



Mira Mesa High School

**POST-SECONDARY
GUIDE**

Dear Marauder,

This guide has been thoughtfully prepared to equip you with the necessary information to help you on your journey toward your future goals. We strongly recommend that you read through the entire guide carefully and discuss it with your parents. It should clarify most of your questions.

For those planning to pursue a four-year college education, staying well-organized will be key to a smooth application process. If you have not used this [tool](#) we've sent out on multiple occasions to help you organize your service hours, awards, and extracurriculars; please feel free to use it now (make sure to save a copy so you can edit). Your college applications are a chance to present the outstanding work you've achieved during high school. Don't let the process overwhelm you—take pride in how far you've come! You will need to access your unofficial transcript from PowerSchool to complete your applications. If you took dual enrollment or CBE classes and earned college credit, you will also need to send your college transcripts. You will find more information about that in this guide.

The [MMHS Counseling website - Class Page](#) is an excellent resource where you can find updates and important announcements. Seniors, you should also plan on coming to one or more of our Workshops starting in October to answer any questions which may arise as part of the application process.

Make sure to regularly check our Counseling Google Classroom, as well as email, as important information will be sent through these channels by the counseling team.

We are here to support you throughout each critical year. Wishing you all the best!

Your MMHS Counselors,

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College Applications

CaliforniaColleges.edu Link your applications and get all your info in one place
California State University and Application Tips
University of California and Application Tips
Common Application (Includes FERPA waiver info.)
Community College

Other Post-Secondary Options

Military
Apprenticeships
Service
Continuing Education & Training
San Diego Adult School

Undecided on Post-Secondary Plans?

How to Explore Majors, Colleges, Careers
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Xello Help

How to Log In to Xello through Clever
How to Search for Colleges
How to Build a Resume (used to create a Resume directly in Xello)
How to use the Portfolio (used to upload a Resume created in another program, e.g. word, google docs, etc.)

[Link Common App to Xello](#)

[How to request a Letter of Recommendation](#) (This is different from the Common App Counselor Recommendation. Talk to your counselor about the differences.)