



Welcome Virtual Junior Parent Night

Oct. 7, 2021
6-7 p.m





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Agenda

- **INTRO**
- **GENERAL INFO**
 - SMART CORE/CORE
 - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, PROMOTION/RETENTION, CLASS RANKING
 - NCAA
 - COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING
- **JUNIOR TO-DO LIST**
- **WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN COLLEGE PLANNING?**
- **COLLEGE FAIRS**
- **CHOOSING A COLLEGE**
- **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING**
- **PAYING FOR COLLEGE**
- **IMPORTANT DATES**
- **SOURCES OF INFO**
- **QUESTIONS**



Credits required for Graduation

Required Credits

22 total credits

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 3 Social Studies
- 3 Science
- Oral Communication
- Fine Arts
- PE
- Health
- 6 Career Focus
- Digital Learning
- [Arkansas Civics Exam](#) - must pass
- Personal Finance- Econ or Personal Finance

Smart Core

Smart Core students must take a math greater than Algebra II.

Computer Science

Computer Science classes count as flex credit for a 3rd Science or 4th Math credit.

[Smart Core Information](#)

[Smart Core Waiver](#)

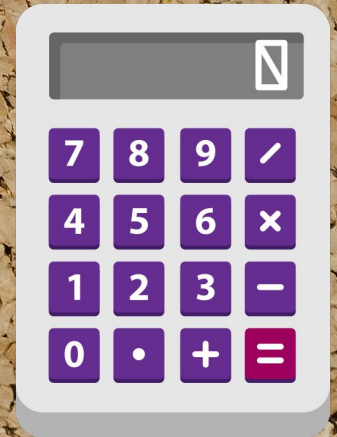
[Computer Science Flex Credit](#)

[PCSSD Course offerings](#)

CREDITS

16.5

In order to be classified as a Senior next year, you will need to earn 16.5 credits.





Class Ranking Status

Students are ranked at the end of 1st semester of Senior year for scholarships and college applications. Final ranking is computed at the end of the school year.



Honor Grad. Status

Students need a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher (no rounding)

Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Will be determined by class rank once all grades are final after the 2nd semester of Senior year.

NCAA

- It's the responsibility of the parents and/or students to register through the [NCAA eligibility center](https://ncaa.org/eligibility-center) to ensure they meet all requirements.
- Please let your counselor know if you plan to participate in athletics at the college level so they can help advise course selection and graduation track.
- For DI and DII schools:
 - 16 core courses by the end of their senior year. Student will typically take 14 core courses to meet graduation requirements. Most students will make up the 2 remaining by taking 2 years of foreign language or taking more science or social studies credits.
 - Students will need to have a **CORE** GPA of 2.3 or higher with a qualifying ACT or SAT score.
 - Student will need to be registered through the NCAA portal.



[NCAA Eligibility Center](https://ncaa.org/eligibility-center)



75 hours
total
9th-12th
grade

Be the change
you want to
see in the world.

~ Mahatma Gandhi.



1 credit will be
placed on
your
transcript!

Community Service Learning

[Service Log](#)

[Reflective Piece](#)

JUNIOR TO-DO LIST!

FAQs

Workforce

- Ensure job and know what direction you want to go with the company.
- Ask about advancement opportunities or continuing education.

Military

- Take ASVAB in Fall /Spring
- Meet/reach out to recruiters.
- Decide which branch is a good fit for you.
- Compare benefit and incentive packages.

College

- Apply to narrowed list of colleges
- Request official transcript from registrar
 - Request shot records and test scores included
- Complete FAFSA
- Retake ACT if needed
- Complete YOUniversal application for AR scholarships and grants
- Check the [counseling website](#) routinely for updated scholarship information

Technical Certificate and Programs

- Research, visit, and compare programs
 - Make calls
 - Compare timelines
 - Employment?
 - Financial Aid?
- Some programs may be offered at local community colleges
- Complete YOUniversal app to see if the program is covered by AR grant or scholarship

What is important in college planning?

GPA and
Transcript

Scholarships and
financial aid

Deadlines

COST

What can I afford?

Activities and
Extracurricular
Activities

College
Admissions
Testing

Researching and
visiting colleges

Finding a
good fit!



Cumulative GPA and Transcripts

Make sure transcript is error free

- Directory Data (name, DOB, etc)
- Courses
- Grades
- GPA
- Contact registrar to make corrections

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- Cost: FREE to send to colleges
- Students/parents will need to request AP exam scores be sent to prospective colleges through the college board portal
- Students/parents will need to request concurrent credit transcripts sent through **UALR**.
<https://ualr.edu/records/transcript-request/>

Understand 6-semester implications

- Students will apply to college with Junior grades
- Senior grades are also important



Activities and Extracurriculars



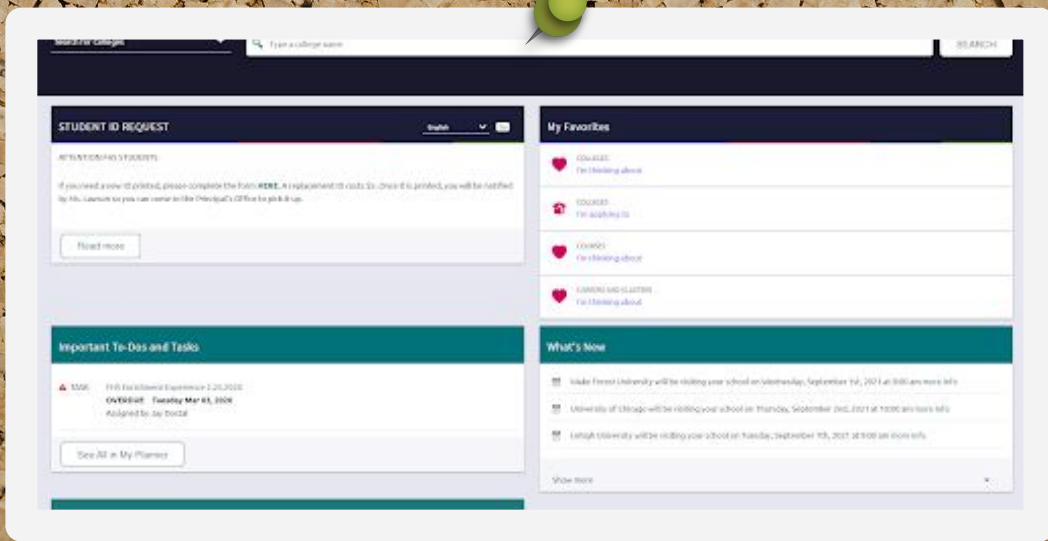
- Think about things you are involved in - what have you learned?
- Be able to account for time outside school - how do you spend free time?
- Activities can be anything you spend your time on.
- This is a great place to be thinking about personal essays.
- “Strengths Explorer” in Naviance
- Ask friends and/or family what they see as your strengths or weaknesses.

- Attend college rep visits at MHS
- Sign up on Naviance - list under “what’s new” section on home page
- Visit college campuses in person - sign up on college website
- “College Supermatch” in Naviance if you don’t know where to start.

Researching and Visiting Colleges

COVID update:

- Many colleges have certain restrictions for in-person visits.
- Check individual college websites for requirements during your visit.



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

ACT and SAT 2021-2022 National Test Dates

CEEB Code for MHS: 041861

ACT Test Date (all Saturdays)	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (additional fee)	Date Scores are Released
Sept. 11, 2021	Aug. 6, 2021	Aug 20, 2021	Sept. 27, 2021
Oct. 23, 2021	Sept. 17, 2021	October 1, 2021	Nov 9, 2021
Dec. 11, 2021	Nov. 5, 2021	Nov. 19, 2021	Dec. 21, 2021
Feb. 12, 2022	Jan. 7, 2022	Jan. 21, 2022	Feb 25, 2022
April 2, 2022	Feb. 25, 2022	March 11, 2022	April 12, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022	June 21, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022	July 26, 2022

ACT Registration and Information: act.org

Cost: \$60 (without writing)
Late Registration Fee: \$36

**Check website for all other fees for changes, cancellations,
or score report costs**

SAT Test Date (all Saturdays)	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (additional fee)	Date Scores are Released
Aug 28, 2021	July 30, 2021	Aug. 17, 2021	Sept. 10, 2021
Oct. 2, 2021	Sept. 3, 2021	Sept. 21, 2021	Oct. 15, 2021
Nov. 6, 2021	Oct. 8, 2021	Oct. 26, 2021	Nov. 19, 2021
Dec. 4, 2021	Nov. 4, 2021	Nov. 23, 2021	Dec. 17, 2021
March 12, 2022	Feb. 11, 2022	March 1, 2022	March 25, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022	May 20, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022	July 13, 2022

SAT Registration and Information: collegeboard.org

Cost: \$55
Late Registration Fee: \$30

**Check website for all other fees for changes, cancellations,
or score report costs**

ACT

SAT

COVID update:

- Many colleges are still "test optional"
- They will not penalize you if you do not submit an ACT or SAT score.
- Test scores are just one piece of the puzzle

Paying for College and Trade School

Scholarships

- Institutions (UCA, ATU)
- [Arkansas Division of Higher Education](#)
- [Privately Funded](#)

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

[Creating a FAFSA account](#)

Federal Student Aid

[FSA ToolKit](#)

How to Pay for College

A Guide for Arkansas Students
2021-2022



Arkansas Student Loan Authority

[How to Pay for College](#)
magazine

[College Planning Services](#)



Arkansas Workforce Challenge

AWC
Scholarship

The Workforce Challenge Scholarship was created in the 2017 legislative session and is funded by lottery revenue for the purpose of workforce training in high demand areas of healthcare, information technology, and industry.

- Non-credit, workforce training classes also count.
- Minimum Eligibility Requirements
 - Must be an Arkansas resident and US Citizen/Lawful permanent resident
 - Must be high school graduate or received high school equivalency
 - Must **not** be a current recipient of the AR Challenge Scholarship
 - If student is offered both, system will default to ACS.
 - Must attend an eligible Arkansas institution
 - Must be in satisfactory academic standing
 - Must maintain eligibility requirements



Governor's Distinguished Scholarship

- Eligibility:
 - 32 ACT or 1410 SAT; **AND**
 - 3.5 Academic GPA; **OR**
 - National Merit Finalist or National Achievement Scholar
- Up to 375 awards per year
- Up to \$10,000 per year
- Recipients must:
 - Attend college full time- 15 semester hours
 - 12 hours during Freshman Fall semester
 - Complete 27 hours the first year
 - 30 hours each year thereafter
 - Maintain a 3.25 GPA
 - Be enrolled in a program leading to a Bachelor's Degree
- Can now enroll part-time as Seniors and receive a prorated award amount. (ACT 834)

Governor's Distinguished

ACT 755 Challenge & Governor's Distinguished Stacking

- Students can now receive ACS **AND** GDS
- Challenge will supplement GDS awards
 - EX: Freshman will receive \$9000 from GDS and \$1000 from ACS.

**DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 1**

Arkansas Governor's Scholars program

CONTINUING
ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time= 15 semester hours
 - 12 semester hours Freshman Fall semester

- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
 - Program leads to a Bachelor's Degree

- Recipients must complete 27 hours the first year and 30 hours each year thereafter.

AR
Governor's
Scholars



Arkansas Academic Challenge



AR Academic
Challenge
Scholarship



FOR TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

- Basic Eligibility Criteria
 - Accepted for admission at an approved institution of higher education as a full-time student in a program of study that leads to a Bachelor's degree, Associate's Degree, Qualified certificate, or Nursing School diploma
 - Applicant must complete the YOUniversal Scholarship Application and the FAFSA
 - Must apply during Senior year of high school
 - Must enroll at an institution of higher education as a full-time, first-time Freshman
 - Complete at least 27 hours as a full-time, first-time Freshman
 - Achieve at least a 2.5 GPA



Arkansas Academic Challenge

FOR TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Academic Eligibility

- Graduate from an Arkansas public school, private school, or homeschool
- Earn a 19 on the ACT

Test Scores

- Students can now qualify using ACT SUPERScores (ACT 549)
- May substitute a comparable score from:
 - SAT 990
 - ASSET 40
 - Compass 64
 - Classic Accuplacer 79
 - Next Generation Accuplacer 246

Continuing Eligibility

- 12 Semester hours Fall Semester
- 15 Semester hours per semester thereafter
- Successfully complete 27 semester hours the first year
- Successfully complete 30 hours each semester thereafter
- Complete all required remedial courses within the first 30 semester hours after receiving the scholarship.

Arkansas Academic Challenge Award Amounts

FOR TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

4 year Institutions

- \$1,000 = Freshman
- \$4,000 = Sophomore
- \$4,000 = Junior
- \$5,000 = Senior

Maximum of 120 hours

2 year Institutions

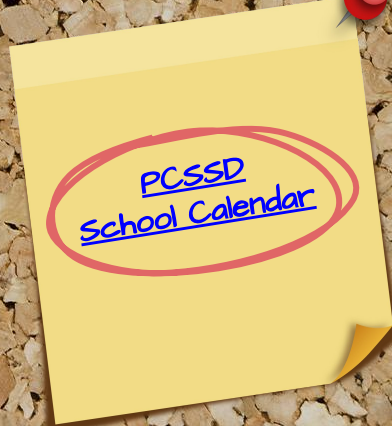
- \$1,000 = First year
- \$3,000 = Second year

Maximum of five (5) semesters

- Earned credit hours transcript and request must be submitted by June 1st
- Previous recipients of the scholarship will continue to receive the amounts stipulated in their original award.
- If student has remaining eligibility, they can use the scholarship towards a graduate level or professional degree.

Dates to Remember

- **October 13:** End of 1st Quarter
- **October 18:** No School, Professional Development
- **November 22-26:** Fall Break
- **December 20:** End of 2nd Quarter
- **December 21-January 3:** Winter Break
- **January 4:** No School, Professional Development
- **January 17:** No School, Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday
- **February 9:** No School, Parent Conferences
- **March 14:** End of 3rd Quarter
- **March 21-25:** Spring Break
- **April 15:** No School, Good Friday
- **May 27:** Last day of school



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School Calendar