

Northwest HS Counseling & College/Career Center News Bulletin

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The 2026–2027 school year begins on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026**. We look forward to welcoming our students and families back to Northwest High School. Please review this news bulletin for important information to help you prepare for the start of the school year.



Schedules: Schedules will be distributed to students through homeroom on August 25, 2026. Homeroom will begin promptly at **7:45 a.m.**

Homeroom assignment lists will be posted in all hallways. Students are encouraged to arrive by **7:30 a.m.** in order to find their homeroom assignment. All students are expected to attend homeroom in order to receive their schedule.

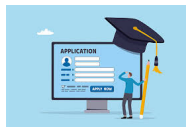
Students who have attended summer school and passed their class should call their counselor immediately to change their schedule to reflect the summer school credit received.

The counselors have worked hard to reconcile any conflicts that have occurred in your student's schedules. Wherever possible, the alternative class your child selected during the registration process replaced the class in conflict. If it was not possible to fit in their alternative choice, another class from the same discipline was used to replace the class in conflict.

Schedule Changes: will be minimized when the school year begins. We will focus only on the following three reasons:

1. The student is missing a period in schedule.
2. The student is in the wrong level class.
3. A senior needs a course for graduation

If you have any concerns regarding your child's schedule, please contact your child's counselor.



The College Application Process: Counselors will be visiting English classes on Thursday, September 3, and Friday, September 4 to review the college application process. Students will also receive the required materials needed to complete their college applications.



Naviance: All students and parents have a Naviance account. Seniors will use Naviance to add the colleges they are applying to, and it is how Northwest High School sends required high school documents to colleges. If you need access to your account, please contact Ms. Miller at Lisa_A_Miller@mcpsmd.org.



College Visits (Juniors and Seniors): Colleges will be visiting Northwest this Fall. If a college you are interested in is scheduled to visit, you must register through your student Naviance account. Registration is required for attendance. To register:

1. Log in to your Naviance account.
2. Click on Colleges.
3. Select College Visits.
4. Review the list of upcoming visits.
5. Click Register next to the college(s) you would like to attend.

Before attending a college visit, please check with your teacher and let them know you will be participating. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about colleges, meet admissions representatives, and get your questions answered!



Financial Aid Information Nights- We will be hosting TWO virtual Financial Aid Overview Sessions to help students and families learn how to make college more affordable! During each session, we will cover how financial aid works, timelines, types of aid, and much more.

English Session: Thursday, September 17 @ 6:00 PM (Virtual) - [CLICK HERE REGISTER](#)

Spanish Session: Tuesday, October 13 @ 6:00 PM (Virtual) - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Financial Aid Completion Nights - Students and families are invited to attend one of our Financial Aid Completion Nights to receive assistance with completing the FAFSA and the MHEC One-App (Maryland State Financial Aid Application). The MHEC One-App is available for students applying for Maryland state financial aid, including those who do not have a Social Security number. **Upcoming Financial Aid Completion Nights** (*Registration for these events will open soon!*):

- Tuesday, November 10, 2026: NWHS Media Center from 6:00–8:00 p.m.
 - Monday, December 14, 2026: Quince Orchard High School from 6:30–8:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, January 20, 2027 (*MHEC One-App Focus Night*): NWHS Media Center from 6:00–8:00 p.m.
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Scholarships: Northwest High School's 2026 graduates received millions of dollars in scholarship offers. Scholarships are available from colleges and from a variety of individual organizations. Students should check for scholarships on the College Career [web page](#) and the college/career Canvas announcements. If you do not receive notifications, please reach out to Ms. Miller at Lisa_A_Miller@mcpsmd.org.