



SENIOR NIGHT

**MHS COUNSELING
DEPARTMENT**

October 5,
2021
6pm-7pm

Virtual

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Hours
8am-4pm

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WELCOME PARENTS!

- Classroom guidance for Seniors- Sept 23
 - [Senior Presentation 21-22](#)
- Counselor's Chat- emailed by the end of the first week of the month
 - Monthly activities, important dates, etc
- College & Career Fair - Oct. 5 (Virtual)
- Individual Senior Conferences - Begins this week

AGENDA:

1. Senior To-Do list
2. College Application Process
3. Financial Aid

Senior To-Do List

FAQs

Post-Secondary Plan

- Workforce
- Military
- College
- Technical Certificate
and Programs

Post-Graduation Plans

Workforce

- Ensure they have a job and know what direction they want to go in the company.
- Ask questions about advancement opportunities or continuing education.

Military

- Take the ASVAB Oct 27 & March 8
 - Meet and/or reach out to recruiter
- Decide which branch is the right fit for you.
- Compare benefit/incentive packages



Post-Graduation Plans

College

- Apply to prospective colleges
 - Should be a narrowed down list
- Request official transcript from registrar
 - Include shot records and test scores in request
- Complete the FAFSA
- Retake ACT if necessary
- Complete YOUniversal Application for state scholarships & grants
- Check counseling website routinely for scholarship offers.

Technical Certificates and Programs

- Research, visit, and compare local programs
 - Make calls, compare timelines, employment assistance, financial aid, etc
- Some programs offered at community colleges and universities.
 - Follow the steps for college
- Complete the YOUniversal application to see if the program is covered by state grants or scholarships



College Application Process

Tyler Bittle
Director of Admissions
ASU Beebe



Applying to College

- **How do I apply?**

- Apply online on the ADMISSIONS page.
- Request an official transcript through the registrar, Mrs. Howard.
- More competitive schools, like U of A, may take up to 12 weeks to send a response.

- **How do I choose my college?**

- Make sure the college has different majors that interest you. Make sure it's the right fit for you.
- Talk to an admissions counselor
- Compare pricing and potential financial aid.
- Virtual college visits- Mrs. Osborne shares these with Senior Advisory teachers and Seniors via email.
- Attend the College/Career Fair
- Attend HBCU College Fair

- **When do I decide?**

- Make a non-refundable deposit to hold your spot, but don't wait too late! Watch deadlines!
- Once you make a deposit, you can select your housing and arrange for orientation.

- **Check scholarships and early decision deadlines!**

- Meeting **priority** deadlines ensure first dibs on scholarships and grants offered through the school.
- Meeting **final** deadlines could limit the amount of financial aid and scholarships offers your student may receive.

Requesting a Transcript

- After applying to a college, students/parents must request an official transcript through the registrar.
- Cost: Free of Charge for Colleges and Scholarships
- What does an “Official Transcript” include?
 - Student’s transcript including the students most up-to-date GPA and class rank.
 - Student’s ACT test scores if they are linked to the school. ***Note: the school may not have access to the most recent score. It is always a good idea to request ACT send scores to the college of your choice through the student’s ACT portal.
 - Shot records (if requested)
- Official transcripts must be requested though Mrs. Howard.
 - Email: jhoward@pcssd.org
 - Phone: 501-234-2518
- 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 the university (UALR). <https://ualr.edu/records/transcript-request/>



Financial Aid

Lavonne Juhl
Arkansas Student Loan
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QUESTIONS