

SPoonER HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

SPRING Junior Year / FALL Senior Year

ACT Testing - SHS Code 502-170

- Deadlines, Fees, Writing Portion <http://actstudent.org/>
- ACT preparation: [KnowHow2GOWisconsin.org](http://www.knowhow2go.wisconsin.gov)

Research & Gather Information on Postsecondary Options

- University of Wisconsin Schools: <http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/>
- WI Private Colleges: <http://www.wisconsinprivatecolleges.org/>
- WI Technical Colleges: <http://www.wtcsystem.edu/>
- Apprenticeships: <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/>
- Careers: www.wicareerpathways.org
 - Xello - https://www.spooner.k12.wi.us/students/shs_students.cfm (login with Google)
- College Visits: Campus Tours and Preview Days (Questions to Ask)
 - UW Campus Tours: <http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/preparing/campustours.aspx>
 - To schedule other campus tours, go online or call admissions.
- Tuition
 - UW Schools: <http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/paying/tuitionfees.aspx>
 - Wisconsin Private Colleges: <http://www.wisconsinprivatecolleges.org/paying-college>
 - Each college has a Net Price Calculator listed on the website
- Midwest Student Exchange Program <http://msepmhec.org/>
- NCAA Clearinghouse - for all students interested in playing Div I or Div II athletics in college: <http://eligibilitycenter.org>

FALL Senior Year

Apply for College

- UW Systems Application (Paper/online): <https://apply.wisconsin.edu/>
- UW Schools begin accepting applications on September 1st (students can access application August 1st)
- Wisconsin Private Colleges (Paper/online): <http://www.privatecollegezone.org/home.aspx>
- Application deadlines vary
- Many out of state colleges use the Common Application: <https://www.commonapp.org>
- WI Technical Colleges (Paper/online): <http://www.wtcsystem.edu/>
- Program wait lists, petition process
- Transcript requests, letters of recommendation, essays

Financial Aid

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - can be filled out after **October 1** (make sure to fill out for next school year) <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> - Contact your college for deadlines for FAFSA completion
- College Goal Wisconsin - <http://www.collegegoalwi.org> - attend session on financial aid options (Grants, Loans, Work Study, etc)

WINTER Senior Year

Scholarships

- Local Scholarship Application Meeting for Seniors (applications due in March)
- Monthly Scholarship List - emailed and online
- Online Scholarship Search Engines: www.fastweb.com www.cappex.com/scholarships

SPRING Senior Year

Placement Testing

- <http://testing.wisc.edu> Website includes information about testing dates, locations, and content (Math, English, and Foreign Language)
- Private schools may use ACT scores in lieu of additional placement testing

Reciprocity

- All students enrolling in a MN Public College/University must complete this form before fall enrollment. This agreement lowers your tuition costs to comparable to a WI school. <http://www.heab.state.wi.us/reciprocity/>