



# SENIOR GUIDANCE

Welcome, Class of 2018!

Get your phones out!

Text “@counsmhs” to 81010

## Receive announcements about:

- College Nights
- College Visits at Lunch
- Scholarships
- SAT & ACT Testing
- GO Center
- Senior activities

# AGENDA

Graduation Responsibility

Graduation Plans

Ordering a Transcript

Testing: STAAR, SAT, ACT

GPA

Getting into College

Financial Aid

Upcoming Events



A-Brov

**Brow-Dax**

Day-Gt

**Gu-Joq**

Jor-Masq

**Masr-Orth**

Orti-Rof

**Rog-Thol**

Thom-Z

**AVID**

STEM Academy

Dr. Pyatt

**Ms. Benson**

Mrs. Lewis

**Mrs. Bandy**

Ms. David

**Mrs. Moeller**

Mrs. Galbreath

**Mrs. Kingen**

Mrs. Davis

**Mrs. Thompson**

Mrs. Stringer

WHO IS MY  
COUNSELOR?

**CHANGES!**



**KEEP  
CALM**  
AND SEE YOUR  
**SCHOOL  
COUNSELOR**

# YOUR GRADUATION, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

When you need help, know how and where to get it!

# GRADUATION RESPONSIBILITY

- Check high school credits
- Pass STAAR EOC tests
- Know requirements for acceptance to universities
- Know qualifications for NCAA to play sport for college
- Avoid last minute issues: grades, attendance, discipline



# GRADUATION PLANS

Foundation

Foundation w/Endorsement

Distinguished Achievement



# GRADUATION PLANS

## Foundation Plan



22 Credits

- 4 English
- 3 Math
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 2 years same Foreign Lang
- 1 PE
- 1 Fine Art
- 5 Electives

**May attend:**

Community College  
Military  
Job

# GRADUATION PLANS

## Foundation w/Endorsement



26 Credits

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 3 Social Studies\*
- 2 years same Foreign Lang
- 1 PE
- 1 Fine Art
- 7 Electives (Endorsement\*)

### MAY ATTEND:

4-Year University  
Community College  
Military  
Job

\*Some universities still favor  
4 Social Studies.

**ENDORSEMENT** = Collection of electives in  
the same area of study



# GRADUATION PLANS

## Distinguished Achievement



26 Credits

- 4 English
- 4 Math (Alg 2\*)
- 4 Science
- 3 Social Studies\*
- 2 years same Foreign Lang
- 1 PE
- 1 Fine Art
- 7 Electives (Endorsement)

\*One of the 4 Math courses must be Alg 2

\*Some universities still favor 4 Social Studies.

# ENDORSEMENTS

Arts & Humanities  
Business & Industry  
Public Service  
STEM

# ENDORSEMENTS

## Arts & Humanities

English

Fine Arts

Foreign  
Language

Social  
Studies

# ENDORSEMENTS

## Business & Industry

Agriculture

Architecture

A/V Comm

Bus. Mgmt.

Finance

Hospitality

Info. Tech

Language Arts

Manufacturing

Marketing

Transportation

# ENDORSEMENTS

## Public Service

Education

Health  
Sciences

Human  
Services

Law &  
Public  
Safety

# ENDORSEMENTS

## STEM

Science

Technology

Engineering

Math



# PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Recognition of outstanding performance

# PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Dual Credit course(s)

Bilingualism or biliteracy

AP test(s)

PSAT/SAT/ACT

Business or Industry certification(s)



# TRANSCRIPTS

Documentation of progress in high school

# TRANSCRIPTS

## What's on it?

- All courses attempted
- Grades
- Number of Credits
- GPA
- Class Rank
- Graduation Plan

## Ordering a Transcript

- Order from Mrs. Broker in the Counseling Office
- FREE electronic submission through TREX
- \$3.00 if your college does not take TREX
  - Provide addressed, stamped envelope

# TRANSCRIPTS

## *Transcript Request Form* Martin High School

ID# (REQUIRED) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_

**TREX (electronic exchange) (!check list!)**

**TEXAS public or private schools**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED (mailed or picked up)**

**Not on TX list / Out of State / Personal**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

*There is a \$3.00 charge for any printed transcript. Students are also required to provide stamped, addressed envelopes for any transcripts to be mailed by Martin High School.*

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION

SENDedu™  
secure document transfer



## TRANSCRIPTS

Applying through  
Common App or SendEDU?

No need to order a  
transcript!

Counselor will upload  
transcript for you!



# TESTING

STAAR End-of-Course Exams (EOCs)

SAT/ACT

Semester Exams

# STAAR TESTING REQUIREMENTS

## END-OF-COURSE EXAMS

- Algebra 1
- Biology
- English 1
- English 2
- U.S. History



## RETAKES

- December
- March (Eng 1 and Eng 2)
- May (Alg 1, Bio, and US Hist)

# SAT & ACT

Junior College does not require SAT or ACT.

## SAT

- Measures general verbal, mathematical reasoning, and writing skills
- Offered at UTA
  - October
  - November
  - January
  - March
  - May
  - June

## ACT

- Measures more specific high school curricula
- Offered at UTA or Mansfield Summit
  - October
  - December
  - February
  - April (UTA only)
  - June (UTA only)

# SAT & ACT

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

SAT – [www.sat.collegeboard.com](http://www.sat.collegeboard.com)

ACT – [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

School Code: 440236

*Watch  
deadlines!*

Scores must be sent directly to  
the college you apply to

*FEE WAIVERS for  
Free/Reduced Lunch*

# SEMESTER EXAM EXEMPTIONS

- 80+ average in the course
- No more than 3 excused absences in the course
  - Senior College Visit days do NOT count toward this
- No more than 2 tardies in the course
- No unexcused absences in the course
- No OCS during the semester

# GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Class Rank

GPA Exemptions



# GPA & CLASS RANK

- Valedictorian = student with highest Grade Point Average
- Salutatorian = student with second highest Grade Point Average
- Summa Cum Laude (Top 2%)
- Magna Cum Laude (Top 10%)
- Cum Laude (Top 20%)
- Honor Graduates (10.0+ GPA)

Final ranking determined after  
5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>-Weeks completed



# GPA EXEMPTIONS

## What is it? How do I use it?

- Credit awarded, but grade not calculated into GPA
- Juniors & Seniors only
- Use when
  - Fearful of poor or failing grade in an upper level course
  - A high grade in a regular elective course would bring GPA down
    - EXAMPLE: If GPA is 12.83, a 100 (12.0) would lower your GPA

## Process

- Must declare during 1<sup>st</sup> 3 weeks of each semester
- Must be a course that is not required by graduation plan
- Get form from Mrs. Broker
- Follow Mrs. Broker's instructions

# GETTING INTO COLLEGE

What are you doing after graduation?



# WHAT ARE YOU DOING AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

- College?
  - 4 year university?
  - 2 year community college?
- Technical school?
- Military?
- Work?
- Missions, Community Service?

# GETTING INTO COLLEGE

## Listen to announcements!

- Scholarship opportunities
- Colleges visiting MHS during lunch
- Tuesday evening College Nights



## Library

Mon/Wed	7am-3:30pm
Tues/Thurs	9am-3:30pm
Friday	9:30am-12:30pm



## UTA Admissions Help Library

Mon/Tues 8:30am-3:45pm





# GETTING INTO COLLEGE

## Compare Colleges

- Majors, programs of study
- Costs, financial assistance
- Location
- Size
- Opportunities





# GETTING INTO COLLEGE

## **Know admissions criteria**

- Deadlines
- SAT/ACT scores
  - Do they require SAT II?
- High school courses required
- Essay
- Interview
- Letters of recommendation
- Extra-curricular involvement
- Volunteer

*Is there a separate admissions process for the College of your Major?*

# GETTING INTO COLLEGE

## **Automatic Admission**

- Top 10% of graduating class
  - UT Austin Top 7%
- Distinguished Achievement grad plan
- Still must apply!

## **NCAA Eligibility**

- Students hoping to play sports for college
- [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org)
- [corecoursegpa.com](http://corecoursegpa.com)
- See Mrs. Broker and coaches for assistance

# GETTING INTO COLLEGE

## **Send applications now!**

Texas colleges and universities  
[www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)

## **Deadlines! Deadlines! Deadlines!**

College applications

SAT/ACT

Scholarships

## **Letters of Recommendation**

- College Application – if specified
- Scholarships – usually 2-3
- Give writer 2 weeks notice before deadline!
- Give writer a copy of your Brag Sheet
- Give writer an addressed, stamped envelope for them to mail it for you
  - Some recommendations submitted online



## SENIOR COLLEGE DAYS

- 2 days allowed
- Days are excused
- See Attendance Clerk ahead of time
- Get form to take with you
- Have college Admissions Office or Financial Office personnel stamp form
- Bring form back to Attendance Clerk

# ARMED FORCES

**All males register for Selective Service  
upon reaching the age of 18.**

**[www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)**



# FINANCIAL AID

Help paying for College





Get Scholarships sent to  
your phone! Text  
@counsmhs to 81010

FAFSA.ED.GOV

COLLEGEANSWER.COM

COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

MHS WEBSITE, COUNSELORS

MONTHLY BULLETINS ON WEBSITE & SENT

VIA REMIND (@COUNSMHS)

AISD WEBSITE, GUIDANCE AND  
COUNSELING DEPT.





# FAFSA

Must complete FAFSA  
application to be considered  
for many scholarships and  
university financial assistance

Create ID now!  
[www.fsaaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaaid.ed.gov)

Application opens  
Oct 1<sup>st</sup>



**COLLEGE**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Senior Parent Night**

7pm Sept 12 in  
Little Theater

### **College and Career Night**

6:30pm Thurs, Sept 21 at  
UTA Maverick Activity Center

### **Mini College Nights**

5pm-7pm at MHS

Sept 12 in Little Theater Lobby

Oct 10 in Library Lobby

# SENIOR AWARDS

To be considered for any Senior Award, you must submit a Nomination Form.

Get Nomination Form  
from any teacher.



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