**Class of 2021**



**West Hall High School Senior Class Graduation Information Sheet**

**Counselor Contact Information**

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**Graduation Requirements**

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| **# Required** | **Subject Area** | **Requirements** |
| 4 credits | English | 9th Grade Lit (EOC), American Lit (EOC), +2 other English |
| 4 credits | Math | Algebra (EOC), Geometry (EOC), Advanced Algebra, + 4th math option |
| 3 credits | Social Studies | World History, US History (EOC), 0.5 Government, 0.5 Economics |
| 4 credits | Science | Biology (EOC), Physics OR Physical Science, Chem/Environ/Earth, + 4th science |
| 1 credit | Health & Personal Fitness | 0.5 Health and 0.5 Personal Fitness |
| 3 credits | CTAE/Fine Arts/Lang. | These 3.0 credits must consist of Career/Technical, Fine Arts, or Modern Language |
| 4 credits | Electives | Additional 4 elective credits of any area |
| **23 credits required for HS graduation** | | *\*Students planning attending a 4 year college or university are required to have* ***2 years of the same modern language*** |

**College Testing – ACT, SAT, Next Gen ACCUPLACER**

**ACT – register at** [**www.actstudent.org**](http://www.actstudent.org) **SAT – register at** [**www.collegeboard.org**](http://www.collegeboard.org)

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| **Test Date** | **Registration Deadline** |  | **Test Date** | **Registration Deadline** |
| **SEPTEMBER (multiple dates)** | August 31 |  | **SEPTEMBER 26** | August 26 |
| **OCTOBER (multiple dates)** | September 25 |  | **OCTOBER 3** | September 4 |
| **DECEMBER 12** | November 6 |  | **NOVEMBER 7** | October 7 |
| **February 6, 2021** | January 8, 2021 |  | **DECEMBER 5** | November 5 |
| **April 17, 2021** | March 12, 2021 |  | **March 13, 2021** | February 12, 2021 |
| **June 12, 2021** | May 7, 2021 |  | **May 8, 2021** | April 8, 2021 |
| **July 17, 2021** | June 18, 2021 |  | **June 5, 2021** | May 6, 2021 |

*\*Prices for tests vary (writing or no writing section)* \*WHHS *School Code (CEEB) for SAT and ACT is* **112300**

*\*See a counselor if you are on free/reduced lunch to receive a fee waiver BEFORE registering for the SAT or ACT online*

**ACT & SAT Test Prep Resources:** [**www.GAFutures.org**](http://www.GAFutures.org)[**www.KhanAcademy.org**](http://www.KhanAcademy.org)

**Next Gen ACCUPLACER (Technical and 2 Year Colleges):** this test is a placement test for technical colleges. You need to apply to the school first, and then contact the college to schedule taking the test as part of your application.

**College Athletics**

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| **NCAA Division 1 – 3 Schools**  You must register at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) | **NAIA – Smaller schools**  Must register at <http://www.playnaia.org> |
| *You must qualify academically – must send SAT/ACT scores – must see counselor to request your HS transcript be sent* | |

**HOPE/Zell Miller & HOPE Rigor**

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| **HOPE:** 3.0+ core GPA (English, math, science, history, mod. language) and have taken 4+ rigor courses | **Zell Miller:** 3.7+ core GPA, taken 4+ rigor courses, and 1200+ SAT or 26+ ACT |
| *Log onto* [*www.GAFutures.org*](http://www.GAFutures.org) *to check HOPE GPA* | |
| *Must have social security number on file at school to qualify – deadline to submit is 12/14/2020* | |

**College Application Process – General FAQs**

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| 1. **Select your college(s) of interest and pay attention to their application deadlines!**  * *Some colleges have deadlines as early as mid-October.* |
| 1. **Apply to your selected college(s) online through GAFutures.org OR the college website** |
| 1. **Once you have finished a college application…** |
| You must submit your ACT and/or SAT scores electronically – it can take 2-3 weeks for colleges to receive your scores.  Send any AP scores electronically- request and send through [www.CollegeBoard.org](http://www.CollegeBoard.org)  **Request your HS transcript- tell your counselor you finished an application so your counselor can send an official transcript to the college!**  Request letter of recommendation(s) if needed – give your counselor/teacher you are asking notice at least 1-week minimum before the deadline needed!   * *A resume or completed Senior Activity Sheet required to write an effective recommendation – senior activity sheets are available to pick up in the Counseling Office or on the Counseling page from the WHHS website.* |
| ***UGA and any college using the Common App or Coalition App will require a counselor recommendation.*** *You must enter your counselor’s email into your college application and your counselor will receive an email invitation to complete the required HS information about you and a recommendation.* |

**Scholarships – Financial Aid – Grants**

**COMPLETE THE 2021-2022 FAFSA – $$$ for college – opens October 1:** Colleges use the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to determine your eligibility for federal & state financial aid opportunities (Pell Grant, etc.)

[**www.fafsa.ed.gov**](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) 🡪 will need to first create an FSA ID at the website, then complete the application online.

**APPLY FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS!**

West Hall High School Scholarships 🡪 [www.tinyurl.com/WHHSscholarships](http://www.tinyurl.com/WHHSscholarships)

**STAY TUNED FOR FREE APPLY TO COLLEGE EVENTS &**

**FINANCIAL AID EVENTS!**

**Check your email and pay attention to announcements during advisement!**

**@whhs\_guidance on Instagram**

**Stay Informed!**

**Twitter @WHHSGuidance** - for more updates on testing, college/career, scholarships.

**WHHS Senior Website –** for important senior information, graduation ceremony & more!

**WHHS Student Services/Canvas Course** – student/family FAQs, student forms, resources.