

Preparing for Next Steps

Submitting Official Test Scores

As soon as students know where they are applying they should submit scores as they can take anywhere from a few days to 6 weeks to be sent to colleges.

SAT's

- Students must log onto their College Board account and request that scores be sent to specific schools.
- Important to note that if students know where they want to apply when they are registering for tests they have up until the test day to take advantage of 4 free score reports to submit to schools without knowing what their scores are in advance.
- Most schools will superscore students' scores and take the highest score from different test dates to give them their SAT score for admissions.
- Check college's websites for test-optional policies.

ACT's

- Students must log onto their ACT account and request that scores be sent to specific schools.
- Important to note that if students know where they want to apply when they are registering for tests they have up until the test day to take advantage of 4 free score reports to submit to schools without knowing what their scores are in advance.
- There is no superscoring for ACT's. Students must select their best test date to submit to schools. Each score report is only for one test date, so if you want to submit more than one test date you are submitting (and paying) for more than one score report to send to the school.

Financial Aid

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- fafsa.ed.gov is the official website for your free application for federal funds and loans
- The form for the Class of 2022 is available starting October 1, 2021. Make sure you are completing the application for the 2021-22 school year.
- Set up your FAFSA ID- both students and parents need to have a FAFSA ID. If this is your first child both of you will need to set up a FAFSA ID. If you have older children and have already completed a FAFSA form, then only your child will need to setup a FAFSA ID.
- You can create your FAFSA ID at:
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>

CSS Profile - College Scholarship Service Profile

- <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org> is the official website for your CSS Profile application
- There is a fee associated with this application to complete as well as to submit to each school; upon completion of the form it determines whether you are eligible for a fee waiver.
- Some institutions require this form in addition to the FAFSA to give out their institutional money.
- Public colleges/universities do not require this form, only private institutions. You will know if a private school requires this form by looking on the school's financial aid website.

Financial Aid Night - Wednesday, October 13th @ 6:30pm MHS Auditorium

Scholarship Resources

Finaid.org

Fastweb.com

Scholarships.com

Collegenet.com

Zinch.com

Unigo.com

Scholarshipmonkey.com

Naviance - we list scholarships on Naviance as we receive notification about them

Bulletin Board in Guidance Office

****Local Scholarships** will be available starting March 1, 2022. Students can access a list of these scholarships on their Naviance accounts.

****College Scholarships-** Some colleges offer their own scholarships that students can qualify and/or apply to. Oftentimes it is part of the application process or review; however, some schools have scholarships to which you need to apply by a certain deadline. It is important for students to research the college's website to find out more about these opportunities.

504/IEP Disclosure to Colleges

- During the application process it is up to the family if they would like to disclose that their child has a 504/IEP.
 - If you are looking for a waiver of an admissions requirement at a public school in MA (i.e. World Language or Test scores) you must disclose the disability.
- You will want to make sure that if there are certain requirements that your child needs to be successful, that a college has the supports available for your child.
 - IEP's are a K-12 resource and will not follow your child to college. However a college's Office of Disabilities/Student Learning will often review an IEP to see what will carry over into the college.
 - 504's will be reviewed by the college's Office of Disabilities and be updated/re-written to meet the new environment after a student has enrolled in the school.