

MHS Senior Class Size: 503

MHS CEEB Code: 110060

How do I send a transcript? Counselors will send official transcripts through your application platform (Common App, Coalition, Common Black App, etc.). If you apply direct to the institution (college website), you can request a transcript via fultonga.scribborder.com.

What is my class rank? MHS does not report rank. Students can put "N/A" when asked on applications.

How do I report my GPA? Report the numeric **weighted GPA (out of 100.00)** listed on your MHS transcript.

What is my GPA on a 4.0 scale? FCS does not calculate GPAs on a 4.0 scale. Report your GPA on the 100.00 scale and colleges will recalculate based on their GPA scale.

How do I send ACT or SAT scores? Students will submit their scores themselves from their testing accounts (SAT = College Board, ACT = ACT.org).

How do I get my unofficial transcript? You can access through Infinite Campus > Menu > Documents.

What grades do I self-report? Follow the guidelines listed on the application but general rule of thumb is if it is listed on your MHS transcript, report it. Colleges will receive a copy of your transcript to verify.

My application only lets me report a grade to 100.00 but I have a grade that is 102.00. Type in 100.00 and the college will see the true grade on your transcript.

What is Common App? Common App is an online platform that allows students to apply to multiple colleges/universities within a single application.

How do I complete the activities section? This is the opportunity for you to share your in-school and out-of-school activities, including sports, jobs, family responsibilities, clubs, leadership roles, community and volunteer commitments. **You should list the activities in the order of importance to you. Include specific details of what you did and what skills you learned from this activity.**

How do I request a Counselor Letter of Recommendation (LOR)? Complete the Senior Brag Sheet and submit to your Counselor. Then complete the Counselor LOR request form at <https://bit.ly/MHSLOR2027>.

How do I request a teacher LOR? Choose up to 2 teachers that know you well (at least one should be in a core subject area). We recommend asking the teacher in person and the request should be at least 10 days before the application is due.

What is FERPA? Do I waive it? Family Educational Rights and Privacy ACT (FERPA) is a law that gives you rights to your educational records. Your applications, including your LORs become part of your records.

Waiving FERPA means you are giving up your right to view your letters of recommendations. Waiving FERPA helps uphold the integrity of the letters. **Counselors will NOT write LORs if FERPA isn't waived.**

How do I know if my application documents are submitted in Common App? Students can monitor the submission of documents by teachers and counselors within their account. They do NOT need to email the teacher/counselor.

What if my college does not use Common App? You have to either apply to the college directly from their website or use an alternative approved application platform (e.g. Coalition, Black Common Application, etc.)

APPLICATION TERMS

Early Decision: Allows a student to apply in the Fall for an early determination of admission. IT IS BINDING.

Early Action: Invites early applications but DOES NOT require the student to attend if accepted.

Deferred Decision: Determination of the college or university that more information is needed to make a final decision about a candidate's application.

Regular Decision: Common, non-binding college application plan with later application deadline.

Rolling Admissions: Applications and decisions are released continuously, rather than on a single deadline.

Open Admissions: Students notified of acceptance upon application (typically community colleges).

Deferred Admissions: Permits the applicant, once accepted, to postpone matriculation for one year in order to pursue other plans.

Cumulative GPA: All grades on transcript are calculated.

Core GPA: Only English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Language are calculated.

HOPE GPA: GPA calculated by GSFC, calculated from core classes taken in high school, weighted 0.5 for AP and DE classes up to 4.0.

HOPE Rigor: Rigor courses as defined by GSFC.

FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A COLLEGE

Academic Environment:

- Admission Requirements
- Class Sizes
- Academic Support Services
- Study Abroad Programs
- Graduation Rate
- Internship Opportunities

Majors:

- Do they offer what you're interested in?
- Strength of the program

Geographic Location:

- Distance from Home
- Weather
- School setting/Surrounding area (e.g., small town, big city, rural, etc.)

Affordability:

- Total cost (tuition, room and board, dining, fees, etc.)
- Cost of travel to/from home

Housing & Dining Options:

- Will you be required to live on campus?
- Dining Plans and Options

Health & Other Services:

- Medical & Psychological Services
- Services for Students with Disabilities
- Career Centers

Student Life:

- Sports
- Greek Life
- Campus Facilities
- Student Organizations

APPLICATION STEPS

1. **Research:** Make a list of potential colleges you're interested in. What factors are important to you? Review admission requirements.
2. **Create a testing plan** for SAT or ACT.
3. **Visit colleges** and meet with college reps. Many colleges have virtual visits and we have college reps visit MHS throughout the year.
4. **Narrow down list.** What are your safety/back up schools? What are your reach schools? Most schools should be in the "good fit" group - you meet the academic minimums and the college has the factors you are looking for.
5. **Request Letter(s) of Recommendation.**
6. **Request Transcript** through Common App. If you are applying through a different portal, you will request through scribborder.
7. **Submit Application.** Pay attention to deadlines!