

### SPRING of JUNIOR YEAR

- Start visiting colleges.

### SUMMER of SENIOR YEAR

- Take practice tests on [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.wois.com](http://www.wois.com).
- Look for community service opportunities for scholarships.

### FALL of SENIOR YEAR

- Start preparing college admissions statement to be turned in with college applications. College essay questions available on KSS website.
- Register for SAT tests five weeks prior to exam date. Tests should be taken no later than December. Dates are available on KSS website. When registering, list all potential colleges who should receive scores and include KSS.
- Gather college applications. Many are available online.
- Attend College Night in October.
- Attend National College Fair at Seattle in early November.
- Take the ASVAB test in January.
- Submit transcript requests to the SSC for college applications.
- Begin your scholarship search. Keep searching through May. Plan to apply for at least twenty.
- Attend Financial Aid Night in October.
- All college applications should be in the mail by December 1.

### WINTER of SENIOR YEAR

- Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) applications may be submitted starting October 1.

### SPRING of SENIOR YEAR

- All prospective community college students should submit applications no later than early spring.
- Senior awards night: in May.
- All fees and fines must be paid prior to June 1.
- Submit end-of-year transcript requests to SSC to send to college of choice prior to graduation.

### STANDARDIZED/COLLEGE TESTING

#### SAT/ACT

Plan on taking these tests by December at the very latest for use on college and scholarship applications. Registration deadlines are typically four weeks before the test date, however a late registration deadline is offered for an additional fee. For more information on costs, dates, or to register for these tests log on to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (SAT) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (ACT). Currently more than one hundred institutions have indicated they will require a standardized writing test for admission.

#### ASVAB

Students interested in a career in the military should consider taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test). Testing takes three hours and there is no cost. Students are not required to share testing results with the armed services unless they wish to do so. Tests are taken at the school in January.

#### ACCUPLACER

Many junior colleges such as Olympic College require an entrance test to appropriately place student in academic courses such as math and English. Students should take the AS test by the end of May. The test fee is \$20.00. To make an appointment for students should call the Olympic College Student Entry & Advising Center at 475-7230.

#### PRACTICE TESTS

Summer is a great time to prepare for college testing such as SAT, ASVAB and ACT. Two great sources for online practice tests:  
[www.WOIS.com](http://www.WOIS.com)  
[www.CollegeBoard.org](http://www.CollegeBoard.org).

**Information and forms referred to in this guide are available online at**

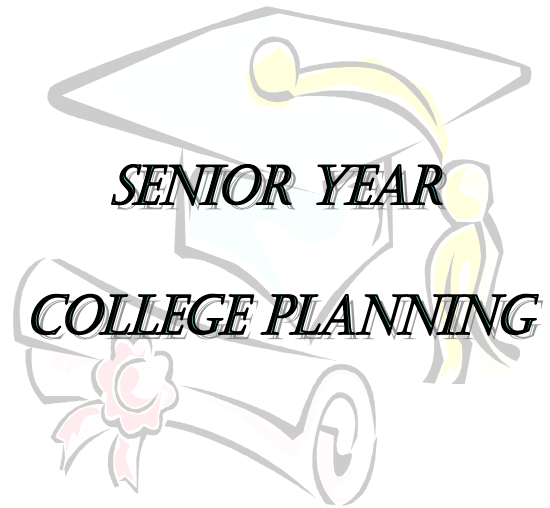
**[http://klahowya.ckschools.org/learning/student\\_service\\_center/college\\_planning/](http://klahowya.ckschools.org/learning/student_service_center/college_planning/)**

**Your Student Service Center Staff is available by appointment or by calling 662-4040 to help answer questions or assist with college preparation.**

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# KLAHOWYA



**T**he stresses that comes with the senior year in high school can be lessened by planning ahead and meeting required deadlines. This pamphlet is designed to help provide important information needed for seniors to make the most out of their senior year.

### **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION**

Washington universities are now focusing on a comprehensive review of applicants which means that each student's file will be reviewed in depth in consideration for admissions. The universities make decisions based not just on grades and test scores, but also on a robust review of everything in the applicant's file, from curriculum quality to senior-year schedule to personal hardship and adversity. All of the public universities in Washington State are now requiring a personal statement.

### **COLLEGE ADMISSION PERSONAL STATEMENT**

All public universities in Washington State require a personal statement/essay. Students should anticipate that this essay will take at least two or three weeks to complete. Most college applications are due in January or February. Consult the universities web site for more information.

### **COLLEGE DEPOSITS**

Read letters of acceptance very carefully! Students need to be sure of the deadline by which the college they have been accepted to expects to receive a deposit. If students fail to get their deposit in, they may lose their opportunity to attend.

### **COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

The entrance requirement for the 27 public two-year colleges in Washington is a high school diploma. While these schools encourage students to take a solid academic load in high school, no specific courses or standardized exams are required for entrance. Community college students can pursue a vocational program, a two-year degree and/or a transfer academic program to a four-year baccalaureate institution. Because some vocational programs are filled quickly and maintain waiting lists, seniors are urged to inquire now about potential availability. All prospective community college students should submit applications no later than early spring since most campuses assign registration appointments based on receipt of a completed application.

### **OLYMPIC COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

Applications for Olympic College are available on-line at [www.oc.ctc.edu](http://www.oc.ctc.edu). Students are encouraged to complete applications by May. There is no application fee. For placement purposes, student should take the Accuplacer test by the end of May.

### **RUNNING START**

Running Start is a dual-credit program operated by Olympic College and Klahowya Secondary School. The program enables high school juniors and seniors who qualify to attend college classes and earn high school and college credits simultaneously. High school juniors and seniors with a 2.5 cumulative GPA, the permission of their parents or guardians, and the recommendation of their high school counselors are eligible to apply. Students must qualify with appropriate scores on the Accuplacer placement test.

### **FINDING COLLEGES**

Seniors should meet with their counselor to find out how college planning operates at KSS and identify the resources available. Keep a folder for important papers pertaining to college searches. Identify qualities important in college selections, for example, size of school, range of academic offerings, religious or ethnic orientation, cost, available activities and admission difficulty.

Attend college representative visits, college night and college fairs. Announcements are made in the daily bulletin for these events. Use these opportunities to help narrow down your search and decide which colleges to visit.

Send for college *Viewbooks* and applications. Start working on essay/personal statement preparation by making a list of significant and interesting life experiences. Remember, a meaningful experience has no prescribed length, it could have lasted a second, a minute, an hour, a week, a month, or longer.

### **FAFSA**

Free Application for Student Aid can be obtained from the internet at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), but cannot be submitted until October 1. **ALL FAFSA FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON-LINE.**

Tips for Completing the FAFSA:

- Go on-line now and apply for your PIN. Both parent and student require a number.
- Submit FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1.
- Early submission maximizes your chances of receiving financial aid
- Submit the FAFSA even if you don't think you will qualify for aid. Sometimes being rejected for federal aid is a prerequisite for receiving private awards.
- Contact the financial aid office of your prospective college for additional information. Your school may require forms in addition to the FAFSA or may have an earlier submission deadline. Don't forget to keep copies of all submitted documents for your records.
- On-line applications are processed within 72 hours; paper version may take 4-6 weeks. **DO NOT WAIT** for tax information from this last year. If there is no change, use the information from your completed tax forms for the previous year.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

As scholarship opportunities become available, they are publicized and updated weekly on the KLSS website. Students are encouraged to check the website each week where they will find applications or links to specific scholarship websites. Seniors interested in specific colleges and vocational schools should contact these institutions directly for available scholarships. Keep in mind that many scholarships will require community service hours. The summer before your senior year is a good time to be volunteering in the community.

### **TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS**

Complete a Transcript Request form at least one week prior to the mailing deadline. End-of-year transcripts that reflect final grades are required by colleges. They need to be requested before graduation to ensure timely processing. Transcripts will not be mailed automatically. If you would like your transcripts mailed please provide the college address and attach postage to the request. If postage is not provided then transcripts will need to be picked up in the SSC by June 30. Transcript Request forms are available on the KLSS website.

### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Complete a *Request for Letter of Recommendation* form, available on the KLSS website. Give the completed form to school counselors, teachers, or administrators one to two weeks prior to the deadline. The people who will be writing these letters would probably welcome written information and anecdotes with regards to your strengths, interests, talents, leadership skills, and educational plans along with a list of your activities and awards. The KLSS website has a Letter of Recommendation form for you to fill out and give to the person who is writing the letter.

### **ONLINE RESOURCES**

#### **Career Profiling and College Planning**

The KSS Career Center offers online opportunities for career and college profiling. "Do What You Are: Finding the Right Career Path for the Person You Are" is a computerized test using Meyers-Briggs personality types to help people better understand themselves and make the most satisfying career decisions. The test can be accessed at [www.ACHIEVEworks.com/12304](http://www.ACHIEVEworks.com/12304). Click on "new registration" to start. Students will create their own user name and password as part of the registration process. WOIS (Washington Occupation Information System) has updated and comprehensive information on careers, colleges and test preparation. To gain access log on to [www.wois.org](http://www.wois.org) and click "WOIS On-line". Passwords are available in the SSC.

Students who do not wish to use their home address for online registration may use Klahowya's address. Several students and staff members have piloted these sites and have found them enlightening and useful.