

# YOUR FUTURE STARTS NOW

## WCPS COLLEGE COACHING ACTION PLAN

*Student, if possible, complete the front of this form and bring to the meeting.*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

www.bridges.com Portfolio name \_\_\_\_\_ password \_\_\_\_\_  
(graduationyearlastnamefirstname) (studentIDnumber)

www.collegeboard.org student username: \_\_\_\_\_ password: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hint: Use school username and password so you remember!

Financial Aid: FAFSA Parent pin # \_\_\_\_\_ Student pin # \_\_\_\_\_ apply online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

Current GPA / QPA \_\_\_\_\_ Current class rank # \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

Currently taking / took AP course(s)? yes / no List \_\_\_\_\_

PSAT Scores: Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Combined \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Combined \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Composite Score: \_\_\_\_\_

College major or area of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Plan:

List of Colleges (5 schools):  
include stretch, sure, safety

Application Due:  
early, regular

Mid-Range Entrance Score(s)  
(R) (M) (W) Composite

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## Academic and College Entrance Exam Planning:

Recommended high school courses: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended summer plans (juniors): \_\_\_\_\_

Target dates to take and/or re-take college entrance exam:

- SAT \_\_\_\_\_ Score Goals: Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration deadline: \_\_\_\_\_
- SAT \_\_\_\_\_ Score Goals: Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration deadline: \_\_\_\_\_
- ACT \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score Goals: \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration deadline: \_\_\_\_\_
- ACT \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score Goals: \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

College entrance exam preparation plan and my pledge:

Check all that you are committing to complete. Revisit this list of study options if you don't reach your score goal the first take.

- Enroll in SAT/ACT Question of the Day and practice (how often) \_\_\_\_\_
- Build my vocabulary with SAT vocabulary flashcards and quizzes (when) \_\_\_\_\_
- Practice with SAT Skills Insight for \_\_\_\_\_ hours, when \_\_\_\_\_
- Take SAT full-length practice Test(s) – my plan \_\_\_\_\_
- Khan Academy online SAT preparation for \_\_\_\_\_ hours, when \_\_\_\_\_
- SAT Review: 2 - 3 hours the week before the test, when \_\_\_\_\_
- ACT online practice for \_\_\_\_\_ hours, when \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, am going to a four-year college. In order to reach my goals, I will prepare for the college entrance exam, stay focused on my schoolwork and work hard to achieve the application requirements for my top college. I realize that I must stay organized to meet all deadlines.**

**Student signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

For help making your plan watch the College Readiness Resources [Presentation](#)

## COLLEGE COACHING CHECK LIST

**College Search:** (Recommended: [College Board](#) or [Bridges](#))

- Determine desired criteria: major/interest area, location and setting, size, sports and activities, housing and programs, diversity, etc.
- Research colleges to determine fit: selectivity, entrance requirements, course rigor, GPA, mid-range entrance test scores
- [Visit campuses](#): my plan \_\_\_\_\_

**NCAA:**

- Register with [Eligibility Center](#) online. my deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Components: Checklist

### My target dates for completion

<input type="checkbox"/> Application forms	
<input type="checkbox"/> Essay written, proofed, revised, finalized	
<input type="checkbox"/> Counselor forms submitted to counselor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transcript requests submitted	
High School	
HCC (for ESSENCE)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Letters of recommendation (requested, SASE provided)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee waivers	

### Financial Aid & Scholarships:

- Apply for [FAFSA PIN](#) numbers
- Complete [FAFSA](#) worksheet
- Enter [FAFSA](#) data online (As soon as possible after Jan. 1; must be prior to March 1)
- Complete CSS Profile (if required by college)
- Develop resume to use for scholarship applications
- Research scholarships online
- Make a list of scholarship deadlines from the WCPS Scholarship Newsletter
- Research available scholarships at colleges where you applied
- Contact employer, community groups, and state legislators regarding scholarships

### Resources Links:

[WCPS Scholarship newsletter](#)

[College Consultant list](#)

[Financial aid descriptions](#)

[Comparing award letters](#)

[Sample award letters](#)

[SAT prep](#)

[Improving your college essay](#)

[Tips for writing your way into your top choice school](#)

[Tips for writing your personal statement](#)

[More web resources](#)