



Unified School District of Marshfield

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Dear Student and Parent/Guardian,

I'm writing to inform you of an important partnership between Mid-State Technical College and Marshfield High School that may benefit your child as they continue planning for College and Career Readiness. Mid-State and Marshfield High School have partnered to advance the 60 Forward initiative by removing admissions barriers to college by admitting all interested 2025 seniors at MHS to Mid-State. This collaboration would admit all interested seniors at Marshfield High School to Mid-State Technical College for the upcoming summer, fall 2025 and spring 2026 terms. Once admitted, students will receive monthly updates and support from Mid-State Technical College to ensure post-secondary readiness. These 1:1, in-school sessions include the creation of an individualized pathway plan, FAFSA and scholarship support and career exploration support, all culminating with an on-campus event in May.

The goal of the 60 Forward initiative is to increase Wisconsin's post-secondary attainment rate which will result in increased earning potential and economic mobility for our citizens and a skilled workforce for Wisconsin's employers. At the national level, The Lumina Foundation's report, *A Stronger Nation*, shared 60% of our national workforce, aged 25-64, will need a post-secondary credential by 2025 to meet the demands of industry and provide a stronger personal economic future. The Wisconsin Technical Colleges, the University of Wisconsin System, and the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities created the 60 Forward Initiative agreeing on the goal of increased post-secondary attainment of 60% by 2027. The current Wisconsin post-secondary attainment rates vary by county but range from 24%-62%.

The partnership between Marshfield High School and Mid-State helps support this important national initiative to increase our state's post-secondary attainment rate. There are no drawbacks or cost for simply being admitted to Mid-State Technical College. Only the benefit of additional options and ease of entry should your child decide to enroll. **Senior students at Marshfield High School seeking direct admission into Mid-State Technical college can click [here](#) to complete the online agreement form so Marshfield High School can share contact information with the Mid-State Technical College advisors associated with this initiative.** Although we are excited to offer this opportunity, we also acknowledge that many students may have made other post-secondary plans, which is perfectly fine as the goal is to provide open access education and resources to all students. If for any reason, you do not wish to have your student have access to the direct admission program or resources, you do not need to do anything further and can simply disregard this notification.

Mid-State Technical College and Marshfield High School are excited to work together to remove barriers to post-secondary education and provide each student the support they need to be successful in tomorrow's workforce. Students/families seeking additional information not included in this communication are encouraged to schedule an appointment with their school counselor.

Respectfully,
MHS Administration