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## GRADUATION CHECKLIST

### Freshman Year

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### Elective Requirements

- Health: 0.5
- PE: 1.5
- Occupational Ed.: 1.0
- Fine Art: 1.0
- Culminating Project: 0.5
- Five Year Plan: 0.0

### HSPE Requirements

- Pass Reading
- Pass Writing
- EOC Algebra
- EOC Geometry
- EOC Biology

### Total Possible: 24
### Total Required: 22
POST HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS

GUIDANCE FOR THE 21st CENTURY

- **Four Year Colleges and Universities:** Majors offered by four-year colleges and universities offer a wide variety of job preparation possibilities. More than 100 areas of study may be offered. Some of these areas of study will prepare students for specific occupations, while others emphasize research and preparation for advanced study.
  - Public In-State Universities
  - Public Out-of-State Universities
  - Private/Independent In-State Colleges/Universities
  - Private/Independent Out-of-State Colleges/Universities
  - Foreign Universities

- **Community Colleges:** Two-year colleges offer a large number of programs including short-term vocational preparation (Certificate Programs), Associate of Art or Science degrees, and courses of study designed to facilitate transfer to a four-year college. Tuition is very reasonably priced.

- **Graduate/Professional School:** Some occupations require more than 4 years of full-time enrollment. Admission to graduate school requires completion of the Bachelor’s degree; some professional schools, such as pharmacy and optometry, admit students who have completed 2 or 3 years of undergraduate study.

- **Vocational Schools:** These include privately-owned business, trade and technical schools which may be in business to make a profit. The programs offered generally last no more than two years, and allow an individual to obtain highly specialized training. Tuition is generally high, but most provide an externship and good job placement services. Check out the credentials of the school before applying, and read the fine print in the contract carefully!

- **Specialized Schools:** These institutions offer specialized training similar to Vocational Schools, but are usually non-profit. Many award two and/or four-year degrees and tuition is generally high. These schools are a good choice for students who have clear career goals. Find out which organization(s) provide accreditation, and seek financial aid.

- **Distance Learning:** Distance learning includes high school and college level courses taught by correspondence, via cable television, and on the Internet. These are options for those who cannot or do not wish to attend formal classes.
- **Apprenticeships:** An apprenticeship is a more formal way of learning a skill or trade. Although you work with someone at a particular job, you must also attend class. Most programs are 3-4 years in length; however, some may be as short as 2 years while others last as long as 6 years. The number of apprentice openings is usually limited. Tests, personal interviews, and high school mathematics through trigonometry may be required.

- **On-The Job Training:** This is an informal type of training. Someone who knows the job well will teach you while you observe and assist that person in performing it. High School graduation may or may not be required, but is always desirable. On-the-job training allows you to earn while you learn.

- **Military Training:** Branches of the military offer training in almost 1,500 civilian-related jobs. Classroom study is generally required along with on-the-job training. Taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will help you to determine which training programs you may qualify for. Most branches of the military now provide opportunities for enlisted personnel to earn credit towards a college degree while they serve. The Air Force has its own community college.

- **Job Corps:** Job Corps is a career training and education program for students’ age 16-24 who meet income or disability requirements. It is designed to help students find the path to personal and career success – **all at no cost to eligible students.**
COLLEGE ADMISSION FACTORS

There’s no magic formula when it comes to college admission decisions. So how do you advise students on admission factors when they vary so widely from one college to the next? **Students and parents should know that many factors influence admission decisions, including:**

- Grades point average
- Depth of courses – Honors, AP, Running Start
- Success in classes – challenge yourself throughout your senior year
- Standardized test scores
- Class rank
- Extra curriculum activities – inside school and outside school
- Personal statements and essays – true reflection
- Recommendations
- Interviews

Which factors most effect the admission decision?

Many small, private and/or selective colleges pay greater attention to personal statements and essays, teacher and counselor recommendations, leadership experiences and the individual talents of applicants.

Regardless of the college’s evaluation system, students should present a well-rounded picture of their skills, experience and personal traits. Applicants should highlight their ability to succeed at each particular institution and what they can contribute to student life on campus.
FRESHMAN YEAR

STUDENTS

- Take challenging required classes to prepare you for college
- Start thinking about your career interests
- Develop 5-year plan
- Study hard and get excellent grades
- Become involved in school or community based activities
- Browse through college literature or surf the Web to get an idea of what kinds of schools may be of interest to you
- Start researching SAT/ACT requirements and practice material.
- Know NCAA requirements if you want to play sports in college
- Make a list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities
- Register with College Board
- Consider whether AVID is a good fit
- Create a portfolio of your best work

PARENTS

- Review 5 year plan
- Start researching SAT/ACT requirements and practice material
- Research college requirements and set up individual meetings with your child's school counselor regarding college information/resources
- Continue to save for your child's college education
- Visit college campuses

SOPHOMORE YEAR

STUDENTS

- Meet with your school counselor to discuss colleges and their requirements
- Update your 5-year plan
- Consider taking practice SAT/ACT exams
- Attend college fairs
- Continue to take challenging and required classes to prepare you for college
- Continue to get involved in school or community based activities
- Continue to keep a record of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities

PARENTS

- Review 5 year plan
- Consider having your child take practice ACT/SAT exams
- Research college requirements and set-up individual meetings with your child's school counselor
- Continue to save for your child's college education
- Attend college and financial aid nights with your child
JUNIOR YEAR

STUDENTS
- Take the PSAT: October
- Plan on taking either ACT/SAT in Winter or Spring
- Review 5-year plan
- Attend college and financial aid nights: Fall
- Continue to take challenging and required classes to prepare for college
- Continue to stay involved in school or community based activities
- Develop a tentative list of post high school educational options
- Visit selected colleges you are interested in

PARENTS
- Attend college and financial aid nights with your child
- Take your child to visit college campuses
- Talk to your child about post high school options
- Review 5-year plan
- Make sure your child is scheduled to take either ACT/SAT
- Continue to save for your child’s education
- Continue to research college requirements and set-up individual meetings with your child’s school counselor
- Research scholarships

SENIOR YEAR

STUDENTS
- Complete all final college course requirements
- Retake or take SAT/ACT, if applicable: Fall
- Apply to the colleges you have chosen: Fall
- Attend college and financial aid night: Fall
- Apply for scholarships: Fall
- Apply for financial aid: Fall/Winter
- Review your college acceptances and compare the colleges’ financial packages: Spring
- When you decide which school you want to attend, notify that school of your commitment: Spring

PARENTS
- Complete your child's financial aid packet: Fall/Winter
- Stay connected with your child’s school regarding scholarships
- Attend college and financial aid nights

4 Year College Requirements

www.wsac.wa.gov
- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Math
- 2 years of Lab Science
- 3 years of History and Social Science
- 2 years of Foreign Language (2 yrs of same language)
- 1 year of Visual Art

How to Pay for College
- www.fafsa.gov
- www.thewashboard.org
- www.studentscholarshipsearch.com
- www.collegeanswer.com
- www.cappex.com
- www.nelliemaes.org

College Research
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.univsource.com
- www.ed.gov
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- www.khec.com
- www.campus tours.com
- www.princeton review.com

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