



Waubonsie Valley High School

College & Career Center

What is it?

Located in the cafeteria within Waubonsie Valley High School, the College & Career Center offers a wide range of information and materials on colleges and careers to both students and parents.

- College information includes: Catalogs, Books, Applications, Financial Aid, Scholarship Lists and Applications.
- Career Information includes: Vocational Biographies, Videos, Trade School information, Career College information, Illinois Employment & Training Center (IETC) information.
- Information and brochures on all of our Armed Services is also available.
- General information on testing such as the ACT and SAT is available.

The College & Career Center is open M, W, & Th from 7am-10:30am & T & F from 11am-2:30pm. The Career Center is staffed by Mr. Heilicser part-time and PTA volunteers.

Career Cruising

One unique service offered through the Career Center is the Career Cruising program.

Career Cruising[®] provides guidance and information to help students make important career and educational decisions.

- **Research-based assessments** of career-relevant interests, abilities, and job values help individuals consider career options that are a good match for them.
- Career Cruising's **comprehensive, developmental guidance process** helps users identify their strengths and needs, make good career decisions, and build a plan based on their personal profiles.
- The system offers **complete, current databases** of occupations, college majors, schools and training institutions, financial aid/scholarships, and military options.
- Users can also learn how to develop good job-seeking skills through effective resumes, cover letters, job applications, and interviewing skills.

Students can go to the Career Center and login. Instructional sheets are available at the desk. You will also be able to access the Career Cruising program from home with this password information. This program is not only great for students, but also for parents that are interested in a career change or going back to school.

Guidance

The outstanding Guidance Department at Waubonsie Valley High School provides counseling and information for students and their families regarding "life after high school".

One support offered through the department is the guidance website. In order to access this site, go to wvhs.ipisd.org/index.asp. On the left hand side of the page, select the box listed "guidance" which will take you to the guidance webpage.

This site contains a variety of information and links to helpful resources such as the following:

- *PrepHQ* - This link allows students and parents to research a variety of pertinent college information. There are links to nearly all Illinois colleges/universities, Big Ten Schools, Popular Midwest Institutions, Scholarships and Scholarship Search Engines.
- *Scholarships* - Under this link, students can find out about scholarships that have been identified through the department. This site will be continually updating and is currently under construction.
- *Documents* - Under this heading is our most recent scholarship listing. Click on "Scholarship List" to view this list. This will be updated weekly.
- *Graduation Requirements* - Outlines credits required for graduation from WVHS.
- *Selecting a College* - Answers frequently asked questions about choosing a college.

Additionally, this site provides news and events such as college fairs, field trips and school events.

Helpful Resources

College Information:

www.collegeboard.com:

Provides information to students and parents such as college searches and comparisons, college applications and scholarship searches.

www.college4111.org:

Site is broken into 6 sections: Minorities, College Search, Internships and Study Abroad, General Information and Parents.

www.collegenet.com:

Contains information on college searches, financial aid, scholarships and resources.

www.collegezone.com:

Site contains a college planning center for both students and parents that addresses regularly asked ?'s regarding "life after high school".

Financial Aid/Scholarship Information:

www.fafsa.ed.gov:

Provides a free application to students for federal financial aid.

www.finaid.org:

Provides information on scholarships, loans and other methods of paying for college.

www.fastweb.com:

Users can create a portfolio and have scholarships identified that match their criteria.

Scholarship Tip:

When applying for scholarships avoid the scams.

Free money doesn't cost anything ---scholarships should not cost money to apply.

We do all the work -- Only the person applying for a scholarship should have access to their own personal information.