma@whsad.org](mailto:tterraferma@whsad.org) if they would like to attend this meeting via conference call or set up a separate appointment.

Checklist - What you should bring to this appointment:

- Your Red Folder
- Your College List (the colleges you plan to apply to)
- Your Social Security Number
- A copy of your parent's 2022 Tax Return (1040 Federal Form)

LUNCH FORMS

While the school meal forms are no longer required in order to receive lunch, we do ask that you fill out the form ASAP. These forms help WHSAD receive funding for a variety of programs. **The lunch form is required for students who want college fee waivers, College Board (SAT & AP Exam) waivers, and select scholarships.** Please contact Ms. Crespo in the main office for assistance.

SAT EXAM

Students can take the SAT multiple times. Colleges "SUPERSCORE" your results. **Superscoring** is the process by which colleges consider your highest section scores across all the dates you took the SAT. This means combining your highest Math score and your highest Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) score across your test dates.

- Register at <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- Select a location convenient to you. (The exam is not given at WHSAD).
- Test Fees: \$60. Fee waivers are available to qualified students. See Ms. T for assistance.
- Can't test on a Saturday for religious reasons? Sunday dates are available. See Ms. T for application.

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
November 4	October 5	October 24
December 2	November 3	November 21

COLLEGE PLANNING & APPLICATIONS

You should have a list of all the schools you want to apply to and their deadlines. Also check on the school's deadline for Scholarships.

- **Early Action:** Apply early and receive a decision early, but you have time to commit to the school. This is a non-binding agreement.
- **Early Decision:** Apply early and find out early. However, this a binding agreement: A student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college.
- **Regular Decision:** Deadlines range from mid-December to mid-January. Schools typically notify students of their decisions between late March and early April.
- **Rolling Admissions:** colleges review applications as they are received.

IMPORTANT – DO NOT SUBMIT ANY APPLICATIONS WITHOUT REVIEW!!!!

October is CUNY Application Month! (www.cuny.edu)

All WHSAD students are encouraged to submit a CUNY application. You can apply to 6 schools in one application. The CUNY application must be submitted ONLINE. The application fee is normally \$65.00, however fee waivers will be available to students who apply before October 31st!

- WHSAD's Annual CUNY Application Day is Friday October 27th from 8:30 – 1pm in Room 232.
- Explore schools and programs: <https://www.cuny.edu/admissions/undergraduate/explore/programs/>
- Virtual/In Person Tours: <https://www.cuny.edu/admissions/undergraduate/explore/tours/>

- **SUNY Colleges & Universities** (www.suny.edu) - 64 Colleges and Universities throughout all of New York State. The closest is SUNY FIT in Manhattan.
 - SUNY application must be submitted **ONLINE** only using either the SUNY Portal on the SUNY website or the Common Application (www.commonapp.org)
 - WHSAD students can receive a fee waiver for up to 7 schools.
 - Explore schools and programs: <https://www.suny.edu/attend/find-a-suny-program/undergraduate/>
 - Virtual/In Person Tours: <https://www.suny.edu/attend/visit-us/campus-visit/>
- **The Common Application (AKA Common App)** (<https://www.commonapp.org/>) is a free college application tool designed to make applying to college faster and easier. With Common App you only need to use one system to apply to multiple colleges and universities. There are two main parts you fill out: a set of common questions (biographical, family, education, extracurricular activities) and then specific college questions. There are many public and private colleges that use the common app. CUNY does not participate in the common application.

Note: a college may use their own website or application portal. Check the school's website before applying and remember... DO NOT SUBMIT ANY APPLICATIONS WITHOUT REVIEW!!!!

FINANCIAL AID

The application for federal aid known as the FAFSA will open in December. They are in the process of making several changes to the FAFSA application this year. WHSAD will be hosting several events and workshops to help students and their families complete the FAFSA starting in November. Info TBD.

SCHOLARSHIPS

College scholarships are forms of aid that help students pay for their education. Scholarships can be for students with special qualifications, such as academic, athletic or artistic talent. Awards are also available for students who are interested in particular fields of study, who are members of underrepresented groups, who live in certain areas of the country or who demonstrate financial need.

These are several websites we recommend using to search for scholarships. Students can create accounts however, you should submit money to apply for a scholarship.

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.studentscholarshipsearch.com
- www.gocollege.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.scholarshiphelp.org
- www.unigo.com
- www.jlvcollegecounseling.com/

❖ **Heisman High School Scholarship** for current seniors who **excel in class, in sports, and in the community.**

- Eligibility: 3.0 GPA (83% or higher), participated in a sport, leadership
- Application Deadline: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM ET
- Information & Application: <https://heismanscholarship.com/>

❖ **Burger King Scholars Program** Recipients are selected through an application process that takes into consideration their grade point average (GPA), work experience, extracurricular activities, and community service.

- Your application is not complete unless submitted electronically on or before December 15, 2023. If 50,000 applications are received prior to December 15, the application will no longer be available.
- Information & Application: <https://burgerking.scholarsapply.org/>

KEY DATES

- ❖ Parent Conferences:
 - Thursday, November 16, 2023 (Evening) & Friday, November 17, 2023 (Afternoon)
 - ❖ First Term Dates:
 - Marking Period 1 Ends: Wednesday, October 18, 2023
 - Marking Period 2 Ends: Friday, December 1, 2023
- Note: Colleges may ask for a copy of your report card when considering your application.
- ❖ College & Career Events:
 - Cooper Union Info Session: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – 4th Period
 - College Fair @ Lehman College: Monday, October 23, 2023
 - Architecture & Design College Fair @ Center for Arch: Saturday, October 28, 2023
 - SUNY Info Session @ WHSAD: October 30, 2023 – 6th Period Room 328
 - Senior Photos: Nov 9th and 10th. See Ms. Nelson for more info.
 - NYC HBCU College Fair @ Riverside Park: Saturday, November 11, 2023
 - CUNY Macaulay Honors College Application Due: Thursday, November 16, 2023