



24-25 SENIOR INFORMATION SHEET

HIGHER EDUCATION

Students who plan to enroll in a Texas public college (2 or 4 year) must show college readiness by taking a placement test before enrolling in any college coursework. Examples are the Texas Success Initiative (TSI), and Texas Higher Education Assessment Test (THEA). High scores on SAT or ACT may exempt students from taking such placement tests (see link below). Please contact Colleges and Universities directly for more information.

<https://www.tccd.edu/admission/testing-centers/tsi-assessment/exemptions-exceptions-waivers/>

SAT and ACT

** Please note since Covid-19 some colleges and universities have become test optional for the 25-26 admission process. However, more are starting to require an SAT or ACT score. Check with your specific school to see their admission requirements and/or scholarship requirements. **

The SAT and ACT are standardized tests that almost all 4-year colleges and universities use to help determine admission, placement and scholarships. Community and Junior Colleges usually do not require either test for admission. The test can be taken as many times as desired. Registration is done online and usually at least five weeks in advance.

Please report your scores to Mansfield High School, CEEB# 444460

SAT- www.collegeboard.org

ACT- www.actstudent.org

FINANCIAL AID

The Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) is available December 1st, 2024. The web address is www.studentaid.gov. The information for the FAFSA is based on your parent's 2023 income tax information. Through this application, eligibility is determined for grants, work-study, loans, and need-based scholarships. In addition to the FAFSA, some colleges will require other financial aid forms like the Profile. Some colleges will require that these forms be filled out even though your family may not qualify for any need-based aid.

It is advisable that you go ahead and request a FSA ID (scan QR code or click link <https://flowcode.com/p/dk0Pc9FsQ?fc=0>) for yourself and for your parents so that you can begin the FAFSA application as soon as it's available.

FAFSA Opt-Out form option: https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/opt-out_revised_10.2021_final_english.pdf

MISD FAFSA Workshops: **Oct. 24th, Jan. 22nd, & March 26th** from 6:30pm-8pm at the MISD Center for Performing Arts. More information to come...

The state of Texas is now requiring seniors & parents/ guardians to complete the FAFSA or an Opt Out form.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The best source for scholarship information is directly from the colleges and from the MISD scholarship page: (<https://www.mansfieldisd.org/departments/guidance-counseling/scholarship-opportunities/>).

The internet also has free scholarship searches. Below are just a few:

www.collegeforalltexas.com

www.fastweb.com; www.finaid.org; www.bold.org

www.collegeboard.org; www.goingmerry.com

**The multi-scholarship is for students who attend MISD. The application and essay will put applicants into a pool to determine eligibility for scholarships given by local businesses and organizations. This will be available in the fall of 2024 and is due February 2025. Also, be sure to check with your parent's place of employment to see if scholarships are available. **

TRANSCRIPTS

Each college will need a transcript to determine admission. These may be obtained through the registrar's office, located in the Counseling Center, by using the QR code. Students or parents must request all transcripts in writing with a valid photo ID, and they can be mailed directly to the school or picked up in a sealed envelope. Please allow 48 hours to process request.

**Students will receive two final transcripts mailed to the home address approximately 3 weeks after graduation. Students will then need to mail or deliver their final transcript to the college/ university they decide to attend.



TCC DUAL CREDIT TRANSCRIPT

When applying for college admission, those who have attended TCC during their junior or senior year must request a transcript from TCC to be sent directly to the college or university where admission is being requested. The request cannot be made through MHS.

<https://www.tccd.edu/services/district-admissions-records-office/transcripts/>

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Some college and scholarship applications will require teacher and/or counselor recommendations. Please give teachers and counselors at least 2 weeks to write these. The student should provide the letter writer with a resume of activities, honors, and work experience from 9th grade to the present. You can use templates in Google Docs, Microsoft Word, or canva.com to make your resume look more professional.

GO CENTER: <http://www.yourgocenter.com/>

The GO Center is located on the 2nd floor between U & T halls, down from the Counseling Office. Staff is available to help with college applications, FAFSA, scholarships and SAT/ACT registration. Please remember that the most up-to-date college information can be found on individual college websites.

UTA Representative- Our current UTA contact Mr. Christopher Barber at christopher.barber@uta.edu; <http://www.uta.edu>

PREVIEW DAYS/ COLLEGE VISITS/ CAREER INVESTIGATION

Still trying to decide on a college or a career? Take advantage of preview days offered by colleges and universities. Contact the college or check their website to obtain information about the next preview day or available tours. Students may use up to 2 school days to visit campuses or explore careers. The student's assistant principal must clear a college or career day in advance. College Visit or Career Investigation forms can be obtained in the attendance office or your AP's office.

EMAIL ADDRESS

Your MISD email will be inactivated when you graduate, so it is important that you use your personal email for college admissions, scholarships, etc. This is a good time to create a new professional, personal email if you do not have one. Be sure you are checking your school email and personal emails. Also, any documents that you may need after high school that you have saved in your MISD google drive need to be transferred or saved in your personal google drive.

APPLY TO COLLEGE

The state offers a common application for all Texas public colleges and universities, some private colleges and universities, and some 2-year colleges, which is available online at <https://applytexas.org/>. Another common app is <https://www.commonapp.org/> and <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com>

College Planning Checklist: <https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/CollegePlanning/media/pdf/BigFuture-College-Planning-Calendar-Seniors.pdf>

NCAA Eligibility Center

Any athlete who desires to participate in athletics at the NCAA Division I or Division II level must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. This needs to be done during the first semester of the senior year. Information and registration packets can be downloaded from the Eligibility Center website <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>. Students who register via the website must request a transcript using the MISD records request form from the Counseling Center.

COLLEGE NIGHT

Mansfield ISD College Night – Monday, October 21st from 6-8 pm at the MISD Center for Performing Arts

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Notes:

If you are a senior interested in going to TCC after high school, please fill out the online interest form:


