



West Linn High School

COLLEGE PROCESS

College Introduction



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Standardized Testing

- ▶ SAT Reasoning Test (writing optional)
- ▶ ACT (writing optional)

**It is always advisable to take the writing portions of tests.

- ▶ SAT Subject Tests (English, Social Studies, Math, Science, and World Language) – need to check college admission requirements to see what they require!!!

Registration



▶ SAT & Subject Tests

www.collegeboard.org

Upcoming Test Dates:

October 1, 2016 (late reg was 9/20/16)

November 5, 2016 (reg by 10/7/16)

December 3, 2016 (reg by 11/3/16)

January 21, 2017 (reg by 12/21/16)

▶ ACT

www.act.org

Upcoming Test Dates:

October 22, 2016 (late reg by 9/30/16)

December 10, 2016 (reg by 11/4/16)

February 11, 2017 (reg by 1/13/17)

SAT / ACT Prep



► Go to WLHS website:

www.wlhs.wlww.k12.or.us

► Click on Academics > Guidance and Career Center > SAT

Oregon Public University Requirements

<i>College</i>	<i>Admission Standards</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Eastern Oregon	2.75, SAT or ACT	Rolling
Oregon Tech	3.0 or 880-1080 SAT(CR + M) or 17-21 ACT	Rolling
Oregon State Oregon State Cascades	3.0, SAT or ACT required Insight Resume	Feb 1, 2017
Portland State	3.0 or 1060-1170 SAT(CR + M) or 23 ACT	Rolling
Southern Oregon	2.75 SAT or ACT	Rolling
Univ of Oregon	3.4, SAT or ACT required – Will consider 3.0 & above Essay Required	Jan 15, 2017
Western Oregon	3.0, SAT or ACT, 1 letter of rec from teacher or counselor	Rolling

Oregon State University – University Honors College (UHC)

- ▶ The University Honors College at OSU no longer requires a separate application if you apply by Nov 1. High school students, applying for Fall 2017, apply to UHC by filling out the *Honors College Application Section* of the OSU undergraduate application. Only one transcript is required. Although applicants submit a joint OSU/UHC application, they will receive two separate admission decisions. First year applicants who applied to OSU without filling out the UHC section can still apply by submitting the first year UHC application on the UHC website.
- ▶ Early Round Deadline – November 1. Applicant will receive a UHC admission decision letter via mail by December 31.
- ▶ Primary Round Deadline – February 1. Applicant will receive a UHC admission decision letter via mail by March 31.

Minimum criteria for first-year students:

- ▶ 3.75 cumulative un-weighted GPA OR
- ▶ 1300 on the SAT OR
- ▶ 27 on the ACT

University of Oregon – Clark Honors College (CHC)



- ▶ To apply to the Clark Honors College(CHC), applicants must complete a single online application. Or applicants may complete the supplemental CHC application (PDF) after submitting the online general admission application . The CHC application requires a short self introduction, essay and two teacher recommendations. The essay and teacher recommendations are the most important parts of the application. CHC recommends you choose teachers from two different subjects.
- ▶ Only one transcript from the student's high school is required. UO and CHC share the transcript. The same is true for your SAT/ACT scores.
- ▶ Early Notification Deadline – November 1 Applicant will receive a decision by December 15.
- ▶ Regular Notification Deadline – January 15 Applicant will receive a decision by April 1.
- ▶ Acceptances for UO and CHC will be received at the same time, two separate letters.

Class of 2015 average criteria:

- ▶ Average cumulative GPA - 3.92 un-weighted, Median GPA – 3.91
- ▶ Average SAT – CR+M = 1320
- ▶ Average ACT- 27-31

Univ of Cal and Cal State schools...

- ▶ **University of California** schools require that students meet an “Eligibility Index” (see UC website – www.universityofcalifornia.edu) before applying and have taken the SAT or ACT (w/writing). The deadline for all of their applications are Nov 1 – 30!!!
- ▶ **California State** schools require that students meet an “Eligibility Index” (see Cal State admissions website – www.csumentor.edu). Most Cal State schools require only the SAT or ACT tests, but you will need to examine each individual website for any changes in their enrollment criteria. The deadline for all of their applications is Nov 30!

***Both types of public schools in California still require one year of a fine/performing art.

Early Action



Under this plan, highly qualified candidates who apply early may receive offers of admission by mid-December. Unlike the Early Decision Plan, the Early Action Plan does not allow an institution to request an applicant to make a prior commitment to enroll, indicate college preferences, or make and response to an offer of admission until the traditional May 1 candidates reply date.

Early Decision / Binding

Some colleges offer to notify applicants of acceptance or rejection during the first semester of their senior year. Two types of early decision plans exist:

1. Single Choice Plan – Students cannot apply to other colleges until the early decision college has notified them.
2. First Choice Plan – Students may apply to other colleges, but must name the early decision as their first choice and agree that, if accepted, you are honor-bound to attend the early decision college. If denied for early decision, your application will be reconsidered with other applications as if you have never applied earlier.

“Easy” or Priority Applications

- ▶ Some schools have been sending applications to students that do not require an essay, possibly no recommendations, and sometimes NO application fee.
- ▶ It is OK to submit these applications if you are interested in that particular college or university, but DO NOT do so without consultation with your parents, counselors, or even without further research into the school itself. Sometimes applying to these particular schools can “bind” you to that school, prohibiting you from applying anywhere else!!!
- ▶ It is advisable to do the Common Application whenever possible (even for priority apps)!

Private University Admissions Process (Step 1)

See your counselor!

Common App Schools Only:

- ▶ Set up Common App username and login (write it down)!!!
- ▶ Fill out Common Application (used for most private schools – see list online www.commonapp.org). Add all colleges to Common App site (under My Colleges).
- ▶ Once registered for Common App and have Education section filled out, the student can fill out the FERPA waiver on Common App. Must check “Yes, I waive my rights...”.
- ▶ Make sure to then “Match” the Common App to Naviance (required for electronic rec letter submission).
- ▶ Proofread and submit essays.

Private University Admissions Process

(Step 2) – Transcript Request

- ▶ On Naviance, request transcripts when moving colleges into the “Colleges I’m Applying To” section at least 2 weeks prior to deadline. See step-by-step instructions in handout.
- ▶ Also important to indicate whether student is applying Early Action, Early Decision, Priority or Regular Decision.
- ▶ If the school only accepts transcripts via mail:
 1. Provide at least 2 weeks notice!!!
 2. Fill out transcript request on Naviance.
 3. Bring in stamped, addressed envelope for each college – Sandie Yamauchi will mail official transcripts to college.

Private University Admissions Process

(Step 3) - Recommendations



- ▶ Teacher / Counselor Recommendations
- ▶ Fill out student profile sheet located in guidance office or downloaded from Naviance under the "Documents library">Recommendation Form.
- ▶ Give copies of Recommendation Form to teacher and counselor and request letter – **PROVIDE AT LEAST 2 WEEKS NOTICE!!!** Counselor will consult with student on individual recommendations. Recommendations are usually only for private colleges. Do not ask for letters of rec for public colleges unless the college asks you for one.
- ▶ Counselor and Teacher will submit Common App/Private College forms and rec letters online through Naviance.

Important Notes...



- ▶ Online college applications and teacher/counselor evaluation information + transcripts can be submitted at separate times. As long as all are received by the due date, the student's application process will be complete!
- ▶ Use the Naviance handouts provided in "Document Library" to navigate the Naviance system.
- ▶ Students and parents can check the status of teacher/counselor online submissions through the Naviance program.

Tuition and Financial Aid

- ▶ **FAFSA** (must be completed AFTER October 1)
- ▶ Your parents CAN request your PIN earlier, which they will need to fill out the FAFSA!
- ▶ Beware of scams. Go to Naviance, under resources for FAFSA link!

- ▶ **CSS Profile** (only required for certain schools)
- ▶ Go to Naviance, under resources for CSS link! You can fill out CSS Profile and FAFSA after October 1.

- ▶ **WUE** (Western Undergraduate Exchange) – Check applicable schools on <http://wiche.edu/wue>. WUE is treated as a scholarship program...GPA and test scores required!!!!

- ▶ **Scholarships** (Institutional, Private, Local)
- ▶ Go to Naviance, under scholarships for more info!

Oregon Promise

What is Oregon Promise?

Oregon Promise is a state grant program that covers some or all of the tuition at an Oregon community college. Oregon Promise is for recent Oregon high school graduates and GED recipients who enroll in an Oregon community college within six months of graduation.

Who is eligible?

you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a recent Oregon high school graduate or GED recipient
- Have a 2.5 cumulative high school GPA or higher
- Enroll at least half-time at an Oregon community college within 6 months of high school graduation or GED completion

Important Dates

- ▶ **October 3** – Public College Night
(6:30pm in Auditorium)
- ▶ **October 10** – Private College Night
(6:30pm in Auditorium)
- ▶ **Portland National College Fair**
(Oregon Convention Center)
Sunday, October 23, 2016
1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.
Monday, October 24, 2016
9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.
- ▶ **October 24** – Financial Aid Night
(6:30pm in Auditorium)
- ▶ **March 6** – Community College Night
(6:30pm in Commons B)