

COLLEGE APPLICATION TOOLKIT

CLASS OF
2020

JANUARY 17TH
2019

5 OF THE BIGGEST 2018 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TRENDS

- **Admissions Officers Are Scoping Out Social Media**
- **Technology Is Everywhere**
- **Test-Optional Schools Are on the Rise**
- **You Can Negotiate Aid**
- **Applications From International Students Are Declining**

TOPICS

- **Transcript**
- **Senior Schedules**
- **Standardized Tests**
- **What to Look For In A College**
- **What Colleges Are Looking For**
- **Researching Colleges**
- **Applying to Colleges**
- **Paying For Colleges**
- **Next Steps**

WHAT COLLEGES ARE LOOKING FOR IN YOU

- **Transcript**
- **Standardized Test Scores**
- **Activities**
- **Recommendations**
- **Essay**

Factor	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
Grades in College Prep Courses	216	76.9%	12.5%	9.3%	1.4%
Grades in All Courses	218	77.1	13.8	6.4	2.8
Strength of Curriculum	218	51.8	35.3	7.3	5.5
Admission Test Scores (SAT, ACT)	219	54.3	27.9	13.7	4.1
Essay or Writing Sample	217	18.9	35.9	22.1	23.0
Counselor Recommendation	213	14.6	46.0	25.8	13.6
Student's Demonstrated Interest	212	13.7	25.5	32.1	28.8
Teacher Recommendation	211	10.9	46.4	28.0	14.7
Class Rank	217	9.2	24.0	34.6	32.3
Subject Test Scores (AP, IB)	216	6.9	30.6	30.6	31.9
Portfolio	210	6.2	5.7	27.6	60.5
Extracurricular Activities	214	7.9	36.0	36.9	19.2
SAT II Scores	212	2.4	6.1	21.2	70.3
Interview	213	4.7	17.4	31.9	46.0
State Graduation Exam Scores	210	1.9	7.6	21.9	68.6
Work	211	2.8	15.6	47.4	34.1

SOURCE: NACAC Admission Trends Survey, 2016

White Plains, NY 10605

Class Of:

State School Number: 030
 Counselor: Monteagudo, Marcos
 Principal: Ellen Doherty

Sub.	Course Title	Mark	Credits	Sub.	Course Title	Credits
2014-2015				2018-2019		
MAT	ALGEBRA	A+	1.000	Courses in Progress		
SCI	EARTH SCI R 8	A+	1.000	ENG	SUPA: Eng. Wrt & Text. Studies	1.000
LOTE	SPANISH 1	A+	1.000	SOC	Economics of Sports Honors	0.500
	Total:		3.000	SOC	Criminal Law	0.500
2015-2016				MAT	AP Calculus BC	1.000
ENG	English 1 Honors	B+	1.000	MAT	AP Statistics	1.000
SOC	Global History 1 Honors	A-	1.000	SCI	AP Physics C	1.000
MAT	Geometry Honors	A+	1.000	TEC	Engin. Design & Devel. Honors	1.000
SCI	Living Environment Honors	A-	1.000	PE	Team Sports	0.500
LOTE	Spanish 2A	A	1.000		Total:	6.500
TEC	Intro to Engineering Design	A	1.000			
TEC	Architect. Drawing-Commercial	A	0.500			
TEC	Architect. Drawing-Residential	B+	0.500			
PE	Aquatics	A+	0.500			
	Total:		7.500			
2016-2017				Assessments/Exams		
ENG	English 2 Honors	A-	1.000	<u>Date</u>	<u>Test Name</u>	<u>Test Score</u>
SOC	AP World History	A	1.000	6/5/2018	Regents Common Core ELA - Jun	99
MAT	Algebra 2 Trigonometry Honors	A+	1.000	6/1/2016	Regents Common Core Geometry - Jun	98
SCI	Chemistry Honors	A	1.000	6/13/2017	Regents Global History - Jun	94
LOTE	Spanish 3A	A	1.000	6/2/2015	Regents Phy Set/Earth Sci - Jun	98
ART	Introduction to Ceramics	A	0.500	6/5/2018	Regents US History&Gov't - Jun	98
BUS	Marketing Concepts	A+	0.500			
TEC	Construction Systems	A+	0.500			
PE	Fitness and Aesthetics	A+	0.500			
HEA	Health	A	0.500			
	Total:		7.500			
2017-2018				Statistical Data		
ENG	AP Language and Composition	A	1.000	GPA: 4.910		
SOC	AP U.S. History	A	1.000	Total Credits Earned: 25.500		
MAT	Pre Calculus Honors	A+	1.000	Class Rank: 21 out of 500		
SCI	Physics Honors	A+	1.000	Graduation Date:		
LOTE	Spanish 4 Honors	A	1.000			
ART	Intermediate Ceramics	A+	0.500			
SCI	Princ. of Engineering Honors	A+	1.000			
TEC	Manufacturing Systems	A	0.500			
PE	Lifetime Sports	A+	0.500			
	Total:		7.500			

COURSES FOR SENIOR YEAR

- Course Catalog:

<https://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/cms/lib/NY01000029/Centricity/Domain/178/Course%20Catalog%202017-2018.pdf>

- Select appropriately challenging courses.

- Most colleges will look at the courses that you select for senior year as well as your grades!

STANDARDIZED TESTS

- SAT/Subject Tests/ AP exams
www.collegeboard.org
- ACT
www.actstudent.org
- SAT vs ACT
<https://blog.prepscholar.com/act-vs-sat>
- Preparation
<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
- Fee waivers available for those who qualify in college and career center
- Consider taking the Practice ACT administered here at WPHS on Friday, January 25th.
- Register at:
www.applerouth.com/signup
and enter code: M327433

RESEARCHING COLLEGES

- Naviance / Family Connection

<https://student.naviance.com/wphs>

- Contact your counselor if you do not have your login information
- College Visits at White Plains High School
- College Fair - County Center
- Visit College Campuses

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A COLLEGE

- Program
- Location
- Atmosphere
- Activities
- Cost

Anything that is important to you
is important in choosing a college

STUDENT ATHLETES

- Division I and II must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse - www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Speak with your coaches about what level of college they can see you playing
- D III = No Clearinghouse
- <http://www.espn.com/espnw/voices/article/18171678/parenting-aspiring-college-athlete-here-recruiting-process-really-like>

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

- Common Application www.commonapp.org
- University Application – University website
- Coalition Application
<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- SUNY APP
<https://www.suny.edu/attend/apply-to-suny/>
- CUNY APP -
<http://www2.cuny.edu/admissions/apply-to-cuny/>

WHEN DO YOU APPLY?

- When applying to colleges, it is important to understand the different admissions options that each school offers and to carefully consider which option is the best fit for you.

WHEN DO YOU APPLY?

- **Regular Decision:**

Students must submit an application by a specified date and they will receive a decision within a clearly stated period of time. This is a non-binding admission plan. If you are accepted to the college, you have until May 1st to decide if you will attend

- **Rolling Admission:**

No specific application deadline exists. Applications are reviewed as they are received, and admission decisions are sent out as they are determined. If accepted, you have until May 1st to decide if you will attend.

WHEN DO YOU APPLY?

- **Early Action (EA):**

Early Action applications typically have deadlines in November and December. Students who apply through early action will receive an admission decision earlier than the students who apply through regular decision. This is a non-binding admission plan; if accepted, you have until May 1st to decide if you will attend. You are permitted to apply to more than one college using early action.

- **Early Decision (ED):**

When applying under this plan you are making a commitment that if accepted, you will withdraw all other college applications and attend that college. You may only apply early decision to one school. Deadlines for early decision are usually due in early November. Early decision should only be used by students who have thoroughly researched college options, visited several campuses and discussed this decision at length with their family and their counselor.

WHEN DO YOU APPLY?

- Restrictive Early Action (REA)

Differs from school to school. Some schools only allow you to apply Early to their institution, which prevents you from going ED or EA anywhere else. Others prevent you from going ED elsewhere but will allow you to go EA to other schools.

- Priority (PRI):

The definition of a priority deadline will vary from school to school. In general, applying by this deadline ensures that you will receive the best consideration for admission as well as for merit-based scholarships and invitations to special programs. In some cases applicants are required to apply by a priority deadline in order to be considered for scholarships or financial aid or to guarantee housing availability.

“SPECIAL” APPLICATIONS

- “Director’s Cut” “President’s Choice” “Fast App”
- Often free, with no essay or letters of recommendations
- Speak with your counselor before deciding to use this type of application

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- CSS Profile - www.collegeboard.org/profile
- FAFSA - www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Financial Aid Night – At White Plains High School – 2019 Date is to be determined
- Net Price Calculator – on every college website
- MyIntuition - <https://myintuition.org/schools/>

FAFSA

THE 2019–20 FAFSA®: WHAT TO KNOW



*The FAFSA launches
October 1, 2018*



*You'll report
your 2017 tax
information.*



*There's no need to
update it after filing
your 2018 taxes.*

JUNIOR YEAR TIMELINE

- Register and take standardized test (SAT / ACT)
- FEBRUARY – Schedule program planning with counselor
- MARCH – MAY - Schedule Individual college/post-secondary family meetings
- Submit Counselor College Questionnaire and Parent/Guardian Brag Letter:
<https://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/Page/21039>
- Request letters of recommendation from 2 teachers
- Email those teachers the request via Naviance and provide them with the Student Self Reflection Form
- Develop the “colleges I’m thinking about” list on Naviance
- Explore summer opportunities. Look for a job, internship or volunteer position.

LAST AND MOST IMPORTANT!

- **Talk to your school counselor!**
- **Your counselor can help you with every aspect of college/post-secondary preparation covered in these slides, and a lot of other things that weren't.**
- **We are here to ensure that your hard work pays off, not just in high school but in college and beyond.**