

Senior Parent/Guardian Night

**Class of 2025
Marblehead High School**

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School Counseling Assistant

Post Secondary Planning

College and Career Readiness

Counselors are here to help for all post high school plans including:

- College
- Military
- Trade Schools
- PG programs
- Employment

Agenda

- Organizing the Process
- College Visits
- Transcript Request Process
- Letters of Recommendation
- Testing - SAT, ACT
- Application Types
- Application Process
- Admission Decisions
- Scholarships/Financial Aid



Senior Seminars

Seminars: Health/P.E. and FLEX/Magic Blocks

- **1st Seminar:** Reviewed the college process
- **2nd Seminar:** Common App, Matched Common Application and Naviance, Signed FERPA

Transcripts: Distributed at the 2nd seminar

School Counselors are available every Flex & MAGIC Block in October:

- Common Application help
- Assistance with the SSAR/SRAR

Upcoming Events

- **Two Senior Seminars**
- **Senior Parent / Guardian Night**
 - Wednesday, September 25th, 6pm - MHS
- **Financial Aid Night** - Presented by MEFA - Kevin Fudge
 - Thursday, October 24th at 6pm
 - MHS Auditorium
- **College Visits at MHS**
- **NEACAC College Fair** - held at Salem State University
 - [NEACAC College Fair at Salem State University - Google Docs](#)
 - Monday, September 30th from 9am- 12pm



Upcoming Events Continued

Virtual College Fairs (via NACAC)

Sunday | October 13th | 1 - 6pm

Sunday | November 3rd | 1 - 6pm

<https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs/attend>

Building Bridges HBCU Event

Thursday | October 17th | 8am - 11am

Reggie Lewis Athletic Center

<https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/registration/begin>

Building Bridges On-site Admissions Interviews

Friday | October 18th | First come first serve basis

Reggie Lewis Athletic Center



Organizing the Process

- **Student Responsibility**

- College requirements: Auditions, portfolios, interviews, testing, etc.
- Deadlines: Application and Financial Aid
- System: Find one that works for you

- **Range of Schools**

- Recommendation: 8-12 schools (Safeties, Targets, and Reaches)
 - Use Naviance Scattergram

- **Researching Schools**

- Resources: Naviance, College Board or Princeton Review

- **College Visits/Interviews**

- Check Naviance for MHS College Visits
- Register online for college tours and information sessions
- Demonstrated interest: important
- Interviews: Check availability

MHS College Visits

- **MHS College Visits:** Over 90 admissions reps from colleges and universities
 - **To Sign Up:** Log into Naviance at student.naviance.com/marblehead
 - **If student wants a reminder:** Add the college to “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list on Naviance
- **College Visit Pass:**
 - At least 24 hours before the event
 - Obtain gold pass from School Counseling Office (Ms. Benman)
 - Have it signed by the teacher of the missed class
 - Can miss the same class up to two times
 - Cannot miss any assessments
- **Day of College Visit:**
 - Report to class first and get a SmartPass to School Counseling for the visit
 - Return to class on a SmartPass after the visit
- **FLEX/MAGIC Blocks:** Register on My Flex Learning at least 24 hours in advance

Signing Up for College Rep Visits to MHS

Log in to **Naviance** → Click the Colleges tab up top → Click College Visits → Click Register Now

The screenshot displays the Naviance website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the Naviance logo, links for Home, Self-Discovery, Careers, Colleges (which is highlighted), Planner, and About me. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are icons for a heart, an envelope, a question mark, a user profile (labeled 'SS'), language settings (labeled 'EN'), a globe, and a 'Log Out' button. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Quick Links', contains a 'MORE SEARCH OPTIONS' section with links to 'SuperMatch®', 'Advanced college search', and 'College lookup', followed by a 'MY COLLEGES' section with a link to 'Upcoming college events'. The right column, titled 'College Visits', features a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search for colleges'. Below the search bar, there are three visible visit listings. The first listing is for 'Dean College', showing a date of 'SEPTEMBER Mon 16' at '09:00AM', a location pin icon, the text 'The School Counseling Department', and a note that '0/50 seats are taken.' To the right of this listing is a 'Register Now' button and a 'View Details' link. The second listing is for 'Boston University', showing a date of 'SEPTEMBER Mon 16' at '10:00AM', a location pin icon, the text 'The School Counseling Department', and a note that '2/50 seats are taken.' To the right of this listing is a 'Register Now' button and a 'View Details' link. The third listing is partially visible at the bottom for 'University of New'. A vertical sidebar on the right edge of the screen contains a search icon, a plus sign, and a settings gear icon.

Naviance Home Self-Discovery Careers **Colleges** Planner About me

Quick Links

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

[SuperMatch®](#)

[Advanced college search](#)

[College lookup](#)

MY COLLEGES

[Upcoming college events](#)

College Visits Search for colleges

Dean College
📍 The School
Counseling Department
0/50 seats are taken.
REGISTER BY Sunday, Sep 15 2024, 09:00AM
[Register Now](#)
[View Details](#)

Boston University
📍 The School
Counseling Department
2/50 seats are taken.
REGISTER BY Sunday, Sep 15 2024, 10:00AM
[Register Now](#)
[View Details](#)

University of New

Transcript Request Process

The MHS Transcript Request Form:

Located on the School Counseling section of the MHS website: [MHS School Counseling](#)

Download Form: Editable PDF; save it to your desktop or files

Complete the Form:

Please add every college you are applying to

- **Full College Name:** Use official names, not initials, indicate campus
- **Application Method:** Indicate if applying via Common App or Non-Common App
- **Application Deadline:** Note the actual college deadline (not ASAP or when you plan to send your application)
- **Application Type:** Specify (e.g., ED, EA, RD, Rolling)
- ***Do not put the same college twice***

Transcript Request Process


Once your form is completed:

- **Submit Transcript Request Form:** Email to mhs_transcripts@marbleheadschoools.org
- **Email Subject:** Your First and Last Name
- **One Time Processing Fee:** \$10, paid via My School Bucks
- **Multiple Transcript Request Forms:** You can submit more than one form
- **Do not send transcript request forms to your school counselor**
- **Naviance Update:** Colleges will appear in “Colleges I’m Applying to” once processed
- **The transcript form** includes submission of transcript, school profile, MHS letters of recommendation (teacher and school counselor), and secondary school report

School Counseling Office requires transcript forms to be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to the admissions deadline

Paying for Transcripts- My School Bucks

- Log into My School Bucks → School Store → Select Transcript Fees (One Time Transcript Processing Fee- \$10)

 Transcript Fees

Options

Flat Fee (\$10.00) ▼

Cancel

▶ Buy Now

🛒 Add To Cart

Transcript Request Form Due Dates

College Admissions Deadline

October 15, 2024

November 1, 2024

November 15, 2024

December 1, 2024

December 15, 2024

*January 1, 2025

January 15, 2025

February 1, 2025

February 15, 2025

March 1, 2025

School Counseling Office Deadline

September 23, 2024

October 11, 2024

October 25, 2024

November 6, 2024

November 20, 2024

*November 26, 2024

December 19, 2024

January 10, 2025

January 24, 2025

February 3, 2025

****If your college is Rolling Admissions, please allow three (3) weeks for processing****

Teacher Recommendation

Once student knows 1st application deadline - **Student emails/contacts teacher**

Follow up with the teacher to find out if they need anything

Do **NOT** invite the teacher to be a recommender through the Common App

Send a thank you note to the teacher writing your recommendation



Recommendations are confidential

Outside Recommendations

- Student's responsibility to coordinate outside recommendations
- School counseling department only sends MHS teacher recommendations
- Only invite outside recommenders via Common App (not MHS teachers)

Be mindful of the number of recommendations - always check the college website for requirements & follow the requirements

Recommendations are confidential

Standardized Testing

- **Deemphasized Tests:** SAT/ACT less critical for many colleges
- **Test Optional:** Many schools don't require test scores
- **Check Requirements:** Refer to college websites for testing policies
- **Resource:** Visit www.fairtest.org for test options
- **Supplemental Information:** Check if colleges need additional materials (e.g., graded essay)
- **Test Blind:** 70+ colleges do not consider test scores, even if submitted
- **Test Flexible:** Colleges/Universities allow students to choose which type of test they want to submit with their application (i.e. SAT, ACT, or AP Scores)

SAT Testing

- **Register at www.sat.org/register**
 - Marblehead School Code: 221-325
- **Upcoming dates**
 - October 5th (Late registration deadline September 24th)
 - November 2nd (Registration deadline October 18th)
 - December 7th (Registration deadline November 22nd)
- **Info**
 - Most Colleges “superscore” - take the top score for each section
 - Required to submit by testing administration
 - 4 free submissions of test scores - Must be sent blind
 - Pay once: Send any number of scores
 - Check Deadlines: Confirm last test date allowed by each college
 - Self-Reporting: Some colleges allow this—verify with each college

ACT Testing

- **Register at www.actstudent.org**
 - Marblehead School Code: 221-325
- **Upcoming dates**
 - October 26th (Late Registration deadline October 7th)
 - December 14th (Registration deadline November 8th)
- **Info**
 - **ACT vs. SAT:** All colleges accept either test
 - **Superscore:** Some colleges combine top ACT section scores—check with each college
 - **4 Free Submissions:** Must be sent without seeing the scores
 - **Separate Payment:** Pay for each test administration

Sending Scores

- **Send Scores Directly to Colleges:** Use College Board or ACT
- **Check SAT/ACT Concordance Chart:** Determine which scores to send
- **Consult With Your School Counselor:** For questions on which scores to send
- **Send Scores Early:** 2 to 3 weeks before college deadlines
- **Self-Report Scores on Common App:** Only if testing is complete; report upcoming test dates if necessary
- **Test-Optional Schools:** Do not self-report scores on Common App if holding scores

How to apply to college?

1. Common Application
2. Coalition Application
3. College/University Application

Resource: Direct Admissions Program through Common App

<https://www.commonapp.org/blog/common-app-launches-2024-2025-direct-admissions-program-116-colleges-and-universities>

- **Direct Admissions Process:** Participating colleges set specific requirements (e.g., minimum GPA) and offer opportunities like essay waivers for qualified first-generation, low- and middle-income students identified by Common App.
- **Application Benefits & Review:** Students receive non-binding admissions offers via Common App, with no application fee required. Colleges verify application accuracy and ensure alignment with stated criteria, including program-specific exceptions.
- Criteria and eligibility vary by college

Application Types

- **Early Decision**
Limited to applying to one school ED and EDII
Binding Agreement - Required to attend if accepted
- **Early Action**
Can apply to as many schools through EA
Non-Binding agreement
Early application review and early notification
- **Restrictive Early Action**
Non-binding
College specific, very few schools have this option
Students may only apply to one college REA
Can't apply ED elsewhere, check college requirements
Can usually apply EA to public schools

Each college has their own application type. Please refer to the college admissions website

Application Types

- **Regular Decision**
Apply by standard application deadline
Allows more time to prepare application
Usually notified by mid-April
- **Rolling Admissions**
Applications reviewed as they come in
Decision issued as soon as application is processed
Submit sooner rather than later

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Admission Decisions

- Accepted
- Denied
- Deferred
 - Moved to the regular decision pool
 - Can send updated grades
 - Colleges may request additional information
- Waitlisted
 - Students must sign up/accept their waitlist spot
 - Waitlist criteria varies by college
 - Must deposit at another college

College Application Process

- **Student/Parent/Guardian Responsibility**
 - **Complete FERPA/WAIVER:** For Common Application
 - **Link Accounts:** Common Application and Naviance
 - **Online Transcript Request Form:** Due 3 weeks before the application deadline
 - **Application Processing Fee:** \$10 via My School Bucks
 - **Complete Application:** Pay fee when submitting electronically or by mail
 - **Submit Additional Documents:** Essays, resume, portfolio, etc.
 - **Submit Accommodations Info:** 504/IEP/testing information, if needed
 - **Invite/Organize Outside Recommendations**
 - **Send Test Scores:** Via [College Board](#) or [ACT](#)
 - **Score Processing Time:** 2-4 weeks for schools to receive
 - **Use [Concordance Charts](#):** To align SAT and ACT scores
 - **Contact Financial Aid Offices:** For FAFSA/CSS Profile deadlines
 - **Athletes:** Check NCAA requirements and register online through NCAA Clearinghouse

School Counselor Responsibilities

School Counselors will submit:

- Initial Transcript
- Quarter 1 Grades (automatically submitted for ED & EA applicants)
- Mid-year Report
- Final Transcript
- Counselor Recommendations / Secondary School Report
- Marblehead High School teacher recommendations and evaluations

College Application Timeline - Fall

- Update Student Information Sheet in *School Counseling Class of 2025* Google Classroom
- Contact recommending teachers and remind them of application deadlines
- Students should set up 1:1 meeting with their school counselor
- Finalize college essay and college list on Naviance
- Submit transcript request form to initiate application process
- Know requirements for each college/university (application deadlines, FAFSA and CSS Profile due dates, testing requirements, supplemental requirements)
- Submit official test scores to colleges through ACT or College Board, if required
- Apply for financial aid
 - FAFSA will be available on December 1st and CSS Profile will be available on October 1st
- Quarter 1 grades will automatically be submitted
 - Students must complete a required Google form if they do not want their grades sent

College Application Timeline

Winter Tasks

- Submit applications (aim to finish before winter break for early deadlines)
- Mid-year grades will be automatically submitted
 - Students must complete a required Google form if they do not want their grades sent
- Confirm application materials have been received through each school's portal
- Apply for any applicable scholarships - please refer to scholarship resources

Spring Tasks

- MHS scholarship website will be available in the Spring
 - Scholarship Assembly will be held for all seniors in early March
- Submit a deposit and commit to a school by May 1st
- Write thank you notes (recommending teachers and scholarships received)

Day Zero - October 23rd

Students will sign up for one:

1. College essay support
2. Visiting a college or vocational school
3. Resume writing support

****Seniors will sign up through a Google Form****

Scholarships

- **School Counseling Website:** List of outside scholarships under “Scholarship Information”
 - <https://www.marbleheadschoools.org/Page/315>
- **College Board:** Scholarship search engine with filters
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- **Going Merry:** Another scholarship resource
 - <https://www.goingmerry.com/>
- **Marblehead High School Scholarship Website:** Available starting in March
- **Scholarship Assembly:** Scheduled for March
- **Scholarship Ceremony:** Will take place in the spring
- **FAFSA:** May be required for some of the scholarships

Financial Aid

- **FAFSA:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - Available in December
 - Based on 2023 tax returns (FAFSA 2025-2026)
- **CSS Profile:** Submit through <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
 - Available October 1st
 - Typically required by private schools
- **Check individual school deadlines and required forms**
- **Financial Aid Night:** Thursday, October 24th at 6:00pm

Thank You & Good Night

PowerPoint will be available on School Counseling website