

Taking Ownership of the College Process

Student Responsibilities:

- Attend seminars and set up a 1:1 meeting with your school counselor
- Find a system for organizing admission requirements, deadlines, and other info
- Continue to focus on grades and academics
- Use Naviance and other college search engines to develop a potential list of colleges
 - Keep your Naviance *Colleges I'm Thinking About* list up to date
- Attend the MHS College Admissions Panel on **April 9th** during MAGIC Block
- Submit the *Student Information Sheet* by **May 8th**
- Submit the *Primary Teacher Recommendation* Google Form by **May 8th**
- Research colleges and attend in-person or virtual tours, visits, and info sessions
- Consider registering for an in-person or virtual college fair online at www.nacacattend.org
- Register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com | MHS School Code: 221-325

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline
March 14	February 27
May 2	April 17
June 6	May 26

- If you plan to take the ACT, register at www.actstudent.org | MHS School Code: 221-325

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline
April 11	March 6
June 13	May 8
July 11	June 5

- Review resources on the MHS School Counseling website:
<https://mhs.marbleheadschoools.org/students-families/school-counseling/juniors>
- Start senior year with a balanced list of 8-12 schools that includes safeties / targets / reaches

School Counselor Responsibilities:

- Meet with students in seminars to review the components of the college process
- Be available to students for individual meetings as needed
- Write a letter of recommendation for each student
- Assist students with all post secondary plans

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

- Discuss post secondary plans with students and review the college application process
- Discuss the financial boundaries of your family as it pertains to choosing a school
 - *Do not rely on scholarships to make tuition fit within your budget*
- Assist your student in planning college tours (both virtual and in person) when available
- Be sure that time for academics remains the focus throughout the year

Helpful Links		
MHS School Counseling Website	Access slideshows and other resources	https://mhs.marbleheadschoools.org/students-families/school-counseling
College Board	Register for SAT and send scores	www.collegeboard.com
ACT	Register for ACT and send scores	www.actstudent.org
Common Application	Start application and review essay prompts	www.commonapp.org
Fair Test	Search for test optional schools	www.fairtest.org
MEFA	Learn about college costs and financial aid	http://www.mefa.org/
NCAA Eligibility Center	Review eligibility to play DI or DII sports	https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/
Colleges that Change Lives	Explore colleges based on your “best fit”	www.ctcl.org
The Hundred-Seven	Learn about Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)	http://www.thehundred-seven.org/hbculist.html
Niche	Research and compare colleges	www.niche.com
Big Future	Research schools and estimate costs	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/