



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

Dr. Pyatt

Brow-Dax

Ms. Benson

Day-Gt

Mrs. Lewis

Gu-Joq

Mrs. Bandy

Jor-Masq

Ms. David

Masr-Orth

Mrs. Moeller

Orti-Rof

Mrs. Galbreath

Rog-Thol

Mrs. Kingen

Thom-Z

Mrs. Davis

AVID

Mrs. Thompson

STEM Academy

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

22 Credits

GRADUATION PLANS

Foundation Plan

- 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



26 Credits

GRADUATION PLANS

Foundation w/Endorsement

- 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



26 Credits

GRADUATION PLANS

Distinguished Achievement



- 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

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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



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

*Watch
deadlines!*

SAT - www.sat.collegeboard.com

**Scores must be sent directly to
the college you apply to**

ACT - www.actstudent.org

School Code: 440236

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
5th 6th-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 1st 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

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| 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
- corecoursegpa.com
- See Mrs. Broker and coaches for assistance

GETTING INTO COLLEGE

Send applications now!

Texas colleges and universities
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



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.fsaid.ed.gov

Application opens
Oct 1st



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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