



Class of 2011

**Planning for Life after
High School**



Every Student Needs a Post-High School Plan

- There are over 3,000 colleges/universities/vocational schools in the U.S. and over 65 in Indiana
 - State schools or private institutions
 - 2-year or 4-year degree programs
 - Certification programs
 - Apprenticeship programs

- Military: Education PLUS service commitment
 - Academies
 - ROTC scholarship programs
 - Training programs within the armed forces

- Enter Workforce



Ways to Obtain College Information

- Websites
- High school counselors and guidance resources
- Other parents/friends
- College fairs
- College admissions offices
- Fee-for-service college advisors



How To Select a College

- Decide on a program of study/major
- 2-year vs 4-year program
- Selectivity
- Costs and financial aid
- Location and size
- Campus activities

What Colleges Consider in the Admissions Process:



- Academic record
- GPA vs core GPA
- Strong senior schedule
- SAT/ACT scores
- Solid extracurricular activities
- Recommendations, essays (if required)



Standardized Tests

SAT Reasoning Test	ACT	SAT Subject Tests
Math Critical Reading Writing	English Math Reading Science Reasoning Writing Test (optional)	Literature US History World History Mathematics (Level 1 or 2) Biology E/M Languages
		Chemistry Physics
Each test is scored on a scale of 200-800	Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36 Separate Composite and Writing Test Scores	Each test is scored on a scale of 200-800



MHS Application Procedure

College Application

- On-line applications preferred
- Common Application
- Application fee
- Essay (if required)
- Recommendations (if required)

Transcript

- On-line **e-Transcript** request process
- Free to Indiana colleges
- Hard copy available upon request

Transcript Release Form must be on file at MHS.



Admissions Procedures

- Rolling admissions
- Stacked admissions
- Early decision
- Early action
- Accepted directly into a major vs
accepted into the university division



Understanding College Costs

- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Books and supplies
- Transportation
- Personal expenses (laundry, cell phone, haircuts, entertainment, clothing, etc.)
- Cost of attendance: COA



Meeting College Costs

- Parents have the primary responsibility to pay for their children's education.
- Students also have a responsibility to contribute to their educational costs.
- If a family is unable to pay the entire cost, financial aid is available to bridge the gap.



Formula to determine financial need

COA	Cost of Attendance	Tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, incidental expenses
- <u>EFC</u>	Expected Family Contribution	Amount of money student and family can be expected to contribute
= \$\$\$\$	Financial Need	Amount you will need to go to school



Simple Illustration:

	College A	College B
COA	\$10,000	\$25,000
- <u>EFC</u>	\$5,000	\$5,000
NEED	\$5,000	\$20,000

Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

College Cost Estimator



- www.collegeboard.com
- www.CollegeAnswer.com
- www.FinAid.org
- National Center for College Costs
www.collegecosts.com



Types of Financial Assistance

Gift Aid

- Scholarships
- Grants

Self-Help

- Loans
- Work-study
- Cooperative Education





Where To Search for Aid

- Internet
- Scholarship/financial aid books
(library, bookstores)
- Place of employment
- Scholarship listings on MHS web site
- Colleges, universities
- Guidance office resources



Summer Mailing from MHS

- E-transcript Internet Registration
- Transcript Release Form
(Parent/student signature required)
- Senior Data Profile
- Name Verification for MHS Diploma
- Ethnic Code Survey

Completed forms due
at senior registration in August

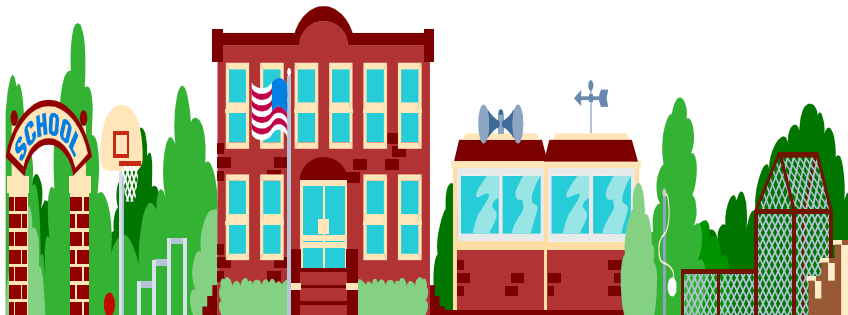


What to do . . . starting NOW!

- Gather information
- Visit colleges/universities during Spring Break
- Take a standardized test this spring
 - SAT Reasoning Test
 - ACT
 - SAT Subject Tests (only if required)



What to do this summer . . .



- Visit campuses that interest you the most
- Have a family conference about realistic college choices
- Find out about specific application requirements: essays, LOR's, deadlines
- Complete MHS forms in summer mailing and bring to senior registration

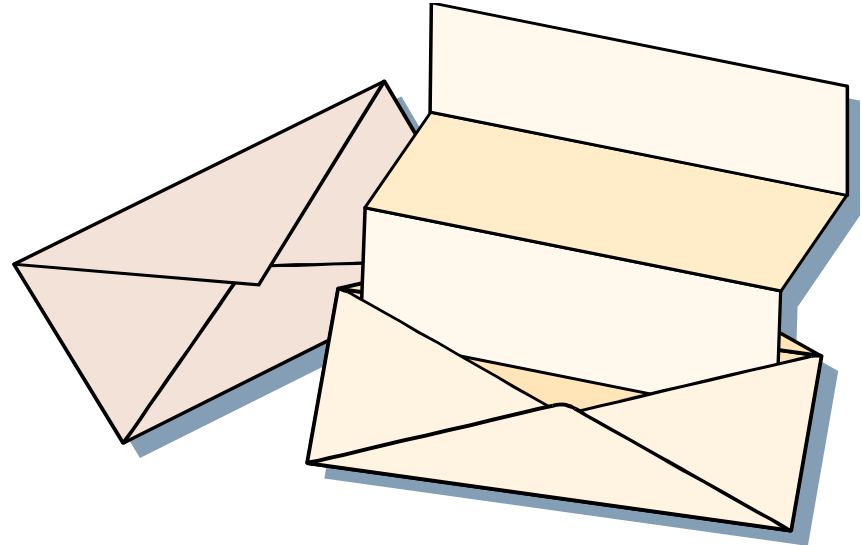
What to do first semester senior year . . .



- Earn good grades
- Meet with counselor
- Meet with visiting college reps
- Attend college fairs
- Retake ACT/SAT, if necessary
- Narrow choices
- Submit applications
- Begin scholarship process

2nd Semester Senior Year

- FAFSA
- Financial Aid Night in January
- Continue scholarship search
- Admissions decisions from competitive colleges: April 1
- Receive financial aid packages
- Notify college of intent to enroll by May 1; submit monetary deposit





College Choice: A Very Important Decision

- This is an **ongoing** process that can be complicated.
- **Now** is the time to start gathering information.
- Take it one step at a time and ask for help along the way.