



Welcome Class of 2025

MHS Counseling

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We are coming to see you!

- Counselors will be coming to your advisory this month to answer general college application questions.
- We will also take individual appointments.
- Appointments with one of the student support center secretaries or via your [counselor calendly link](#).

A note about senioritis...

For most students, this is your last year of free education – don't waste it

It is important to have strong ACADEMIC courses during your senior year

A note about senioritis...

- If you are entering the military after high school, your options can be limited by poor performance in your senior year.
- Colleges are very sensitive to senior year course selection and grades and can withdraw their acceptance based on the final transcript submitted.

An excerpt from a real letter

The Admissions Committee at () University has reviewed your final transcript of grades from Middleton High School. Your academic performance during the senior year was not consistent with that of your sophomore and junior years of high school.

As a result, the Admissions Committee has cancelled your admission to () University. Your registration for classes and housing reservation also have been cancelled...

We regret this action is necessary; however, *your academic performance during your senior year was substantially below the performance expected of students entering the fall semester...*

Be careful of what you are
putting out there...
Colleges are monitoring
social media sites.

*"I can't believe I'm on the stupid
waitlist! Madison sucks!!"*

#UWMADISON



College Planning 101

1. Plan realistically—avoid getting caught up in what others are doing.
2. Visit—We strongly encourage you to see the campus.
3. Allocate time to research.
4. There is no ONE right decision.

Completing an Application

- Application types vary by institution
 - The Common Application
 - Ex: Stanford, Harvard, UW-Madison, etc.
 - The UW System Application
 - La Crosse, Eau Claire, etc. ALSO UW-Madison
 - Coalition Application
 - Common Black College Application
- Individual school applications



Procedure “How to” Sheets

- Please pull out your application procedure handout that was given to you on your way in today.
- Common Application Procedure link
- 4 year and 2 year Application Procedure link

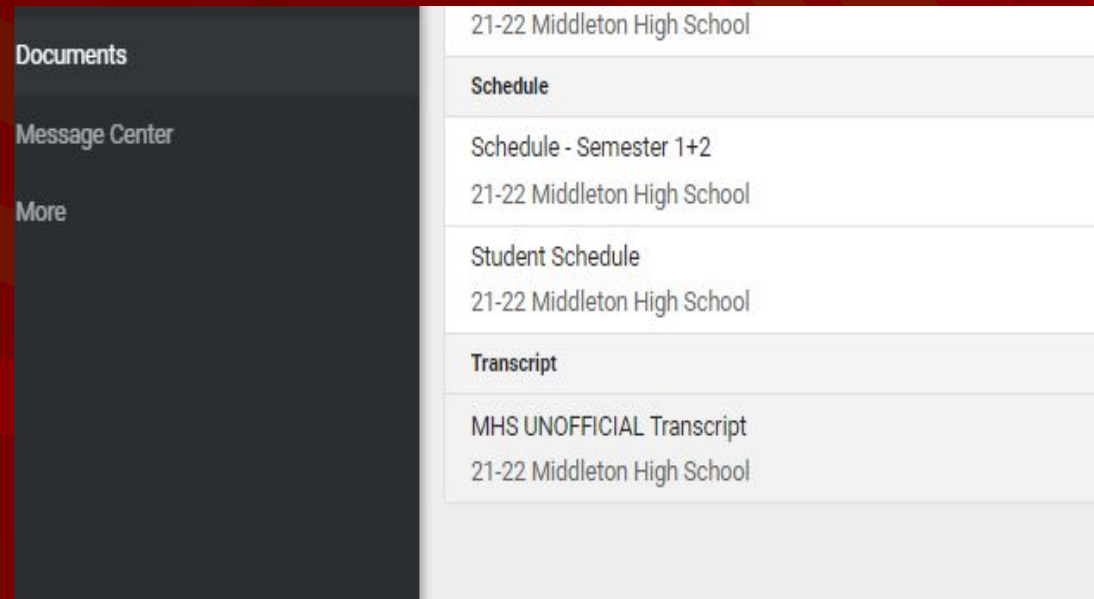
Where can I find my transcript?

-Colleges ask for the classes you have taken, grades earned, and GPA

-Your unofficial transcript can be found on Infinite Campus under DOCUMENTS

-MHS does not rank

-This year's senior class size is 575



Application deadlines vary widely

ENROLL NOW

ADMISSION

OPEN

Be aware that deadlines vary
depending on the school &
program to which you are applying.

Timeline

- October 15: Early Action for a small number of colleges
- November 1: Early Decision and Early Action deadline
- December 1: Application deadline for all applications to MHS school counselors.
- Complete List of All Early Action Deadlines for Every College With EA
- December: Redesigned FAFSA will roll out
- April: Financial aid packages will start to be sent out
- May 1: National Notification Deadline

***Watch for housing deadlines*

UW-Madison Application Deadlines

- Early Action
 - Apply by Nov 1
 - Decision on or before January 31
- Regular Decision
 - Apply after *Nov 1* but before *Jan 16*
 - Decision on or before March 31



EARLY DECISION

Typically a
Nov 1
deadline

Decision is
binding - if
you get in,
you are going

Examples:
Brown,
Macalester,
Northwestern

RESTRICTIVE EARLY ACTION

Allows
students to
apply to only
one early
action
institution and
to no
institutions
early decision

Examples:
Yale, Stanford

NON- RESTRICTIVE EARLY ACTION

No restrictions,
just getting
applications in
earlier for an
earlier result

You are showing
high interest but
the decision is
not binding

Examples:
UW-Madison,
Notre Dame

ROLLING ADMISSION

Schools that
consider
applications as
they arrive and
admit accordingly
until the
application
deadline or until
spots are filled.
These schools still
may have priority
and regular
deadlines

Example: UW-Eau
Claire priority 12/1
deadline; 2/1
regular deadline

NEW THIS YEAR: DIRECT ADMIT WISCONSIN

Direct Admit Wisconsin is an initiative by the Universities of Wisconsin to proactively offer admission to qualifying high school students in between their junior and senior years of high school.

Students must be enrolled at a participating Direct Admit high school to participate in the Direct Admit Wisconsin program.

Direct Admit Wisconsin does not require a traditional application for admission. Students offered direct admission will need to complete a Direct Admit Form.

Important Links:

Direct Admit Wisconsin Program Website:

www.wisconsin.edu/direct-admission

Universities of Wisconsin Admissions Portal

www.apply.wisconsin.edu

Direct Admit Form

Universities of Wisconsin Admissions Portal

www.apply.wisconsin.edu/direct-admit

For questions or technical assistance with the Direct Admit Form, please contact UW HELP at apply@wisconsin.edu or (800) 442-6459

Should I send my ACT/SAT scores?

Most schools are test optional (meaning they are not requiring students to send in scores) for admission purposes. School policies vary so check with your individual school.

- *If you scored within the normally accepted range for a school you are applying to, most students will choose to send their scores.*
- *If your score is below that range, you will want to consider utilizing test optional.*
 - [Higher Ed article re. test optional](#)

Letters of Recommendation

Check the application requirements of the school you're applying to. *Do you need a letter of recommendation?*

If yes, please allow sufficient time for the letter writing process (minimum of 2 weeks before your deadline).

Schools are most interested in seeing letters from teachers of core subject areas:

math, science, social studies, English and world language

DO NOT ASK MORE THAN 2 TEACHERS!

Letter of Recommendation Reminders

Remember... you are asking a busy person to do you a favor. Writing letters of recommendation can be difficult work, and some teachers get many requests. So...



1. Make sure you give the teacher plenty of time, at least 2 weeks.
2. Write a "Thank You" note to any person that writes you a letter of rec!

Counselor Letter of Recommendation

- Is a counselor letter required? Check the application requirements of the school you're applying to (some do, some do not).
- Counselors are asked to write many letters each year, in addition to the other materials they need to submit as part of college apps. Good letters require considerable time and effort and you don't want to rush a person who is trying to help you.
- If a letter is needed, complete the counselor letter of rec questionnaire found on the MHS website: [MENU- STUDENT SERVICES- POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING](#)

Scholarship Applications

In general, follow the same procedures as you would for school applications... watch for requirements such as deadlines and letters of recommendations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Outside scholarship information is available on our high school post high school planning website.
 - Some scholarship applications are available now.
- MHS local scholarship information will be sent to your home in February.
- Local scholarship recipients will be announced at MHS Local Scholarship Night.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The most important source for information on financial aid is the *FINANCIAL AID OFFICE* at the college you plan to attend.

Be sure to read the materials from the college and be aware of all the scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study opportunities available through that school.

Financial Aid Help

COLLEGE GOAL WISCONSIN

FAFSA completion events will be held in Jan 2025 and dates will be published in early October.

Virtual and in person options.

For more information: <http://collegegoalwi.org/>

NCAA

IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DIVISION I
& II ATHLETICS, STUDENTS MUST
REGISTER WITH THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY
CENTER.

REGISTRATION IS DONE ONLINE AT:

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

ACT/SAT SCORES MUST BE SENT
DIRECTLY FROM THE TESTING AGENCY
AND TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE
REQUESTED THROUGH PARCHMENT!

Looking for help and your counselor isn't available on a Friday night?

- Head to the MHS website!
 - <https://www.mcpcasd.k12.wi.us/o/mhs/page/post-high-school-planning>
 - There you will find step by step instructions for: completing college applications, requesting transcripts, completing the common app and more.

Senior photos!

- Due Nov 1st by 11:59 pm
- Submit directly to the publisher, this link will be emailed out, also on yearbook website
- If you would like your senior photo taken free of charge submit a request through the yearbook website by September 26th, photos will be taken Oct. 3rd.
- Questions? See the website or contact Paris @ jschutz@mcpasd.k12.wi.us
- <https://jschutz04.wixsite.com/mhsyearbook>

Please scan this QR code - this also serves as your attendance for today!

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GOOD LUCK SENIORS!



If you have any questions throughout this process, please make sure to contact your counselor! We are here to

help 😊

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