# **SENIOR HELPFUL HANDOUT**

### **College Application FAQs**

Counselor Email

FirstName\_LastName@ccpsnet.net

**GPA Scale** 

Weighted 4.0, cumulative based on

final grades only

MAHS-CEEB Code

471720

Class of 2025 Size

Approximately 400

\*When listing your class rank, use the numbers on your transcript.

# Need to register for tests?

SATs → Collegeboard.org ACTs → Act.org

You MUST send your own test scores directly from College Board or ACT to the college

#### **Parchment**

Need a transcript? Request them at least 2 weeks before your deadline! Use your Parchment account to request them. You must obtain a MAHS activation code before activating your Parchment account. You may also need to send your midyear grades through Parchment at the end of the first semester (January) and send your final transcript in June.

\*Don't forget to <u>send transcripts from Brightpoint</u> for your Dual Enrollment credits!

#### Submit your Transcript Release Form to obtain your Parchment activation code <u>BEFORE</u> you make an account.

Questions about your activation code? Email Ms. Brazee wanda\_brazee@ccpsnet.net

#### **Need Financial Aid Info?**

Contact Betsy Lemley with GRASP at <a href="matoaca@grasp4va.org">matoaca@grasp4va.org</a> with any financial aid questions!

\*Reach out to your school counselor to schedule an appointment with her.

## Click Below for Helpful Resources!

- Schedule your Senior Meeting
- Senior Classroom Presentation
- 12th Grade College Planning Checklist
- Transcript Release Form
- Setting Up Your Parchment Account

#### Look up the college's application deadline

- Applying Early Decision (binding) or Early Action? Rolling Admission?
- Is there a separate deadline for any special considerations? (such as Honors College or scholarship eligibility?)

#### THEN count backwards (at least) 2 weeks and...

- Request your transcripts through Parchment (Transcripts cannot be processed over weekends or Thanksqivina/Winter breaks, so be sure you plan ahead).
- Ask for your letters of recommendation (provide a resume/statement about your goals and information on how the recommender will submit) - you can ask a teacher to send his/her letter to multiple schools.
- Send your SAT and/or ACT scores directly from College Board or ACT to the college for official score reports (through your online account)
- Polish your essays (pay attention to any application supplements that might be required for certain schools or majors)



College's Application Deadline	Request Transcripts & Rec Letters By
October 15th	October 1st
November 1st	October 11th
November 15th	November 1st
January 1st	December 9th (schools are closed for winter break and cannot process requests)

Student athletes need to create Eligibility Center accounts on NCAA

Be sure to connect with your coach if you have questions!

Check the
MAHS Scholarship List
OFTEN!

Join the

MAHS School Counseling
Canvas Page



- Make an appointment with Ms. Lemley, our GRASP rep, to discuss financial aid. You can make an appointment in the Main Counseling Office and you are encouraged to bring your parents if possible. Check individual college websites for more scholarship information.
- Visit the college reps when they come to MAHS!
   This is a great chance to introduce yourself to the person who might read your application and get school-specific information. Be sure to sign up ahead of time for a pass!
- Include a variety of schools on your list for consideration. Make sure you have researched and identified "safety" school options, as well.
- Visit the campus before you commit to make sure it is a good fit.
- Consider the benefits of a community college (affordability, schedule flexibility, opportunity to strengthen GPA before moving on, ability to obtain career-oriented degrees...). Check out <u>Guaranteed</u> <u>Admissions Opportunities!</u>