



Senior Meeting ~

Class of 2025



Graduation Requirements

- Letters have been sent to parent/guardians outlining graduation status of child.
- 29 total credits for graduation – must include all required credits.
- Academic and Career Planning requirement (Portfolio) must be met – 1 credit toward graduation.
- Passing of the state required Civics Exam.

Requesting Official Transcripts

- Students needing official transcripts to be sent to colleges should request through their Xello account. Requests via Xello are completed on a daily basis.
 - Regular Xello requests vs. Common Application requests - there is a difference in process.
 - ACT scores are NOT included on a student's transcript-per recommendations by the ACT testing company.
 - Students needing an ACT score on a transcript must make arrangements with their School Counselor or Ms. Zorn personally, before requesting in Xello.
- Transcript Request Form must be on file in the Student Services Office prior to transcript requests being honored. Most students completed this form during the 11th Grade Planning Conference.
 - If you need to complete, please pick up a form from Ms. Zorn in Student Services.
- All other transcript requests, including requests for scholarships, must be made in writing, by sending an email to Ms. Zorn.

Applying to 4-year Colleges and Universities

The University of WI System

- Most UW system applications opened for review on August 1.
 - UW La Crosse – August 15th
 - UW Madison – September 1st
 - Early Action – November 1st
 - Regular Decision – January 15th
- All UW schools use the same application – [Link to UW Application](#)
- The Common Application can also be used to apply to UW colleges, as well as most out of state colleges.
- All UW colleges are not requiring students to report ACT scores through the 2027 Summer term. This includes UW Madison.
- The following UW universities charge an application fee for every application submitted – UW Eau-Claire and UW La Crosse- \$25, UW Madison - \$70) – [Link to UW Admission Process](#)
- Direct Admit Vs. Traditional Application - KHS uses Traditional Application.

Private Colleges/Universities

- Each private college has their own deadline dates and requirements for application.
- All colleges in the private college system are test optional for Fall 2025 applications.
 - Private college website has average ACT scores – [Link to WI Private College System website](#)
- Students can use the Common Application, or an application tied directly to each school's website. [Link to Common Application](#)
 - Common App can be linked to Xello and is necessary to send all college forms.



Applying to the Technical College System

Process for applying to a WI Technical College

- ❑ Complete Application – An application for any of the WI Technical Colleges can be located at this link – [Wisconsin Technical College System](#) or simply going to the website of the college of choice will link students to an application.
- ❑ Request a transcript to be sent to your college of choice through your Xello account.
- ❑ Depending on the program you are applying to, ACT scores or other test scores may be used for admission and/or placement into coursework.



Applying to Out of State Colleges

- Each out of state college can have very different application directions.
- Be certain to check requirements regarding:
 - Deadline Dates
 - Essay requirements
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Application fees
 - Test scores
 - Sending Transcripts



Tips to Writing the College Essay

- ❑ UW campuses recommend that essays be 250 to 650 words
- ❑ Guidance on what to write about:
 - ❑ Academic and personal hurdles and/or challenges you'd like campuses to know about.
 - ❑ Any information that is inclusive of your family or your community experiences.
 - ❑ Address any academic issues you faced during your high school career that impacted your transcript.
 - ❑ Communicate things about you that a college will not get from any other part of your application.
- ❑ Check your spelling and grammar.
- ❑ Ask someone to proofread your final version.
- ❑ UW campus specific essay questions and tips for writing your essay for the UW can be found at this link – [UW System Campus Specific Essay Questions](#)

Requesting College Transcripts

- ❑ Some of you have taken college credits in high school, either from UWGB, Lakeshore Technical College, or Fox Valley Technical College. Students who have taken college credits while in high school will need to send their college transcripts to their selected full-time attendance college prior to admission.
- ❑ Each college may have different rules regarding uploading college transcripts as part of the admission process. Many may allow unofficial transcripts for the admission process, others may not. It is advised that students work with each Admission Office to determine if an official (College) transcript is needed to apply. College transcripts will cost money to request and send.
- ❑ [Link to request an official transcript from Lakeshore Technical College](#)
- ❑ [Link to request an official transcript from Fox Valley Technical College](#)
- ❑ [Link to request an official transcript from UW-Green Bay](#)



Letters of Recommendation

- ❑ One Letter of Recommendation is required for those students applying to UW Madison. This should be from an academic core teacher.
- ❑ All other UW, and some private colleges, do not necessarily “require” letters of recommendation. Students are welcome to submit one. It is helpful in showcasing communication skills, interpersonal skills, and intellectual curiosity. Submitting more than two letters is most times, not necessary.
- ❑ Ask for letters of recommendation well ahead of time. People need time to write a good letter. Allow for at least a two week window when requesting for someone to write you a letter of recommendation. Respect that anyone has the option to decline writing a letter of recommendation.
- ❑ Utilize your Xello when requesting letters of rec. Share with writers your Xello information, as well as Portfolios you have created. It can be shared from your Xello account!
 - ❑ Complete the Letter of Recommendation Student Profile Form in Xello for those writing you letters.



Applying for Financial Aid

FAFSA Application Opens December, 2024 (?)

- College Goal Wisconsin – FAFSA completion events
 - Register at www.CollegeGoalWI.org
 - Virtual and in-person events are available.
- Apply for financial aid @ studentaid.gov
- UW colleges – [FAFSA information](#)
- WI Private colleges – [Financial aid information](#)



Applying for Scholarships

- ❑ The KHS Scholarship list is located within Xello. You can find it by clicking on your “Plans” icon at the top of your dashboard.
- ❑ The scholarship list has gone live. Students received email notification.
- ❑ Scholarships can be filtered by deadline date, award amount, or KHS scholarships only.
- ❑ Students need to pay particular attention to the directions associated with each scholarship application. Some applications must be returned directly to the scholarship organization, while others must be turned into Student Services at KHS. Student Services will only accept completed applications required to be turned into our office.
- ❑ Scholarship applications going directly to the scholarship organization must be sent by the student. Any copies needed are the responsibility of the student.
- ❑ Students must be accepted by a college or university before being eligible to receive institutional scholarships—deadline dates vary widely! Know your campus deadlines!



Xello

Reminders for students –

- ❑ Log into your Xello account from the Kiel High School webpage. Go to “Student Resources” and click on the Xello link. Going directly to the Xello website from your browser will not work.
- ❑ ACP Requirements – Assignments will be sent via Google Classroom
- ❑ Scholarship List
- ❑ Requesting a transcript to be sent to a college or university.
- ❑ Utilize “Links and Resources” on Xello dashboard.
- ❑ Put time and effort into an Academic and Career Planning Portfolio – will pay off when asking for letters of recommendation.

Individual Meeting Times~

- If students need additional assistance with their academic and career planning process, it is encouraged they schedule a meeting with their School Counselor sooner than later. This is not required.
- Planning Conferences for 11th graders have started, so appointment times will fill quickly.
- Senior meetings will be scheduled for 20 minutes. Students needing additional time should request that when making an appointment. All appointments should be made through Ms. Zorn in Student Services.



Parenting is hard.....



Thank you for Attending!

Questions?

