



TOP 10 WAYS

Students and Parents Benefit from WPS College Counseling

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IT STARTS EARLY

A successful college search involves starting early and at WPS, it begins in the 8th grade. Students are prepared to enter the Upper School and encouraged to explore extracurricular activities and electives, to help them identify their talents, strengths, interests and leadership possibilities.

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INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP MEETINGS

As students enter the Upper School, the Director of College Counseling holds meetings for 9th graders to introduce them to Naviance, an online college and career readiness site where students explore their interests and strengths to develop a future plan. Intensive support in the junior and senior years ensures the process goes smoothly and successfully. The process includes workshops, monthly parent college coffee meetings and one-on-one sessions with parents and students.

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FINDING YOUR FIT

The college counseling office is knowledgeable about a wide variety of colleges and universities, and helps students discover and select the right match for them. This process is a partnership of students, parents and the school. Understanding the stresses of the college selection process, the college counseling office provides moral support and pep talks when needed.

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CONNECTING COLLEGES WITH STUDENTS

Throughout the year, as many as 50 college deans and representatives visit our campus. The college counseling office hosts an annual "College Admission Panel" featuring representatives from various colleges including University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins, Davidson, Columbia, Georgetown, and Franklin & Marshall. Each year, juniors attend two off campus college fairs that draw more than 250 college representatives from all over the country and abroad.

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PREPARE OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS

To kick off the senior year, students participate in a weeklong "Application Boot Camp" which includes an essay-writing workshop. Throughout the application process, students receive on-going essay writing support with collaboration of the English faculty and college counseling office. Every component of the college application is thoroughly reviewed including essays, short answers, resume, and letters of recommendation. Once the college application is complete, the college counseling office submits all applications.

“ The college counseling program at Worcester Preparatory School is unparalleled on the lower Eastern Shore. Worcester arms students with standardized test preparation, high school curriculum guidance, specialized admissions programs and even a week in the summer of application boot camp. ”

- Kathleen Abercrombie, Parent of Alumni

[100% OF GRADUATES ATTEND COLLEGE]

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TEST PREPARATION AND SUPPORT

All sophomores and juniors are required to take an SAT/ACT Prep class built into their schedules one period a week for two years. Additional information about college admission tests and test-prep resources is provided.

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ACADEMIC ADVISING

The college counseling office provides helpful advice about shaping student class schedules to keep them on track to achieve their goals.

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CAMPUS VISIT AND INTERVIEW PREP

As families begin their college campus visits, the college counseling office helps prepare students for the visit including developing an action plan and preparing for on campus interviews, alumni interviews and scholarship interviews.

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ADVOCATING FOR STUDENTS

Our college counseling office works in tandem with the Head of School, to act as strong advocates for both individual students and our School. Throughout the year, they build relationships by visiting college and university campuses.

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PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Since financial circumstances play a role in the college search and selection, parents are advised to discuss important financial considerations with their child before embarking on the college search. Each year the college counseling office hosts a financial aid night providing information on how to pay for college. The college counseling office has a wealth of information on scholarships and, when needed, assist students with scholarship applications. Over the past four years, WPS graduates have earned more than \$22,358,602 in merit scholarship offers.

