



WAUKEGAN 2 COLLEGE

Resources for College Readiness in Waukegan

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This short guide is intended to inform Waukegan students and parents about resources to help them prepare for college. Many of these resources have little or no cost associated with them. Most are available to students who enroll at Waukegan High School (WHS). WHS students also may take advantage of a daily tutorial/study hall from 6:30 to 7:30 am at the libraries of both the Brookside and Washington campuses.

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Overview of College Readiness Programs

NAME	WHO	ELEMENTS
STARS	6th–8th graders Alternative high school students Other high school students	Tutoring, life skills, culture, college tours, summer camp
AVID	9th–12th graders Average students No disciplinary issues Good attendance	Tutoring, guest speakers, field trips, college and career exploration activities, WICR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Reading) curriculum
Educational Talent Search	9th–12th graders	Homework help, tutoring, college and career readiness, ACT preparation, assistance with completing college applications, financial aid workshops and assistance, study skills, personal development and time-management workshops
Project Lead the Way	9th–12th graders Students interested in engineering/math No disciplinary issues	One class per year, guest speakers, field trips, college and career exploration activities, project based learning activities
College Studies Program	9th–12th graders	College Studies Program courses create a college readiness curriculum
Schuler Scholars	9th–12th graders Only freshman apply Top 10% of the class Commitment to 4 years of core academic and honors/AP classes	Intensive academic preparation College counseling Leadership and personal development Cultural exposure Scholarship money
Illinois College Advising Corps	11th–12th graders First-generation college-bound students	Guidance on high school course selection, college research, applications, scholarships, and financial aid College visits
SHINE	12th graders Low income students	Leadership development, occupational training opportunities, college research and applications assistance and visits, financial aid and application assistance, paid internship

WHEN	WHERE	NEED SS#	ENROLLMENT	COST
After school	1020 Glen Rock Ave., Waukegan	NO	Enroll at STARS office, 1020 Glen Rock	FREE
Class during the school day Occasional field trips during and after school	Brookside and Washington campuses*	NO	Speak with guidance counselor to enroll	FREE
After school Occasional field trips during the school day	Brookside and Washington campuses*	YES	Speak with guidance counselor to enroll	FREE
Class during the school day Occasional field trips after school	Brookside campus*	NO	8th graders speak with counselor 9-12 speak with dean of instruction	FREE
During the school day	Brookside and Washington campuses*	NO	Speak with guidance counselor to enroll	FREE
During the school day After school Weekends During breaks	Brookside and Washington campuses*	NO	Speak with guidance counselor to enroll	FREE
Throughout the school day (lunch, study hall)	Brookside campus library	NO	Speak with guidance counselor to enroll	FREE
During the school day Occasional after school field trips	Brookside and Washington campuses*	YES	Contact Germain Castellanos or Eduardo Alvarez	FREE

*Note: Waukegan High School has two campuses in Waukegan: Brookside (2325 Brookside Ave.) and Washington (1011 Washington St.).

STARS – Successfully Targeting and Reaching Students

Website: www.waukeganschools.org/stars

Contact: Yvette Ewing, 847-360-5443

Who is the program for: Elementary through high school students who attend Glen Flora and Clearview Elementary Schools; Abbott, Jack Benny, Miguel Juarez and Webster Middle Schools; alternative middle and high school students; and select other high school students.

Program size: 750 students

What does the program provide:

- Homework help
- Life skills development
- Enrichment (sports, dance, videography, fashion design, entrepreneurship, creative writing, photography)
- Field trips
- Career exploration (including college tours)
- Summer camps

When: After school until 5 pm. Students are bused from school to STARS and from STARS to their home. The program is open five days a week.

Location: At the Alternative/Optional Education Center, 1020 Glen Rock Ave.

Social security number required: NO

How to enroll: Students must register at the STARS office.

Cost: FREE

AVID-Advancement Via Individual Determination

Website: www.avidonline.org/sites/display_home.asp?site=WPS

Contact: Dr. Beverly Echols, 847-599-5602

Who is the program for: For high school students who are academically in the middle. The ideal candidate has between a 2.0 and 3.5 GPA, average to above average standardized test scores, no disciplinary issues and good attendance. While the majority of AVID students start out in regular classes, through AVID, they begin taking more rigorous classes and get tutorial support to do well in honors and AP classes. AVID is specifically designed for first-generation college students from underserved communities.

Program size: 400 students

What does the program provide: AVID prepares students for admission to and success at college. AVID electives include:

- Tutoring twice a week
- Guest speakers
- Field trips
- Socratic seminars
- College and career exploration activities
- WICR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Reading) curriculum

When: The AVID elective class is scheduled into the school day.

Location: Waukegan High School, Brookside and Washington campuses

Social security number required: NO

How to enroll: Students must speak with their guidance counselors to register for the program.

Cost: FREE

College of Lake County's Educational Talent Search Program

Website: www.clcillinois.edu/depts/tal.asp

Contact: Sharon Sanders-Funnye, 847-543-2731

Who is the program for: 9th-12th grade students. The program targets first-generation students from low-income households, but all students have access to program services.

Program size: 300 students

What does the program provide:

- Homework help/tutoring in English and math
- College and career readiness
- ACT preparation
- Assistance with completing college admission, financial aid, and scholarship applications
- Financial aid workshops
- Study skills and time-management workshops
- Personal development workshops

When: Some programs occur after school. College visits and field trips may occur during the school day.

Location: Waukegan High School, Brookside and Washington campuses

Social security number required: Social security number is voluntary, but students must be US Citizens or have a permanent residency number.

How to enroll: Students may enroll by completing an Educational Talent Search Application at Waukegan High School.

Cost: FREE

Project Lead the Way at Waukegan High School

Website: www.pltw.org

Contact: Geary Gaspord, 847-360-5564; Col. Barry Galliger, 847-360-5424

Who is the program for: Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is for 9th-12th grade students interested in engineering. Attendance, math scores and behavior will be factored into the decision to admit the student into the program.

Program size: 100 students

What does the program provide: The program offers students in-depth, hands-on knowledge of engineering and technology-based careers. Students take one PLTW class a year and culminate with a capstone project. This curriculum prepares students for demanding two and four year college engineering programs.

The program also provides:

- Guest speakers
- Field trips
- College and career exploration activities
- Project based learning activities.

When: A student that elects to participate in the PLTW elective sequence will take one class per year starting in the fall semester.

Location: Waukegan High School, Brookside campus. Students must have access to a computer at home to complete assignments.

Social security number required: NO

How to enroll: A middle school student can enroll in the PLTW program by contacting their counselor and requesting to be enrolled. Students currently in high school may be permitted to enroll with the approval of the Applied Technology department's dean of instruction.

Cost: FREE

College Studies Program

Website: www.waukeganschools.org/CSP

Contact: Dr. Beverly A. Echols, Associate Principal for the College Studies Program, bechols@wps60.org or 847-599-5602; Mrs. Sara Infusion, Principal for House 7 at sinfusino@wps60.org or 847-599-4282; Dr. Charmaine Harris, Principal for House 8 at charris@wps60.org or 847-599-4063

Who is the program for: Acceptance into either of Waukegan High School's College Studies Program (CSP) communities is based on parent and student choice. In order to prepare students for selective colleges and universities, both CSP communities have increased academic rigor and additional required courses when compared to traditional communities.

Program size: 900 students

What does the program provide: A college readiness curriculum.

When: During the school day

Location: Waukegan High School, Brookside and Washington campuses

Social security number required: NO

How to enroll: Middle School and High School counselors are available to counsel students and their parents regarding this decision. Entering freshmen wishing to enroll in a CSP community can do so as part of the registration process in February of their 8th grade year. ALL entering 9th grade students are encouraged to explore the opportunities available within the CSP program before deciding between the CSP and Traditional communities. After the beginning of the freshman year, entrance to and exit from a College Studies Program community is subject to Waukegan High School policy regarding house transfers.

Cost: FREE

Schuler Scholar Program

Website: www.schulerfoundation.org

Contact: Beth Kainic, beth@schulerfoundation.org

Who is the program for: High achieving students who need additional guidance and preparation to gain access to and graduate from selective colleges and universities. Eligible freshman should be within the top 10% of the class, committed to four years of core academic classes, and enrolled in honors and AP classes. The selection process consists of review of student's academic record, curriculum, class rank, testing history, teacher recommendations, and personal statement. Parents and students are interviewed.

Program size: 100 students

What does the program provide:

- **Academic Preparation:** Scholars receive comprehensive academic counseling from Schuler program staff and school guidance counselors. Each scholar is assigned a Schuler Educational Counselor who monitors scholar grades and course selections and maintains regular communication with scholars and families. Counselors provide subject-specific tutoring, and scholars participate in after-school enrichment programs aimed at improving creative and academic writing skills.

- **College Counseling:** Schuler college counselors and program staff provide extensive college counseling services to scholars and their families.

- **Leadership and Personal Development:** During the summer after freshman year all scholars spend 10 days in the northern woods of Wisconsin at Camp Manitowish. Scholars also participate in programs focused on personal development planning, ethics, and conflict resolution.

- **Exposure:** Scholars visit museums, attend the symphony, opera, plays and musicals, travel abroad, visit college campuses, and interact with local, state and national civic leaders.

- **Scholarship:** Once in college, scholars receive \$2,500 per year for a total scholarship award of \$10,000. College scholars must remain in good standing with their institutions to maintain the scholarship.

When: During the school day, after school, often on weekends and during breaks.

Location: Waukegan High School, Brookside and Washington campuses

Social security number required: NO

How to enroll: Contact your advisor

Cost: FREE

Illinois College Advising Corps

Website: www.advisingcorps.org

Contact: Eduardo Alvarez, 630-361-4493, ealva2@uillinois.edu

Who is the program for: 11th–12th grade students. The program targets first generation college-bound students with a focus on students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

Program size: 200 students

What does the program provide:

- Guidance for courses required
- Guidance on the financial aid application process
- College research and visits
- Help with college applications
- Help with scholarship applications

When: Throughout the school day (lunch, study hall)

Location: Brookside Campus library

Social security number required: NO

How to enroll: Students must speak with their guidance counselor to enroll.

Cost: FREE

SHINE

Website: NONE

Contact: Germain Castellanos, 224-381-4818, gcastellanos@wps60.org

Who is the program for: The SHINE Educational Leadership program is an 11-month career and college preparation program for 20 low-income high school seniors at Waukegan High School.

Program size: 20 students

What does the program provide: Students will work in-house for the first 39 weeks of the program, and then be placed into an eight-week summer internship before enrolling full-time in postsecondary education and/or being placed in employment the following fall.

The SHINE program provides:

- Leadership development
- Postsecondary education preparation
- Occupational training opportunities
- College research and visits
- Help with college applications
- Help with financial aid and scholarship applications

When: After school.

Location: At the Hewitt Center, Brookside campus and at the Career Center, Washington campus of Waukegan High School. Out of school activities are generally at local businesses for internships or job shadows and at college visits in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana.

Social security number required: YES

How to enroll: Students can request an application by contacting Germain Castellanos, SHINE Program Manager or Eduardo Alvarez, College Advisor. Students must meet the Workforce Investment Act's family income requirements before an applicant can be considered for the program.

Cost: FREE. Students receive a stipend for their participation in the program.



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- St. Paul Lutheran Church
- Waukegan Community Church

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