Junior Parent Information Night

October 7, 2024

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Agenda Items

- ❏ Overview - Junior Year
- ❏ Post-Secondary Options
- ❏ College Admissions
- ❏ NCAA Eligibility Center
- ❏ Financial Aid
- ❏ Naviance

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October	Naviance Lesson	
	ACP/ Cluster Finder Survey	
November – January	Junior Parent Conferences	
	Advanced Comp – Essay	
January	Senior Year Course Selection	
April – June	College Entrance Exam Testing	
	Adv. Comp/AP Lang – Essay	
	School-Day ACT (March)	
	WI Direct Admit	
September 2024	Senior Dish-Out	

Junior Year – Overview

Junior Conferences
(Academic & Career Planning)

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November – January

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- ❏ Meeting lasts up to a class period.

- ❏ Watch email for invite

- ❏ Counselor, student, parent/guardian

- ❏ Transcript Review

- ❏ Senior Year Schedule

- ❏ Post-Secondary Planning & Timeline

- ❏ Naviance & Other Resources

Post-Secondary Options

COLLEGE

APPRENTICESHIP

SCHOOL STUDIES PROFESSION SKILLS PERFORMANCE CAREER MOTIVATION GOALS

MILITARY

Gap-Year

WORKFORCE

TRADE
- ≤ two years
- specific training
- certificate or apprenticeship

COLLEGE
- four years
- broad education
- associate or bachelor's degree

Question to Consider:
How long do you want to go to school for?
Are you sure of what you'd like to do in the future?
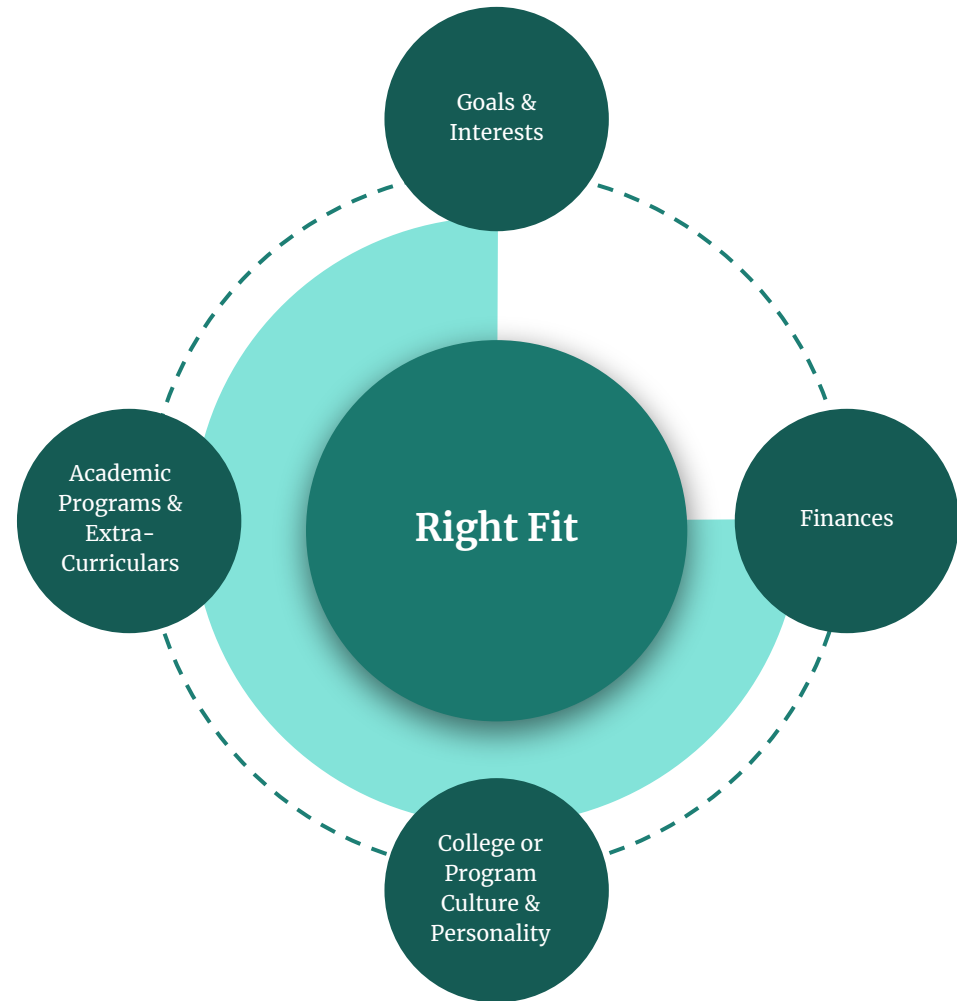What degree of education would you like to attain?

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Senior Year Courses

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English - 2 Credits	American Literature, British Literature, World Literature, Modern Thought in Literature, AP Literature
Social Studies	American Government (1 Credit) OR AP Government (2 Credits)
Science (If they haven't already satisfied their 2 Physics credits)	Physics, Physics Concepts or Principles of Engineering (POE)
PE (If they haven't already satisfied their 3 PE credits)	Yoga, 0-Hour, Team Challenge, Lifetime Activities, Personal Training
Cultural Arts (If they haven't already satisfied their 2 CA credits)	Art, Music, Woodworking, World Lang. etc.
Computer (If they haven't already satisfied their 1 Computer credit)	Computer Concepts, Computer Science
Electives	Total Credits Required: 40

Finding the Right Fit

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Considerations when exploring your student's NEXT step

Goals & Interests

Academic Programs & Extra-Curriculars

Right Fit

Finances

College or Program Culture & Personality

Rep Visits

@ Whitefish Bay High School

- College Updates
- Academic Programs
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Study Abroad Opportunities
- Student Organizations
- Campus Life
- Academic/Admissions Requirements
- Face-to-Face Connection

Campus Tours

In-Person or Virtual

- Long Weekends (October 30 pm–Nov 3)
- Spring Break
- Summer
- Campus Preview Days
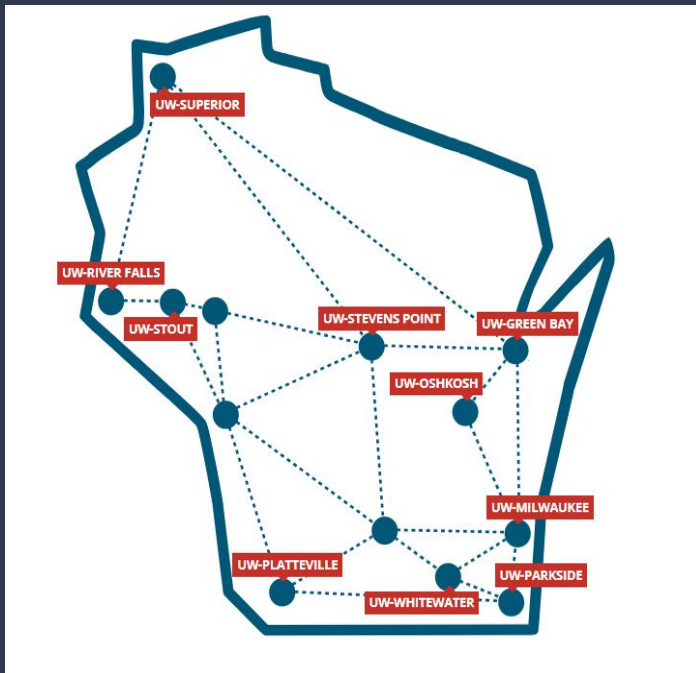- Wisconsin Education Fair - Wednesday, October 16th @ Franklin High School (6-8pm): www.WEFS.org

Naviance

College/Career Search Tool

- College SuperMatch
- Scattergrams
- Virtual Tours
- Roadtrip Nation
- List of College Rep Visits
- Surveys (Personality Inventories, Career Interest Profiler, etc.)
- Compare/Contrast Colleges
- Military

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Direct Admit Wisconsin

Direct Admit Wisconsin is an initiative by the Universities of Wisconsin to proactively offer admission to qualifying high school students in between their junior and senior years of high school. Direct admission removes the traditional application process and instead uses data (high school transcript) provided by the high school to admit students to universities.

Students should expect to receive an email and a letter during the summer prior to senior year indicating which universities are providing direct admission and the next steps you need to take in order to learn more about enrolling.

*Participating in this program does not commit you to attend any of the universities in the direct admit program.

*Does not include: UW–Eau Claire, UW–La Crosse & UW–Madison

How Many College Applications?

1–2   Reach
- Highly selective admissions
- Grades/scores could be around the average or below the average scores for admitted students
- Acceptance could be possible but might be a long shot

3–4   Reasonable/Target
- Academic record and test scores are right in line with the averages
- You feel like you measure up favorably and have a decent chance of getting accepted

1–2   Reliable/Safety
- Academic record and test scores are measurably above the average of admitted students

College Admissions

Application Deadlines

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College Admissions Considerations

- ❏ HS Curriculum Rigor
- ❏ Extra-Curriculars
- ❏ Essay(s)*

Note: Guidance lesson for all 11th grade students in English classes leading into their colleges essay writing unit (Adv. Comp or AP Lang)

- ❏ Grade Point Average
- ❏ Letters of Recommendation
- ❏ Test Scores (Note: Many colleges remain optional)

Types of Deadlines

- ❏ Early Decision (Binding)
- ❏ Early Action (Non-Binding)
- ❏ Regular Admissions
- ❏ Rolling Admissions
- ❏ WI Direct Admit (opt out via skyward)

*Note: Deadlines vary by institution

2024-2025 Testing Dates

ACT

December 14

February 8

March 11 *

*School Day @ WFBHS

April 5

June 14

July 12

SAT

November 2

December 7

March 8

May 3

June 7

Test Prep

- ❏ High School Curriculum
- ❏ Counseling Department Website
- ❏ Rec Department
- ❏ ACT & College Board Websites

AP Testing: May 5 - 16, 2025

Financial Aid

Grants

Money does NOT have to be paid back.

Scholarships

Money does NOT have to be paid back.

Different Types:
Institutional, Generic, WFB

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Loans

Money DOES need to be paid back and may accrue interest.

FAFSA (Available in December - Unsure of specific date)

Private Loans

Work Study

Federal or state level program that provides part-time job for students.

❏ Naviance
❏ University Financial Aid Pages
❏ WFB Counseling Dept. Website
❏ FAFSA
❏ WFB Scholarships

❏ Net Price Calculator - All institutions should provide on websites
❏ Discuss $$ early as a family

North Shore Financial Aid Night | Whitefish Bay High School 11/18 @ 6:00 pm

Roles   Responsibilities   Resources

Counselor

- ❏ Academic & Career Planning - Naviance
- ❏ Career & College Exploration
- ❏ Post-Secondary Options
- ❏ College Application Process
- ❏ Monitor and Process Application Information
- ❏ Collaborate with College Admissions Offices
- ❏ Facilitate College Rep Visits
- ❏ Junior Parent Conference Meetings

Student/family

- ❏ Naviance - Search/Compare Schools & Explore Careers
- ❏ Continued participation in extracurricular activities
- ❏ Junior Conference
- ❏ ACT/SAT
- ❏ School Visits
- ❏ College Rep Visits
- ❏ Communicate with School Counselor
- ❏ Weekly Counselor Newsletter
- ❏ Explore College Websites

Student Athletes

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NCAA & NAIA Eligibility Center

Division 1*
Division II*
Division III
NAIA* (small college athletics program)

*[Eligibility Center Registration Required](#)

Make sure to communicate with coaches for guidance.

Social Media

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Considerations

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

What **NOT** to do if <u>*you choose*</u> to use it?

– *Do not copy and paste out of AI*

Ideas of how you **CAN** use it...

– *Generate new ideas*
– *Ask AI for constructive feedback on essays*

__Fact Check__ – AI has been known to make things up

❏ Language counselors are using with students
❏ Professional Development for Counselors from Universities/Professional Organizations to help guide and educate
❏ Please discuss with your student(s) at home

Final Reminders...

- ❏ We are here to help.

- ❏ Reach out if/when you need us.

- ❏ Ask questions.

- ❏ Encourage your student(s) to pop in/email and see us if they need anything.

Thank you for attending!

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