

Welcome to Senior Seminar

College Application Info



What are we doing today?

- Discussing the logistics of the application process at MHS so that after today you should know:
 - The different admission programs
 - The different types of applications
 - The steps to complete in Naviance
 - How to get recommendations
 - How to send transcripts
 - How/If to send test scores
 - And more
- We are not covering the college search process.
- Quick Reminder
 - [SuperMatch Tutorial](#)



Admission Programs



Early Decision

- **Early decision** plans are binding — a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college.

Early Action

- **Early action** plans are non binding — students receive an **early** response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1.



Regular Decision

- **Regular decision** is a process in which students apply by published deadlines, with promise of receiving an admissions **decision** during senior year.

Rolling Admission

- **Rolling admission** is a policy used by many colleges to admit freshmen to undergraduate programs. Under **Rolling admission**, candidates are invited to submit their applications to the university anytime within a large window.

Applications

Anatomy of the application:

- Complete the application
- Send a transcript
- Send test score(s)-or not
- Other Misc. (teacher recommendation and/or supplements)



Different types of applications:

- School Application
 - [University of Minnesota](#)
- Common Application
 - [The Common Application](#)
- Coalition Application
 - [Coalition application](#)

Naviance



The Common Application

- After finishing the education section of your Common Application you will need to match your Common Application to your Naviance account.
 - Complete the FERPA statement in the Common Application
 - Match accounts in Naviance
 - Student Naviance Account
 - Common App and Naviance Match Tutorial



Recommendations



Teacher Recommendations

1. Contact your teacher through schoology or email to discuss if they would be willing to write a recommendation.
2. If they agree, go to your Naviance account and select your teacher from the drop down list.
 - a. [Student Naviance Account](#)
 - b. [Teacher Recommendation Tutorial](#)
3. Please allow 3 weeks for your teacher to process your request.

Counselor Recommendations

1. If a counselor recommendation is required, we are happy to help you.
2. Go to your Naviance account and complete the senior questionnaire in the About Me section. No need to select us from the drop down list.
 - a. [Student Naviance Account](#)
 - b. [Counselor Recommendation Tutorial](#)
3. Your counselor may wish to speak to you about your request. (senior meeting)
4. Please allow 3 weeks for your counselor to process your request.

Transcripts



Transcript Release Form

- Available from your counselor or the College and Career Center
 - [Minnetonka transcript release form](#)
 - [2021 transcript release form tutorial](#)
- When you sign this form you are giving us permission to send your transcript to all the schools, scholarships or other agencies that you determine.

Test Scores

Sent by the student only, not by MHS. IMPORTANT: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many colleges and universities have adopted a test-optional policy in admissions. A comprehensive list is available on the FairTest [website](#).

ACT



- You will need to know the username and password you used to create your account.
- Once you have signed in you will need to click send my scores.

Test Practice

- Method Test Prep
 - [Method Test Prep Tutorial](#)

SAT



- This is the same account you used to see your AP scores (if you have them). AP Scores are not needed for applications, though.



Financial Aid



FAFSA= Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Opens October 1, 2021

Use this form to apply for need-based financial aid. You can list up to 10 colleges in your FAFSA application.

Website is: www.fafsa.gov

Mobile Site: myStudentAid Mobile Application

Available on the Apple Store or Google Play



Financial Aid



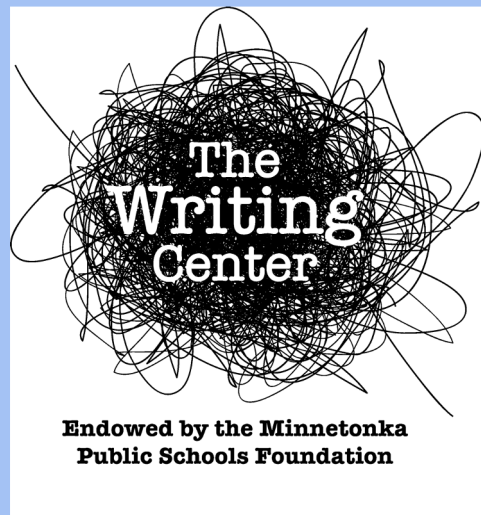
The Process:

- 1) Get a FAFSA ID (parent AND student need one)
- 2) Gather resources
 - a) Social Security Numbers;
 - b) Banking Balances;
 - c) Taxes from 2020 for parent (and student, if applicable);
 - d) Information about other investments other than the house you live in.
- 3) Fill out the FAFSA and send to the colleges you are applying to!
- 4) MHS will offer a financial aid workshop on October 25 at 4:00 and 7:00 pm



Writing Center Help

- The adults in the Writing Center are coaches who can provide individualized guidance and strategies for writers as they work on college essays.
- It is possible to set up an appointment with the Writing Center at OnBoard.na.rapidbiz.com using your student ID as your user name and your lunch code (once) as your password.





Still have questions about this process at MHS?

Contact your [Counselor](#)