

# THE COLLEGE SEARCH

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# TIMELINE

COLLEGE APPLICATION  
TIMING

## AUGUST 2023

College applications for the 2024-2025 school year (that's you!) will open in the Summer of 2023.

## BY HALLOWEEN 2023

We encourage all seniors to aim to complete all of their college applications by Halloween of their senior year.

## NOVEMBER 1st

First major admission/scholarship deadline for the majority of colleges.

## MAY 1st

National reply date. You'll let colleges know whether or not you plan to attend.

If you are going to start applying six months from now, you've got some work to do this year!

# WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO NOW?

- Prepare for and take your college admission test(s).
- Conduct your **college search** and develop a list of where you would like to apply.
- Start planning ahead for your applications.



**IDENTIFY THE CRITERIA  
THAT IS IMPORTANT TO  
YOU**



**IDENTIFY AND RESEARCH  
SCHOOLS THAT FIT YOUR  
CRITERIA**



**DEVELOP YOUR  
LIST/DECIDE WHERE  
YOU WANT TO APPLY**

# THE COLLEGE SEARCH

Location

Distance from Home

Size

Selectivity/Admissions Requirements

Majors

Cost

Public vs Private

Athletics/Activities/Campus Life

Demographics

Campus Resources

Study Abroad options

Religious Affiliation

- There are more than 3,000 colleges & universities in the US alone.
- Think about things that are important to you to narrow your list.

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# ONLINE COLLEGE SEARCHES

## **Naviance Family Connection**

<https://connection.naviance.com/wghs>

accessible via student's CLEVER account

## **Big Future College Search by College Board**

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>

## **College Navigator (US Dept of Education)**

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>



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# IN-PERSON RESEARCH

Meet with College Admission Representatives  
@ WGHS  
\_check calendar on Counseling Department webpage

Attend College Events in STL region  
check calendar on Counseling Department webpage

Attend College Fairs when available

Various LIVE virtual events available, check with  
individual schools



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# COLLEGE VISITS

## **Schedule in advance online**


Best time to visit is when school is in session

## **Take an official tour**

Talk with current students, meet with your academic department, eat in the dining hall

**Be prepared with questions to ask, list of things to see...**

Visit our [counseling webpage](#) for a list of [questions to ask on a campus visit](#)



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# DEVELOP YOUR LIST AND DECIDE WHERE TO APPLY

The number of applications is up to you. On average students apply to 3-7 schools.

Each list should include schools in three different categories:

- Predictable (safety),
- Target
- Not-predictable (reach)

Students should have a handful selected by the beginning of their senior year.

# AFTER THIS SESSION:

## **SESSION TWO: 6:40 - 7:10 P.M.**

**POWER OF EXPERIENTIAL  
LEARNING IN COLLEGE &  
CAREER PROCESS - ROOM 290**

**THE LABORERS' UNION  
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM -  
ROOM 159**

**COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTING -  
ROOM 284**

**FINANCIAL AID 101 - LIBRARY**

**EARNING COLLEGE CREDIT IN  
HIGH SCHOOL - ROOM 181**

## **SESSION THREE: 7:15 - 8:00 P.M.**

**COLLEGE ADMISSION PANEL  
WITH COLLEGE  
REPRESENTATIVES**

# CONTACT US

WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

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