



**SENIOR**

Class  
of  
2022

**WHAT'S NEXT?**





# Who's my counselor?

[Maumelle  
Counselors](#)

[Website](#)

**UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION**

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# Agenda - Please pay attention to the hyperlinks in blue.

- **INTRO**
- **GENERAL INFO**
  - COMMON ISSUES AND POINT OF CONTACT
  - GRADUATION INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS
  - NCAA
  - COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING
- **SENIOR 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**

# Who should I contact for....



## Grades or Attendance

The teacher for that class.

## Chromebooks

The librarian, Mr. Davis  
[cdavis7175@pcssd.org](mailto:cdavis7175@pcssd.org)

## Transcripts

& other official documents

The registrar, Mrs. Howard  
[jhoward@pcssd.org](mailto:jhoward@pcssd.org)

## Attendance

The attendance clerk,  
Mrs. Simpson  
[vsimpson9552@pcssd.org](mailto:vsimpson9552@pcssd.org)

## Testing

The testing coordinator,  
Mrs. Deneke  
[sdeneke7459@pcssd.org](mailto:sdeneke7459@pcssd.org)

## Concerns with a teacher

1st point of contact: The teacher  
Administrative Team

Mr. Young, Principal- [jyoung@pcssd.org](mailto:jyoung@pcssd.org)  
Mr. Hopson, Asst. Principal- [thopson@pcssd.org](mailto:thopson@pcssd.org)  
Mr. Ingram, Asst. Principal- [tingram4998@pcssd.org](mailto:tingram4998@pcssd.org)  
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[MHS](#)  
[Staff page](#)

# GRADUATION!

May 21, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.  
[UALR Jack Stephens Center](#)

\*\*\*ALL students are required to attend graduation rehearsal on Wednesday, May 18 at 9 AM in order to participate at graduation.\*\*\*

\*\*\* Students MUST complete ALL graduation requirements to participate (Walk) in graduation exercises and receive their diploma

\*\*\*ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST COMPLETED ONE WEEK BEFORE GRADUATION



# 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](#)

## Class Ranking Status

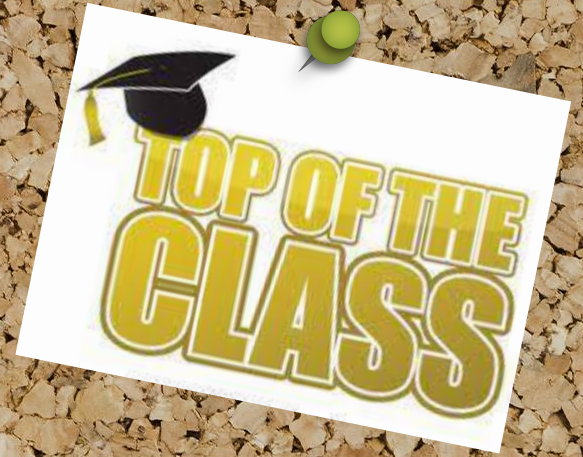
Students are ranked at the end of 1st semester of Senior year for scholarships and college applications. Final ranking is computed at the end of the school year.

## 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](#)

# SENIOR 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: Oct. 27 & March 8
- 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

[jhoward@pcssd.org](mailto:jhoward@pcssd.org)

Understand  
6-semester  
implications

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



# Activities and Extracurriculars



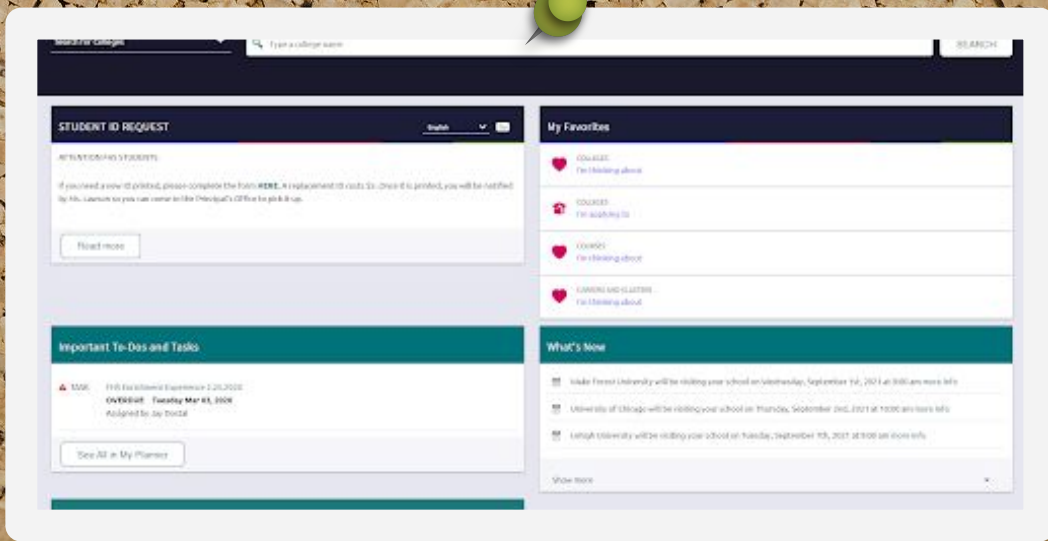
- Think about things you are involved in - what have you learned?
- Be able to account for time outside school - how do you spend free time?
- Activities can be anything you spend your time on.
- This is a great place to be thinking about personal essays.
- “Strengths Explorer” in Naviance
- Ask friends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



# How to choose a college - types of schools

## Safety School

- “Slam Dunk” for admission
- Top 25% of students at this university
- Financially reasonable

## Target Schools

- Meet all admissions requirements
- Mid 50% range
- Financially attainable

## Reach Schools

- May be deficient in some admission requirements
- May be a financial reach
- ALL colleges with under a 25% admit rate are reach schools regardless of student academics.

# How to choose a college- finding a good fit

## Academics

- Majors, Honors College, Research Opportunities
- Are you in mid 50%?

## Outside Opportunities

- Internships
- Study Abroad

## Lifestyle

- Greek Life
- Community around college
- On campus housing

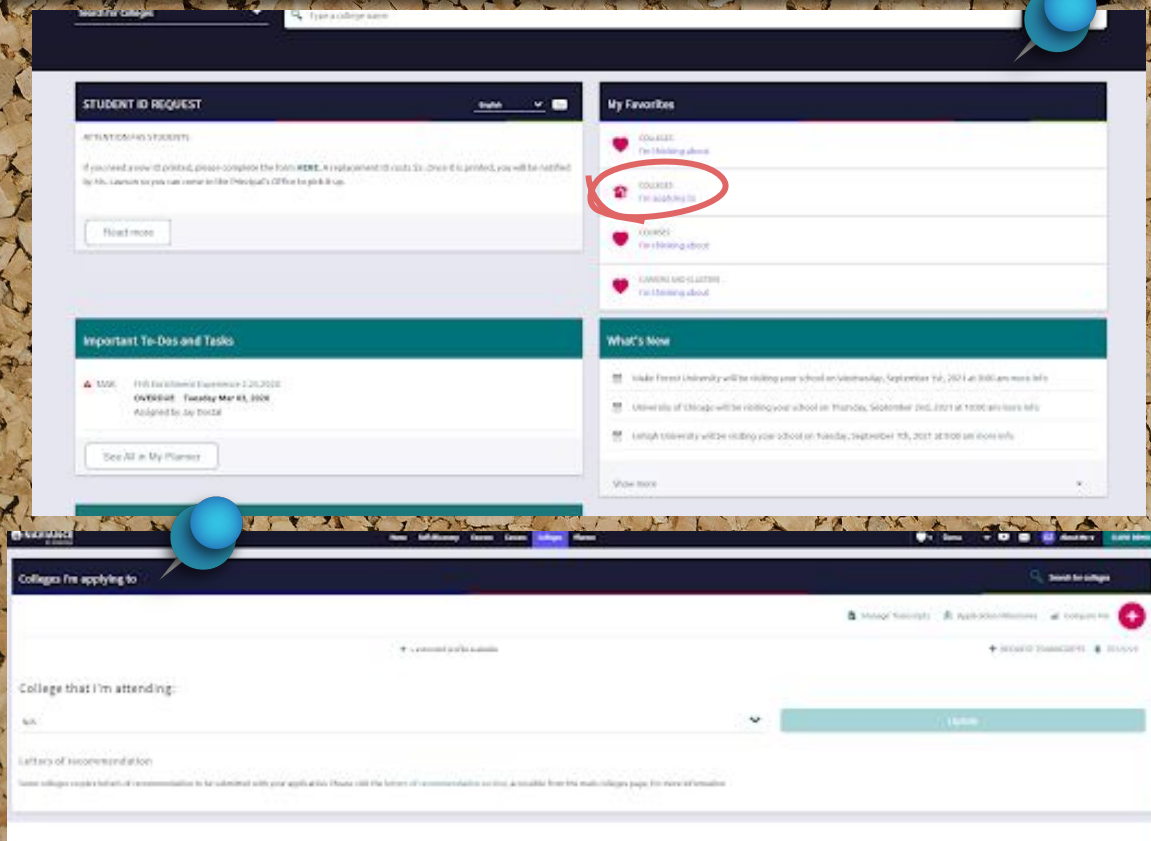
## Questions to ask yourself

- Will I be supported? (health, academics, social)
- Can I pursue my interests here?
- Will I be comfortable being me?
- Is the experience worth the cost?

## Other factors

- Cost
- Distance from home
- Size
- Setting

# Creating a college list on Naviance





The screenshot displays the Naviance website interface. At the top, there is a search bar labeled "Search for colleges" and a navigation menu with links: Home, Self-Assessment, Research, Colleges, and Plans. The main content area is divided into several sections:


- STUDENT ID REQUEST:** A section with a "Status" dropdown and a message: "ATTENTION! NO STUDENTS: If you need your ID printed, please complete the form HERE. A replacement ID costs \$5. Once it is printed, you will be notified by Mr. Larnick so you can come to the Principal's Office to pick it up." Below this is a "Read more" button.
- My Favorites:** A section with a list of items, each with a heart icon and a link: "COLLEGE: For thinking about", "COLLEGE: For applying to" (highlighted with a red circle), "COLLEGE: For thinking about", and "FURNISHING AND PLANNING: For thinking about".
- Important To-Dos and Tasks:** A section with a task: "100% FHS Fall Semester Experience 2/21/2020 Overdue: Tuesday Mar 03, 2020 Assigned by Jay Tosta". Below this is a "See All in My Planner" button.
- What's New:** A section with news items: "Wake Forest University will be visiting your school on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021 at 9:00 am more info", "University of Chicago will be visiting your school on Thursday, September 2nd, 2021 at 10:00 am more info", and "Lough University will be visiting your school on Friday, September 3rd, 2021 at 10:00 am more info". Below this is a "View More" button.

Below the main content area, there is a section titled "Colleges I'm applying to" with a search bar and a list of colleges. Below this is a section titled "College that I'm attending:" with a dropdown menu and a "Update" button. At the bottom, there is a section titled "Letters of Recommendation" with a message: "Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the letters of recommendation section available from the multi-colleges page for more information."

# Creating a college list on Naviance


For colleges NOT on Common App list, you will add them manually in Naviance.

 Cancel


**STEP 1** — **STEP 2**  
Add Application Request Transcript

Which college are you applying to?


University of Arkansas 

Colleges already in your application list would be unavailable for selection.

App type

Rolling May 15 

I'll submit my application

Direct to the institution 

☐ I've submitted my application

Add Application **ADD AND REQUEST TRANSCRIPT**

# Creating a college list on Naviance



College I'm applying to

Search for colleges

Manage Transcripts Application Materials Compare Colleges

+ Record Transcript

College that I'm attending:

Letters of recommendation

Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the letters of recommendation section, accessible from the main colleges page, for more information.



Record College Application Transcript

Use this form to request transcripts for your college applications. You can request additional transcripts, such as college transcripts later using Add Transcript Request from your application list. Any missing transcript requests for the chosen college applications will not be shown. You can check the status of any transcript request in Manage Transcript.

What type of transcript are you requesting?

☒ Initial

☐ Add class

☐ Final

What additional materials, if any, do you want included?

☐ Unofficial SAT scores

☐ Unofficial ACT scores

Where are you sending the transcript to?

No response

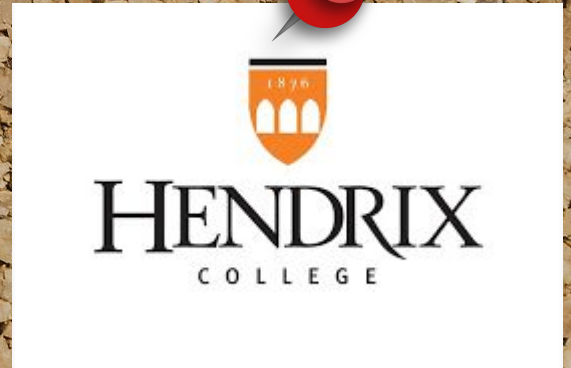
Review and Save

For colleges on Common App list, you must add the transcript request manually.



Virtual Fair  
October 5

# COLLEGE FAIRS



# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

ACT

SAT

## 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](https://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](https://collegeboard.org)

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

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

## 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 will be used for placement only
- 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.


# Private Scholarships

- Local scholarships
  - Local schools (ex: MHS PTSO)
  - Local, state, or national civic groups (JCL or Elks Lodge)
  - Local and national businesses
  - Parent or student work, church affiliation, civic group
- Heritage based scholarship
- Scholarship Search engines
- Need-based, merit-based - some will be both
- FAFSA is usually NOT required
- Visit [MHS Scholarship List](#) - Check weekly for updates.

\*\*\* Never, Ever pay for scholarship searches!!!

# Dates to Remember

- **October 5:** College Fair (virtual)
- **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 2-6:** Senior Final Exams
- **May 18:** Graduation Rehearsal, Jack Stephens Center, UALR
- **May 21, 9 AM:** Graduation, Jack Stephens Center, UALR



PCSSD  
School Calendar



# Sources for Information

Check your  
email DAILY!

[dosborne@pcssd.org](mailto:dosborne@pcssd.org)

MHS Counseling  
Department

Senior  
Schoology  
Course

JGMN-93PH-8V8S3

Arkansas Next  
Magazine