



JMHS Seniors and Families ~

We look forward to working with you in the college planning process!

This Quick Guide has been created to provide basic information for college planning.

The Student Services Schoology Course will also have many additional resources for post-secondary planning.

~JMHS Student Services

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JMHS Student Services Department

James Madison High School
2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna, VA 22181
703-319-2300
School Testing Code/CEEB Code: 472278

Graduation Date: June 3, 2025
Class Size: 524

Class Rank: None GPA Scale: 4.0
GPA Weighting: Weighted Course Scheduling: Semester

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College Planning Flowchart

The primary components of a completed college application include the student's application, high school transcript, test scores (if applicable), and recommendations.

APPLICATION

Student completes online application on one of the following platforms:

- * [Common Application](#)
- * [Coalition Application](#)
- * College-Specific Application

Essay

Activity Record/
Resume

Pay attention to deadlines!

(It is likely you will need to request your transcript BEFORE you are ready to submit your application).

**Completed
College
Application!**

TRANSCRIPT

Student requests high school transcript (which will be sent to the college directly by JMHS).

An [FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records Form](#) must be on file in order for JMHS to send official transcripts.

[JMHS Transcript Request Form](#) can be found on the JMHS website in the transcript section.

Student must request their transcripts at least 30 days prior to the college's application deadline.

It is the student's responsibility to monitor the status of their college applications, to make sure the college has received all materials. Check emails and the college's application portal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Student determines need for recommendations (either teacher and/or counselor); some colleges do not require or read them.

Student should give their recommender(s) at least four weeks' notice.

Student should complete the required form(s)* for either a counselor and/or teacher recommendation. Each teacher will have their own process for writing you a letter, so be sure to follow their guidelines.

***Recommendation Forms:**
Counselor
[Student Self-Evaluation Form](#)
(and [resume](#))
[Parent Information Form](#)

Teacher

Check with your teacher(s)!

TEST SCORES (if applicable)

Student requests their test scores directly from the testing agency ([College Board](#) or [ACT](#)).

The timeframe for score delivery to the colleges varies. Once colleges receive your scores, processing may take up to a week or so.

Many colleges are test optional. Check the individual college website for details.

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College Application Responsibilities

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete your applications online and submit it directly to the college/university with your payment.
- Request test scores (if applicable) directly from testing agency (College Board, ACT, TOEFL). JMHS **does not** send test scores.
- Complete the [FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records Form](#). This form **must be on file** in order for JMHS to release official transcripts to colleges and/or scholarship organizations. This form must have a parent/guardian signature. Regardless of their plans, all seniors are encouraged to submit this form in the fall of their senior year.
- Complete a [James Madison Transcript Request Form](#). This form must be fully completed before any transcripts will be released to colleges or universities.
- Discuss with your counselor the need for a counselor and/or teacher recommendation. Refer to Instructions for Requesting a Letter of Recommendation in this Guide.
 - Some colleges do not ask for, nor read, recommendations.
 - Students should give their recommenders at least four weeks' notice.
- Check status of transcript requests ([Naviance](#) > *Colleges* > *Apply to College* > *Manage Transcripts*)
- Monitor status of college applications to confirm receipt of all application materials, via the college's application portal or email notifications.

TRANSCRIPT ASSISTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Receive [FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records](#) and [Transcript Request Form](#) from the student.
 - Check for parent signature (for students under 18 yrs of age) and process information.
 - Prepare the transcript packet: Madison's School Profile and High School Transcript.
 - Give Transcript Form to the appropriate counselor.

COUNSELOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Determine need for recommendation. Recommendations are confidential documents written based on teacher's comments, demonstrated strengths and weaknesses, the [Student Self-Evaluation](#), [Parent Information Form](#), and personal knowledge.
- **Common Application only – you must invite your school counselor, even if you are not requesting a counselor recommendation. This is the only way your counselor will be able to submit your transcript to your Common App colleges.**
- Complete recommendation (if required).
- Submit completed information directly to the college/university.

Students are responsible for having official test scores (if applicable) sent directly from the College Board (www.collegeboard.org) and/or ACT (www.act.org) and/or sent to NCAA Clearinghouse.

JMHS does NOT send test scores.



Available online [here](#)

College Planning Checklist



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College Planning Checklist

To ensure the successful and timely submission of your college applications and supporting documents, please complete the following checklist at least 30 CALENDAR DAYS before your earliest college deadline.

Projected Completion Date	Task	Task Completed
	College List	
	Update your list of "Colleges I'm Thinking About" in Naviance .	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Explore the "Colleges" section of Naviance: Find Your Fit, Research Colleges, College Compare, College Maps, Scholarships and Money, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sign up for College Visits with college representatives in Naviance .	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Deadlines	
	Make note of your earliest college deadline here:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Use the Transcript Request Deadlines to identify the date that is 30 calendar days prior to your earliest college deadline. This is the latest date by which you should submit your transcript request. Make note of the deadline here:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Individual Post-Secondary Meeting	
	Students will meet with their counselor to discuss post-high school plans through Government classes during the last two weeks of September. Students who do not have a Government class in the building should email their counselor to schedule an appointment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Activity List/Resume	
	Share a detailed activity list/resume with your counselor. If you need a template, use this one by logging into your FCPS Google account. Check out the resume information in Schoology > Student Services > College & Career Center folder	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Essay	
	Determine how many essay(s) will be required for each college on your list. Give yourself time to write rough drafts of your essay(s) and seek feedback.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Student Self-Evaluation & Resume	
	Complete the Student Self-Evaluation Form to share information with your school counselor for writing a college recommendation. You should also share a detailed activity list/resume with your counselor. If you need a a template, use this one .	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Share these items with your counselor via Google Docs. It is recommended that all 12th graders complete this information, with the assumption they will need a counselor recommendation for college.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Available online [here](#)

College Planning Checklist

Teacher Recommendations		
Reach out to the teachers you'd like to ask for a letter of recommendation, either through a conversation or email. Each teacher will have their own process for writing you a letter, so be sure to follow their guidelines.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Verify which of your schools require teacher letters of recommendation and how many they require.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Transcripts		
Submit the Consent for Release of Student Records Form .		<input type="checkbox"/>
Determine if any schools are self-reporting. If so, include it on the transcript form so we know where you are applying. You will report all of your courses/grades to a self-reporting school.		<input type="checkbox"/>
NOTE: All students have access to their unofficial transcript through StudentVue (or ParentVue) > Course History > Unofficial Transcript. You may also request an unofficial transcript from your counselor or Mrs. Geary (lkgeary@fcps.edu).		<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete the Transcript Request Form and email it to Mrs. Geary (lkgeary@fcps.edu).		<input type="checkbox"/>
Test Scores		
Students must request for College Board and/or ACT to send official test scores to colleges.		<input type="checkbox"/>
JMHS does NOT send test scores (SAT, ACT, TOEFL.)		<input type="checkbox"/>
College Application		
Complete your college application online.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Submit your application directly through Common App or to the college/university with your payment.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Common Application only – you must invite your school counselor, even if you are not requesting a counselor recommendation. This is the only way your counselor will be able to submit your transcript to your Common App colleges.		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Madison High School will send a school profile, official transcript, counselor recommendation (if required).</i>		
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Transcript Request Procedures

Transcript Assistant: Mrs. Geary lkgeary@fcps.edu 703-319-2324
Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:30pm

- The [FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records Form](#) must be on file in order for JMHS to release official transcripts to colleges and/or scholarship organizations. This form must have a parent/guardian signature unless the student is 18 years of age. Regardless of their plans, all seniors are encouraged to submit this form in the fall of their senior year. This form is available [here](#).
- The [James Madison Transcript Request Form](#) must be fully completed before any transcripts will be released to colleges or universities. This form is available in the Counseling Office or available [here](#).
- All transcript requests must either be emailed or given directly, in person, to the transcript assistant (NOT the counselor). Mrs. Geary's hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 1:30pm; she is not here before or after school, so plan accordingly. Mrs. Geary will process the request and then pass the Transcript Request Form to the student's school counselor, who is responsible for sending the transcript to the college.
 - Students must notify JMHS on the Transcript Request Form if they are applying to a **self-reporting** college.
- PLAN ACCORDINGLY!** A minimum of 30 calendar days is required before the college application deadline. **Late requests risk not being sent by the deadline.**
- Complete your college application online and submit it directly to the college/university with your college application fee. NOTE: JMHS will send the transcript packet directly to the college/university. JMHS does not handle or submit the college application.
- All students have access to their unofficial transcript through StudentVue (or ParentVue) > Course History > Unofficial Transcript.**

PLAN AHEAD!

Make sure you have communicated with your school counselor and completed any necessary information ([Student Self-Evaluation and Parent/Guardian Information Form](#), etc.) if you are requesting a letter of recommendation.

TRANSCRIPT

Student requests high school transcript (which will be sent to the college directly by JMHS).

An [FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records Form](#) must be on file in order for JMHS to send official transcripts.

[JMHS Transcript Request Form](#) can be found on the JMHS website in the transcript section.

Student must request their transcripts at least 30 days prior to the college's application deadline.

Students are responsible for sending their official test scores.(if applicable) from the College Board and/or ACT. JMHS does not send test scores.

Look in Naviance to see when you requested your transcript and/or see when it was sent.

Q: How do I know if JMHS received my transcript request?
A: Look in [Naviance](#) > [Colleges](#) > [Colleges I'm Applying To](#)

College	App Type	Deadline	Transcripts	Office Materials	Submission Type
The University of Alabama	Rolling - Fall 2025	Jan 10	Requested	Pending	CA
Auburn University	Other - Early Action I	Sep 15	Requested	Pending	CA
Clemson University	Early Action	N/A	Requested	Pending	CA
James Madison University	Early Action - Fall 2025	Nov 1	Requested	Pending	CA



Transcript Deadlines

JMHS Transcript Request Deadlines 2024-25 School Year



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The following dates reflect the most common college application deadlines. If your college's deadline is not listed, please note that transcript requests must be submitted at least **30 calendar days** prior to the college's deadline.

Students must submit a transcript request for each college to which they apply. Colleges that require students to self-report grades and courses (Self-Reported Academic Record) must still have a request on file.

College Application Deadline	Transcript Request Deadline
October 15	September 13
November 1	October 1
November 15	October 15
December 1	October 31
December 15	November 15
January 1	December 2
January 15	December 13
February 1	January 6
February 15	January 15
March 1	February 1

Available [here](#) on the JMHS website



James Madison Transcript Request/Student Records Release
CEEB Code: 472278

For Office Use Only:
Date Received: _____
Date to Counselor: _____

Student Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____ Student ID Number _____ Date of Birth _____ Graduation Year _____
Student Personal Email _____ Student Cell Phone _____

Available [here](#) on the JMHS website

Check the items below before you give this form to the Transcript Specialist:

- Turn in FCPS Consent for Release of Student Records Form (IS-111) (complete this form only once)
- If applicable, create a Common App account at www.commonapp.org and add your counselor's email as a recommender (use @fcps.edu)
- Counselor: _____
- If requesting counselor recommendation, complete [Student Self-Evaluation](#) (access with FCPS Google account) and [Parent/Guardian Information Form](#) (downloads a fillable PDF) to submit by September 3, 2024.

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January 15	December 13
February 1	January 6
February 15	January 15

PLAN AHEAD and follow the dates listed above. **Late requests risk not being sent by the deadline**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Students must submit a request for every college to which they apply, even if the college requires self-reported transcripts (Self-Reported Academic Record/SRAR). This form gives counselors permission to share information with colleges on your behalf, including senior year grades and a recommendation (if requested).
- JMHS does not send standardized test scores to colleges. Students must request they be sent directly through College Board (www.collegeboard.org) or ACT (www.actstudent.org).
- JMHS will automatically send mid-year grade reports (semester grades) in early February to each college for which there is a request on file.

Student's Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature (if student is not 18) _____

TRANSCRIPT FORMS MUST BE EMAILED AS AN ATTACHMENT TO MRS. GEARY AT LEGEARY@FCPS.EDU, MAILED, OR DROPPED OFF TO MRS. GEARY BETWEEN 9:30AM TO 1:30PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

Name of College/Scholarship Address City, State Zip Code	College Deadline Date	Decision Type?* <small>(see below)</small> ED, ED II EA REA PRI RD Rolling	What application will you use to apply? Common App, Coalition, or Other	Counselor Rec Letter Requested? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	For Student Services Use Only	
					Date Sent from Student Services	Delivery Method
			<input type="checkbox"/> Common App <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> CA <input type="checkbox"/> eDocs <input type="checkbox"/> Other
			<input type="checkbox"/> Common App <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> CA <input type="checkbox"/> eDocs <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Common App <input type="checkbox"/> Coalition <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> CA <input type="checkbox"/> eDocs <input type="checkbox"/> Other

*ED - Early Decision, EDII - Early Decision II, EA - Early Action, REA - Restrictive Early Action, PRI - Priority, RD - Regular Decision, ROLLING - Indicate when you plan on submitting your application

TRANSCRIPT FORMS MUST BE EMAILED AS AN ATTACHMENT TO MRS. GEARY AT LEGEARY@FCPS.EDU, MAILED, OR DROPPED OFF TO MRS. GEARY BETWEEN 9:30AM TO 1:30PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY.



Instructions for Requesting a Letter of Recommendation

Recommendations take **TIME** and **REQUIRE SPECIFIC INFORMATION**.

- Determine whether or not you will need teacher and/or counselor recommendation (some colleges do not ask for, nor read, recommendations).
- Plan ahead and give your recommenders plenty of time and information so they are able to write the best recommendation possible.
- It is expected that you will provide your recommenders at least four weeks' notice.

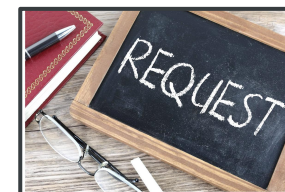
Recommendations fall into two categories:

Teacher Recommendation and Counselor Recommendation

- **Teacher Recommendation**
 - This recommendation should include information regarding the student's academic strengths, habits, and skills that the academic teacher has directly observed.
 - The student should ask teachers with whom the student had or has good working relationships if they are willing AND able to write a strong letter of recommendation on the student's behalf.
 - Each teacher will have their own process for writing a letter, so be sure to follow their guidelines.
 - The student should also confirm with the teacher how the recommendation should be submitted. Most often, the student will invite the teacher through Common App. **Be sure you use their @fcps.edu email address and verify you have their correct email address.**
 - The student should provide teachers with a list of colleges for which recommendations are needed and deadlines for those colleges.

- **Counselor Recommendation**

- This recommendation includes specific comments regarding the student as a person: Individual traits, demonstrated character strengths, activities, etc.
- The student should confirm with his/her counselor the need for a recommendation. The colleges that do not require recommendations do not read them unless there has been extenuating circumstances that address concerns on a student's transcript.
- The student requests recommendation letters for specific colleges by indicating this on the [Transcript Request Form](#).
- The student should provide the counselor with information to assist in writing the letter.
 - The student is **required** to complete the [Student Self-Evaluation Form](#) and a detailed activity list/resume (template [here](#) if needed, must be logged into your @fcpschools.net account.) If these documents are not completed, the counselor will not write a recommendation letter on behalf of the student.
 - The student's parent/guardian should complete the [Parent/Guardian Information Form](#). Once completed by the parent/guardian, this form should be [emailed](#) to the counselor.



It is common courtesy to write **thank you notes** to those who have written your letters of recommendation.

Student Self-Evaluation Form

If you will need a school counselor letter of recommendation for college/scholarship applications, complete and share (via Google) with your counselor **by September 3, 2024**. You should also share a detailed activity list/resume. If you need a template, [use this one](#) by logging into your FCPS Google account.

The purpose of this self-evaluation is to provide you with an opportunity to think about how you will present yourself to colleges during the application process. You are encouraged to take your time and provide detail in your answers, so your counselor can write a thorough recommendation letter.

Please be aware that by completing this form, you are giving your counselor permission to share any of this information with the colleges.

1. Choose three adjectives that best describe who you are; provide examples/details for each adjective to explain why the word describes you.
2. What have been the most valuable courses you have taken and why? (Consider your long-term career plans, courses that allowed you to grow as a learner, skills you learned, etc.)
3. What class have you completed that you found most challenging and what did you do to be successful?
4. Is there anything on your high school transcript that you think needs additional context/ explanation? (Consider extenuating circumstances that may have impacted you/your learning.)
5. What in your life makes you excited and/or what are you passionate about?
6. What (up to 3) activities have been the most important to you and why? (You can choose a school-affiliated program or an independent one.)
7. Who have you approached (or do you plan to approach) for a teacher recommendation?
8. Given everything you've written above, what are the three most important points you want your counselor to emphasize in your letter of recommendation?

Parent/Guardian Information Form

If your student needs a school counselor letter of recommendation, complete and return (via email to the counselor's @fcps.edu email address) by **September 3, 2024**

Take some time to share your insights about your student that will aid the counselor in writing a letter of recommendation. We have found that parents/guardians know their child best and often provide excellent information that we can use to write a much richer recommendation letter.

Please be aware that by completing this form, you are giving the counselor permission to share any of the information with the colleges.

1. How would members of your community (teachers, close friends, family, church leaders, etc.) describe your child? Please provide three adjectives with specific examples.
2. Are there any challenges your child has experienced that have impacted them and/or their learning? Describe how your child has overcome obstacles or demonstrated strength, courage, or resiliency.
3. Describe how your child has matured throughout high school.
4. Share a story about your child that depicts their character.
5. What do you enjoy most about your child?
6. Is there any other information you would like to share with the school counselor to portray an accurate description of your child to colleges and universities?
7. To help counselors prepare for their post-grad planning meeting with your senior, please share any limitations or special considerations that will affect where your student attends college. Have you discussed financial considerations and how they may impact where your student attends college?



College Visits @ JMHS

JMHS will host a variety of college visits in the fall for students. These visits will allow seniors and juniors the opportunity to connect with college admissions representatives, gain additional information and ask questions.

The visit list is available in [Naviance](#). Only students will see and have the option to “Register Now.” Parents have “view only” access to [Naviance](#).

The screenshot shows the Naviance 'College Visits' page. It features a search bar at the top right and a list of four college visits for September. Each entry includes the date, time, college name, and location. A red circle highlights the 'Register Now' button for the first visit, 'Clemson University' on Wednesday, September 11 at 08:30 AM.

Month	Date	Time	College	Location	Action
SEPTEMBER	Wed 11	08:30AM	Clemson University	College & Career Center, Room 103U	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER	Wed 11	10:30AM	Boston University	College & Career Center, Room 103U	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER	Wed 11	11:00AM	Stonehill College	College & Career Center, Room 103U	Register Now View Details
SEPTEMBER	Thu 12	08:30AM	Allegheny College	College & Career Center, Room 103U	Register Now View Details

This is a great time to have a conversation about colleges with your child as you look at the list visits to JMHS as well as campus visit options provided by the individual colleges.

How to Sign Up for a College Visit in Naviance 2024-2025

1. Log into [Naviance](#)
2. Click on Colleges > College Visits
3. Click on “Register Now”
4. Ask your teacher for permission (verbally or through email) to be excused from class AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE VISIT!
5. Before heading to the College & Career Center (Room 103U) for the scheduled visit, show the Naviance confirmation/registration screen on your laptop to your teacher as a reminder (preferably at the beginning of class).
6. Attendance will be taken. Students are responsible for missed assignments.

For questions, email Mrs. Otto at lmotto@fcps.edu

Most current visit list (and to register) is in [Naviance](#).



College Visits @ JMHS (as of 8/22/2024)

Most current list (and to register) is in [Naviance](#)

Alphabetical Listing of College Visits at Madison HS as of 8/22/24		
College	Date	Time
Allegheny College	Thu September 12, 2024	8:30 AM
American University	Wed September 25, 2024	10:30 AM
Appalachian State University	Mon October 7, 2024	11:00 AM
Bentley University	Tue October 15, 2024	11:30 AM
Binghamton University	Thu September 19, 2024	8:30 AM
Boston College	Wed October 23, 2024	9:00 AM
Boston University	Wed September 11, 2024	10:30 AM
Bridgewater College	Thu September 19, 2024	2:00 PM
Bryant University	Wed September 25, 2024	9:00 AM
Bucknell University	Mon September 23, 2024	1:00 PM
Butler University	Mon October 7, 2024	9:00 AM
Christopher Newport University	Mon September 23, 2024	9:00 AM
Claremont McKenna College	Fri October 11, 2024	9:00 AM
Clemson University	Wed September 11, 2024	8:30 AM
Colby College	Mon October 21, 2024	11:30 AM
College of Charleston	Thu September 12, 2024	11:30 AM
Dickinson College	Wed September 25, 2024	11:30 AM
Drexel University	Thu September 26, 2024	8:30 AM
East Carolina University	Fri October 11, 2024	11:30 AM
Eckerd College	Fri September 20, 2024	8:30 AM
Elon University	Wed October 23, 2024	10:00 AM
Fairfield University	Wed October 23, 2024	8:30 AM
Furman University	Wed October 2, 2024	9:00 AM
Gettysburg College	Thu September 12, 2024	10:00 AM
Hampden-Sydney College	Mon September 23, 2024	8:30 AM
Haverford College	Thu September 19, 2024	9:00 AM
Hofstra University	Fri September 13, 2024	11:00 AM
Hollins University	Thu September 26, 2024	11:00 AM

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Ithaca College	Tue October 8, 2024	11:30 AM
James Madison University	Mon October 7, 2024	1:00 PM
Kenyon College	Wed October 30, 2024	2:00 PM
Lehigh University	Mon October 21, 2024	9:30 AM
Longwood University	Mon September 16, 2024	2:00 PM
Lynn University	Tue October 22, 2024	1:30 PM
Mary Baldwin University	Thu October 10, 2024	11:00 AM
Mercer University	Tue October 15, 2024	9:00 AM
Michigan State University	Fri September 13, 2024	10:30 AM
Oberlin College	Mon September 16, 2024	8:30 AM
Randolph College	Thu September 12, 2024	9:00 AM
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Thu October 10, 2024	11:30 AM
Roanoke College	Thu October 10, 2024	8:30 AM
Rochester Institute of Technology	Mon October 21, 2024	11:00 AM
Saint Joseph's University	Fri October 25, 2024	11:30 AM
Savannah College of Art and Design	Fri September 13, 2024	8:30 AM
Simmons University	Thu October 24, 2024	8:30 AM
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	Wed September 18, 2024	9:30 AM
St. John's University-New York	Tue October 22, 2024	11:00 AM
Stonehill College	Wed September 11, 2024	11:00 AM
Stony Brook University	Mon October 21, 2024	1:00 PM
Syracuse University	Thu October 10, 2024	9:30 AM
The University of British Columbia	Wed October 2, 2024	8:30 AM
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Thu September 26, 2024	2:00 PM
Trinity College	Fri October 11, 2024	8:30 AM
Tufts University	Fri September 20, 2024	9:00 AM
Tulane University of Louisiana	Thu September 26, 2024	1:00 PM
University College Dublin	Wed October 2, 2024	10:00 AM
University of Chicago	Mon September 30, 2024	8:30 AM
University of Colorado Boulder	Wed October 23, 2024	9:30 AM

Most current list (and to register) is in [Naviance](#)



College Visits @ JMHS (as of 8/22/2024)

Alphabetical Listing of College Visits at Madison HS as of 8/22/24

University of Dayton	Mon October 21, 2024	2:00 PM
University of Delaware	Tue October 15, 2024	11:00 AM
University of Georgia	Thu September 26, 2024	9:00 AM
University of Mary Washington	Thu October 10, 2024	10:30 AM
University of Maryland-College Park	Tue October 15, 2024	10:30 AM
University of Massachusetts-Amherst	Mon September 23, 2024	11:00 AM
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	Tue October 1, 2024	11:00 AM
University of Rhode Island	Thu September 26, 2024	10:30 AM
University of South Carolina-Columbia	Thu October 10, 2024	10:00 AM
University of Southern California	Mon September 16, 2024	10:30 AM
University of Vermont	Mon September 23, 2024	1:30 PM
University of Virginia-Main Campus	Thu September 19, 2024	10:30 AM
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Mon September 23, 2024	2:00 PM
Vanderbilt University	Mon October 21, 2024	9:00 AM
Virginia Tech	Tue September 17, 2024	8:30 AM
Wake Forest University	Wed September 25, 2024	8:30 AM
Washington College	Mon October 21, 2024	10:00 AM
Washington University in St Louis	Fri September 13, 2024	1:00 PM
West Virginia University	Wed September 18, 2024	11:00 AM
William & Mary	Tue October 1, 2024	2:00 PM
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Fri October 18, 2024	8:30 AM
York College of Pennsylvania	Thu September 26, 2024	10:00 AM

How to Sign Up for a College Visit in Naviance 2024-2025

1. Log into [Naviance](#)
2. Click on Colleges > College Visits
3. Click on "Register Now"
4. Ask your teacher for permission (verbally or through email) to be excused from class **AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE VISIT!**
5. Before heading to the College & Career Center (Room 103U) for the scheduled visit, show the Naviance confirmation/registration screen on your laptop to your teacher as a reminder (preferably at the beginning of class).
6. Attendance will be taken. Students are responsible for missed assignments.

For questions, email Mrs. Otto at lmotto@fcps.edu

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Top Attending Institutions 2024



JMHS Class of 2024 ~ Top Attending Institutions Where Students Applied (out of 488 colleges)

	College		Attend	Apply	Accept	Waitlist	Defer
1	Northern Virginia Community College	VA	47	53	53	0	0
2	Virginia Tech	VA	46	238	111	87	3
3	James Madison University	VA	36	244	163	47	13
4	University of Virginia-Main Campus	VA	35	189	42	31	3
5	George Mason University	VA	34	176	144	17	0
6	Virginia Commonwealth University	VA	17	101	95	0	0
7	William & Mary	VA	10	79	27	19	2
8	Christopher Newport University	VA	10	54	47	2	0
9	Brigham Young University	UT	7	10	9	0	0
10	Marymount University	VA	7	11	11	0	0
11	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	TN	6	60	21	31	16
12	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	NJ	6	16	15	0	0
13	University of Colorado Boulder	CO	6	33	27	2	1
14	Radford University	VA	6	20	20	0	0
15	Ohio State University-Main Campus	OH	5	32	22	0	2
16	Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus	PA	5	96	57	6	2
17	University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus	PA	5	75	58	12	1
18	Northeastern University	MA	5	35	18	8	6
19	University of Vermont	VT	5	27	21	5	3
20	American University	DC	5	16	13	3	0
21	University of Maryland-College Park	MD	5	64	27	3	0
22	Syracuse University	NY	4	21	13	4	1
23	East Carolina University	NC	4	20	18	0	0
24	Elon University	NC	4	25	22	0	1
25	West Virginia University	WV	4	16	16	0	0
26	Indiana University-Bloomington	IN	3	17	13	1	0
27	Purdue University-Main Campus	IN	3	30	16	1	3
28	University of Mississippi	MS	3	15	15	0	0
29	Bucknell University	PA	3	5	5	0	0
30	Temple University	PA	3	11	11	0	1
31	San Diego State University	CA	3	9	9	0	0
32	Utah State University	UT	3	3	3	0	0
33	College of Charleston	SC	3	32	25	1	4
34	Florida State University	FL	3	28	9	2	2
35	University of Mary Washington	VA	3	29	26	2	0

	College		Attend	Apply	Accept	Waitlist	Defer
36	University of Georgia	GA	3	32	7	8	9
37	McGill University	QC	2	3	2	1	0
38	Belmont University	TN	2	3	3	0	0
39	The University of Alabama	AL	2	29	27	0	0
40	University of Kentucky	KY	2	26	26	0	0
41	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	MI	2	34	4	10	7
42	University of Notre Dame	IN	2	4	3	1	0
43	Cornell University	NY	2	19	2	1	0
44	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	NY	2	6	5	0	0
45	College of the Holy Cross	MA	2	2	2	0	0
46	University of Arizona	AZ	2	17	17	0	0
47	University of Southern California	CA	2	23	3	2	5
48	University of Utah	UT	2	6	5	0	0
49	University of Virginia's College at Wise	VA	2	4	4	0	0
50	Old Dominion University	VA	2	28	27	0	0
51	Duke University	NC	2	16	3	1	0
52	Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus	GA	2	18	4	1	3
53	University of Lynchburg	VA	2	5	5	0	0
54	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	NC	2	30	14	9	8
55	Nova Southeastern University	FL	2	3	3	0	0
56	Roanoke College	VA	2	7	7	0	0
57	Tallahassee Community College	FL	2	2	2	0	0
58	University of Miami	FL	2	22	5	10	6
59	University of South Carolina-Columbia	SC	2	53	27	9	9
60	University of South Florida-Main Campus	FL	2	7	6	0	0
61	Virginia Military Institute	VA	2	3	3	0	0
62	University of North Carolina Wilmington	NC	2	22	10	5	2
63	University of Toronto	ON	2	2	2	0	0

- This data is student self-reported. Withdrawn data not included. Related information is available in [Naviance](#).
- Deferred (DF) = Student applied early to the institution and was deferred to the regular applicant pool.
- Institutions with less than two students attending are not listed.





Definitions of College Admission Options



DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

For a copy of this flyer, please visit www.nacacnet.org

Naviance

[Naviance](#) provides students with individual [Academic and Career Plan](#) resources and tools to explore and prepare for post-secondary college and career planning options. There are lots of opportunities for self-discovery and career exploration.

Students also track their [service learning](#) hours through the use of x2VOL which is accessed through Naviance.

[Naviance](#) allows students to...

- ❖ **RESEARCH COLLEGES:** Explore college possibilities, view JMHS college admission statistics, match to best-fit colleges, identify college majors. Add colleges to your “Favorites” list to stay organized and informed!
- ❖ **COLLEGE VISITS:** View the schedule of college visits and register to attend. These visits allow seniors and juniors the opportunity to connect with college admissions representatives, gain additional information and ask questions.
- ❖ **RESEARCH CAREERS & SELF-DISCOVERY:** Explore career pathways, take career assessments and interest inventories.
- ❖ **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Access the FCPS approved scholarship list, which includes school-based, county and local scholarships.
- ❖ **x2VOL:** Track your service learning hours and find local volunteer opportunities.

Naviance

Welcome to Naviance

Welcome to Naviance Student! This online tool will help guide academic and career choices. There are lots of opportunities for self-discovery and career exploration. The more students and families use the resources in this program, the more benefits you will see!

COLLEGE INFO

Home Self-Discovery Courses Careers **Colleges** Planner About me

College Home
Find Your fit
SuperMatch College Search
Scattergrams
Advanced College Search
College Lookup

Research Colleges
Colleges I'm Thinking About
College Visits
College Compare
Enrichment Programs
College Maps

Apply to College
Colleges I'm Applying To
Test Scores

Scholarships & Money
College-Specific Scholarships
Scholarship Search
Favorite Scholarships

CAREER INFO

Home Self-Discovery Courses **Careers** Colleges Planner About me

Career Exploration
Favorite Careers and Clusters
Explore Careers
Explore Clusters and Pathways

Military Exploration
Favorite Military Branches
Explore Military Branches

Experiential Exploration
Explore Roadtrip Nation Videos
x2vol



Service Learning Hours | x2VOL

x2VOL is the tool that FCPS middle and high schools use to support students with finding, tracking, and verifying service hours electronically. Students login to x2VOL through [this Naviance link](#).

- ✓ Students should track their hours in [x2VOL](#).
- ✓ Students are able to earn a diploma in the Commonwealth of Virginia without completing service hours
- ✓ 40 hours = black service learning cord to wear at graduation.
- ✓ 50 hours with additional criteria = apply for [The Board of Education's Seal of Excellence in Civics Education](#)
- ✓ 50 exclusive hours related to science service with additional criteria = apply for [The Science & Environmental Seal](#)
- ✓ Students who do not complete yearly service hours or who complete fewer than 40 hours over the course of high school will still be able to graduate
- ✓ **Seniors must log their hours no later than April 25, 2025 to receive credit for the black service learning cord.**
- ✓ **Hours served after July 1 (prior to entering 9th grade) may be applied towards high school service learning hours.**

Notes:

- When adding hours in x2VOL, if you are involved in a youth service organization such as, NCL, YMSL, JVL, Scouts, etc., **create ONE entry for the total number of hours you are claiming.** In the description you should list the dates, hours served, specific organization or project (if applicable) and any additional details. You may also add an attachment to your entry that details the information listed above.
- If you volunteer on a consistent basis at your church, a local non-profit or other organization, **create ONE entry for the total number of hours you are claiming.** In the description you should list the dates, hours served and any additional details. You may also add an attachment to your entry that details the information listed above.

HOW TO ACCESS x2VOL:

1. Go to the Naviance login page, www.fcps.edu/naviance



2. Log into your account.

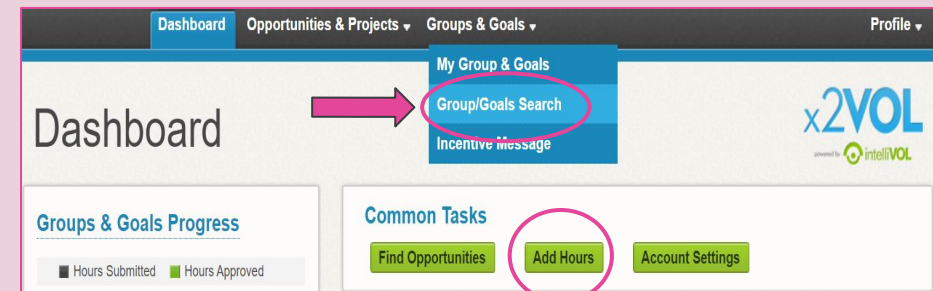


3. Click on the **Careers** tab and select “x2VOL”

If you have never signed into x2VOL, follow the prompts and complete your profile. ****Assign yourself to the Class of (year you will graduate)**** and this information will be verified by JMHS.

4. The Dashboard is where you will Add Hours, Find Opportunities, View Groups & Goals Progress.

You can also search for a specific Honor Society and/or club to join that group.



Students must use x2VOL to get credit for their service learning hours.

Service Learning Hours | x2VOL

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Volunteer & Service Learning Organizations (to name just a few)

- [Alexandria Archaeology](#)
- [Avid About Advocacy](#): An interactive guidebook and website to encourage youth to get involved in their communities and engage in their passions to benefit the world.
- [Belong! Vienna](#)
- [Cornerstones](#): Local volunteer opportunities
- [Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Association](#): For most departments, the minimum age is 18; however, the Vienna, Centreville, and Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Departments accept 16 and 17-year-olds as junior members.
- [Fairfax County Park Authority](#)
- [Fairfax County Volunteer](#)
- [FCPS Service Learning](#)
- [FCPS Service & Work-Based Learning Google Site](#): Students have access through their fcpschools.net email address.
- [Food For Others](#): Volunteers assist with a variety of tasks in the warehouse, with food distribution, and neighborhood sites. Located in Fairfax, VA.

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- [INOVA Hospital Volunteer Information](#), including opportunities for high school students.
- [Keen Greater D.C.](#) (local opportunities)
- [Virginia Service](#): The Virginia Office on Volunteerism and Community Services (OVCS), within the Virginia Department of Social Services, is the lead agency for volunteerism and service for the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- [Volunteer Fairfax](#): Variety of local programs, special events and services.
- [Volunteer Reston](#)
- [Women Giving Back](#): Volunteers help clients register, shop for clothing, restock the racks, manage client needs like a retail department store. Location in Sterling, VA.
- [x2VOL](#): Find opportunities and track your hours.
- [Schoology Updates](#): Students have access to the Student Services Schoology Course.

Notes for when you “Add Hours” in x2VOL:

- The “verifier” is the person who confirms the hours you served. **You MUST enter an email address.** That person will get an email from x2VOL to verify your hours.
- The “approver” is the Madison HS service learning liaison.
- If your hours have not been verified in a timely manner, you may click the “Edit” button next to the entry and select “Resend Verification.” In most cases, once you’ve resent the verification email a second time, your hours will be approved.
- If the verifier is a FCPS teacher or staff member, you **MUST** use their @fcps.edu email address.



Service Learning Hours | x2VOL

The Seal for Excellence in Science and the Environment will be awarded to students who:

- Complete the requirements for a Standard or Advanced Studies Diploma
- Complete at least three different first-level board-approved laboratory science courses and at least one rigorous advanced-level or postsecondary laboratory science course (each with a grade of “B” or higher)
- Complete laboratory or field-science research and present that research in a formal, juried setting (i.e. science fair)
- Complete at least 50 hours of voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities that involve the application of science such as environmental monitoring, protection, management, or restoration. These are the “Science-Specific Hours” in x2VOL.

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About the Science & Environment Seal:

Examples of service learning that **DO** meet the Science & Environment criteria:

- ✓ Invasive Management Area Program (IMAP) to remove invasive plants
- ✓ Stream, park, habitat restoration
- ✓ Recycling programs, litter clean up (requires documentation from the organization)
- ✓ Actively participating in environmental projects to protect or manage wildlife or landscapes
- ✓ Sustainability programs (or similar hands-on environmental projects) with activities such as reducing waste, planting and maintaining wildlife habitats, conserving energy, and tending edible gardens

Examples of service learning that **DO NOT** meet the Science & Environment criteria, but **DO** qualify for the General Service Hours:

- ✗ Tutoring a student in a science related area
- ✗ Volunteering at the Children’s Science Center
- ✗ Volunteering at a plant sale or pet adoption event
- ✗ Making posters for a science related club or event

Notes:

- Whenever hours are denied, there is always a comment listed - most often it is because either your hours have not been verified or the wrong goal was selected. In most situations you are able to resubmit the hours.
- Students **do not** receive hours for: Donating items, Madison Mentors (M&M’s), being a Teacher’s Assistant, Attendance or Counseling Aide, etc. that is part of your school day schedule.

x2VOL questions? Contact Mrs. Otto lmotto@fcps.edu



Comparing the ACT and Digital SAT

THE DIGITAL SAT VS THE ACT

KEY Differences

- Digital, adaptive
- More time per question
- Short, single-question reading passages
- Scores back within days

Paper, fixed format*

- Faster Paced
- Longer reading passages
- Scores back in 2 to 3 weeks

TIMING & SCORING

Section	Time	Score	Points
Reading & Writing (baseline module)	32m	1-36	200 - 800 points
Reading & Writing (adaptive module - easier or harder)	32m	1-36	
Math (baseline module)	35m	1-36	200 - 800 points
Math (adaptive module - easier or harder)	35m	1-36	
Reading	35m	1-36	
English	45m	1-36	
Math	60m	1-36	
Science	35m	1-36	

TOTAL POINTS | 400 - 1600

TOTAL POINTS | 1 - 36

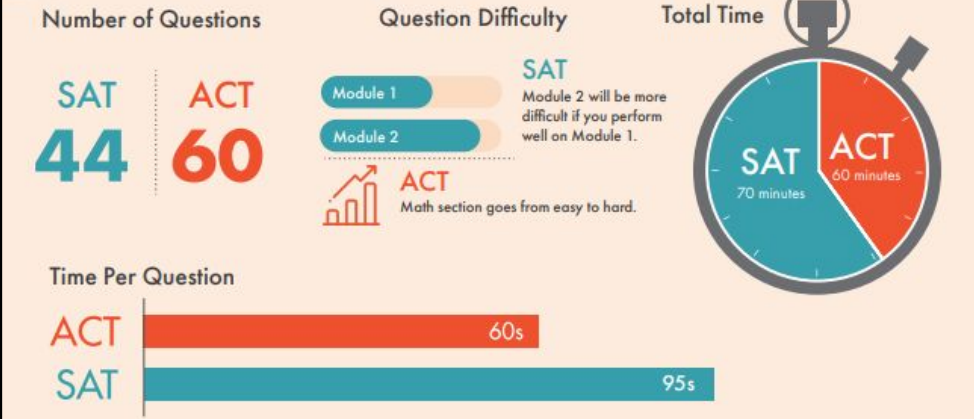
Time per Question

Reading & Writing	71s	Math	95s
Reading	52s	English	36s
Math	60s	Science	52s

*There will be an option to take the ACT on a computer at select test centers starting in late 2023 and early 2024, but the computer-based test will be identical to the paper test in length and format.



MATH



Formulas

The SAT provides a reference of common formulas in the testing application.

The ACT does not provide formulas for reference.

The digital SAT Math modules include 44 questions total. About 25% of these are student-produced response questions (i.e., grid-in), and the rest are multiple-choice.

Algebra Focus

The SAT has a much greater emphasis on Algebra, as well as Data Analysis questions that ask you to incorporate information from tables and charts into your calculations. In contrast, the ACT focuses more on Geometry and Pre-Algebra.

SAT: 70%

ACT: 32%

Calculators are allowed throughout the Math sections on both the digital SAT and ACT. The Digital SAT testing platform has a built-in Desmos graphing calculator.

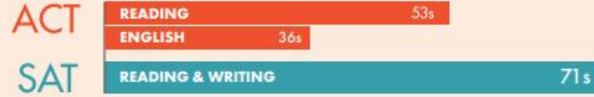
How would you score? Register for a practice test at applerouth.com/calendar (866) 789-PREP (7737)

Comparing the ACT and Digital SAT

READING/Writing/ENGLISH



Time Per Question



Number of Questions



Vocabulary

What percentage of questions test vocabulary?



Do the Reading/Writing/English sections have

Graphs and Charts?



Yes, 3 to 5 Command of Evidence questions use graphs.



No, only on the Science section

Passage Complexity

Avg words per passage



Number of Reading Passages



Topics Covered

• Literature • Social Science • Poetry
• Nat. Science • History • Humanities

Distribution of topics varies. Easier adaptive modules tend to focus on literature; harder adaptive modules tend to focus on humanities.



• Prose Fiction • Humanities
• Social Science • Natural Science

ACT Reading passage topics are consistent and appear in the same order on each test.



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Standardized Testing

Additional Information:

- Applerouth Comparison Chart and additional resources available [here](#).
- The ACT will offer a digital test OR paper/pencil test in Spring 2025. Details [here](#).
- FCPS has a partnership with [Varsity Tutors](#) at no cost to students. They offer College and Career Readiness resources to help you prepare for college entrance exams like the SAT and ACT.
- Visit [Fair Test](#) for a list of test optional colleges & universities. Verify this information with each school you are applying to.



Money for College

What is FAFSA® and why is it important?

Types of Aid and Eligibility Video

Federal Student Aid
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2025-2026 FAFSA

8/7/24: [The U.S. Department of Education announced](#) the 2025-26 FAFSA will be launched through a new process. Starting October 1, 2024, the 2025-26 FAFSA will release the form for testing with a limited number of students and institutions. The U.S. Department of Education will make the application available to all students on or before December 1, 2024.

Applying for Financial Aid
With the FAFSA® Form

Applying for Financial Aid Video

Additional Federal Student Aid Videos [here](#).



Money for College

FCPS reviews scholarship opportunities and publishes eligible ones in the [Naviance](#) scholarship database. Students and parents/guardians have access to [Naviance](#) and may view Scholarships and Enrichment Programs. Steps for how to view scholarships in Naviance available [here](#).

School Based (JMHS) Scholarships for Seniors

These scholarships, **once they become available**, will be advertised to students with eligibility requirements, additional details and application due dates. **These scholarships are based on the previous school year, please note that any changes will be reflected when the scholarship application is available for the current school year.**

JMHS PTSA Making a Difference Scholarship: Three seniors will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship for "Making a Difference" (i.e. involvement at school, volunteer work, community service, paid work such as babysitting, helping their families, or other ways of enriching the lives of others). Seniors who plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or a professional/technical school. Essay (500 words or less) required explaining what you did to "Make a Difference" in the lives of others. Letter of recommendation also required.

JMHS Athletic Boosters Warhawk Pride Scholarship: Four \$1,000 scholarships will be presented to JMHS athletes who best exemplify Warhawk Pride. Scholarships will be awarded to four senior athletes. Athlete must be a current senior who plans to attend a two or four-year college or professional technical school. Any athlete receiving a full academic scholarship is not eligible. Minimum GPA of 2.5 through the first semester of senior year.

The **Khristin Kylo Dream Big Memorial Scholarship, Two \$5,000** scholarships are available for JMHS seniors who are planning to attend a four-year institution. The application requires a one page typed essay about yourself, life experiences and brief description of your financial need. Clearly write about how this scholarship would make a difference for your future education. This essay should focus on you and your situation.

The **Lenny Schultz Scholarship** will award a **\$2,000** scholarship to a student planning to attend a two-year or four-year college, who has played football **and/or** wrestled **or** who has been a team manager for either of these two sports **or** any student in the special education program who has uplifted others in the community, school, or other involvements. The application requires a one page typed essay, resume, and a letter of recommendation.

Local Scholarships

Vienna Optimist Essay Contest: The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna sponsors an annual Essay Contest for high school students. Amount is **\$1,000 with potential for up to \$2,500**. Available for students in grades 9-12.

Vienna Optimist Clyde Rees and Paul Booze Vocational Scholarship, \$2,500: The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna sponsors a scholarship for students who plan to pursue an apprenticeship, trade or technical school or occupational field, such as, plumbing, auto mechanic, auto repair, carpenter, HVAC technician, electrician, cosmetologist, culinary arts practitioner/chef, etc..

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Scholarship, \$1,000: Applicants must have been accepted at an accredited college, university or technical school. 500 word essay on the benefits of volunteering in a community.

Vienna Youth Soccer (VYS) Scholarship, \$2,500: <http://vys.org/offering-vys-scholarships> VYS will award two scholarships to high school seniors who have participated as players in the Club and plan to further their education at a college or university. Seniors who have demonstrated exceptional standards of sportsmanship, dedication, leadership, community service, and/or perseverance.

VYI Scholarship/MVP Awards: <http://vyi.org/Page.asp?n=5460>. Visit www.vyi.org for details.

VHSL Allstate Achievement Scholarship, \$1,500: <https://www.vhsl.org/scholarships/> is awarded to seniors who have excelled in the classroom and in athletic and academic activities.

VHSL Svedge Award, \$500: <https://www.vhsl.org/scholarships/> is awarded to a senior who has participated and excelled in school publications (magazines, newspapers, yearbooks) and for at least two years demonstrated outstanding personal qualities such as leadership, writing proficiency, design aptitude, creativity, teamwork, and character.

VHSL Vito Perriello Citizenship Award, \$1,000: <https://www.vhsl.org/scholarships/> is awarded to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding traits of citizenship in their high school career. Student must have previously participated in one or more VHSL activities which can include serving as an athletic training student aide (ATSA) with a Virginia licensed athletic trainer within their high school.

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Money for College

Local Scholarships (continued)

College Access Fairfax: <https://collegeaccessfairfax.org/scholarships/> College Access Fairfax offers quite a few scholarships to FCPS students.

DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizens Program and Scholarship is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. Students must actively demonstrate the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. This award is open to all students in the senior class. Award amount is typically **\$1,000** with potential to receive more. From the applicant pool, JMHS may nominate one student to receive this award.

Federal Water Quality Association (Environmental or Engineering), \$2,000: Three scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors who plan to pursue environmental careers.

Harry F. Byrd Leadership Award, \$20,000: Seniors who demonstrate a combination of accomplishment, excellence of character, qualities of leadership and good citizenship. If selected, a letter of recommendation is required to be written by the principal or school counselor. Each secondary school in Virginia may nominate one graduating senior for the Harry F. Byrd Leadership Award. From the applicant pool, one JMHS student will be selected and submitted to the sponsor. <https://byrdleadershipaward.org/>

Northern Virginia Athletic Directors, Administrators and Coaches Association (NVADACA) Scholarships: Seniors who have participated in a Virginia High School League sanctioned sport, cheerleaders or those who served as team managers or athletic trainers. Visit <http://www.nvadaca.org/scholarship-applications/> for details. Students who receive a full athletic grant are not eligible for a NVADACA Scholarship. NVADACA considers GPA, rigor or academic program, extent of athletic involvement, athletic contributions to team(s), contributions to school, community, church and work, writing skills, leadership and financial need. Financial need encompasses any family-perceived financial need. This may include other siblings in college, temporary unemployment, medical bills, overall low family income, etc. From the applicant pool, JMHS will forward selected nominees to the NVADACA Scholarship Committee. Last year scholarships were offered in the amount of **\$4,000**.

Note: When a scholarship comes along that is school based, county based or local, information will be advertised/posted in Naviance and the Schoology Madison Student Services Course.

Local Scholarships (continued)

Reston Hospital Scholarship, \$1,000: Seniors who will pursue a career in a health care-related field: Medicine, nursing, physical therapy, etc. One senior will be selected for this award. Students must submit a resume of related experiences in health care, such as, volunteering, coursework, efforts, accomplishments, research, etc. that you have been involved with. Only include items on your resume that are related to your efforts in health care. Be sure to include where you will be attending college and the major you will pursue. Students must also submit a brief statement about why you chose the field of study (not an essay, just one paragraph.) From the applicant pool, JMHS will forward selected nominee to the sponsor.

W. Harold Ford Scholarship Foundation, Teaching Scholarship, \$2,000: This is a local scholarship for students with at least at 2.7 GPA who plan to attend a four-year college that offers a teacher education/certification program, major in education and plan to teach after college graduation. From the completed applicant pool, two JMHS student applications will be selected and submitted to the sponsor. Visit <http://www.fcrc.org/scholarship.html> for details.

FCPS Facilitated Scholarships

These scholarships are typically submitted to the JMHS College & Career Center. From the applicant pool, JMHS will forward selected nominees to FCPS for consideration.

Emily and Fred Ruffing ACCA Scholarship, \$2,000 per semester/renewable: This is a renewable, per semester, award. Available to a senior with a disability and academic achievement. Must plan to attend college full time. JMHS will submit all applications to FCPS.

Granville P. Meade, \$2,000/renewable: This is a renewable award for "worthy and needy" students going to a Virginia college or university. An undisclosed number of awards are available to VA seniors who are financially unable to attend college. Must attend a VA public or private college and be a VA resident. JMHS will submit all applications to FCPS.

Laura Ashley Piper Scholarship, \$1,000: Demonstrated integrity, leadership, service to school and community, academic excellence, athletic merit. JMHS will submit one application to FCPS.

Michell Merhige, \$1,500: Provide recognition and financial assistance to a FCPS graduating senior who demonstrates academic strength and potential, an ability to overcome adversity and a financial need. Priority will be given to those who have experienced homelessness, been in foster care or lacked substantial family support. JMHS will submit all applications to FCPS.



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FCPS Facilitated Scholarships (continued)

Vulcan Materials Scholarship, \$2,000/renewable: Student has resided in Northern Virginia at least four years prior to nomination, U.S. Citizen, academic accomplishment and ability, extra-curricular activities, financial need. Preference will be given to applicants who plan to attend college in Virginia. JMHS will submit all applications to FCPS.

William J. Foreman Memorial Scholarship, up to \$2,000: Recipients for the William J. Foreman Memorial Scholarship must currently be classified as homeless, or an unaccompanied youth and meet the eligibility criteria established by the donor of the scholarship as follows: Academic merit, school involvement, financial need, work experiences, attendance, life experiences, leadership or mentoring. JMHS will submit all applications to FCPS.

College Specific Opportunities

UVA Jefferson Scholars: <https://www.jeffersonscholars.org/> The Jefferson Scholarship selection process is designed to give students an opportunity to showcase their excellence in leadership, citizenship, and scholarship. Participating schools are asked to nominate a student in the senior class who best exemplifies excellence in the Jeffersonian ideals of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship. From the applicant pool, two JMHS students will be selected to be forwarded onto the Jefferson Scholars Foundation.

Virginia Tech Pamplin Leadership Award: A one-year, merit-based \$5,000 Virginia Tech tuition scholarship. The scholarship is open to students applying to all majors. Pamplin Leaders are students who demonstrate superior intellectual promise and academic performance, dedication to their communities, interest and success in physical fitness and health, and unimpeachable integrity. *Students who accept this award must also agree to join the University Honors and work toward an honors diploma.*

From the applicant pool, one JMHS student will be selected to be forwarded onto Virginia Tech

Scholarships approved by FCPS: [Naviance](#) has diverse scholarship offerings and they have been reviewed and approved by FCPS. The [Naviance](#) Scholarship Database can be found under the Colleges tab. Scholarships offered by organizations other than FCPS are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Fairfax County School Board, the Superintendent, or this school.

College Access Fairfax Scholarships

Each fall, College Access Fairfax opens their scholarship application. [You can read about each of the scholarships here.](#) These scholarships are only available to Fairfax County Public Schools students. Please read carefully, as some are earmarked for specific high schools.

Academic Common Market (ACM)

Students seeking a major/program not offered by a college in Virginia may qualify for in-state tuition rates at an out-of-state school. [This website](#) lists the agreements established between states and schools for particular programs. Students must be accepted to the school in that specific program in order to qualify for in-state rates. Agreements are updated annually and there are numerous undergraduate and graduate programs available through ACM. Additional information available [here](#).

Non-Resident Scholarships for Virginia Students

There are some out of state colleges/universities that award scholarship money and/or tuition discounts to reduce the cost of tuition. This information should be verified with each institution. Below are some examples. Questions should be directed to the institution.

[University of Alabama](#)

[Kent State University](#) (OH)

[Rider University](#) (NJ)

[Arizona State University](#)

[University of Kentucky](#)

[University of South Carolina](#)

[Auburn University](#)

[Mississippi State University](#)

[University of South Florida](#)

[Clemson University](#) (SC)

[University of Mississippi](#)

[UVA-Wise Tuition Free Program](#)

[Colorado State University](#)

[University of Missouri](#)

[Frostburg State University](#) (MD)

[University of New Hampshire](#)

[Indiana University of Pennsylvania](#)

Websites worth checking out:

These are not endorsed by FCPS, simply a few examples of websites you can check out. As a reminder, never pay to be considered for a scholarship, be mindful when sharing personal information, and never share your bank account details.

[CareerOneStop](#) | [FastWeb](#) | [FinAid](#) | [Going Merry](#) | [Niche](#) | [RaiseMe](#) | [Sallie Mae](#) | [Scholly](#) | [Unigo](#)

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Additional Opportunities

Posse is a leadership development program that sends rising leaders on full-tuition scholarships to school in "posses" as a source of support in the journey through college.

Posse colleges: UVA, W&M, Bucknell (PA), Lafayette (PA), Lewis & Clark (OR), U Wisconsin Madison, U of Rochester (NY), Sewanee (TN)

The Posse Program is one of the most comprehensive college access and youth leadership development programs in the United States. The Foundation extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams called – Posses – of 10 students. The Foundation's partner universities and colleges award Posse Scholars four-year, full-tuition leadership scholarships. Posse Scholars are supported from their senior year of high school through their college graduation and beyond. More information can be found at:

www.possefoundation.org/about-posse

Interested students should contact Mrs. Otto at lmotto@fcps.edu for more information.

The Posse nomination deadline is mid-August.

Questbridge was founded in 1994 and is a national nonprofit based in Palo Alto, California that connects the nation's most exceptional, low-income youth with leading colleges and opportunities. By working with these students – beginning in high school through college to their first job – QuestBridge aims to increase the percentage of talented low-income students attending the nation's best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their careers and communities. More information can be found at: www.questbridge.org

Interested students should contact their school counselor.

The Questbridge application is due in September.

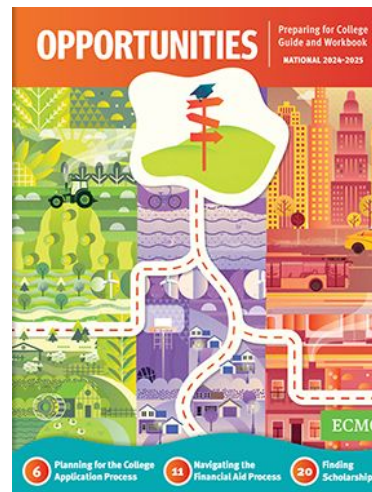
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Preparing for College: Guide & Workbook (VA 2024-2025)

~ Estimating your college costs ~ Tips for completing the FAFSA ~ Scholarships

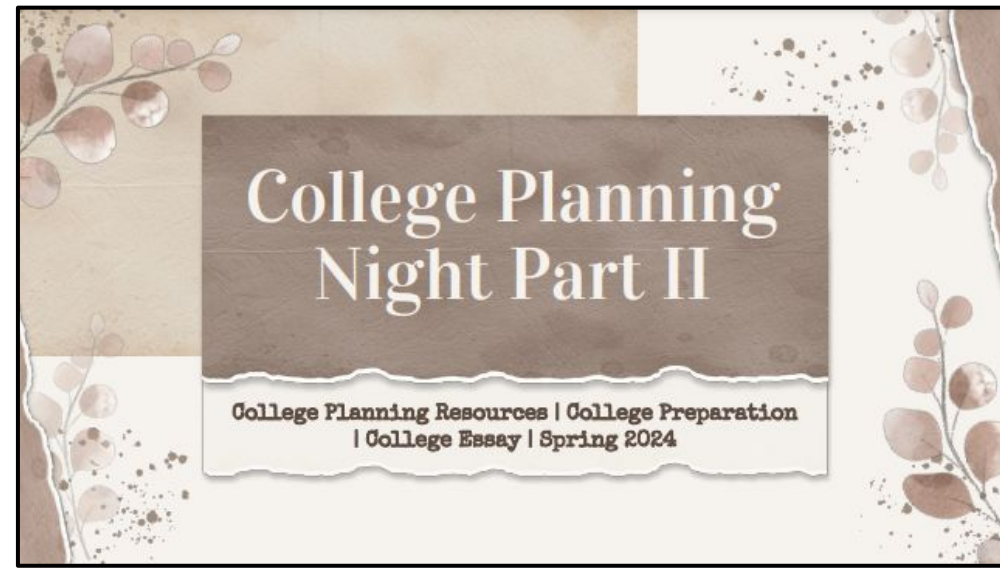
English version [here](#)

Spanish version [here](#)
2024-25 coming soon!





JMHS Fall 2024 Senior College Planning Night [Slides](#)



JMHS Spring 2024 College Planning Night Part II [Slides](#)