



Monona Grove High School
Junior Seminar
2023–2024

Two–Year & Technical College
Apprenticeships
Military
Employment

Agenda

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- ▶ High school graduation requirements and credit review
- ▶ Post-secondary options
- ▶ College admission requirements
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- ▶ How to select a program or college
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- ▶ Military
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Graduation Credit Review

Please check your material for an individualized credit summary, a copy of your transcript, and current schedule.

Subject Area	Required	Earned (transcript)	In Progress (sem. 1)	Scheduled (sem. 2)	Senior Year	Notes
Electives	8.0					
English	4.0					
Mathematics	3.0					
Science	3.0					
Social Studies	3.0					
Physical Education	1.5					
Health	0.5					
Personal Finance	0.5					
American Government	0.5					
Total Credits	24.0					

Post-High School Options

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4-year college

2-year college

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College Admission Requirements

Criteria varies from school to school, but all colleges focus on the strength and quality of your high school transcript. Requirements may change from year to year, so always check with your college of interest for the most up to date information.

Public Universities

English4 years
Mathematics3-4 years
Science3 years
Social Studies3 years
Academic Electives2 years
Foreign Language 2 years*

*Only applies at some public universities

Highly Selective Colleges

English4 years
Mathematics4 years
Foreign Language4 years
Lab Science4 years
Social Studies3-4 years
Academic Electives2 years

Private 4-year Colleges

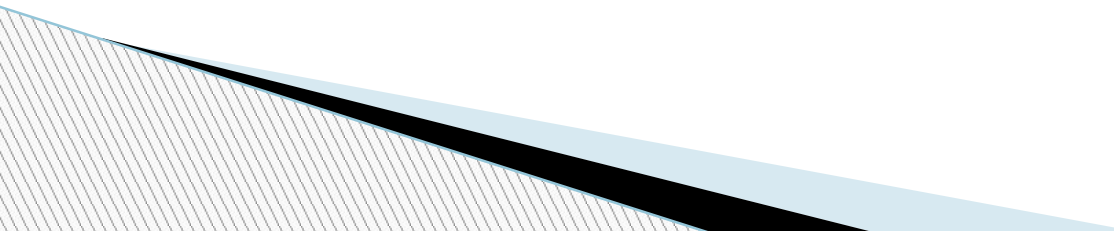
English4 years
Mathematics3 years
Foreign Language2-4 years
Science3-4 years
Social Studies3-4 years
Academic Electives2 years

Technical/Community Colleges

Varies greatly from an open door admissions policy to selective course requirements by different departments or programs.

Specific programs may have more stringent requirements and deadlines.

Four-Year College Option

- ▶ Earn a Bachelor's degree:
 - Bachelor of Arts (BA) for humanities, social sciences, arts
 - Bachelor of Science (BS) for science, math, engineering
 - ▶ Highly varied:
 - Can be public or private
 - Varying in size, academic standards, course offerings, cost
 - ▶ Admissions criteria is usually stricter:
 - Usually for students in top ½ of their class
 - ▶ Typically completed in four to five years
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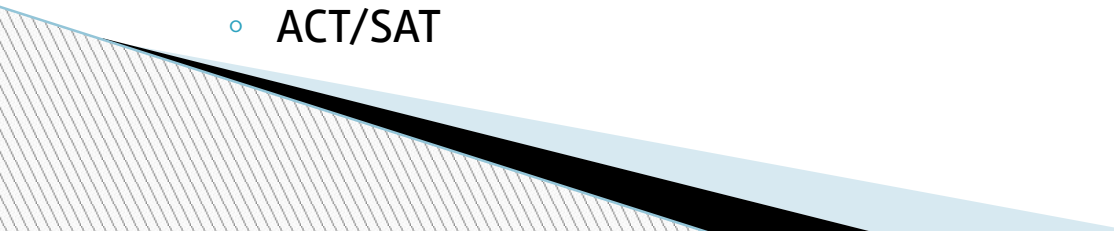
Technical College Options

- ▶ Admission requirements are specific to the program
- ▶ Various degrees offered ([Madison College](#)):
 - Associate Degree
 - Two-year Technical Diploma
 - One-year Technical Diploma
 - Less than one year Technical Diploma
 - Certificate
- ▶ [Coursework specific](#) to the field of study
- ▶ Associate Degree and the [liberal arts transfer program](#) have more general education requirements as they are preparing students for a transition into a four year college
- ▶ Contact: Jennifer Helminski: JHelminski@madisoncollege.edu

Trade / Vocational School

- ▶ Usually specialized schools offering education/training in specialized areas of employment
 - Training time ranges from few weeks to couple years
 - Sometimes in-person, sometimes remote/distance learning
- ▶ Aimed at students who want to start working ASAP
- ▶ Examples of careers/jobs that might benefit from trade school:
 - Auto mechanic, cook/chef, hairdresser/barber, nurse's aide, truck driver
- ▶ Watch out for:
 - Higher tuitions – because these schools are usually for-profit businesses (check programs at technical colleges first as they are often more cost effective)
 - Certification & accreditation – to make sure it's worth it. Also, only accredited schools are eligible for financial aid!

How to Select a Program or College

- ▶ What do you want to study?
 - [Xello](#)
 - [Madison College](#)
 - [Wisconsin Technical College System](#)
 - ▶ What type of degree do you need?
 - ▶ College Visits – What features are important to you?
 - Location, size of city/campus, class sizes
 - ▶ Do you meet program requirements?
 - Course/Grade Requirements
 - G.P.A.
 - ACT/SAT
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Another Important Factor...Money

- ▶ How much does it cost?
 - All college websites include a Net Price Calculator
 - [College Navigator](#) is a helpful resource.

- ▶ Make sure to apply for financial aid!
 - MGHS Financial Aid Night – December 13, 2023
 - Complete the [FAFSA](#) starting December, 2023
 - Assistance is available ([College Goal Wisconsin](#), one-on-one)

- ▶ Scholarships
 - [MGHS scholarship list](#)
 - Local scholarship program
 - College specific
 - Nationwide scholarship databases (ex. FASTWEB, etc.)
 - Parent and/or student employers

- ▶ Ways to save money while in high school: dual enrollment courses, AP courses, UWGB

Interested? Your next steps

If you want to explore college or more education:

- ▶ Figure out which kind of college you're interested in.
- ▶ Put together a target college/school list.
- ▶ Schedule on-campus college visits and/or attend lunch visits by recruiters
- ▶ If needed, request letters of recommendation and/or take the SAT/ACT.

Links to helpful websites:

- ▶ 4 year (public and private)
 - [UW System Schools](#)
 - [Wisconsin Private Colleges](#)
 - [Academic and Career Planning](#)
- ▶ Technical College Degree Programs
 - [Madison College](#)
 - [Wisconsin Technical College System](#)
- ▶ 2 Year Transfer Program
 - [Madison College Liberal Arts Transfer Program](#)

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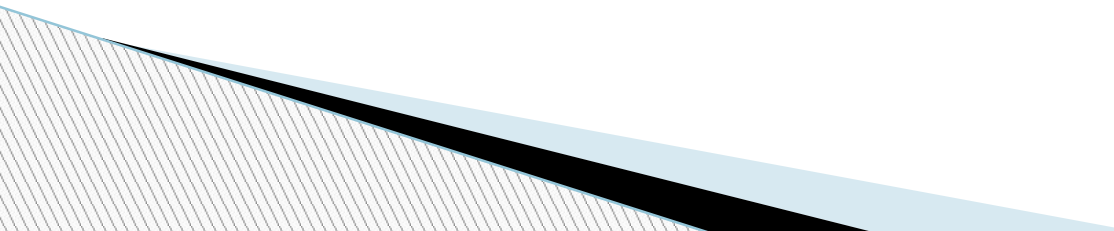
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What is an Apprenticeship?

- ▶ : [What is an apprenticeship?](#) (3 mins)
- ▶ An apprenticeship is post-secondary education.
- ▶ Apprentices learn only a portion of their skills in a traditional classroom.
- ▶ They receive most of their training on-the-job, while working for an employer who pays a good wage.
- ▶ Employment is the primary requirement for an apprenticeship – a job must exist in order for the apprentice to be trained.
- ▶ The classroom instruction is sometimes provided through the Wisconsin Technical College system.
 - [For example, look at apprenticeship programs and curriculum at Madison College](#)

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?

- ▶ Some registered apprenticeships are sponsored by individual employers and some work through a local apprenticeship committee takes applications and determines a selection process.
 - ▶ Application process may include some or all of the following:
 - aptitude test
 - interview with the committee
 - high school transcript
 - proof of graduation
 - birth certificate
 - valid driver's license
 - ▶ Once all application materials are on file and the applicant is deemed to be qualified, the committee will notify the applicant as to the next step in the procedure.
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How do I apply for an apprenticeship?

For example, construction trades use two methods for placement of apprentices in jobs – the rank order list and the letter of introduction.

Rank order list:

- ▶ List of candidates in order of the cumulative scores on written and oral exams.
- ▶ Employers makes a request to committee
- ▶ The committee contacts next person on list to accept and sign contract.

The letter of introduction:

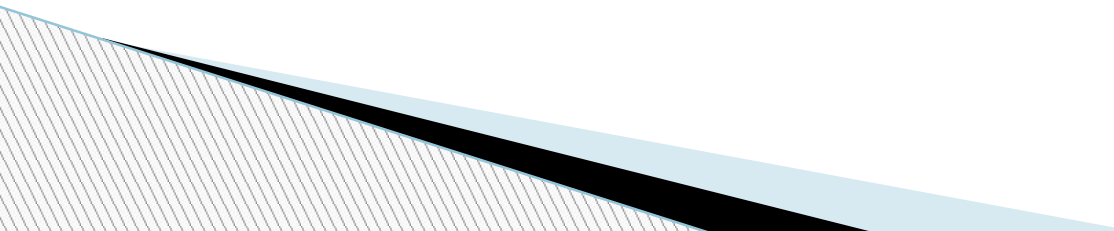
- ▶ Qualified applicants given a letter from the sponsoring committee stating eligibility to be hired as apprentice.
- ▶ Applicant pursues opportunities to be hired as an apprentice.
- ▶ Committee may provide list of participating employers.

Activities Resume

Activities resumes are helpful when completing

- ▶ job and/or apprenticeship applications,
- ▶ college and scholarship applications, and/or
- ▶ requesting for letters of recommendation.

What to include:

- ▶ Extracurricular activities – doesn't need to be a long list, but it should show commitment
 - ▶ Can include activities in and out of school
 - ▶ Include community service and volunteer work
 - ▶ Include employment
 - ▶ Highlight leadership – captain, officer, tutor, first chair, trainer, coach, camp counselor, Sunday school teacher, etc.
 - ▶ Highlight recognitions – Solo & Ensemble, All Conference, MVP, Most Improved, Sportsmanship, manager, academic letter, Badger State Award, artwork display in museum or gallery, etc.
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Interested? Your next steps

If you want to explore the job market:

- ▶ Search for job opportunities, filtering by your education level and skills.
- ▶ Put together a resume, so you're ready to apply for jobs that are a good fit.
- ▶ Contact an Apprenticeship Navigator
 - Dane Co: Jeff Kennedy, jkennedy@wdbscw.org or (608) 249-9001, ext 230
- ▶ Apply directly to a sponsor
 - Construction registered apprenticeships are sponsored by [local apprenticeship committees](#) (select Dane County)
 - Other registered apprenticeships are sponsored by individual employers, see the [DWD Apprenticeship Featured Sponsors](#) for more information.

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Military Branches:

- ▶ Army
- ▶ Marines
- ▶ Navy
- ▶ Airforce
- ▶ Coast Guard
- ▶ Space Force

Educational Benefits

GI Bill – may include funding for:

- ▶ tuition for post-secondary education
- ▶ a monthly house allowance
- ▶ books and supplies

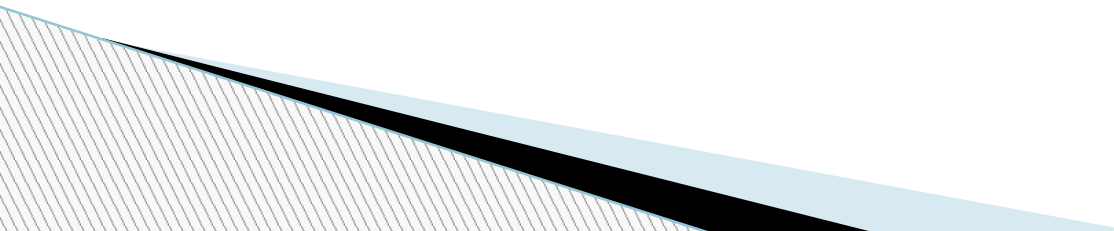
** See the above link and/or a recruiter for more specific information.



Military

- ▶ Military Academies
 - Very elite and selective four-year colleges
 - Cost-free tuition in exchange for your service following graduation
 - Summer schools (i.e. Ranger, Airborne, etc)
- ▶ ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps)
 - Attend a four year college while also training to be an officer
 - Summer training each summer before graduation
 - Summer schools (i.e. Ranger, Airborne, etc)

Low living expenses when on active duty – food, housing, clothing, etc. covered by the military.



Military

- ▶ Active Duty/Enlistment
 - Eligibility: Must be at least 17, be a citizen or legal permanent resident, complete a physical exam at MEPS, and take the [ASVAB](#)
 - Sign a commitment (typically a four year contract) (eight total) 4 + 4
 - Assigned to a unit either in the country or overseas to do your job
- ▶ National Guard/Reserve
 - National Guard – called to activity by the Governor or President.
 - Reserves – called to activity by the President.
 - Commitment to one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer to train in your job field.
 - National Guard – often called up in response to a statewide emergency (i.e. snow emergency, fire, tornado, etc.)

All include basic training and school for your job field within the military. Low living expenses when on active duty – food, housing, clothing, etc. covered by the military.

Interested? Your next steps

If you want to explore military service:

- ▶ Take the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery test (ASVAB).
- ▶ Speak to a military recruiting office regarding opportunities and next steps.
- ▶ If interested in applying to a Military Academy, start the process now.

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Americorps

- ▶ : Quick video intro from Americorps (2 mins)
- ▶ Range of programs
 - From several weeks to a full year
 - Different sub-programs: NCCC, FEMA Corps, Americorps national & state, City Year
- ▶ Full-time community service
 - Benefits: Gain job skills, earn small stipend, possibly travel around the country
 - After full year of service, scholarship of up to \$6500 for further education
- ▶ Application process similar to college application → Need to prepare in advance!
- ▶ **WARNING:** Some warn that stipend is pretty small, so you have to budget!
- ▶ Open to young adults up to age 26, so may also choose to do this after college / other pathway

Study/Travel Abroad

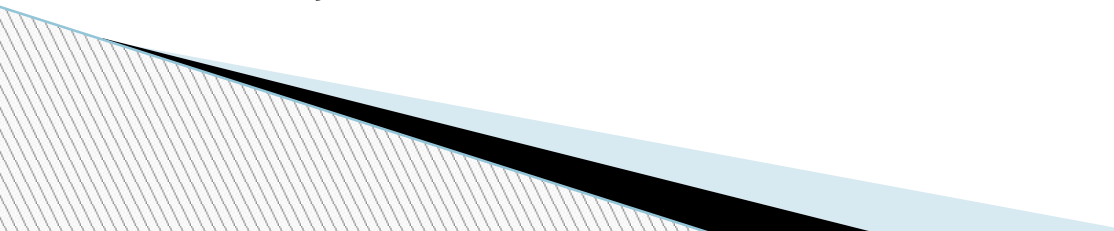
- ▶ Travel abroad or domestically (in the United States) is a wonderful option for students:
 - who want real-world experience and a break from traditional schooling;
 - to learn through new experiences;
 - to grow beyond your comfort zone;
 - to ignite your passion for learning;
 - to experience different cultures
- ▶ A simple google search will bring up several options that you can sift through to find what best fits your needs and expectations...and fits into your budget

Interested? Your next steps

If you want to explore Americorps:

- ▶ Research Americorps programs.
- ▶ Research study/travel abroad opportunities.
- ▶ Take note of application process, requirements, and deadlines.

Junior Year Timeline

- ▶ Continue researching majors, careers and educational options. [Xello](#) is a great resource to explore occupational interests and educational options.
 - ▶ College Visits and Military Recruiter Visits:
 - MGHS – visit with admission counselors in student services
 - Campus Visits – schedule a tour at educational institution
 - ▶ College Admissions Test
 - ACT ~ March 12, 2024
 - ▶ Take the Advanced Placement (AP) exams, if applicable.
 - ▶ Explore your interests – volunteer, get a job, intern, join a club, musical or sports team.
 - ▶ Develop activities resume
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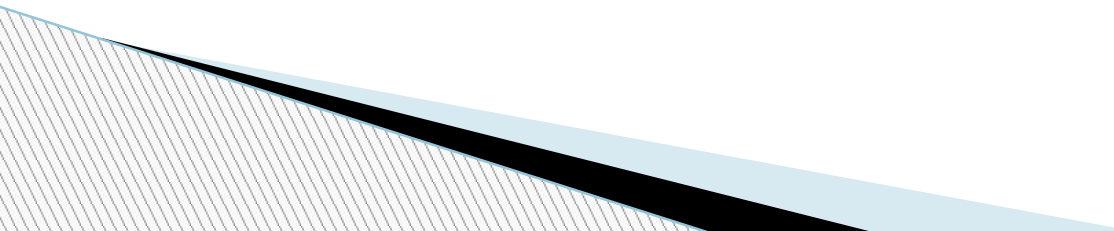
Senior Year Timeline

- ▶ Finalize your activities resume.
- ▶ Schedule an appointment with your school counselor in September or October; fill out “Senior Information Form” (distributed at fall senior meeting).
- ▶ Order your high school transcript to be sent to your colleges and/or employers as requested through Parchment
 - If applicable, order your **college** transcripts to be sent to your colleges (one example UW Green Bay – Spanish 5/French 5)
- ▶ Financial Aid (if continuing education):
 - Attend Financial Aid Night (October) and complete FAFSA starting October
 - Review scholarship opportunities throughout the year
 - The local scholarship application will be available online in the spring
- ▶ Upon completion of first semester, submit mid-year transcript, as needed to colleges

Post-Secondary Options

- ▶ 4 year (public and private)
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 - [Madison College Liberal Arts Transfer Program](#)
 - [UW System Transfer Programs](#)
- ▶ Apprenticeships (Adult)
 - [Department of Workforce Development](#)
- ▶ [Military Options](#)
- ▶ Employment ~ set up an appointment with Ms. D'Amelio to work on your resume
- ▶ Gap Year
 - [AmeriCorps](#)
 - [Study/Travel Abroad](#)

Senior Year Timeline

- ▶ Schedule an appointment with your school counselor in September or October; fill out “Senior Information Form” (distributed at fall senior meeting).
 - ▶ Narrow your list of school choices/programs and APPLY. All applications should be submitted by individual college deadlines ~ don’t wait!
 - ▶ Most applications open on August 1 – be sure you are applying for the correct semester! Some programs will have specific deadlines.
 - ▶ Ask your teachers, coaches or advisors for recommendations if needed. Remember to allow at least 3 weeks for teachers/counselors to write the recommendation and follow-up with a thank you note. Use a [“Senior Info Form”](#) to document all of your activities.
 - ▶ Finalize your activities resume
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AP Courses

- ▶ How many AP courses should be taken?
 - BALANCE
- ▶ How is COLLEGE credit awarded?
 - To earn college credit, students must take an AP exam for the course. Students who earn a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP exam will typically be granted credit.
 - For specific information on how colleges grant credit, please access the [College Board website](#)
- ▶ How do I report my AP scores to the college that I will be attending?
 - Students must [send AP scores](#) to the college they will be attending. They can do this when they take the exams in May or from the College Board website.

Please complete the evaluation survey
before leaving:

[STUDENT SURVEY LINK](#)

[PARENT/GUARDIAN LINK](#)

Thank you!

