








# Academics



- **Course selection:**
  - *Notification goes home in January*
  - *Student conversations with parents, teachers, counselor*
  - *Final selections due in February*
    - *Confirmation of schedule by May*
    - *All changes due in June – no changes after that!*
-  **Consider:**
  - *Balance and breadth of subject areas*
  - *Total workload, along with other time demands*
    - *Be challenged - but be aware of stress, need for sleep*
    - *Central Montgomery Technical High School*



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- Transcript:
  - *Record of courses and grades for all 4 years*
  - *GPA on a max scale of 5.0*
    - *Grading system = A+, A, A-,  
B+, B, B-  
C+, C, C-  
D+, D, D-  
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    - *Honors, APs & IB weighted 5.0*
    - *College Prep & Electives 4.0*
    - *How colleges calculate GPAs*



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- Graduation requirements:

*21 credits:*

*4 English*

*4 Social Studies*

*3 Science*

*3 Math*

*2 Arts & Humanities*

*4.5 Electives*

*4 years of PE,*

*1 year of Health*

*Graduation Project*

***Recommended:***

***4 years of each core academic class &***

***at least 3 years of a world language***

# Testing



## ALL STUDENTS

### Midterms & Finals:

The District eliminated midterms and finals as stand-alone events on the calendar and exchanged the midterm and final exam weeks for additional instructional time.

Instead of having a separate midterm and final, these assessments will be woven into the fabric of the year in appropriate places and for appropriate weights within the scope of the grade for that course.

## BY GRADE

KEYSTONE EXAMS : End of Course Exams (EOC)

- Algebra EOC of Integrated Math II – in May
- Biology 9<sup>th</sup> - in May
- Literature 10<sup>th</sup> - in May
- Retest in December

PSAT:

- 10<sup>th</sup> – *Practice only* in October
- 11<sup>th</sup> – NMSQT in October

*Outside of school - college applications - students also take the ACT, SAT & SAT Subject Tests, usually in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Test Optional polices are expanding.*

# “SCATE” classroom lessons 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>



School Counseling And Transition Experience (SCATE)

- Self-discovery through *Naviance* using the Career Interest Inventories
- Understanding standardized testing, importance of transcript and GPA
- *College and career readiness* skills like budgeting time and adjusting to more independence

9<sup>th</sup> – Goal Setting – Getting Involved; Consent

10<sup>th</sup> – Career Exploration

11<sup>th</sup> – College and Career Preparedness; More on consent

12<sup>th</sup> – Transition from high school and stepping up to stop sexual assault



# Evening Programs



In the 2020-21 school year, all programs will be virtual via Zoom

10<sup>th</sup>:

*PSAT Overview*

*Career Symposium (\* daytime)*

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>:

*The College Process*

*College Fair (\* daytime)*

*Admission Select A Session*

*Financial Aid Overview & FAFSA Completion Nights*

*College Planning for Students Who Learn Differently*

*Special Interests Select A Session*

*Letting Go for Students & Parents*

*Coffee & Conversation– Day and evening*





# Personal Development



- Character

- *Understanding self, empathizing with others*
- *Working hard, striving to meet potential*
- *Acting with integrity in and out of class*

- Leadership

- *Opportunities increase: Peer leaders, club officers, athletic captains*
- *Time management skills, self-advocacy, organization, group dynamics*

- Service

- *Volunteerism, gratitude, perspective - in school and/or the community*



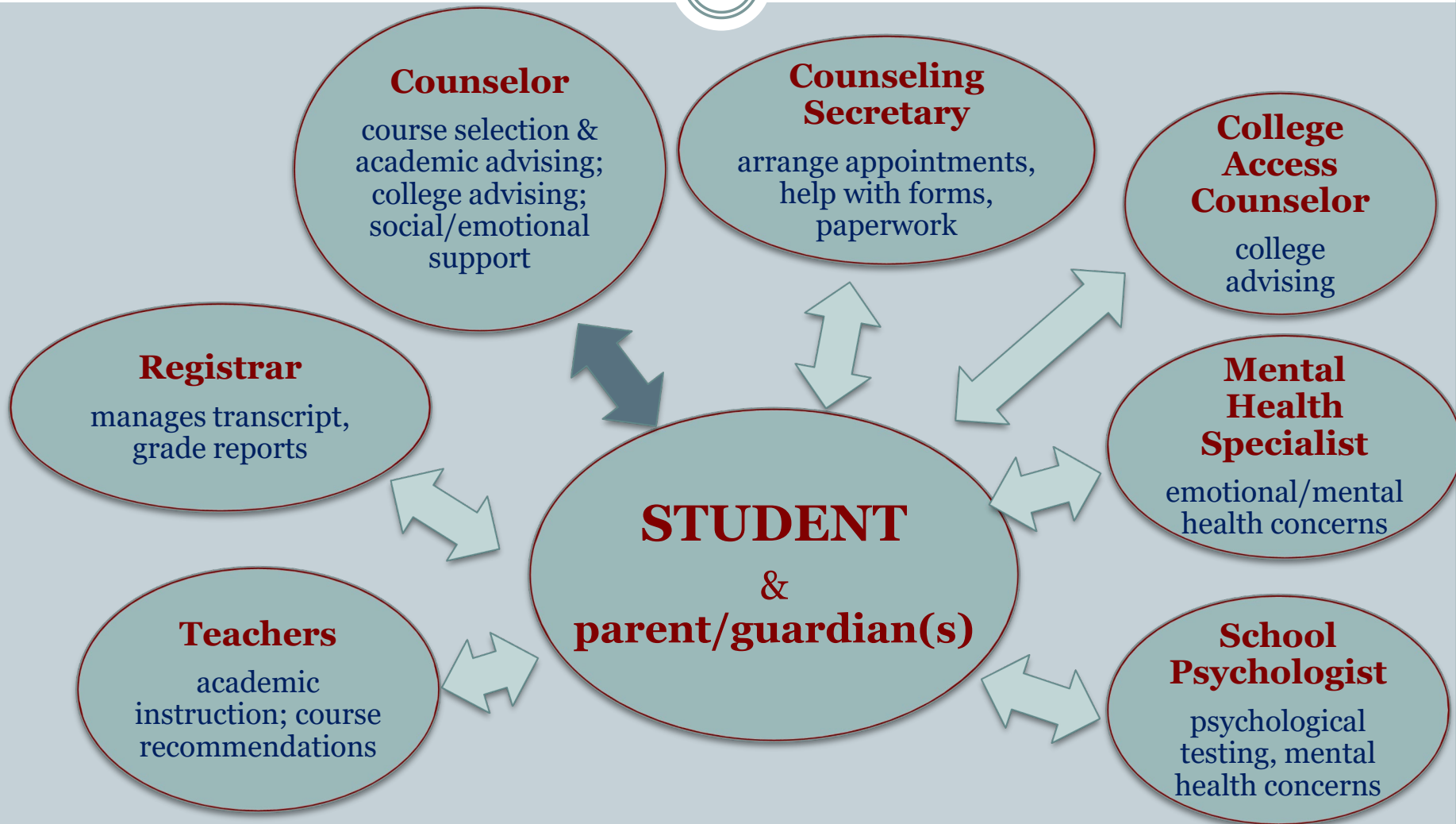
# Counselors' Role



- ❖ Academic planning
- ❖ Career planning
- ❖ College planning
- ❖ Testing information, tips
- ❖ SCATE Lessons
- ❖ Personal Counseling
- ❖ College counseling
- ❖ Financial aid information
- ❖ Transitioning from high school to life beyond
- ❖ Other Duties as Assigned



# Other School Staff





# Questions?



## What we covered this evening:

- ◇ Website
- ◇ *Academics*
- ◇ *Testing*
- ◇ *Personal development*
- ◇ *Counselors' role*
- ◇ *Other school staff*
- ◇ *Evening programs*

***We are here to help!***