

The Road to College

Contrary to popular belief, applying to colleges can be easy. A successful process takes planning and organization. Use this page to help guide you through the process, post in a prominent place and check off goals along the way.



APPLYING TO COLLEGE Senior Year: The Road to Success



Use to help you stay on track.		Each underlined word is a link. Also visit White Station's Counselor's Corner website for more information.
<input type="checkbox"/>	August	Make a list of colleges that are a good fit you. 6 to 10 schools are a good number. Do your research .
<input type="checkbox"/>	September	Next apply. Most colleges have an online application on their site. Or you can also use Common APP , Naviance , SENDEDU , HBCU APP , Coalition etc. There is a cost to apply. Fees range from \$25-75 dollars. Also, hope you have built a good relationship with your teachers because now is the time to ask for a recommendation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	September	This year we are using, Naviance a web-based program. Your Naviance account will allow your counselor to send your transcript, recommendations, and other documents to the colleges on your college application list. To access Naviance, log into Clever and select the Naviance icon. Note: Naviance works with Common App and other colleges, it does not take the place of an application.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Naviance	Instructions on how to add colleges to Naviance are in your Counselor's Team.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Connect with your counselor	If recommendations are required, turn in a résumé, personal statements & parent letter to your counselor. Your counselor is available to assist. Your counselor will write a recommendation, complete your school report, and send off your official transcript through Naviance. ✱ Please allow a reasonable turn around for your counselor; 3 weeks for recommendations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT	You are responsible for your ACT or SAT score getting to the college(s).
<input type="checkbox"/>	October	Seniors may retake the ACT , if necessary. Senior District Retake is in October. Studying and practice is the key.
<input type="checkbox"/>	October - Jan	Complete the FAFSA. FAFSA opens October 1 st . Your parents must be a part of this process. Note: You and your parent will need to set up sperate FAFSA accounts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov - April	Search for scholarships and grants. Good sources are TN Promise, TN Promise deadline is Nov, 1. Ned McWherter , Questbridge , Local Chapters and Greek organizations, your parents' employer, school's senior REMIND and Teams etc. Eligible students will receive the TN HOPE Scholarship . Larger scholarships will come from the colleges' scholarship funds. Look on their websites.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan - April	Wait for an award letters or emails. If you don't get what you want, reevaluate and apply to more colleges. Also consider the TN Promise . TN Promise is an opportunity to attend a community or technical college for free. TN Promise deadline is Nov, 1. 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	April - May	Turn in Scholarship Report and Final Transcript Request (more information to come). Attend graduation and have a happy life. ☺