



# Senior Parent Night

*School Counseling Department*

*October 9, 2025*





# Agenda



01 *Planning*

02 *Applying*

03 *Roles &  
Responsibilities*

04 *Deciding*





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## 01 *Planning*







# Where We Are Now

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*No matter your plans, it is important to have  
OPTIONS!*

*Be proactive, not reactive.  
Apply broadly.*







# Options

## Post-Graduation Plans

	2025	2024	2023
<b>Graduates</b>	205	226	198
<b>4 - Yr. Colleges</b>	83%	82%	86%
<b>2 –Yr. Colleges</b>	10%	7%	5%
<b>Career Education /Postgraduate</b>	3%	4%	3%
<b>Other (Employment, Military, etc.)</b>	4%	7%	6%



# *Forging New Paths*

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**MHS Class of 2025 seniors are attending 88 different post-secondary destinations in 24 states and 1 country outside of the United States!**

State	Attending	Percent	State	Attending	Percent
NJ	84	43%	OH	2	1%
NY	30	15%	NH	2	1%
CT	10	5%	IN	2	1%
FL	10	5%	VT	1	.5%
MA	9	5%	GA	1	.5%
SC	8	4%	MN	1	.5%
PA	6	3%	LA	1	.5%
DC	5	3%	HI	1	.5%
VA	4	2%	CA	1	.5%
MD	3	1.5%	TN	1	.5%
NC	3	1.5%	CANADA	1	.5%
RI	3	1.5%			
DE	3	1.5%			
AL	2	1%			



# Postsecondary Destinations

## Class of 2025

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health	Florida Atlantic University	Parisian Beauty Academy	The College of New Jersey
American University	High Point University	Pennsylvania State University	The George Washington University
Auburn University	Hofstra University	Quinnipiac University	The University of Alabama
Belmont University	HoHoKus School of Trade	Ramapo College of New Jersey	The University of Tampa
Bergen Community College	Indiana University-Bloomington	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Tulane University of Louisiana
Binghamton University	James Madison University	Rider University	United States Military Academy
Boston College	Johnson & Wales University	Roger Williams University	University of Connecticut
Boston University	Lincoln Technical Institute-Mahwah	Rowan University	University of Delaware
Case Western Reserve University	Long Island University - Post	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Florida
Clemson University	Loyola University Maryland	Rutgers University-Newark	University of Hartford
College of the Holy Cross	Lynn University	Sacred Heart University	University of Hawaii
Culinary Institute of America	Marist University	Saint Peter's University	University of Maryland
Dartmouth College	Marywood University	Santa Barbara City College	University of Minnesota
Dominican University New York	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Seton Hall University	University of New Hampshire
Drew University	McGill University	St. John's University	University of New Haven
East Carolina University	Monmouth University	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of Rhode Island
Elon University	Montclair State University	SUNY at New Paltz	University of Scranton
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of South Carolina
Emory University	New York University	Stockton University	University of Vermont
Fairfield University	Northeastern University	Suffolk University	Villanova University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Ohio State University-Main Campus	Susquehanna University	Virginia Tech
Felician University	Pace University	Syracuse University	William Paterson University



# Building a Balanced List



## *College type*

- 4 year, 2 year, career education
- In State, Out of State, Public, Private
- COST! In state, tuition match, free app weeks
- Size, location, major

## *Balance of Competitiveness*

- Likely, target, reach
- Do your research - SCOIR, Common Data Sets
- Understand nuance

## *Deadline Type*

- Early Action, Early Decision, Rolling, Regular Decision
- Pay attention to deadlines and response dates



# College Deadline Types



- Early Action -  
due Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> typically - receive  
a response by end of Jan.
- Early Decision -  
Due NOV. 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> typically -  
RESPONSE BY Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - but  
binding!
- Rolling -  
First come, first serve
- Regular Decision -  
Due JAN. 1, RESPONSE AS LATE AS  
EARLY APRIL



## Mahwah High School - Application Tracker

	College	EA / ED / EDII / RD / Rolling	Deadline Date	Notes

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

ACT/SAT \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Recommenders: \_\_\_\_\_



# School Counseling Support



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*So far...*

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- Junior Conferences
- College Bus Trip
- Summer Application Boot Camps
- English Class - Application Workshops
- Monthly Newsletter
- Daily Availability
- Senior-Counselor Graduation Check-in meetings
- PSAT DAY! Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9am to 11am  
Application Workshop with  
Counselors/English Teachers





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## *Academic*

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- Rigor
- GPA
- Standardized test scores\*
- Application Essay
- Recommendations - Counselor & Teacher

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## *Non-Academic*

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- Interview\*
- Extracurricular activities
- Talent/ability
- Character/personal qualities
- First generation
- Alumni relation
- State residency\*
- Volunteer work
- Work experience
- Level of applicant's interest\*



# Common Data Set

## C. FIRST-TIME, FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION

**C7** Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in your first-time, first-year, degree-seeking general (not including programs with specific criteria) admissions decisions.

Academic	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Rigor of secondary school record	X			
Class rank	X			
Academic GPA	X			
Standardized test scores			X	
Application Essay		X		
Recommendation(s)		X		
Nonacademic	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Interview				X
Extracurricular activities		X		
Talent/ability		X		
Character/personal qualities	X			
First generation			X	
Alumni/ae relation				X
Geographical residence			X	
State residency	X			
Religious affiliation/commitment				X
Volunteer work			X	
Work experience			X	
Level of applicant's interest				X

Please provide additional information if the importance of any specific academic or nonacademic factors differ by academic program.



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First generation			X	
Alumni/ae relation		X		
Geographical residence			X	
State residency			X	
Religious affiliation/commitment				X
Volunteer work		X		
Work experience		X		
Level of applicant's interest		X		



# Mahwah High School

50 Ridge Road  
Mahwah, NJ 07430

Phone: 201-762-2300  
Fax: 201-512-0949



# Student Transcript

CEEB Code: 310-742  
Accredited: NJ State Department of Education

**Sample, Sally**

Student ID: 3522545

NJSID: 738750888888

42 Holiday Court  
Mahwah NJ 07430

Counselor: XXXXXXXXXX

Graduation Date:

Cumulative Weighted GPA: 101.370

Cumulative Credits: 128.50

Parent/Guardian:

Sal & Samantha Sample

DOB: 04/19/06 Gender: F

District Entry Date: 09/07/2011

Course	Grade	Credits	Course	Grade	Credits	Course	Grade	Credits
Mahwah High School	Grade: 2020		Mahwah High School	Grade: 09 2021		Mahwah High School	Grade: 10 2022	
Algebra 1 (Opt. 2)	94	5.00	Freshman Advisory			Business & Personal Law	97	2.50
Credits Attempted: 5.00	Earned: 5.00		1:45-2:15: Lunch=Cafe	P	1.00	Chemistry CPE	93	6.00
Unweighted Average: 0.00			TUESDAY 2			Hnrs. Algebra 2	94	5.00
			Biology CPE	96	6.00	Hnrs. English 10	96	5.00
			English 9 CPE	92	5.00	Hnrs. Spanish 3	92	5.00
			Geometry CPE	97	5.00	Hnrs. US Hist 1	94	5.00
			Hnrs. Spanish 2	91	5.00	Intr Wood & Furn Design	99	5.00
			Hnrs. World Hist.	96	5.00	Marketing & Advertising	97	2.50
			PE / Health 9	100	4.00	PE (Opt.2) MP3 LD3	P	1.00
			Social Media in Business	99	2.50	PE / Dr. Ed.10	100	3.00
			Sports and Entertainment Management	97	2.50	Credits Attempted: 40.00	Earned: 40.00	
			Visual Arts	97	5.00	Unweighted Average: 95.33		
			Credits Attempted: 41.00	Earned: 41.00				
			Unweighted Average: 95.78					
Course	Grade	Credits	Course	Grade	Credits			
Mahwah High School	Grade: 11 2023		Mahwah High School	Grade: 12 2024				
AP Eng Lang/Comp	96	5.00	AP Calculus BC		0.00			
AP Statistics	95	5.00	AP Eng. Lit/Comp		0.00			
AP US History	95	5.00	AP Govt. & Politics		0.00			
Financial Literacy	95	2.50	AP Psychology		0.00			
Hnrs. Physics	91	6.00	Biotech Engineering		0.00			
Hnrs. Pre-Calc	95	5.00	Forensic Science		0.00			
Hnrs. Spanish 4	93	5.00	Hnrs. Spanish 5		0.00			
Journalism: A Study in Print Media	95	2.50	PE/Health 12		0.00			
PE/Health 11	100	4.00	Credits Attempted: 38.00	Earned: 0.00				
Peer Leaders ALL LEADERS!	P	2.50	Unweighted Average: 0.00					
Credits Attempted: 42.50	Earned: 42.50							
Unweighted Average: 94.79								

## Grades Legend

Marking System: Numerical- Passing Grade 65  
P or P-m = Pass  
F = Failing  
AUD- Audit  
N- No Credit Due To Attendance

AW- Admin Withdraw  
W- Withdraw  
WP- Withdraw Pass  
WF- Withdraw Fail  
WA-Withdraw Attendance

Sally has earned a Career Pathway endorsement in Government and Social Sciences. To earn this endorsement, Sally completed an academic concentration of study, participated in a co-curricular application of skills and engaged in a community-based learning experience. Info at: <https://www.mahwah.k12.nj.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1309>

Official Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Printed: 10/04/2023

Transcript is unofficial unless signed & sealed by a school official

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# How to Apply

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## *1. Student Submits Application*

Either via Common App or the college's own online application, the process is started once a student completes and submits their application.

## *2. MHS sends required documents*

Once the student ensures that their college is on their SCOIR account under APPLIED, Mahwah High School will then compile the required documents to submit to each college.

## *3. College completes file and updates status for student*

Once the student application and school documents are submitted, each individual college will communicate with the STUDENT as to the status of the application / any missing materials.







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*\*MHS School Counseling needs 2 WEEKS notice to process documents!*

*Go through your list and sort by deadline:  
Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline? You must submit by Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>*

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# College Application Checklist

- ☐ Add colleges to your **SCOIR** and complete your **Junior Questionnaire**

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Setup an account on the **Common Application**: <https://www.commonapp.org/>

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Add colleges to your Common Application. Select your preferred admission plan. Ensure this is accurate so your counselor can send your documents.

- ☐ Find your deadlines on the Common Application. Earliest deadline is: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Notify your teachers who will write your letters of recommendation of your earliest deadline.

- ☐ Complete your Common Application by receiving green checks under each section. Then move to the college specific questions to submit your entire application. You will be able to check your application through a pdf at this point, save it for your records.

- ☐ Check which schools require score reports. Request **OFFICIAL** SAT and/or ACT scores to be sent to your colleges directly from the testing agencies (<http://sat.collegeboard.org/> and <http://actstudent.org>)



**\*Student** submits directly to college: application, application fee, essay, official score reports (if applicable), miscellaneous required components (i.e. portfolio, audition, activity sheet and/or student resume, etc.)

**\*School Counseling** will submit directly to college: school reports, official transcript, counselor recommendation, teacher recommendations, school profile.



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Student



Family

School





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- *As a family, what do you want to get out this process?*
  - *What will a successful process look like for you?*
  - *What lessons and values do we want students to learn through this process?*
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*Making a good decision for your future...*

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- Trust the Process
- Accept, Reject, Deferral, Waitlist
- Financial Aid Packages
- Admit to programs/alternate campuses
- May 1st - Candidate Reply Date



# Financial Aid Night

## Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Bob Traitz, CFP, American Education  
Funding, LLC - Guest Presenter





## *College Rep Visits in October! (see SCQR for exact times)*

College/University	Date
Lynn University	10/1/2025
Sacred Heart University	10/1/2025
Univ. of Mass. Amherst	10/1/2025
Gettysburg College	10/1/2025
Drew University	10/3/2025
Univ. of New Hampshire	10/3/2025
Roger Williams Univ.	10/6/2025
Univ. of Delaware	10/6/2025
Manhattan Univ.	10/6/2025
Univ. of Rhode Island	10/6/2025
Salve Regina	10/7/2025
Denison University	10/8/2025
George Washington Univ.	10/8/2025
Univ. of New Haven	10/8/2025
Univ. of Maryland	10/8/2025
Fairfield University	10/9/2025
Univ. of Mt. Saint Vincent	10/9/2025
Temple Univ.	10/9/2025
James Madison Univ.	10/9/2025
Syracuse University	10/10/2025
St. Bonaventure University	10/10/2025
Iona University	10/10/2025
Wesleyan University	10/10/2025
Penn State	10/14/2025
George Mason	10/14/2025
Virginia Polytechnic Institute	10/15/2025
Marywood University	10/15/2025
Villanova University	10/15/2025
Wake Forest University	10/15/2025
High Point University	10/16/2025
Stevens Institute of Technology	10/16/2025
Dickinson College	10/16/2025

Rider University	10/16/2025
San Diego State University	10/17/2025
Providence College	10/17/2025
University of Tampa	10/17/2025
Susquehanna University	10/17/2025
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	10/21/2025
The College of New Jersey	10/21/2025
Christopher Newport University	10/22/2025
Boston College	10/22/2025
Quinnipiac University	10/22/2025
Kings College	10/22/2025
Fordham University	10/23/2025
University of Vermont	10/23/2025
Princeton University	10/23/2025
Emerson College	10/23/2025
William Paterson University	10/24/2025
Union College	10/24/2025
Babson College	10/24/2025
University of South Carolina	10/27/2025
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	10/27/2025
Siena University	10/28/2025
Fairleigh Dickinson University	10/28/2025
Univ. of Minnesota (Twin Cities)	10/28/2025
York College of PA	10/29/2025
Hofstra University	10/29/2025
Georgian Court University	10/29/2025
Caldwell University	10/30/2025
Univ. of Scranton	10/31/2025
Arizona State University (Tempe)	10/31/2025





Thank you for attending