

WINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2008

Senior Guidance Bulletin

Welcome to the 2007-08 school year. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the appropriate counselor. The school telephone number is 586-3279. The 2008 graduating class has been divided alphabetically by last name as follows: Mrs. Pam Morris A-K (ext 216) and Mr. Bill Henson L-Z (ext 213).

I. Graduation

It is your responsibility to make sure you have the credits needed for graduation and /or college admission. A minimum of 28 credits and a 2.0 GPA is required for all Putnam County Graduates.

Credit Requirements for the Class of 2008 – 28 Credits

English: 9, 10, 11, 12	4.0
Social Studies: US to 1900, Twentieth Century, Civics	4.0
Mathematics: Two of the credits will be Algebra I and above. Pass Algebra Exit Exam	3.0
Science: Coordinated & Thematic Science 9 Plus one lab course in 11 or 12	3.0
Physical Education	1.0
Health	1.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Introduction to Major	1.0
Courses within Major	4.0
Electives within Major	2.0
General Electives	4.0
TOTAL	28.0

Portfolio Work-Based Experience

*Additional Math and Science are required for graduation under professional or skilled majors.

*Two units of a foreign language are required for entrance into a 4 year baccalaureate program.

II. COLLEGES AND COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

It is difficult to define the units and the subjects required for college entrance. Usually the requirements depend on the college the student chooses to attend and their major. Even though the courses listed above will meet community college entrance requirements in West Virginia, additional math is required for some four-year colleges. Students planning pre-professional training in such fields as engineering, medicine and dentistry, must exceed these minimum requirements. Many out-of-state colleges have entrance requirements well in excess of the minimum outlined above. To be sure that you meet college entrance requirements for the profession you plan to pursue, it is necessary for you to know the major you plan in college and the institute you plan to attend. You should study the college catalog to learn the specific entrance requirements. Most catalogs are available on the college or university website.

Community college (two-year schools) often have more liberal entrance requirements. **Two units of a foreign language are required for entrance into a 4 year baccalaureate program.**

Explore colleges by visiting www.act.org and click on College Search and Applications to explore colleges that match your criteria. Learn about costs, majors available, admission policies, extracurricular activities, and more about colleges of your choice throughout the nation.

Additional College Planning websites are:

www.bls.gov/oco (Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook-includes employment training, earnings, projections, publications, etc)

www.npin.org (National Parent Information Network's site includes a bimonthly newsletter for parents and a virtual library with book summaries)

www.educationplanner.org EducationPlanner is your one-stop career and college planning site. We have the information you need to research careers, choose a postsecondary school, apply on-line, and find ways to finance your education.

www.wvclear.wvstateu.edu Career planning website

III Class Ranking & Commencement Recognition

After October 31, 2007 your 6th semester GPA will be available from your counselor.

Commencement Recognition

Students will be recognized with honors, high honors and highest honors.

3.5-3.8 GPA - Honors

3.81-4.0 GPA - High Honors

4.01GPA and above - Highest Honors

IV College Applications

Most colleges require that you be accepted before you can reserve a dormitory room—an example is the University of Kentucky. You must be admitted before they will send you a room application.

Therefore, the earlier you apply the more assured you are of a room. Applications to out-of-state colleges can be acquired by requesting them from the schools in which you are interested. See your counselor for help with addresses, etc. Applications to WV colleges and universities are available from your counselor and /or in the Guidance Office. Many colleges accept on-line applications.

V Transcripts

When you complete the applications to the colleges of your choice, bring them to the guidance office and complete a transcript request form. This should be done at least two weeks before the deadline so a copy of

your school record (transcript) can be mailed with each application. Have a check made out to the appropriate college. If you apply online, it is even more important that you complete a transcript request form for your counselor. Should you fail to notify your counselor, the college may delay action on your application.

Answer all questions neatly and accurately—remember this is the first impression that the college will have of your work. Please remember to sign the application where indicated. If you apply to a college on-line, let your counselor know, usually there is a page to print for your counselor.

VI Recommendations

Many colleges require letters of recommendation for admission from your teacher or counselor. Approach your teacher or counselor early, allowing them at least two weeks to complete your recommendation. Ask for recommendations from teachers who like you, or for whom you have done well. Always ask if they have the time to complete your evaluation, and give them the name of the college and a brief resume of your activities. Complete the parts indicated as the student's responsibility. Later, a thank-you note would be appropriate, thanking them for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation.

VII Financial Aid

In order to receive financial aid, which includes loans, scholarships, grants, and campus employment (work/study), you must first apply for it. Most financial aid is awarded by the college and you must apply for it through the Financial Aid Office at the college you plan to attend. In order to document financial need, most colleges require the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). FAFSA forms are available in the Guidance Office in mid December; since this document is on the present year; the FAFSA cannot be filed until January 1, 2008. A Financial Aid Workshop will be held at Winfield High School for seniors and their parents on November 5, 2007 at 6:00 pm. Many colleges offer aid. For example, students planning to attend Marshall as freshmen might qualify for the following:

Type	Amount	Minimum Required GPA/ACT	Deadline
A. Michael Perry	\$750	3.5 GPA & 23-24 ACT/ 1060-1120 SAT 3.2-3.49 GPA & 25-29 ACT/1130-1310 SAT	
A. Michael Perry	\$500	3.2 GPA & 20-22 ACT/940-1050 SAT 3.20-4.9 GPA & 23-24 ACT/1060-1120 SAT	
Presidential	\$1500	3.5 GPA & 25-29 ACT/1130 SAT	
John Marshall Scholars	\$1250 + Tuition Waiver	3.5 GPA & 30 ACT/ 1320 SAT	
Yeager Scholars	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	28 ACT & 1260 SAT	December 1, 2007

Many other colleges have similar programs—it is important that you APPLY EARLY since college financial aid offices often run out of money. In addition to financial aid awarded through the colleges, following is a partial listing of some of the sources of other help that is available.

Financial Aid Resources include the following:

www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov This website gives an early estimate of eligibility for federal student aid. It helps guide you through the financial aid process; become familiar with the various types of federal student aid that are available; and investigate other sources of aid, such as grants and scholarships. When you are ready to apply for aid, you can easily transition from FAFSA4caster to FAFSA on the Web. Much of the information that you enter in the FAFSA4caster will populate your FAFSA on the Web application, making the experience of applying for federal student aid a lot easier.

www.studentaid.ed.gov (US Dept. Student Aid Program)

www.studentaid.ed.gov (Apply on line for FAFSA) This is free and must be completed for most financial aid programs by March 1, 2008

<http://www.CollegeforWV.com> Information about preparing for, applying to, and financing college or technical schools.

www.collegegold.com The largest, most accurate, and most frequently updated scholarship database. Create a personal profile today and receive a list of scholarships matching your skills and interests.

www.fastweb.com The most complete source of local scholarships, national scholarships and college-specific scholarships.

www.scholarshipexperts.com Helping parents and students find free money for college since 2001. They constantly update their database of college scholarships and grad school scholarships to provide the most accurate scholarship information available.

WV Higher Education Grant Program and PROMISE

WV Higher Education Grant:

According to the PROMISE brochure, students may apply online at the PROMISE scholarship website, www.wvapply.org or by obtaining a copy of the application from their school counselor beginning November 1, 2007. **All seniors at Winfield High School will apply for the Promise Scholarship and the (WVHEG) West Virginia Higher Education Grant online at the school.**

Students may take the ACT (national test only) as late as December 8, 2007 and the SAT as late as January 26, 2008

Additional Dates connected with the PROMISE:

March 1, 2008

Deadline to complete the application online or to submit the completed application to the PROMISE scholarship office. Applications submitted by mail must be **postmarked by March 1, 2008**. Students may use their 8th semester grades to achieve PROMISE eligibility (3.0 GPA in the core and overall), but you must apply by March 1, 2008.

March 1, 2008

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) **form must be received by the Federal Student Aid Processing Center on or before March 1, 2008 and must meet the conditions for processing.**

April 2008

Award letters mailed to PROMISE Scholars.

A. Pell Grants

The Pell Grant is a federal aid program designed to provide financial assistance to those who need it to attend post-high school educational institutions. If you plan to enroll in a college, university, vocational, technical, or career training school, you should apply for the Pell Grant. Application is by the FAFSA, which will be available in the Guidance Office sometime in December.

B. Union or Company Scholarships

If you are a son or daughter of a member of a union, you may qualify for scholarships. Likewise, many employers grant scholarships to the children of employees. Have your parents ask if this help is available at their place of employment.

C. Military Scholarships

Often students overlook the possibility of receiving financial aid from the military. In addition to the academics, the military service branches operate Reserve Officers' Training Corps in many of the colleges throughout the U.S. The Navy, Army, and Air Force have excellent Financial Aid Programs available for those who are interested and who qualify. Since these must be applied for by November or December, see your counselor for applications.

D. Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Inc.

Seniors in secondary schools throughout the country compete each year for 50 scholarships of \$20,000 and 200 scholarships of \$10,000 scholarships. You apply online at www.coca-colascholars.org before October 31, 2007.

E. The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation Scholarship Program 2008

The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, a non-profit charitable foundation centered in Charleston, WV, grants scholarships for students in post-secondary educational programs. You will only be able to apply on-line for The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation Scholarship Application at www.tgkvf.org
Available October 1, 2007 Deadline January 2008

F. Community Resources

- Often churches, lodges, community clubs/organizations, and individuals offer scholarships. Keep your eyes and ears open. Check with groups you and or your family belong to. We will let you know about the ones we become aware of from time to time by the daily announcements. One example is: National Presbyterian College Scholarship Program – applications must be submitted by January 31, 2007. In order to secure an application request form go on line at www.pcusa.org/financialaid

Locally, Leon McCoy Scholarship, Lions Club, Teays Physical Therapy, Diamond Electric, Jim Bailey Scholarship, Little General Scholarship applications will be available in the spring (late March or early April). Please listen for announcements and see your counselor.

G. School Groups

School groups such as the Student Council grant scholarships—watch for announcements in the spring.

H. Soroptimist Youth Citizenship Awards

The Soroptimist Foundation of Soroptimist International of the Americas, Charleston Club sponsors the Youth Citizenship Awards Program. Any young man or woman who will be graduating from a public or private high school, or its equivalent, during the current school year is eligible. The awards are based on merit, not scholarship. Merit includes service, dependability, leadership, and a clear sense or purpose.

I. Daughters of American Revolution

The National Society of the American Revolution has several available national scholarships. If you are interested in any of these, see your counselor. You must obtain a letter of scholarship from your state scholarship chairman.

Committee Scholarship Office

Attn: Scholarships

1776 D St NW

Washington, DC 20006-5303

J. Loans

Federal loans are available, often through colleges. The following web site should be helpful:
www.pheaa.org

VIII. TESTING FOR COLLEGE

ACT AND SAT SCHOOL CODE FOR WINFIELD HIGH 491- 485

The ACT and SAT I are tests for students who plan to attend college next year. All WV state-supported colleges use the ACT and require the Writing Assessment but will accept the SAT I. Many out-of-state require the SAT I. Check with out-of-state universities to see if ACT Writing Assessment is required. Some require the SAT II (Subject Tests) for placement. The college catalog of a particular school will tell you which they require. You may register for the ACT at www.act.org or for the SAT at www.sat.org and testing dates are as follows (Winfield High School ACT and SAT code: 491-485):

TEST	TEST DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINES
SAT I/SAT II	Oct 6, 2007	Sept 10, 2007
SAT I/SAT II	Nov 3, 2007	Oct 2, 2007
SAT I/SAT II	Dec 1, 2007	Oct 30, 2007
SAT I/SAT II	Jan 26, 2008	Dec 26, 2007
SAT I	March 1, 2008	Jan 29, 2008
SAT I/SAT II	May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008
SAT I/SAT II	June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008
ACT	Oct 27, 2007	Sept 26, 2007
ACT	Dec 8, 2007	Nov 2, 2007
ACT	Feb 9, 2008	Jan 4, 2008
ACT	April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008
ACT	June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008

WAYS TO REGISTER FOR THE ACT EXAM

1. We strongly suggest that you register for the ACT at www.act.org Payment must be made by VISA or MasterCard. After you create your record, you may take up to 72 hours to complete and submit to ACT.
2. You may register or re-register via the World Wide Web for any 2007-08 test dates.
3. Registration via the Web is not available for extended-time testing.
4. Use the 2007-08 Registration Packet available in the Guidance Office and mail it in.

ACT Review Classes offered at West Virginia State University – Online registration:
www.wvsto.com/wvsctccms

WAYS TO REGISTER FOR THE SAT EXAM

1. We strongly suggest that you register for the SAT at www.sat.org. A VISA, MasterCard, or American Express credit card is required.
2. Complete a Registration Packet available in the Guidance Office and mail it in.

IX. Post-Secondary Education Programs

If you are not interested in a four-year college degree, there are programs available in the Charleston area that requires less time for completion. Several are listed below. If you are interested, see your counselor.

Putnam County Technical Center (Eleanor)
(Phone: 586-3494)

Ben Franklin, 500 28th Street, Dunbar, WV 25064
(Phone: 766-0369)

Carver, 4799 Midland Dr, Charleston, WV 25306
(Phone: 348-1965)

Charleston Job Corps Center, 1000 Kennawa Dr, Charleston, WV 25304
(Phone: 925-3200)

Huntington Junior College, 900 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701
(Phone: 800-344-4522)

FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE FOR MANY OF THESE PROGRAMS. YOU MAY CONTACT THE FINANCIAL AID DIRECTOR AT THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS.

X College Credit

There are several programs through which high school students may earn college credit. The most common ones are:

- A. College English while in high school. Students may enroll in freshman college English during the regular school day. Pre-requisites are:
 - 1. ACT of English 18, SAT Verbal 450, Math ACT 19 or SAT Math 460
 - 2. Cumulative grade point average if at least 3.0
 - 3. Letter of recommendation from principal/counselor
 - 4. If you are interested see in this opportunity, see your counselor for details
- B. Edge Credits are taught at PCTC and Winfield High. Contact Harriet Cartmill 586-3279 Ext 295.
- C. AP (Advanced Placement) – AP exams are given every year during May. Some colleges will award credit for the AP. Since the policies vary among colleges, it is best to check with the school you plan to attend. Weighted grades are given in Putnam County to those students who take the AP Class and Exam. To find out more information about AP classes, testing and policies please go to www.boe.putn.k12.wv.us/boe and click on: for parents and Advanced Placement, then click on your school
- D. College Administered Placement Exams – Some colleges have their own Placement Tests and award credit to students who receive good scores on them. Ask the admissions officer of the school you plan to attend about this method of earning college credit.

XI Academic Common Market

The Academic common Market is a cooperative tuition-reduction agreement among 16 Southern Regional Education Board states. If the public institutions in your home state do not offer degree programs in your field of study, it may be possible to arrange a waiver of out-of-state tuition to attend a cooperating; public institution of higher education in another participating state.

A list of available programs and colleges is posted in the Guidance Office. Once you have been accepted into one of these programs and can prove you are a legal resident of West Virginia, contact the West Virginia Academic Common Market coordinator at the address listed below to certify your eligibility.

STATE COORDINATOR FOR THE ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET

- 2 Sat Registration postmark deadline for November SAT
- 6 SAT
- 8 Instructional Support & Enhancement Day – No students
Parent Teacher Conference – 3:30 – 6:30 P M
- 27 ACT
- 29 End of first nine weeks
- 30 SAT Registration postmark deadline for December SAT

November 2007

- 1 Promise Registration available**
- 2 Registration postmark deadline for December ACT**
- 3 SAT
- 5 Financial Aid Workshop 6 pm
- 7 Report Cards distributed
- 12 Veterans' Day – No School
- 19 Continuing Ed – No School
- 20-23 Thanksgiving Break

December 2007

- 1 SAT Test**
- 7 Progress Reports
- 8 ACT Test – Last ACT test date for eligibility for Promise**
- 21 Instructional Support & Enhancement Day - No students
- 24 – 31, 2007 Christmas Break – No School
- 26 Registration postmark deadline for Jan SAT**

January 2008

- 1 Holiday**
- 4 Registration postmark deadline for Feb ACT
- 16 Semester Exams Blocks 3 & 4
- 17 Semester Exams Blocks 1 & 2
End of first semester
- 18 Preparation day for second semester
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- 26 SAT Test – Last SAT test date for eligibility for Promise**
- 30 Report Cards distributed

February 2008

- 9 ACT Test
- 18 Instructional Support & Enhancement Day – No Students
Parent Teacher Conference 3:30-6:30
- 25 Mid Terms distributed

March 2008

- 1 Last day to apply for Promise & FASFA
SAT Test
- 7 Registration postmark deadline for April ACT
- 24 Outside Environment Day – No School
- 25-28 Spring Break
- 31 End of third nine weeks

April 2008

- 1 SAT Registration for May test
- 9 Report Cards distributed
- 12 ACT Test
- 25 Outside Environment Day – No School
- 28 Instructional Support & Enhancement Day - No Students

May 2008

- 3 SAT Test
- 8 Registration deadline for June SAT test
- 9 Registration deadline for June ACT test
- 13 Primary Election – No School
- 26 Memorial Day – No School**
- 27 Senior Finals – Blocks 3 & 4
- 28 Senior finals – Blocks 1 & 2
Seniors last day
- 29 Senior Awards Assembly
- 30 Memorial Day – No School**

June 2008

- 1 Baccalaureate Service
- 2 Senior Breakfast 8:30 am
Graduation Practice 10:00 am Municipal Auditorium
Graduation 7:00 pm Municipal Auditorium
- 7 SAT Test
- 14 ACT Test