



## **SENIOR INFORMATION SHEET**

**Class of 2019 Remind: Text @19mhstiger to 81010**

### **HIGHER EDUCATION**

Students who plan to enroll in a Texas public college (2 or 4 year) must show college readiness by taking a placement test before enrolling in any college coursework. Examples are the Texas Success Initiative (TSI), and Texas Higher Education Assessment Test (THEA). High scores on SAT or ACT may exempt students from taking such placement tests. Please contact Colleges and Universities directly for more information.

### **SAT and ACT**

The SAT and ACT are standardized tests that almost all 4 year colleges and universities use to help determine admission, placement and scholarships. Community and Junior Colleges usually do not require either test for admission. The test can be taken as many times as desired. Registration is done online and usually at least five weeks in advance.

#### **SAT Test Dates:**

\*October 6  
\*November 3  
\*December 1  
March 9  
\*May 4  
\*June 1

#### **Registration Deadline**

September 7  
October 5  
November 2  
February 8  
April 5  
May 3

#### **ACT Test Dates:**

September 8  
October 27  
December 8  
February 9  
April 13  
June 8  
July 13

#### **Registration Deadline**

August 10  
September 28  
November 2  
January 11  
March 8  
May 3  
June 14

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

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

\*On this date, the test are given at MHS

+ All test dates for SAT (except March 9) & ACT are given at Legacy HS

\*\*Late Registration deadlines are not included- see registration booklets for these dates.

### **SAT SUBJECT TESTS**

Some colleges require students to take the subject (SAT II) tests (ex. UT for certain programs, and Rice). These subject tests are given on specific SAT test dates. Check with the college that you plan to attend to verify whether these tests are needed.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

The Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) is available October 1, 2018. The web address is [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov). The information for the FAFSA is based on your parent's 2017 income tax information. Through this application, eligibility is determined for grants, work-study, loans, and need based scholarships. There will be a financial aid seminar during the MISD College and Career night. In addition to the FAFSA, some colleges will require other financial aid forms like the Profile. Some colleges will require that these forms be filled out even though your family may not qualify for any need-based aid. It is advisable that you go ahead and request a PIN number ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)) for yourself and for your parents so that you can begin the FAFSA application as soon as possible.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The best source for scholarship information is directly from the colleges and from the MISD scholarship page ([www.mansfieldisd.org/page.cfm?p=4729](http://www.mansfieldisd.org/page.cfm?p=4729)). All scholarships received by MHS are put in the announcements, and placed on the scholarship page on the MISD website as well. The internet also has free scholarship searches. Below are just a few:

[www.collegefortexans.com](http://www.collegefortexans.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

\*\*The multi-scholarship is for students who attend MISD. The application and essay will put applicants into a pool to determine eligibility for scholarships given by local businesses and organizations. This will be available in late January and is due February 2019. Also, be sure to check with your parent's place of employment to see if scholarships are available.\*\*

## **TRANSCRIPTS**

Each college will need a transcript to determine admission. These may be obtained through the registrar's office located in the counseling center. Students or parents must request all transcripts in writing with a valid photo ID, and they can be mailed directly to the school or picked up in a sealed envelope. Please allow 48 hours to process request. Students will receive two final transcripts mailed to the home address approximately 3 weeks after graduation. Students will then need to mail or deliver their final transcript to the college/ university they decide to attend.

## **TCC DUAL CREDIT**

When applying for college admission, those who have attended TCC during their junior or senior year must request a transcript from TCC to be sent directly to the college or university where admission is being requested. The request cannot be made through MHS.

## **TEXAS GRANT**

The purpose of the Texas Grant is to provide grant money to enable well-prepared, eligible students to attend public and private colleges and universities in Texas. You can apply if you are a Texas resident, have completed the Recommended or Distinguished Achievement Plan, and have financial need. These awards can be used at a Texas college or University – both public and private. The award can be the amount equal to tuition and fees and a public college or university. Awards to private colleges and universities are based on public university tuition and fees, and students are responsible for the balance due. To apply, first complete the FAFSA form online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You will then work with the financial aid office at your college or university to see if you are eligible and to determine if funds are available. (Currently funds are not available)

For further information: <http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/reports/PDF/9662.PDF?CFID=64679340&CFTOKEN=47170232>

## **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Some college and scholarship applications will require teacher and counselor recommendations. Please give teachers and counselors at least 2 weeks to write these. The student should provide the letter writer with a resume of activities, honors, and work experience from 9<sup>th</sup> grade to the present.

## **GO CENTER**

The GO Center is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor between U & T halls, down from the Counseling Office, next to the JROTC office. Staff is available to help with college applications, FAFSA, scholarships and SAT/ACT registration.

Please remember that the most up to date college information can be found on individual college websites.

Contact information: [tigersgocenter@gmail.com](mailto:tigersgocenter@gmail.com)

## **PREVIEW DAYS/COLLEGE VISITS**

Still trying to decide on a college? Take advantage of preview days offered by colleges and universities. Contact the college to obtain information about the next preview day. Students may use up to 2 school days to visit campuses. A college day must be cleared in advance by the student's assistant principal.

## **COMMON APPLICATION**

The state offers a common application for all Texas public colleges and universities, some private colleges and universities, and some 2-year colleges. The application is available online at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)

## **NCAA Eligibility Center**

Any athlete who desires to participate in athletics at the NCAA Division I or Division II level must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. This needs to be done during the first semester of the senior year. Information and registration packets can be downloaded from the Eligibility Center website at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). Students who register via the website must request a transcript using the MISD records request form from the Counseling Center.

## **COLLEGE NIGHT**

Mansfield ISD College/Career Night – Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
MISD Center for Performing Arts from 6:00pm -8:00pm

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