

Junior Parent Planning Meeting

MRHS Guidance and
Counseling Team

Spring 2024

Post-Secondary Options for Students

- **Military Branches and Academies**
 - Military Branches, Military Academies, ROTC
 - Sign up for the ASVAB (MRHS will offer in spring)
 - Visit recruiters for Armed Services during Jawsome
- **Trades, Vocational, & Technical Programs:**
 - [Upper Cape Tech Adult Program](#)
 - [Cape Cod Tech Adult Programs](#)
 - [New England Institute of Technology](#)
- **Employment Training & Support**
 - [Workforce Investment Board](#)
 - [MassHire](#)
 - [Job Corps](#)

**this list is not all inclusive*

Post-Secondary Options for Students

- **Gap Year Opportunities**

- [EF Gap Year](#)
- [Americorps](#)
- [CityYear](#)

- **Community College:** 1 year certificate or 2 year Associate Degree
CCCC Pathways Program for MRHS Students

- **2+2 Model:** 2 years at CCCC, transfer to complete 2 years of Bachelor Degree

- **4 Year College or University:** 60-65% of MRHS Graduates

Discussion Topics



Testing**

Researching

Applying

Financing

Standardized Testing: DIGITAL SAT

SAT: 2 Sections: Mathematics & ERW

- All should test in May or June AND again in October or November.
(Tests starts in March)
- Online registration at collegeboard.org
- SAT is optional for mostly all 4 year schools*
- Certain majors may still require SAT even if college is optional....ie. nursing, engineering
- Prepare: College Board PSAT online prep, Khan Academy, SAT Prep
- Students will submit their SAT score if it is above average for each college on their list

*School/Major specific

Testing (Continued)

- Official SAT scores must be sent **by the student** to all colleges via the College Board
- 4 FREE score reports are allotted but a fee is required for additional schools
- ACT is an alternate, but few test centers (SAT is now more like ACT)
- *Fee waivers per income eligibility

College – Finding the Right Fit

- The Applicant Profile: GPA, Rank, Strength of Schedule, PSAT, SAT; Activities and Community Service; Internships
- Major, location, \$, Private/Public, In-State vs. Out of State, Size
- Generate list of around 15-20 schools to research in spring/fall & try to VISIT some
- Trim list to approximately 12-15 by fall with 8-10 final applications

Researching Colleges

- MRHS College/University Guidance Visits
- All Cape College Fair Day - every October
- Virtual Tours and Q & A Sessions
- Campus Visits - Official and unofficial
- Upcoming MRHS Junior Planning Meeting
- Digital Planning Worksheet: Links to all required resources: Naviance.com, Collegeboard.org, Mefa.org, Commonapp.org, Grade 11/12 Guidance Google Classroom

Naviance

Personalized Planning for Postsecondary Success

- All students have accessed the site in the past for post-secondary planning
- Used to send and coordinate all online applications
- Teachers will upload recommendations directly to Naviance
- Counselors will send all supplemental materials to your colleges by the due date (you can see this too)
- Scholarship Search

It's Time to Apply.....

Common Application

- The CA allows students to fill out just one app. which goes out to any member college selected
- Used by most colleges (1500+)
- Easy to use but requires a personal essay and may additional writing supplement
- Requires Counselor Recommendation, 2 Core Teacher Recommendations, and may allow for one additional letter (goes through Naviance)
- For Counselors: Request for Recommendation/Parent Brag Sheet
- Go to www.commonapp.org

Application Deadlines and Types

- Deadlines are **very important**, student's responsibility!!
- Special Programs: PT, Nursing, Engineering, might have unique deadlines
- Counselors and Teachers should be notified with at least **2 weeks notice**
- Consider which “type” of application deadline is the best fit for YOU. Early Admission is not for all!

Types of Application Deadlines

- Regular Decision:
 - Due Dates 1/1 and after
- Rolling Decision:
 - any time during the senior academic year
- Early Action:
 - Allows for several college apps (non binding) (due dates in fall)
- Early Decision:
 - **One** school binding commitment does not afford financial aid comparisons of several schools

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS....

ATHLETICS:

NCAA Eligibility Center (Div 1),
College Athletic Dep't Questionnaire,
Letter/Email to Coaching Staff,
Athletic Resume, Game/practice
video.

THE ARTS:

Visual Arts: Portfolio Requirement

Music/Theatre: Audition tape,
In-Person Audition

DUAL ENROLLMENT:

Cape Cod Community College

Financing for College

- www.fafsa.ed.gov: Major Changes this year - check annually for FAFSA launch
- MEFA website for educational financing information
- Financial Aid information at CCCC
- Colleges each have their own filing deadlines
- Some private colleges want CSS PROFILE; at collegeboard.com
- Applying for Scholarships:
 - *National or State*: highly competitive, difficult to win
 - *Local*: Over \$320,000 given out in 2020. All post on Naviance once we receive notification.
 - Naviance - local scholarships are posted



**KEEP
CALM**

AND

**HAVE A
GOOD JOURNEY**