

Class of 2016



College Planning Information

Windsor High School



- Take at least once in the Fall!
 - First test date at Windsor is October 24th
 - Register online by September 27th
- ACT will be given at Windsor in October, February 6 and April 9. Enroll at www.act.student.org
- Students can retake as many times as they want. Colleges will honor the highest score.
- Cost is \$35. Students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch can take it up to twice at no cost.



Do I need to take the ACT?

- Most 4-year colleges in Missouri require that students take the ACT and often require that they score at or above a certain cut-off.
- 2-year schools will often accept the COMPASS instead of the ACT.
- Tech schools will vary on requirements, check the admissions requirements on the school website or call the Admissions Office.
- Many East and West Coast Colleges will require the SAT instead of the ACT.



Choosing a College



- Browse College Websites
- Visit Campuses- Seniors are allowed 2 excused College Visits Days.
- Meet with Admissions Representatives when they visit WHS.
- College Sort:

www.missouriconnections.org



Applying to Colleges

**December 1st is
Priority Scholarship
Deadline at most
schools!**

- Keep a list of schools you want to apply to and their admissions deadlines.
- Most colleges will have online application available.
- Make sure to send ACT scores to all schools you apply to. If you did not send scores to a school, ACT will send them for a small cost.
- If you need recommendation letters, give faculty members at least 2 weeks notice.



Dual Credit

- Most colleges have transfer course equivalency tables on their websites that will let you know how classes from certain schools will transfer.
- You can also call or email the Admissions Office with college titles and course numbers and they can tell you how they transfer.
- Make sure to request a transcript from dual credit institution after graduation.
- List each dual credit school as a previous college attended on college applications.



Cost of College

**Community
Colleges**

• **\$3,000 - \$4,000**

**Public Colleges
and Universities**

• **\$13,000 - \$16,000**

***University of
Central Missouri***

• **\$14,500**

**Private Colleges
and Universities**

• **\$25,000 - \$60,000**



Types of Financial Aid



**Gift= Grants and
Scholarships**



Work Study= Earned



Loans= Must Repay



Financial Aid

Free Financial Aid

- Scholarships
- Grants: Pell Grants of FSEOG
- Work Study

* See Federal Student Aid Handout

Have to be paid back:

- Perkins Loans
- Subsidized Loan (no interest accrued while in school)
- Unsubsidized Loans (interest accrues while in school)
- Parent PLUS Loan (Parents make payments while student is in school)



FAFSA

- **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid.
- www.fafsa.gov
- Both the student and the parent will need a PIN number to complete the FAFSA.
- Most schools have a FAFSA deadline of April 1st. This means that you will need to file taxes early!



How is Financial Aid Determined?

- **All colleges use a basic equation :**
- **College Costs**
 - (tuition, fees, books & supplies, room & board, transportation, miscellaneous expenses)
- minus Expected Family Contribution**
 - The amount the Federal Government determined you & your family can contribute (based on FAFSA)
- = Student's Financial Need**
- **If the result is positive (college costs more than you can contribute), then you have demonstrated “financial need.”**



Local Scholarships



- I will put local scholarships in the announcements and e-mail them as I receive them.
- Start working on local Scholarship Applications in January or February.
- Create a resume with all your extra-curricular and volunteer activities to help with apps.
- Most local scholarship will be due at the beginning of April- make sure you keep track of the deadline for each!



Other Scholarships

- Search your college's website for scholarships offered for freshman.
- Check out national scholarship websites like fastweb.com and scholarships.com to find other scholarships. Links are available on the Guidance webpage.
- Members of the military can get 100% of their college tuition paid for.



A+ Program

- Students can receive 2 years of free tuition at any community college or technical school in Missouri if they meet these requirements:
 - Sign A+ Agreement
 - Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA
 - Maintain 95% Attendance over all 4 yrs
 - Maintain a record of good citizenship
 - Complete 50 hrs. of unpaid tutoring
 - Attend an A+ eligible high school for at least 3 years



Great Resources

- Missouri Connections:
 - www.missouriconnections.org
- ACT:
 - www.act.org
- Guidance Webpage
 - www.henrycountyr1.k12.mo.us
- FAFSA Night, Tuesday, Feb 5, 2016 5:30 p.m.