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AGENDA

- Post High School Pathways
- College Search / building your list
- How to apply
- Elements of the College Application
- High School and Beyond Plan – Graduation Requirement!
- Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Junior Conferences
- Questions

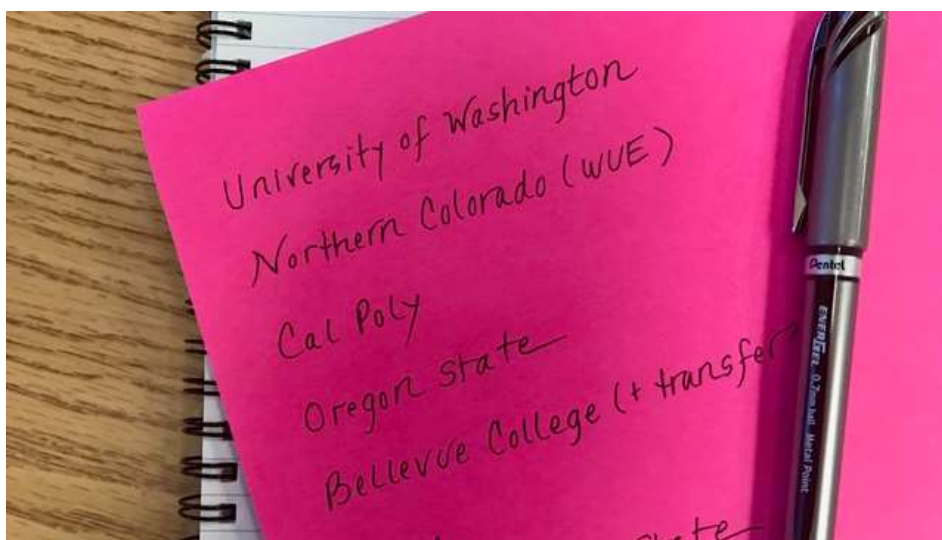


Post-High School Planning

- Apprenticeship/Job Training
 - 2-4-year Technical/Community College
 - 4-year College/University
 - Military
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- Check out the CHS College & Career web page for lots of resources!
 - Explore options in Xello.
 - Research online.
 - Go to college fairs. Speak to college & military representatives that visit our school.
 - Start to actively learn more about professions & majors that interest you!



Building your list



- Mix of likely, target and reach schools
- Mix of academic, social and financial fit schools
- Student should be HAPPY to attend any school on the list

Considerations:

- **Academic Fit** – major, learning environment, research, class size, entrance requirements
- **Social Fit** – location, size, clubs, sports, housing, Greek system, values
- **Financial Fit** – estimate costs using schools *net price calculator*, schools where students are at the top of the academic ranges where merit money may be more likely

COLLEGE SEARCH RESOURCES

Check CHS College & Career Page for many more resources!

- Xello
- CHS College Rep Visits
- Campus Visits
- Virtual Tours
- Websites
- www.collegeboard.com
- <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

CAREERS 500 +



Match

Title Examiner
\$28,610 - \$80,150



Match

Psychologist
\$44,040 - \$129,310



Match

Rehabilitation Counselor
\$22,990 - \$63,820



Match

Sport Psychology Consu...
\$40,000 - \$100,000



Historian
\$29,270 - \$110,670

About Me

Explore Options

Go



SCHOOLS 3,500 +



University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, AL



University of Illinois at U
Champaign, IL



Baylor University
Waco, TX



Yale University
New Haven, CT



North Carolina State Un
Raleigh, NC

Public vs. Private



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|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 - Bates Technical College | 13 - Green River College | 25 - Skagit Valley College |
| 2 - Bellevue College | 14 - Highline College | 26 - South Puget Sound Community College |
| 3 - Bellingham Technical College | 15 - Lake Washington Institute of Technology | 27 - South Seattle College |
| 4 - Big Bend Community College | 16 - Lower Columbia College | 28 - Spokane Community College |
| 5 - Cascadia College | 17 - North Seattle College | 29 - Spokane Falls Community College |
| 6 - Centralia College | 18 - Olympic College | 30 - Tacoma Community College |
| 7 - Clark College | 19 - Peninsula College | 31 - Walla Walla Community College |
| 8 - Clover Park Technical College | 20 - Pierce College Fort Steilacoom | 32 - Wenatchee Valley College |
| 9 - Columbia Basin College | 21 - Pierce College Puyallup | 33 - Whatcom Community College |
| 10 - Edmonds Community College | 22 - Renton Technical College | 34 - Yakima Valley College |
| 11 - Everett Community College | 23 - Seattle Central College | |
| 12 - Grays Harbor College | 24 - Shoreline Community College | |

Independent Four-year Colleges and Universities



Public Four-year Colleges and Universities

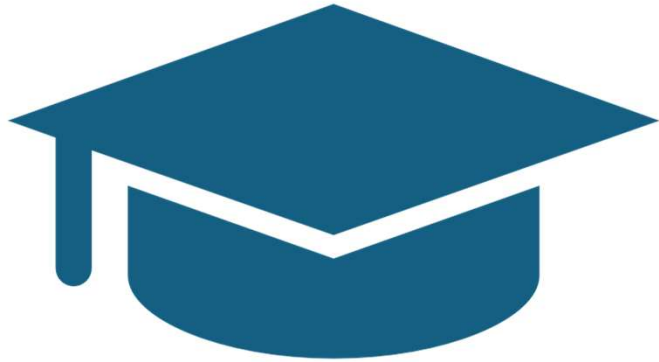


Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

<https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>



- 160+ participating schools
- Regional tuition-reciprocity agreement
- Enables Washington students to enroll in more than 150 out-of-state institutions at maximum 150% of in-state tuition
- Build some WUE schools into your list as financial safeties



ELEMENTS OF A COLLEGE APPLICATION

- Holistic Review
- Rigorous Curriculum
- Academic record - GPA
- Test Scores (check if test optional/test blind)
- Leadership/CTSOs/involvement
- Activities: sports, clubs, community service, part-time jobs, summer
- Personal Statements/Essays
- Recommendations

Common Data Set

Colleges provide standardized data across various colleges

Detailed Information about each school every year.

Number of students applied, accepted and waitlisted

Recommended and required courses

What is most important for admission

- C5 Distribution of high school units required and/or recommended.** Specify the distribution of academic high school course units required and/or recommended of all or most degree-seeking students using Carnegie units (one unit equals one year of study or its equivalent). If you use a different system for calculating units, please convert.

	Units Required	Units Recommended
Total academic units	14.5	
English	4	
Mathematics	3	
Science	2	
Of these, units that must be lab	1	
Foreign language	2	
Social studies	3	
History	0	
Academic electives	0	
Computer Science	0	
Visual/Performing Arts	0.5	

- C7 Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in your first-time, first-year, degree-seeking (freshman) admission decisions.**

	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Academic				
Rigor of secondary school record	X			
Class rank				X
Academic GPA	X			
Standardized test scores			X	
Application Essay		X		
Recommendation(s)			X	
Nonacademic				
Interview				X
Extracurricular activities			X	
Talent/ability			X	
Character/personal qualities			X	
First generation			X	
Alumni/ae relation				X
Geographical residence			X	
State residency			X	
Religious affiliation/commitment				X
Racial/ethnic status				X
Volunteer work			X	
Work experience			X	
Level of applicant's interest			X	

Tips and Advice for Students



Do your research



Keep track of deadlines and dates



Regularly check emails once you start the process



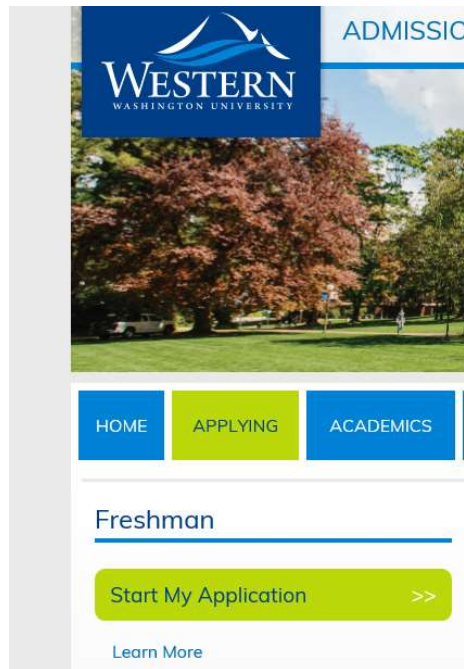
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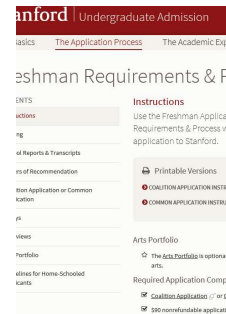
Proofread, proofread, proofread!



Screen your social media



THE COMMON APPLICATION



HOW TO APPLY

Check each college's website for their individual application process

- Common Application
- Coalition for College
- University of California/Cal State application



COALITION
FOR COLLEGE

* Application-fee waivers may be available. Check with your counselor if this is a barrier

Decision Plans

Early Decision	Binding if admitted
Early Action	Receive a decision early. EA deadlines typically 11/1 or 11/15
Regular Decision	Deadlines will vary. Response usually received in Spring.
Rolling Decision	Applications are read and decisions are made continuously throughout the year. Pay attention to scholarship deadlines.



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Required by some schools
 - Teacher Recommendation
 - Counselor Recommendation
- Letter of Recommendation Form can be downloaded from our counseling site.
- *Ask early! (3-4 weeks)

SAT/ACT

Test Optional/Flexible/Blind policies

- 17,000 Colleges Nationwide are now test optional
- All Washington State public and private colleges are test optional or test blind

How do I register? How do I send scores?

Riverview School District administration of the SAT on **March 12th, 2025**

Registration Deadline: March 5th

Complete the Forms Survey: [2024-25 SAT Exam Registration](#)



SAT www.sat.org

ACT www.actstudent.org

Scores: List schools when you register to save money and time

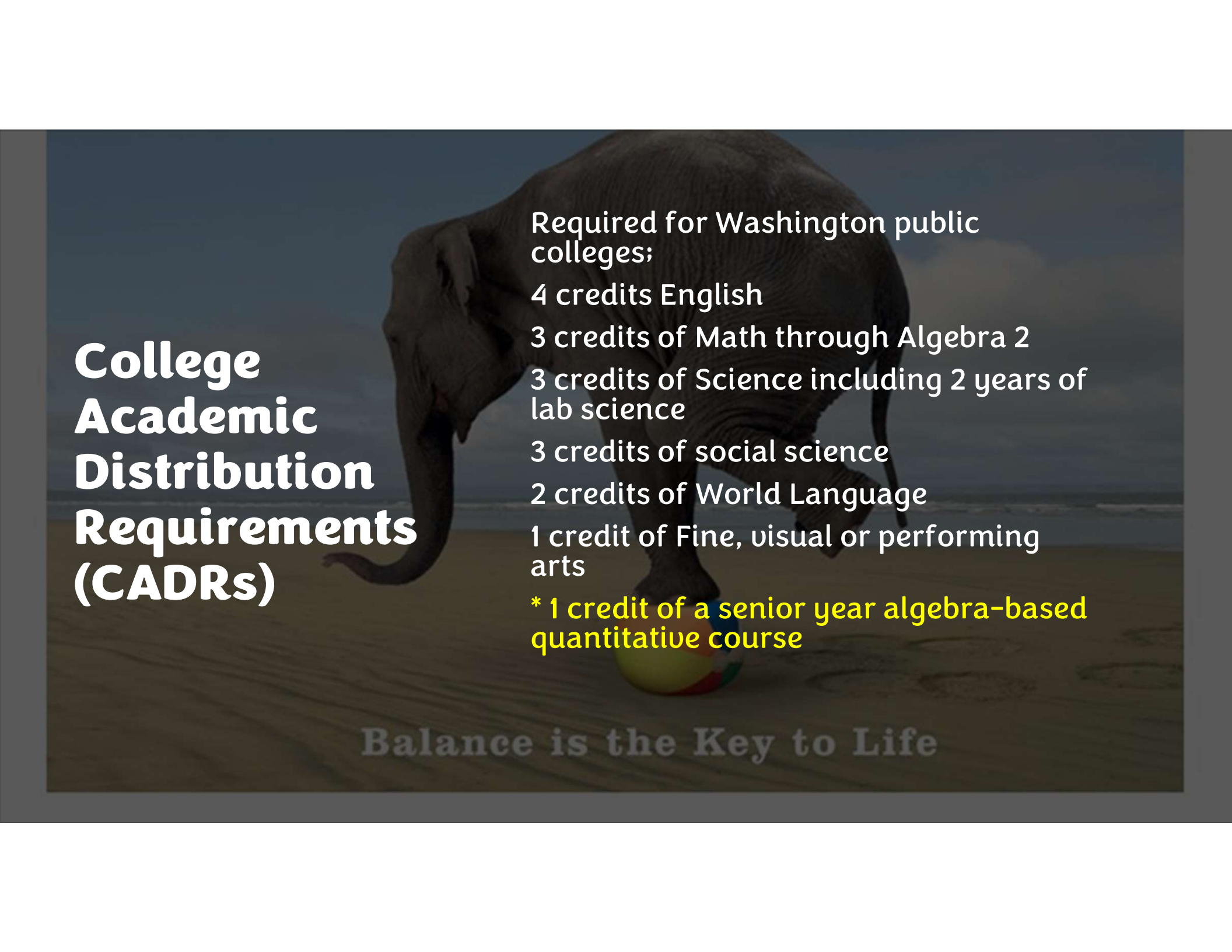


Transcripts

- Check school's admission website for transcript requirements
- Common application transcripts are automatically submitted by Counselors if invited
- Some schools require you to mail a transcript.
- Some schools do not require a transcript until after admitted and enrolled (UW, University of California schools)

➤ *Complete a transcript request form available on the CHS Counseling webpage*



An elephant is shown from the side, standing on a sandy beach. It is balancing a colorful beach ball on its trunk. The background shows the ocean and a cloudy sky.

College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADRs)

Required for Washington public colleges;

4 credits English

3 credits of Math through Algebra 2

3 credits of Science including 2 years of lab science

3 credits of social science

2 credits of World Language

1 credit of Fine, visual or performing arts

*** 1 credit of a senior year algebra-based quantitative course**

Balance is the Key to Life



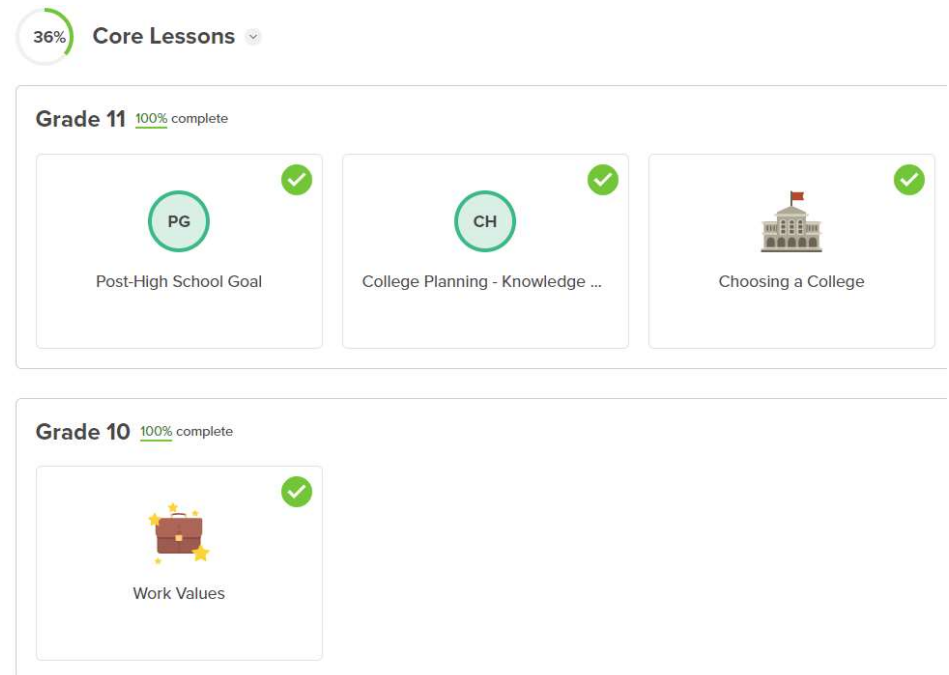
Graduation Requirements

- 24 Credits
- Graduation Pathways
- High School and Beyond Plan (Xello)

High School and Beyond Plan

Provides students with the opportunity to explore their own skills and interests and discover potential career and educational options

- WA state Graduation requirement
- Completed in Xello
- Login through Office 365 to Xello app
- Students must complete ALL Core Lessons for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade



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Types of Financial Aid



1. Grants

- **Need-based aid** that does not need to be repaid
- Examples include the Federal Pell Grant and the WA Grant

2. Scholarships

- **Merit-based or need-based aid** that does not need to be repaid
- Awarded for academic achievement, community service, or other talent

3. Work-Study Programs

- Provides part-time jobs for students with financial need
- Allows students to earn money to help pay for education expenses

4. Loans

- Borrowed money that must be repaid with interest
- Includes federal loans like Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans, and Parent PLUS Loans

5. Institutional Aid

- Financial aid provided by colleges and universities
- Can include grants, scholarships, and work-study opportunities specific to the institution

6. Private Scholarships and Loans

- Offered by private organizations, companies, and banks
- Scholarships do not need to be repaid, while private loans do



F.A.F.S.A.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid
studentaid.gov

OR

W.A.S.F.A.

Washington Application for State Financial Aid
wsac.wa.gov/wasfa



Who should complete the FAFSA® form?

- Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs. This includes grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.



FAFSA
Federal Student Aid

Scholarships

Where to find Scholarships

- CHS College & Career Center link
chs.rsd407.org/financialaidgrantsscholarships

- Financial Aid websites at each college

Online Search Tools:

- [bold.org](https://www.bold.org)
- [fastweb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)
- bigfuture.collegeboard.org

For Cedarcrest Seniors only

- Snoqualmie Valley Dollars for Scholars

➡ opens February of Senior year

Over 60 scholarships ranging from \$250-\$10,000

snoqualmievalley.dollarsforscholars.org

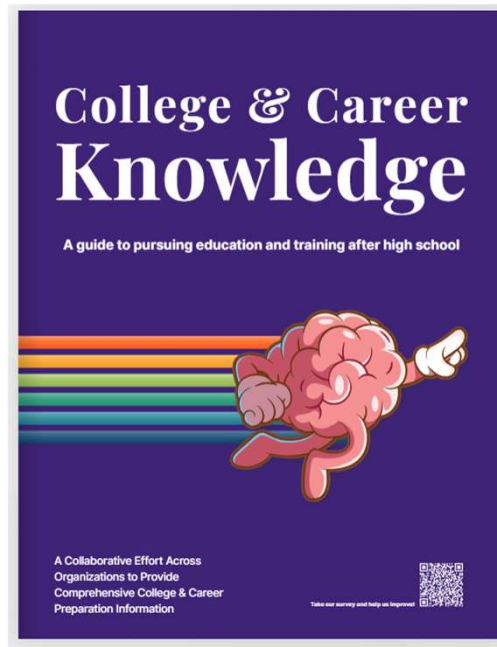


Junior Conferences in the College & Career Center

- Currently happening!
- Post-high school planning
- Students called from class alphabetically
- If students want an appointment, email Wendy Scott scottw@rsd407.org

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Xello is an online program that helps anyone, anywhere in the world create a successful future through self-knowledge, exploration, and planning.



Students are
WELCOME to visit
the College & Career
Center Open before
and after school,
PACK time, and
during lunches. No
appointment
necessary.



**LOTS of resources can be found through the CHS
website on the College and Career Center tab under
Parents & Students**



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Questions?

**Running Start
Session will start at
7:00pm**

