

College/Post High School Options: Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What if I want to apply to Montgomery College (MC)?

Add Montgomery College into “Colleges I’m Applying To” on Naviance Student and apply during the free application window. (Sign in to Naviance → Colleges (center tab) → Colleges I’m Applying To → “+” (In Red))

Q: What should I do if I would like to apply for the military?

Make sure to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test and meet with a local recruiter.

Q: What is my class rank?

MCPS does not rank.

Q: How many students are in the class of 2023?

As of 8/26/22, there are 530 students.

Q: Where can I find my GPA?

Naviance Student → About Me (Upper right corner) → My Account

Q: What gets sent to schools via Naviance?

A school profile, your school transcript, and letters of recommendation.

Q: Do you send over my SAT or ACT scores?

No, it is the student’s responsibility to send their scores to the schools. Before you send, please note that many schools are test optional or allow self reporting - review the requirements of each school you plan to apply to.

Q: How do I match my Common App to Naviance?

<https://www.commonapp.org/> → My Colleges → Pick your school → See left hand side → Recommenders and FERPA

*There is also a helpful video on Naviance Student.

Q: How do I send a request to my teachers for a letter of recommendation?

Sign in to Naviance Student → Colleges (center tab) → Letters of Recommendation

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Q: Do I need to request you (my counselor) the same way as my teachers to get a letter of recommendation?

No, you do not need to request a letter of recommendation. Once you turn in your transcript request form, it gives your counselor the signal to write you a letter of recommendation. Just make sure you update your brag sheet.

Q: What’s FERPA?

FERPA stands for The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. It is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.

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Q: Where can I get more information about financial aid?

Go to the Financial Aid Seminar on October 13 at 6:30PM.

Q: How do I check the status to see if my transcript/letters of recommendations got sent out?

You can check the status on your Naviance account.

Q: Is the SAT on 10/1 cutting it too close for early deadlines?

You can send four free score reports to colleges every time you register for the SAT. This would ensure your scores would get to the school in time. If you didn't add any schools when you registered, you can go back and add them before or up to 9 days after you've taken the SAT.

Q: When is the time I should be getting started with my college applications?

It is recommended that you do not rush through the application process, so it is important to get organized and make a list of the application deadlines. Please give yourself an ample window of time to get your applications completed.

Q: How many schools should I apply to?

Depends on you - Be mindful of which schools on your list are a safety, target, and reach school. Choose schools that are realistic options and have a mix of safety, target, and reach schools.

Q: Do I request recommendations through the Common App?

You do not need to complete the recommender section in the Common App. You will request letters of recommendations through Naviance.

Q: Do I answer the COVID question on the applications?

This is typically an optional essay in case you wanted to share how Covid-19 impacted you.

Q: Do schools only require 1 letter of recommendation?

Depends on the school you are applying to - some schools may only require one recommendation while others may require more.

Q: Would I need to apply to the college before filling out the transcript request form or can I do it after?

You can submit the transcript request form before or after starting the college application.

Q: How do we take a college off of my "Colleges I'm Applying to" list if I no longer want to apply to that school?

If you have not started your application with the school, your counselor can cancel the application on Naviance.

Q: How long does it take to get my SAT scores?

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/getting-scores>

Q: If I don't submit my SAT scores to a test optional school, will that penalize me?

Schools use a holistic review process and consider many different factors. The SAT/ACT can help support your application, but you will not be penalized if you decide not to submit your SAT/ACT score.