Washington Township Public Schools



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Freshmen Year Planning Tools

✓ Freshmen Goals

- Begin self-advocacy
- Plan short-term and long-term goals
- Participate in Freshman Transition lessons PE Class
- Participate in counseling lessons and school activities about *Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Responsible Decision Making, Relationship Skills, Social Awareness*

✓ WTHS Website

- <u>Student Handbook</u> Use as reference
- ✓ WTHS Counseling Website Bookmark on Laptop
 - <u>School Counseling Secretaries, School Counselors & Student Assistance</u> <u>Coordinator (SAC)</u>
 - High School Counselor & SAC Role Confidentiality
 - Counselor Email & Telephone
 - Counseling Office Appointment Request Form
 - o <u>Community Resources</u>
 - <u>Program of Studies</u> NJ State Minimum Graduation Requirements on page 5
 - Personalized Student Learning Plan Complete annually with your counselor
 - Career & College Planning
 - o Annual College & Career Fair
- ✓ PowerSchool/Schoology Bookmark on Laptop
 - Contacts Review information
 - Parent name, telephone, email, siblings
 - Current schedule Review courses
 - Grades
 - \circ Grading scale Weighted grading (Program of Studies page 10)
 - Report cards 2 semesters
 - $\circ~$ Grade level status Earn at least 24 credits to be a sophomore
 - Transcript Courses, final grades, credits, grade point average, test scores
- ✓ <u>Naviance</u> Bookmark on laptop and explore the following information
 - Home
 - Self-Discovery
 - Career Cluster Finder Careers that match your interests
 - Career Interest Profiler Complete the survey
 - Career Key Understand your score using <u>Holland Interest Codes</u>

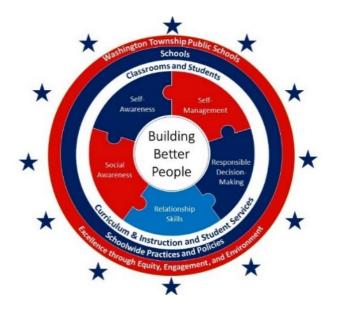
- Intelligences Understand your Multiple Intelligences and Emotional Intelligence results
- Learning and Productivity Understand your sensory and mindset preferences
- Personality Understand your personality type
- StrengthsExplorer Understand your strengths
- Careers
 - Favorite Careers and Clusters Create a list
 - Explore Careers
 - Holland Interest Codes
 - Career Cluster Pathways
 - Explore Clusters and Pathways Search for helpful information
 - o Favorite or Explore Military Branches Search for helpful information
 - o Explore Roadtrip Nation Videos Watch videos about different careers
- Colleges Find Your Fit
 - SuperMatch College Search Create a list
 - College Events Sign up for a session or visit
 - Scattergrams Select a college to determine if it is a good fit for you
 - Advanced College Search Select the criteria to search schools
 - College Lookup Lookup an individual school
- Colleges Research Colleges
 - Colleges I'm Thinking About Start a list
 - College Compare Compare colleges based on your GPA and PSAT or SAT scores
 - College Resources Review the helpful resources
 - Acceptance History Review college acceptances from WTHS
 - Enrichment Programs Search program opportunities
 - College Maps Review information
- Colleges Apply to College
 - Colleges I'm Applying to Create during junior and senior years
 - Test Scores College Board score results listed
- Colleges Scholarships and Money
 - College-Specific Scholarships Search during your senior year
 - National Scholarship Search Search during your senior year
 - Scholarships Search Search during your senior year
 - Favorite Scholarships List your scholarships
- Planner
 - Tasks See if your counselor assigns a task
 - Goals Set your own goals
 - To-Dos Create a list
- Click your initials in the top right-hand corner > Documents and Notes
 - Resume Add/Update Sections
 - Portfolio Your information
 - Test Scores PSAT and SAT score results
 - Surveys Check your results

✓ Standardized Tests

- <u>PSAT 8/9</u>
- NJSLA ELA, Mathematics
- Advanced Placement
- ✓ High School/College Dual Credit Courses
 - <u>Camden County College</u>
 - Rowan College of South Jersey
 - <u>Stockton University</u>

✓ Co-Curricular

- <u>Athletics</u>
 - o <u>NCAA Eligibility Center</u> Student-Athletes
- <u>Clubs & Activities</u>



Twp	Freshmen Monthly Checklist
August	 ✓ Complete <u>Summer Assignments</u> ✓ Attend Freshmen Transition Program ✓ Attend Freshmen Walk Through Day ✓ Welcome! Good luck with your new high school schedule
September	 Meet with your new high school counselor Use the Freshmen Year Planning Tools Get involved in school activities, clubs or sports Use your <u>Naviance account</u> to create a resume and do career and college searches Register for <u>Advanced Placement (AP) Exam</u>, if applicable
October	 ✓ Complete Appointment Request form or email to meet with your counselor as needed ✓ Take the <u>PSAT 8/9</u> ✓ Register for <u>Advanced Placement (AP) Exam</u>, if applicable
November	 Meet with your counselor or email as needed
December	 ✓ Meet with your counselor or email as needed ✓ View PSAT 8/9 Score Report through psat.org/myscore
January	 Meet with your counselor as needed
February	 ✓ Meet with your counselor or email as needed ✓ PowerSchool – Semester Grades available ✓ Utilize the <u>WTHS Program of Studies</u> on our Counseling Webpage ✓ Start thinking about what courses you would like to take in the next school year and your interests
March	 ✓ Meet with your counselor individually to receive scheduling advisement using your Personalized Student Learning Plan ✓ Attend our <u>College & Career Fair</u>
April	 ✓ Meet with your counselor or email as needed ✓ Verify next year's courses in PowerSchool
Мау	 No course changes after May 1st Meet with your counselor or email as needed Take the <u>AP Exam</u>, if applicable Take NJSLA in ELA and Math
June	 Meet with your counselor or email as needed Get <u>Summer Assignments</u> Seek enrichment, volunteer, or employment opportunities as resume builders during the summer Consider visiting colleges, schools, or military offices to explore your postsecondary options <u>PowerSchool</u> – Final report card emailed Enjoy your summer!