

Future Planning Night Class of 2027

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Housekeeping

- This is going to be recorded. We will make a determination if we share it or not.
- We have turned cameras and mics off for now. We will turn on permissions at the end.
- Please ask questions in the chat - we will be monitoring it. Some questions may be answered throughout the presentation. Please keep it to general questions. More individual questions can be discussed during junior meetings or with your child's counselor at a later time.
- Junior Meetings



Agenda

- Introductions
- Post-Graduation Options
- Choosing the Right Fit College or University
- The College Application Process
- College Financing
- To Do/Reminders
- Q & A



Post-Graduation Pathways

- 4-Year College/University
- Community College and the 2+2 Model
- Military: Enlistment, Academies, ROTC
- Technical/Trade Education
- Certificate Programs
- Workforce
- Gap Year



Community College and the 2+2 Model

- All community colleges in Massachusetts are FREE
- 2-year Associate's Degree and 1-year Certificate programs
- 4Cs Pathways Program available to all MRHS seniors
- MassTransfer: start at any MA community college, earn an Associate, then finish 4-year degree at any MA state school

If your child is considering dual enrollment at 4Cs next year, please let their counselor know during their individual planning meeting.

Military

- Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force
- National Guard: reserve military service, civilian career
- Military Academies:
 - US Military Academy - Army
 - US Naval Academy - Navy & Marines
 - US Air Force Academy - Air Force
 - US Coast Guard Academy - Coast Guard
 - US Merchant Marine Academy
- Students may also attend college & pursue an ROTC program
- ASVAB offered in the spring- Career Placement Exam

Certificate Programs/Adult Ed

- Cape Cod Tech & Upper Cape Tech programs
- Apprenticeships & Trade
- MassHIRE: career development training
- JobCorps: education and hands-on training
- Cape Cod Community College Certificate Programs



4-Year College & University Planning (Bachelor's Degree)



High School vs. College

	High School	College
Class Time	~30 hours per week, classes meet daily	~12 hours per week, classes meet 1-3x per week
Study Time	Average 1-2 hours per day, Jawsome	~2-3 hours of study time for every hour in class
Tests & Grading	Frequent assessments in variety of formats. Graded on homework, classwork, participation, etc.	2-4 major exams covering large amounts of material with no retakes/corrections available. Grades based on major exams and papers.
Teachers / Professors	Monitor progress closely and will proactively reach out with concerns about grades/performance.	Expect student to initiate contact, ie. attend office hours, if they need help. Strict standards regarding grading/attendance.
Student Expectations	Time highly structured by others. Supported in organization, deadlines, and work completion.	Students manage their own time and academics. Deadlines are set by the course syllabus and minimal reminders are provided.
Parents	Parents have full access to student records and are provided information about the school and their child.	Professors and staff cannot share information with parents about a student's academic standing, grades, missing work, etc.
504/IEP	Special education team/school district coordinates evaluations and services, determines accommodations or modifications, and ensures compliance.	Student must self-identify and coordinate their own accommodations with Disabilities Services on campus. 504/IEPs are not automatically adapted from high school documents.

Applying: Application Deadline Types

Early Action: non-binding, deadlines in the fall, earlier admissions decisions

Early Decision (I or II): *binding* commitment - if student is accepted, they must go regardless of financial aid package and must withdraw all other applications, can only apply to one school ED

Regular Decision: non-binding commitment, winter deadlines

Rolling Admission: applications reviewed as they are received

Direct Admission: college offers conditional acceptance prior to application even being submitted, through Common App or sites like Niche

Applying to College: Terms to Know

Student Profile

- GPA: Grade Point Average
- Weighted vs. Unweighted GPA
- Transcript
- Class Rank
- Resume/Activities

Applications & Financial Aid

- Common Application
- Direct School Apps
- Niche
- FAFSA & CSS Profile
- SAI: Student Aid Index
- Net Price Calculator



Standardized Testing

SAT Exam

- Tests math, reading, and writing
- Online registration at CollegeBoard.org - need to plan ahead
- Many colleges are test optional. Students should research average SAT scores for schools they are interested in.
- Some schools going back to requiring scores - can help boost admission if you score well
- Students responsible for sending SAT scores to colleges.
- Fee waivers through CollegeBoard per income eligibility.

ACT Exam

- Tests math, reading, and science
 - Register and prepare at ACT.org
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Researching Colleges

- Things to Consider: major, availability, location, size, cost of attendance, acceptance rate, average GPA and test scores
- Online Resources: MEFA Pathways, Naviance, CollegeBoard,
- Applicant Profile: GPA, rank, strength of schedule, resume, activities/extracurriculars/work experience, personal essay

TO DO:

- Create a list of 15-20 schools that you are interested in learning more about. Try to visit some if possible.
- Trim list to 12-15 schools you want to apply to by next fall. Students typically apply to 8-12 schools.



Visiting Colleges

- Getting on college campuses is a great way to learn more about colleges!
- Demonstrated Interest: Some schools measure your level of interest and it may help with your application
- Virtual Tours/Info Sessions/Self Guided Tours/College Fairs
- Plan ahead with tours - you need to schedule them in advance and some schools fill up; some alternate days
- Grades 11 & 12 - students are allowed 3 excused absences for college visits
- Jawsome College Visits



Naviance & Common Application

Naviance

Used to send school materials:
transcript, rec letters

Students will use this to:

- **Request recommendation letters from each teacher**
- Manually add non-Common App schools for counselor to send materials
- Apply to scholarships

Common Application

- Used to apply to multiple colleges with one application.
- Requires a personal essay
- Students may enter up to 10 activities from grades 9-12.
- Each college asks for supplemental information and/or writing pieces.
- **Direct admission** offers and scholarships through Common App may be posted based on student's info.

College Essay/Personal Statement

- Prompts can be found on the Common App. The prompts have not changed in recent years but important to check.
- Juniors will have an opportunity to work on their essay during their ELA course.
- So important - this is a student's chance to have their voice shine through!
- Many schools have additional supplemental essays





Specialized College Application Types

Athletics

- NCAA Eligibility Center
- Recruiting Process: 4 steps
 - Athletic Questionnaire
 - Email letter to coaching staff
 - Sending game schedule/film
 - Campus visit
- Create an athletic resume
- Be VERY careful about paying for recruitment

Visual & Performing Arts

- Often portfolio required
- Important to start the process the early
- Visit prospective college websites to learn more about the process - each school may vary
- Deadlines for portfolios and applications may be different

FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT

- MEFA: [Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority](#)
- FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- MASFA: [MA Application for State Financial Aid](#)
- CSS Profile: <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

Financing College

- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Net Price Calculator
- Colleges each have their own filing deadlines
- Some private colleges want CSS PROFILE; at collegeboard.com
- Aid can be NEED BASED or MERIT BASED
- Applying for Scholarships:
 - *National or State*: highly competitive, difficult to win
 - *Local*: \$496,100 was awarded in 2024. All post on Naviance once we receive notification.
 - Umbrella Organizations: Dollars 4 Scholars, Cape Cod Foundation, Cape Cod Association



Junior Year To-Do List

- ❑ Keep your grades up!
- ❑ Daily attendance
- ❑ Extracurricular involvement, leadership opportunities
- ❑ Volunteerism and community service
- ❑ Visit college campuses
- ❑ Decide who will write your letters of recommendation
- ❑ Create CollegeBoard account
- ❑ Create Common App account
- ❑ Save schools you are interested in to your Naviance account
- ❑ Talk to adults in your lives honestly about financial aid
- ❑ Consider an internship for next year in your intended field
- ❑ Build a resume/portfolio



Reminders for Students & Families

Students

- Evaluate digital footprint
- Increase independence
- Consistent attendance
- Check email daily
- Communicate with your counselor regularly
- Research, deadlines, applications etc. are YOUR responsibility.

Families

- Attend junior planning meeting
- Coordinate campus visits
- Monitor grades and attendance
- Speak honestly and openly with your child about financial considerations for college
- Encourage good habits senior year: communicating with teachers, Jawsome, college rep visits, tracking deadlines

MRHS

College & University Planning Timeline



Grade 10		Grade 11		Grade 12	
Semester I	Semester II	Semester I	Semester II	Semester I	Semester II
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take PSAT Naviance Career Profiler Course Selection 4-Year College Plan Global Studies? Visit > 1 College Rep Join Extra-curriculars <i>Athletics, Clubs, Community Service</i> Academics/Priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review PSAT Results and Connect to Kahn Academy Naviance Career Development Create an Organizational System for Collecting College Materials Apply for a Summer Job or Volunteer Position Apply for a Summer Enrichment Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take PSAT/NMSQT Naviance Career Development Visit College Reps in Guidance Visit "College Types" Ex. Provid. Attend All-Cape College Fair MEFA Financial Aid Night Develop an X-sheet for Colleges Include these schools in Naviance Register for ASVAB Increase Leadership Roles <i>Become Club Treasurer, Team Captain, etc...</i> Visit Campus of a College you Will Likely Apply to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review PSAT/NMSQT Results and Connect to Kahn Academy Jr. Parent Planning Night Register for ACT/SAT Prep Jr. Future Planning Meeting Generate a List of 10-20 Schools of Interest to Research Further Student Academic Profile vs College Profile Comparisons Register for Spring SAT and SAT Subject Test (If Required) NCAA Eligibility Center (D. 1/2) Arrange Summer Employment, Shadows and/or Internships Fill out Common Application and Complete the Personal Essay Prep for Fall SAT or ACT Develop an Academic and Activities Resume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall Focus Planning Meeting Individual Senior Meetings Take SAT/ACT Determine Application Deadline "Type" and Monitor Deadlines Visit Admission Reps in Guidance Narrow Focus to 10-12 Colleges Apply to Colleges (8-10) Campus Visits to Top Choices Arrange Interview if Possible FAFSA Releases October 1st CSS Profile- Required? Submit Guidance Paperwork 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overnight Campus Visit Begin an Internship Narrow List of Colleges Based on Admission Decisions Scholarship Season Begins Dollars for Scholars Meetings Compare Financial Aid Awards Final Campus Visit Submit Enrollment Deposit Finish Strong! Enter the School you will be Attending into Naviance Good Luck & Stay in Touch!

On-Going Activities: Keep Up Grades, Select Rigorous Coursework, Read, & Monitor All Deadlines.

Q & A

