

# MHS Class of 2022: College Planning Timeline

## Spring 2021

- ❑ Register for late Summer or Fall SAT and/or ACT tests. For updates about testing, click here:
  - Do you need to take standardized tests to get into your colleges? [Fairtest.org](https://www.fairtest.org)
  - [SAT Updates](#)
  - [ACT Updates](#)
  - [AP Updates](#)
- ❑ Research colleges in [Naviance Student](#) and save colleges to *Colleges I'm Thinking About*.
  - Additional information: [McLean Student Services YouTube Channel](#)
- ❑ Take virtual college tours. Most colleges have virtual tours available directly on their websites.
- ❑ Participate in the **College Application Workshop** sessions - Dates will be announced
- ❑ Think about teachers you want to ask to write a **letter of recommendation** on your behalf. You are encouraged to request recommendation letters with teachers at the end of junior year. You can make this request via email.

## Summer 2021

- ❑ Complete the following items, due to your counselor by the first day of school. You will receive access to these items in May.
  - ❑ Student/Parent Questionnaire
  - ❑ Teacher Comment Form
  - ❑ Resume or Activities List
- ❑ Many college applications are available on August 1. Begin preparing for the actual application process: draft application essays; collect writing samples; and assemble portfolios or audition tapes. To brainstorm essay topics, click [here](#). Review [Common Application](#) and [Coalition Application](#) essay prompts.
- ❑ Register with the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) if you hope to play Division I or II sports.
- ❑ Begin looking for scholarships on Naviance. Check out the [FAFSA4caster](#) to estimate your eligibility for federal student aid.

## Fall 2021

- ❑ Return Transcript Request forms at least 30 days in advance of college deadlines
- ❑ Complete college applications - be aware of application and priority scholarship deadlines
- ❑ Fill out the [FAFSA](#), which is available October 1, 2021 and apply for scholarships