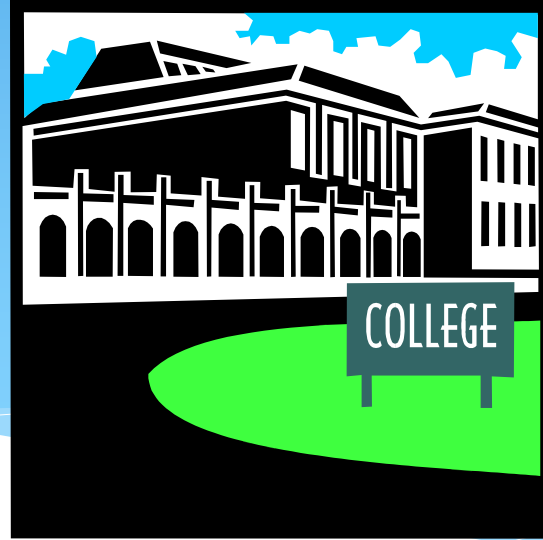


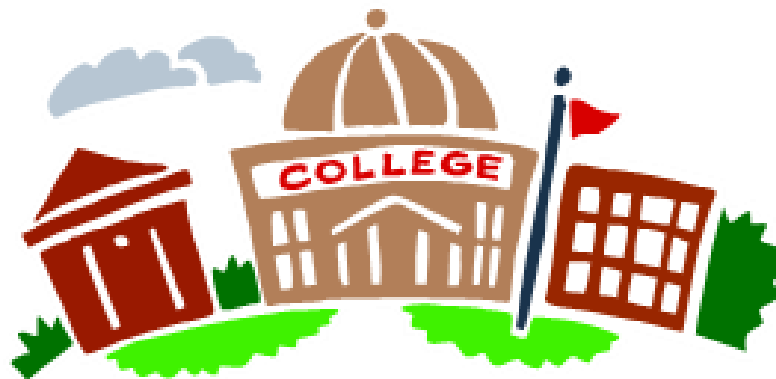
College Information Night for Juniors

January 16, 2025



“College”

- * Post secondary Education
- * Any education after high school
- * Many types of “colleges”



Types of Colleges

- * 2-year – like SCF
 - * A.S. degree
 - * A.A. degree 2 + 2 option
- * 4-year – like USF
- * Technical – like MTC

Deciding the type of college that is right for you and your goals is the first step.

Tonight's Agenda

- * Senior Year schedule
- * Testing
- * Researching colleges
- * Overview of the application process/timeline
- * Financial Aid
- * Things you can do now to prepare for next year

Senior Year Schedule

- * Keep preparing for college
 - * “Realistic Rigor”
 - * More challenging courses prepare you for college/career and allow you gain a deeper understanding of the subject
- * AP, Dual enrollment, honors, academic electives
 - * See counselor with DE questions
 - * PERT sign up and Mandatory Meeting
- * **Balance – don’t overload, but don’t slack off!**

College Admission Testing

- * **SAT/ACT/CLT** – for 4-year universities/colleges
 - * Dates and registration deadlines in handouts
- * **PERT** – for State College of Florida
- * **Basic Skills Assessment** – for Manatee Technical College

Practice!

- * Free online prep
 - * College Board, ACT and CLT websites
- * Familiarize yourself with the test structure, timing and types of questions to expect

PRACTICE! PRACITCE! PRACTICE!

Researching Colleges

- * Decide what is important to you in a college
- * “FIT”
- * Some things to consider:
 - * Academic profile
 - * Size
 - * Location
 - * Available majors
 - * Cost
 - * Extracurricular activities

Admission Requirements/Profile

- * Read admission requirements for each college
- * “Profile”
- * How do you “stack up”?
- * Create a list of colleges
 - * If considering 4-year colleges/universities, plan on applying to 4-6 schools

College Visits



- * **Visit campuses**

- * sign up for an official tour/Open House event

- * **College fairs**

Be Ready for Senior Year

- * Have a list of colleges/universities that you know you want to apply to
 - * OK to continue to explore options
- * **Know application steps and deadlines**

General Process/Timeline

- * **WHEN DO I APPLY?**

- * Apply online - **Beginning of senior year**
- * September-October is ideal, depending on the college deadlines
 - * *November 1st is a key deadline for many colleges – some as early as October 15th*
- * Application, transcripts/self reported grades, SAT/ACT/CLT test scores
- * Essay, resume, letters of recommendation

Application Requirements and Deadlines



Every college has their own application requirements and deadline

- * You must read and understand the process for each school
- * Information and detailed instructions on the college websites

The Common Application

- * Free college application tool used by about 1,000 4-year colleges/universities around the country
- * Use one system to apply to multiple colleges and universities.
- * Two main parts you fill out: a set of common questions and each college's own specific questions.
- * You must read each college's application steps and requirements carefully to ensure you have a complete application

Essay

- * A way for the colleges to know you better
- * Make it personal
 - * Reveal your uniqueness, passions, what drives you
- * Be authentic – tell a story that's really about you, not what you think the admissions office wants to hear

Resume

- * All activities in high school – clubs, sports, work, community service, honors, awards
 - * Sample resume was included in the packet you received in US History classes
- * Indicate number of hours per week/ month and highlight any leadership roles

Quality vs Quantity

- * Create in a Word Doc so you can add/edit as needed

Financial Aid

- * Costs vary among colleges/types of colleges
- * There are sources of financial aid to assist students and families
- * Most applications will be completed Senior year, but it's important you have the information now



Cost of Attendance

- * When researching colleges, check the cost of attendance
 - * Tuition
 - * But also fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses
- * All information/estimated cost of attendance available on the college websites
- * Remember – this is before financial aid



Financial Aid

- * **FAFSA** - Free Application for Federal Student Aid– need-based, completed **October** of senior year
- * **State Aid – Florida Financial Aid Application**
 - * Includes Florida Bright Futures and other state grants
 - * Make sure you are on track to meet the requirements
- * **Institutional Aid** – from the colleges
- * **Private Scholarships** – from national and local organizations

Parts of the application you can work on **now**



- * Senior year class selection
- * Researching and visiting colleges
 - * Make a list of colleges that are a good fit for you
 - * Know requirements and deadlines
- * Take/retake the SAT/ACT/CLT
- * Resume
- * College Essay

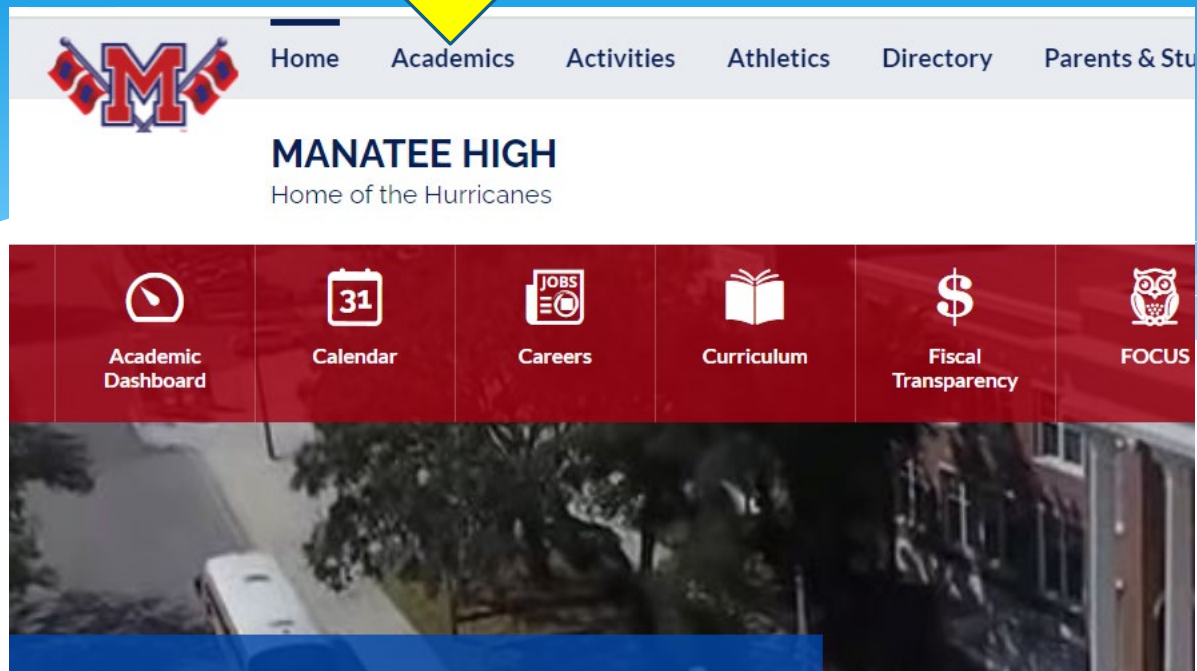
Additional Information

- * Xello – Career exploration tool
- * MHS Career Fair – February 11th
- * FAQs
- * College Terminology
 - * CSS Profile
 - * SSAR

Stay Informed

- * **MHS Website**
- * **MHS e-Newsletter**
- * **Class of 2026 Schoology page**





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