

**MEETING THE CHALLENGE
OF
COLLEGE ADMISSION**



**OFFICE OF STUDENT PERSONNEL SERVICES
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT**

**SENIOR PACKET
FOR THE
CLASS OF 2010-2011**



“HOME OF THE TIGERS”

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Dear Senior:

Enclosed is a query to help aid you in the career planning process. Please review the query and complete all questions accordingly. It is imperative that you complete this questionnaire in order for your counselor to update your high school transcripts and help you apply to the schools (colleges, universities, technical schools) of your choice. Please be sure to answer all questions regarding Clubs, Activities, and Sports in order for your records to be updated correctly.

Once you have completed the query, **return it to your homeroom teacher**, who will send all questionnaires to guidance.

You will also find the following in this packet:

(These items are for you to keep, and bring to your individual meeting with your counselor)

- A document titled Necessary Steps for College. Please read this document carefully.
- A College Admission Checklist which must be submitted with all of your college applications and documents.
- A list of New Jersey Colleges
- Important information on testing needed for colleges/universities

You may pick up additional College Admission Checklist in guidance. If you have a question regarding the necessary steps, please email your guidance counselor.

Thank you,

MHS Guidance Department

Steps for College 2010-2011

Student Name: _____

Counselor: _____

NECESSARY STEPS:

STEP 1: Search collegeboard.com

- _____ Fill out MHS lunch application **(by Sept 24th or ASAP)**
- _____ See your counselor for SAT fee waiver/college application fee waiver **(ASAP)**
- _____ Create an account (username/password) **(by Oct 30th)**
- _____ Register for the SAT's (Oct, Nov, Dec, and/or Jan) **(one month before each test)**
- _____ Search "Find Your Match" to find the right college for you **(By Oct 30th)**
- _____ Search for scholarships @ **collegeboard.com** and/or **fastweb.com** **(By Nov 1st)**
- _____ Visit **commonapp.org** to see which of your colleges use this type of application
 - (Go to "All Members") **(by Oct 30th)**
 - Check out which supplements are necessary **(by Oct 31st)**
 - Print out "Teacher Recommendation Form" & give to 2 teachers. **(by Oct 31st)**

STEP 2:

- _____ Ask teachers (2) for recommendation letters **(by Nov. 15th)**
- _____ Locate the Application Essay **(by Nov 1st)**
- _____ Check the appl. deadline (Rolling Admissions?) **(By Nov 1st)**
- _____ Write your college application essay(s) **(by Nov 15th)**
- _____ Narrow your college search (Reach, Target, Safety) **(by Nov 30th)**
- _____ Register for several colleges "Open House" dates **(by Dec 1st)**
- _____ Apply to 3 – 8+ colleges/universities online or paper **(by Dec 20th)**

STEP 3:

- ___ Give your counselor the items listed below **for each college (By Dec 20th)**
 - ___ **completed paper college application** (if applicable)
 - ___ **self-addressed envelopes**
 - ___ **check or fee waiver**
 - ___ **stamps** (4 per application)
 - ___ **rec'd letters** (2)
 - ___ **college application essay**
 - ___ **resume** (if applicable)

SUGGESTED STEPS:

- ___ Determine if ***Early Decision*** is right for you (**Oct 30th**)
- ___ Attend MHS College Fair (**October 19th**)
- ___ Take a virtual tour on college website (**by Nov 15th**)
- ___ Contact a college counselor (**by Nov 1st**)
- ___ Register for the **SAT Subject Tests** (**by Nov 1st**)
- ___ Take the ACT. Register at actstudent.org (Fort Lee, Ridgefield Park, and Secaucus) (**By Nov 1st**)
- ___ Take part in MHS “Onsite” w/various colleges (**various dates**)
All “onsite” will be written on a monthly calendar sent to all seniors and juniors.
- ___ Art Majors need to create a portfolio (**Begin Oct 1st**)

Note: Please allow 2 weeks for application to be processed. Guidance counselors will not be held responsible for any applications and/or documents handed in late.



“HOME OF THE TIGERS”

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

**ADDRESS: MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL
5501 PARK AVENUE
WEST NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY 07093**

PHONE: 201 553.4110 Ext. 7044 or 7045

CEEB CODE: 311595

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS: Stacey Bogert; Peggy Cave-Harriot; Peter Cosgrove; Frank Gioia; Brenda Gould; Linda Monforte; Silvia Rodriguez; Albert Sosa; Zulema Zelwian.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Alina Mendoza

WHAT TESTS DO I NEED TO TAKE?

MOST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REQUIRE THAT YOU TAKE CERTAIN TESTS BEFORE YOU APPLY FOR ADMISSION. THE SPECIFIC TEST WILL NORMALLY BE LISTED IN THE INFORMATION BULLETIN PUBLISHED BY EACH SCHOOL. THE TWO STANDARDIZED TESTS USED PRIMARILY FOR ADMISSION TO COLLEGE ARE THE SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT) AND THE AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT). IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE YOU TAKE THE TEST THAT IS REQUIRED BY THE COLLEGES TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING.

TEST SCORES ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IF A COLLEGE DOES NOT HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH A PARTICULAR HIGH SCHOOL. ONE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS DESCRIBED THEM AS “A CONSISTENT PIECE OF INFORMATION TO ADD TO THE OVERALL EVALUATION.” SINCE THE U.S. HAS NO OFFICIAL NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, IT IS A QUICK WAY TO COMPARE APPLICANTS FROM THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS.

STANDARDIZED TESTS ARE ADMINISTERED BY INDEPENDENT TESTING ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE IN PRINCETON, N.J., AND THE ACT IN IOWA CITY, IOWA.

IT IS NECESSARY TO REGISTER WITH A TESTING ORGANIZATION FOR A TEST DATE AND LOCATION AND PAY A FEE TO TAKE THE TEST REQUIRED BY THE SCHOOLS TO WHICH YOU APPLY. THE TESTING ORGANIZATION WILL SCORE YOUR TEST AND SEND THE RESULTS TO THE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES YOU HAVE INDICATED.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO PLAN AHEAD. IT CAN TAKE MANY MONTHS FROM THE TIME YOU REQUEST THE TESTING INFORMATION, REGISTER, TAKE THE TEST AND ULTIMATELY HAVE THE TEST SCORES ARRIVE AT THE UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS OFFICE. IT IS NECESSARY THAT YOUR SCORES ARRIVE AT THE UNIVERSITY AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME AS YOUR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION. YOU MUST HAVE TAKEN THE TEST AT LEAST TWO MONTHS BEFORE YOU NEED THE OFFICIAL TEST SCORES AVAILABLE.

THERE ARE MANY ADVANTAGES TO TAKING THE SAT AND/OR THE ACT IN THE SPRING OF YOUR JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL. YOU WILL HAVE TIME BEFORE YOUR SENIOR YEAR TO TAKE A PREP COURSE OR TUTORIAL, OR STUDY MORE ON YOUR OWN IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH YOUR SCORES AND WANT TO RETAKE THE TEST IN THE AUTUMN OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR. YOU WILL ALSO BE BETTER ABLE TO PLAN YOUR SENIOR YEAR.

YOU WILL START RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BEFORE YOUR SENIOR YEAR. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU WILL GO TO SCHOOL AND THEREFORE DO NOT WHICH TEST ARE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER TAKING BOTH THE ACT AND SAT.

SAT:

THE SAT IS THE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION OF CHOICE IN EAST AND WEST COAST SCHOOLS. IT MEASURES THE CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS YOU WILL NEED TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE BY ASSESSING HOW WELL YOU ANALYZE AND SOLVE PROBLEMS. THE TEST, WITH BREAKS, IS OVER FOUR HOURS LONG AND HAS THREE MAJOR SECTIONS: CRITICAL READING, MATH, AND WRITING. EACH SECTION IS SCORED ON A SCALE OF 200-800. THERE ARE TWO WRITING SUB-SCORES, ONE FOR THE MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS AND ONE FOR THE ESSAY. THE 25 MINUTE ESSAY SECTION IS ALWAYS THE FIRST SECTION AND THE 10 MINUTE MULTIPLE-CHOICE WRITING SECTION IS THE LAST. THE OTHER SIX 25 MINUTE SECTIONS AND TWO 20 MINUTE SECTIONS CAN APPEAR IN ANY ORDER.

ACT:

ANOTHER STANDARDIZED TEST USED FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION IS THE AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT). IT IS VERY POPULAR IN THE MIDWEST BUT IS GAINING ACCEPTANCE ELSEWHERE. IN FACT, MOST COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S., INCLUDING THE IVY LEAGUE SCHOOLS, ACCEPT IT. THE TEST LASTS TWO HOURS AND 55 MINUTES AND CONTAINS FOUR SECTIONS THAT MEASURE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, READING, AND SCIENCE. THERE IS ALSO AN OPTIONAL 30 MINUTE WRITING TEST. SOME SCHOOLS MAY REQUIRE THE WRITING SECTION, SO BE SURE TO ASK BEFORE YOU TAKE THE TEST. IT IS USUALLY TAKEN DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER OF YOUR JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL. THE ACT IS RELATED DIRECTLY TO WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED IN HIGH SCHOOL. BY MEASURING THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED IN COLLEGE, THE TEST SHOWS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT YOU HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE STUDENT. THE ACT INCLUDES A UNIQUE INTEREST INVENTORY SECTION THAT PROVIDES VALUABLE INFORMATION TO HELP PLAN YOUR EDUCATION AND YOUR CAREER. IT ALSO INCLUDES A COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT PROFILE SECTION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STANDARDIZED TESTS, YOU CAN VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

- WWW.COLLEGEBOBACAD.COM TEST AND COURSE PREPARATION MATERIALS
- WWW.ACT.ORG TEST PREPARATION INFORMATION FOR ACT
- WWW.PRINCETONREVIEW.COM TEST PREPARATION ADVICE AND SERVICES
- WWW.ONLINETESTPREP.COM FREE ONLINE SERVICES & SOFTWARE FOR SALE
- WWW.SPARKNOTES.COM ONLINE STUDY GUIDES
- WWW.POWERPREP.COM FREE ONLINE SOFTWARE AND TEST PREPARATION

TRANSITION PLANNING--QUERY FOR SENIORS 2010-2011

*First Name

M.I.

*Last Name

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MHS I.D. #

Homeroom#

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1. *What kind of occupations/work interests you? What are your career plans after high school?*

2. *After high school I plan to: (Circle one choice below.)*

	<i>In-State</i>	<i>Out of State</i>
A. <i>Attend a four-year college</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. <i>Attend a two-year college</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. <i>Attend a trade, technical, or business school</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. <i>Enter one of the armed services</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. <i>Seek employment</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. <i>I am undecided</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. <i>Apprenticeship Program</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you plan to attend college or a trade, technical, or business school, complete questions 3 through 9; if not, complete questions 8 through 9.

3. *I have sent for the*

Following applications:

I have visited:

I plan to apply to:

4. I have asked the following teachers for letters of recommendation:

5. Have you prepared a list of your activities? Yes _____ No _____

If so, have you given it to your teachers? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have a copy in your personal folder? Yes _____ No _____

6. I plan to apply: Early Decision _____ Early Action _____ Regular _____

7. Do you need help with your college essays? Yes _____ No _____

8. I plan to attend college, but I have done little or nothing yet. (Circle statement if correct.)

9. When is the most convenient time for you to see your counselor?

Before School _____ Elective periods _____ Study Hall period _____

10. Would your parents like a conference? Yes _____ No _____

11. If you don't plan to continue your education after graduation,
Could you use some assistance in planning your future? Yes _____ No _____

12. If you are submitting or registering for college or university, you must fill out the applications **and bring them to your Guidance Counselor with a stamped envelope addressed to the college or university you will be attending.**

13. If you are submitting a college or university application for early decision or early action, the Guidance Counselor must have the complete application in the Office of Student Personnel Services (Guidance Dept.) by **December 1st 2010.**

14. If you are submitting a college or university application online on your computer, **you must first print a copy for your Guidance Counselor and one for your records** before sending it to the college or university. **Your Guidance Counselor needs the copy to be able to send an Official Transcript.**

15. What is your Goal in the future?

(I.e. Teacher, Lawyer, Doctor, etc...)

16. **Clubs/Sports Activities:** Include all four years at Memorial High School experience:
 a) National Honor Society(NHS) b) Key Club International c) Tomorrow's Teachers d) French Club e) Spanish Club f) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
 g) Achievers in Memorial

Year	Club/Activities/Sports	Advisor

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THE LINE. FOR COUNSELOR USE ONLY

I will be attending (Name of School) _____

Location/Address: _____

Major area of study: _____

Estimated Financial Aid Amount: Grant: \$ _____ *Loan: \$* _____ *Work Study: \$* _____

Scholarship: _____ *Amount:* _____
 (Name of Scholarship)

Berkeley College

Garret Mountain Campus
44 Rifle Camp Road
West Paterson, NJ 07424
973-278-5400
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Newark Campus
536 Broad Street
Newark, NJ 07102
973-642-3888
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Paramus Campus
64 East Midland Ave.
Paramus, NJ 07652
201-967-9667
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Woodbridge Campus
430 Rahway Avenue
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
732-750-1800
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Bloomfield College

467 Franklin Street
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
973-748-9000
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Caldwell College

9 Ryerson Avenue
Caldwell, NJ 07006
973-618-3000
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

New Jersey Institute of Technology

University Heights
Newark, NJ 07102
973-596-3000
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Princeton University

Princeton, NJ 08544
609-258-3000
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Ramapo College

505 Ramapo Valley Road
Mahwah, NJ 07430
201-684-7500
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Richard Stockton College

P.O. Box 195
Pomona, NJ 08240
609-652-1776
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Rider University

2083 Lawrenceville Road
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
609-896-5000
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Rowan University

201 Mullica Hill Road
Glassboro, NJ 08028
856-256-4000

COLLEGES IN NEW JERSEY

Centenary College

400 Jefferson Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
908-852-1400

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

The College of New Jersey

P.O. Box 7718
Ewing, NJ 08628
609-771-1855

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

College of Saint Elizabeth

2 Convent Road
Morristown, NJ 07960
973-290-4000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Drew University

36 Madison Avenue
Madison, NJ 07940
973-408-3000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Fairleigh Dickinson University

1000 River Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
201-692-2000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Felician College

262 South Main Street
Lodi, NJ 07644
201-559-6000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Georgian Court University

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Rutgers the State University

Camden Campus
311 North Fifth Street
Camden, NJ 08102
856-225-1766

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

New Brunswick Campus
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
732-932-4636

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Newark Campus

Newark, NJ 07102
973-353-5568

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Saint Peter's College

2641 Kennedy Boulevard
Jersey City, NJ 07306
201-915-9000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Seton Hall University

400 South Orange Avenue
South Orange, NJ 07079
973-761-9000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Stevens Institute of Technology

Castle Point on Hudson
Hoboken, NJ 07030
201-216-5000

[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Thomas Edison State College

101 West State Street

900 Lakewood Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701
800-458-8422
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Kean University

100 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083
908-737-5326
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Monmouth University

400 Cedar Avenue
West Long Branch, NJ 07764
732-571-3400
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Montclair State University

1 Normal Avenue
Upper Montclair, NJ 07043
973-655-4000
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

New Jersey City University

2039 Kennedy Boulevard
Jersey City, NJ 07305
888-441-6528
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

Trenton, NJ 08608
888-442-8372
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey

65 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ 07107
973-972-4300
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)

William Paterson University

300 Pompton Road
Wayne, NJ 07470
877-978-3923
[REQUEST INFORMATION](#)
