



TOP SIX FOR SENIORS: Six Important Steps for Fall of Your Senior Year

1. Prepare for Entrance Exams

Have you not only taken the SAT and/or ACT, but set a performance goal, practiced, and developed a strategy for achieving that goal? Have you taken the SAT Subject Tests that some schools require?

2. Complete Applications

Have you narrowed your list of colleges and begun working on the applications? Do you have at least one “safety” school and one “dream school” on your list? Do you know the deadlines for preferred admissions and scholarship programs at your choice of schools?

3. Make College Visits

Have you visited the colleges on your list, observed classes, talked with students, and met with representatives from both the admissions and financial aid offices?

4. Get Recommendations

Have you identified at least three adults who know you well—in and out of school—and who are willing to write personalized letters of recommendation for you?

5. Search Scholarships

Have you identified local and national scholarships for which you are eligible? Have you obtained the applications? Have you signed up to receive the WCPS Scholarship e-newsletter?

6. Meet with Counselors

Do you meet regularly with your school counselor? Does s/he know about your college goals? Do you stay updated on school-based deadlines for transcript requests, letters of recommendation, and scholarship applications?