



Woodrow Wilson College Info for Juniors

- 1) At the start of the year, make a special folder marked “College”. Keep everything connected to your college planning here – information, schedules, forms, etc.
- 2) Check test schedules for the SAT or ACT, and register yourself for tests on “My Organizer” at www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org. Many college entrance tests like these charge a fee - ask your counselor to see if you qualify for a fee waiver.
- 3) Find out where “Test Prep” courses are given and sign up for them. The more familiar you are with college admission tests, the better you will do on them. Take practice tests as often as you can.
- 4) Attend a college/financial aid fair to get more information about colleges. You can also contact college admission offices directly to send you materials. Admission office contact can be found on the University’s website.
- 5) Don’t delay college planning because your family cannot afford to pay for college. Low-income students receive federal/college funding to help meet college costs.
- 6) Colleges want to see demanding courses on your grade 11 schedule. If you are academically prepared to take AP/IB courses, do it! Junior year grades are very important in college admissions. If you are having trouble with your work, ask for help!
- 7) At the end of your junior year, you will need to ask a teacher *and* a counselor to write you a letter of recommendation to go in your school file which will be sent to the colleges you apply to. Choose current or past teachers who know you best; preferably ones who teach core subjects. Don’t be shy about asking for a recommendation, your teachers would love to help each and every student with their chances on attending college!
- 8) Stay involved in the activities you most care about – at school, after school, and during the summer. Colleges like to see dedication and commitment. These activities will be shown on your application but also should be put into an additional resume. A resume allows you to paint a more well-rounded picture of yourself – be sure to use all extracurricular involvement!
- 9) Narrow down your list of colleges to six – 2 “safety” schools that you are almost guaranteed acceptance, 2 “best-fit” schools where you think your scores and grades are a good match, and 2 “reach” schools where you are stretching the possibility of acceptance.
- 10) Look to get a taste of the college experience. One of the colleges on your list might have a program for high school students – call and ask! Ask your school if they arrange a
 - a. “college visit” trip for juniors and seniors. If they don’t, plan your own with family or friends. Woodrow allows 2 college visit absences with proof of attendance.

If you have any questions, come by the college room.