

## BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL

### Senior Year College & Post High School Planning 2018-2019

- ✓ BHS Transcript and Graduation Checklist review
- ✓ Service Learning Hours
- ✓ State Testing "MET" (English/LA, Math)
- ✓ PE Competency Exam completion
- ✓ PE Waivers (if applicable)
- ✓ IEP Students Transition Plan

#### **Post High School Plan:**

4-year College/University	Work	Military
2-year College	Gap Year	
Technical/Trade school or program	Travel	

#### **4-year College/University Application:**

**Common Application:** [www.ballardhs.seattleschools.org](http://www.ballardhs.seattleschools.org) [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

One application sent to all schools that use it.

Student invites/requests recommendations from teachers and counselor electronically through this application.

Counselor completes the *Secondary School Report* includes g.p.a, class rank, and recommendation.

BHS reports weighted rank (decile/percent), unweighted G.P.A. (4.0 highest)

Transcript is attached electronically by counselor (no paper copy needed.)

**Coalition:** University of Washington uses, more information at [www.MyCoalition.org](http://www.MyCoalition.org)

**College/University specific application** (i.e. Washington State U., Western Washington U.):

Know what the application requires (i.e. recommendations, transcript, essay prompts.)

#### **Application Deadlines:**

Early Action-apply early typically by November 1<sup>st</sup>, decision made by January (not April or May.)

Early Decision-apply early and binding (if accepted must attend that school.)

General Admission- apply by deadline verify on school's website for date.

#### **2-year College Application:**

Review the specific colleges "Placement" process (i.e. exam, transcript, SAT or SBA score, etc.)

Meet with College representative to go over program anytime during Senior year.

Register for fall classes as early as May.

#### **Letters of Recommendation:**

Complete the **Letter of Recommendation (Student Information Sheet)** and give to your counselor.

Ask teachers first if they would be willing to write you a recommendation and give them at least 3 weeks to complete before your application is due.

**The same steps apply if you need a letter of recommendation for other applications (i.e. job, scholarship, internship, special program, etc).**

**ACT or SAT Test Scores:**

Plan on taking ACT or SAT tests no later than the month before the colleges/universities application deadline. Scores have to be received by the college/university by this time to make your application complete.

Students must order and send ACT or SAT scores directly to the colleges/universities from their account. Although this is done electronically, it is not an overnight process and so plan accordingly.

**Transcripts:**

Send only if school requires one. If using Common Application, counselor will include as part of the Secondary School Report.

If you need to send a paper copy (official or unofficial), they can be ordered from Mrs Bristol in the Counseling Center. Allow at least 48 hours for the transcript to be prepared.

**FAFSA/WASFA/Scholarships:**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available to complete starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. Create an account by going to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is for students who cannot file the FAFSA due to immigration status. It is available to complete starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. Go to [www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa](http://www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa) for information and deadlines.

Ballard H.S. and the Seattle Public Schools publish scholarship bulletins available in the Counseling Center that are updated throughout the year. Also, check for other scholarship opportunities in the daily bulletin, online at [theWashboard.org](http://theWashboard.org) or in the Counseling Center.

**Technical/Trade School or Program:**

Go to [www.SBCTC.edu](http://www.SBCTC.edu) or [www.CheckOutACollege.org](http://www.CheckOutACollege.org) for information about community and technical colleges.

Check resources in the BHS Counseling Center.

**Military:** Go to [todaysmilitary.com/contact-a-recruiter](http://todaysmilitary.com/contact-a-recruiter) for more information and assistance.

**Work:** Check resources in the BHS Counseling Center.

**Gap Year:** Go to [usagapyearfairs.org/programs/](http://usagapyearfairs.org/programs/) for more information and assistance. Other online programs available to research.

**Travel:** Personal option that students will research and discuss with family and other adult supports.

**NCAA Eligibility Center:** If you are considering participation in athletics at the university level (NCAA Division), you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) to register.

**Support Personnel:**

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