



McLean High School

Senior Parent Night

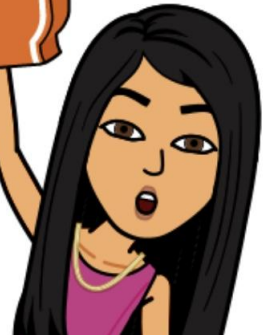
Thursday, August 25, 2022

McLean HS Student Services



Student

Services



Upcoming Events

- Senior Meetings with Counselors (8/26-8/31)
- After School College Application Workshops (9/8, 9/14)
- Parent University (9/9)
- College Rep Visits (9/12-11/2)
- Financial Aid Night (10/6 Langley HS)
- SAT Day at MHS (10/12)
- FCPS College Fair (10/16 Eagle Bank Arena)
- Be sure to read the weekly SS Newsletter!

Post High School Options

- Four Year College
- Two Year College
- Professional Technical Schools
- Apprenticeships
- Entrepreneurial Opportunities
- GAP year
- Military Options

Two Year College

- Certificate/Career programs
- Associate Degrees
- Guaranteed Transfer/Articulation Agreements



[Home](#) > [Current Students](#) > [Transfer](#) > Search

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENTS

- NOVA Advance
- Lower tuition
- Open admission

Admissions FAQs

- Is it harder to get into college now?
- Are the SAT and/or ACT required?
(fairtest.org)
- How are colleges viewing regular, honors, AP, and DE classes?
- Do GPAs matter?
- When should my student apply?

College Deadline Types

- Regular
- Rolling
- Early Decision – binding commitment!!!
- Early Action
- Restrictive Early Action
- Priority

Criteria Students Should Consider

- **Happiness:** MHS believes selectivity does not guarantee success and happiness. Only apply to schools you are excited about.
- **Size:** small, medium, large, does it also have a graduate school or a hospital, do students stay on campus all four years
- **Location:** urban, rural, suburban, how far it is from home, weather, culture fit
- **Rigor:** will you feel appropriately challenged, will this college cause you stress
- **Social:** does the vibe of the school excite you, will you enjoy the social offerings: sports, clubs, Greek life
- **Support:** does this college have what you're looking for in terms of academic support, financial support, and career support

What Colleges Look For

- Strength of academic program/course selections
- Academic record (transcript)
- Standardized test scores (if applicable)
- School organizations and activities
- Community and volunteer activities
- Letters of recommendation
- Special Interests and talents
- Diversity
- Internships and jobs
- College Interview
- Technical certifications
- Portfolio
- Resume

FCPS does not rank students

Factor	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
Grades in All Courses	220	74.5	15.0	5.5	5.0
Grades in College Prep Courses	220	73.2	16.8	5.9	4.1
Strength of Curriculum	219	62.1	21.9	8.7	7.3
Admission Test Scores (SAT, ACT)	221	45.7	37.1	12.2	5.0
Essay or Writing Sample	220	23.2	33.2	24.1	19.5
Student's Demonstrated Interest	218	16.1	23.9	28.0	32.1
Counselor Recommendation	218	15.1	40.4	26.6	17.9
Teacher Recommendation	219	14.2	40.2	26.5	19.2
Class Rank	220	9.1	29.1	34.1	27.7
Extracurricular Activities	219	6.4	42.9	32.0	18.7
Portfolio	219	6.4	11.9	26.9	54.8
Subject Test Scores (AP, IB)	219	5.5	18.3	35.2	41.1
Interview	219	5.5	16.4	28.3	49.8
Work	217	4.1	28.6	36.9	30.4
State Graduation Exam Scores	218	2.3	8.7	18.8	70.2
SAT II Scores	216	1.9	5.6	14.8	77.8

NACAC

Google: Common Data Set - insert college

Naviance


A web-based resource that supports academic, career, and college planning for middle and high school students

<https://www.fcps.edu/naviance>

Every student and their parent(s)/guardian(s) has an account

Parents access Naviance using their SIS credentials

Home Screen

**NAVIANCE**
BY POWERSCHOOL

HomeSelf-DiscoveryCoursesCareersCollegesPlanner

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CLOSE DEMO

Welcome, Demo Barnes!

Search for Colleges ▾

🔍 Type a college name

SEARCH

Welcome

English ▾ Go

Welcome to Naviance Student. This online tool for students and parents will help guide academic and career choices. There are lots of opportunities for self-discovery and career exploration.

In Naviance Student you can link to useful websites, surveys, and many career and college topics. The more you use the resources in this program, the more you will benefit!

Ready to get started?

- Check if there are any Tasks in your Academic and Career Plan assigned to you that you need to complete

Read more

My Favorites

COLLEGES
I'm thinking about

COLLEGES
I'm applying to

COURSES
I'm thinking about

CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
I'm thinking about

SCHOLARSHIPS & MONEY
Favorite Scholarships

Important To-Dos and Tasks

Relax, you have no overdue or upcoming to-dos and tasks. However, you can get ahead by going to My Planner to see what's next or create a goal or to-do.

See All in My Planner

What's New


📅 University of South Carolina-Columbia will be visiting your school on Monday, September 12th, 2022 at 9:00 am [more info](#)

📅 Dartmouth College will be visiting your school on Monday, September 12th, 2022 at 9:45 am [more info](#)


📅 Muhlenberg College will be visiting your school on Monday, September 12th, 2022 at 10:30 am [more info](#)

Show more ▾

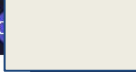



Resources to get ready


Show Me How


Colleges Tab

**NAVIANCE**
BY HOBSONS


HomeSelf-DiscoveryCoursesCareers**Colleges**Planner



LOG OUT

Welcome, 

Search

 College Home


Find Your fit

SuperMatch College Search

Advanced College Search

College Lookup

Research Colleges

 Colleges I'm Thinking About

College Visits

College Compare

Enrichment Programs

College Maps

Apply to College

Colleges I'm Applying to

Manage Transcripts

Test Scores

Scholarships & Money

Scholarships I'm Applying To

Scholarship List

Getting StartedEnglishGo



Welcome to the new **Naviance Student** formerly known as Family Connection. This is an easy-to-use 24/7 online tool for students and their parents that will guide students' academic and career choices, as well as

Read more

My Favorites

 COLLEGES
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 Show Me How

A College Page in Naviance



James Madison University 
Harrisonburg, VA, United States
jmu.edu

Communicate

Overview

Studies

Student Life

Admissions

Costs

AVERAGE NET PRICE

\$12,606

Family Income

\$0 - \$30k

[More about Cost & Aid](#)

from 2021

GRADUATION RATE

58%

4 Year

6 Year

[More about learning environment](#)

from 2021

ACCEPTANCE RATE

71%

[Check out Scattergrams to see how this relates to you](#)

from 2021

COLLEGE OVERLAPS

10

[See other colleges that applicants to this school also applied to](#)

SPRING TRANSFER DEADLINE

October

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[See all deadlines](#)



Counselor Comments

- Harrisonburg, VA - a lot of festivals, very much a college town, school spirit




Search by College Name

13 THINKING ABOUT

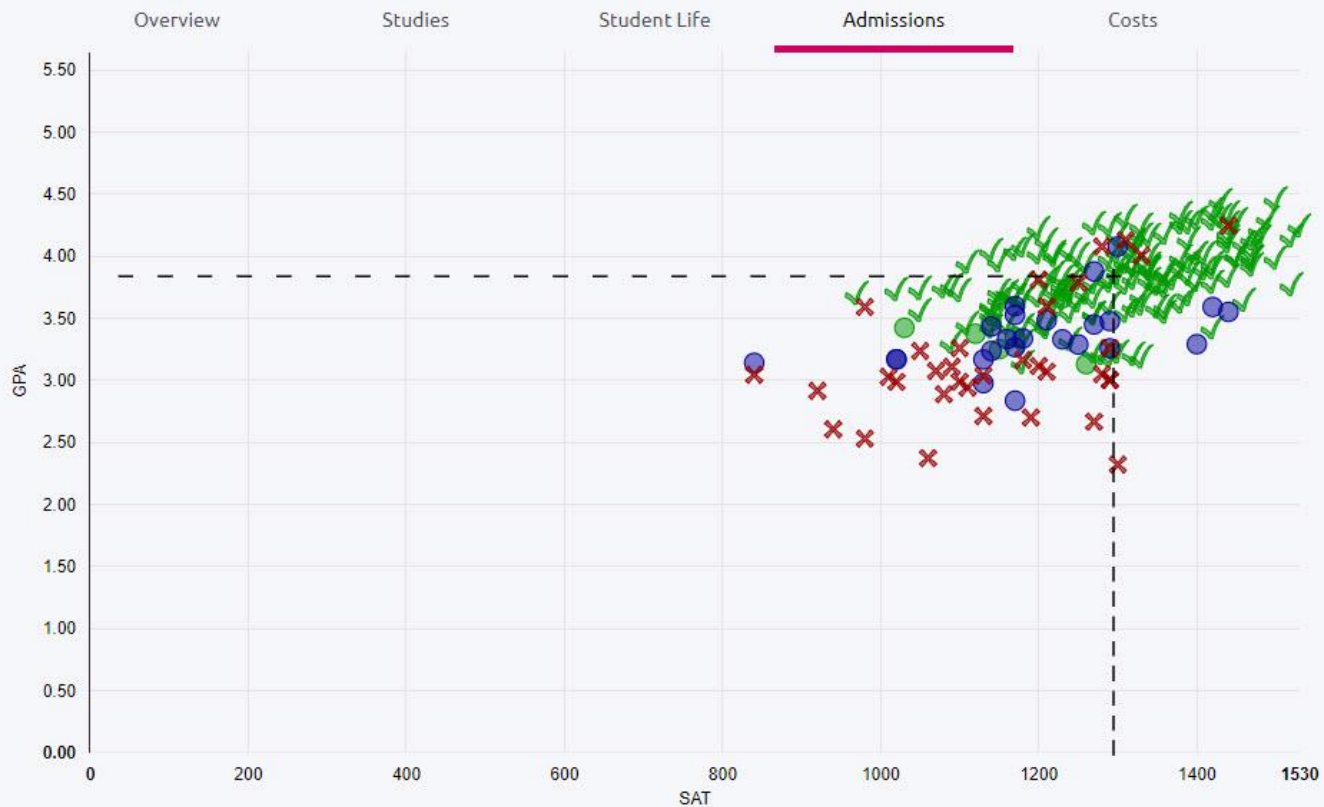
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Scattergrams

James Madison University 

Communicate



Legend

Accepted

Waitlisted/Accepted

Waitlisted/Unknown

Denied



Welcome, Highlanders!

< Student Services x

Academic Advising

College and Career Center >

New Student Registration

Programs and Presentations

Staff

Testing

Transcript Requests



LANGUAGE



SEARCH

EMICS ACTIVITIES RESOURCES CONTACT

G Suite

Library

Lunch Menus

MySchoolBucks

Employ

McLea

LEAP
Home of the Highland

Paying for College

- Financial Aid Night: Oct. 6, 6:30pm @ Langley HS
- College Access Fairfax Workshops www.collegeaccessfairfax.org
- Financial Aid Applications:
 - FAFSA (FREE Application for Federal Student Aid) opens Oct. 1
 - CSS (College Scholarship Service) Profile opens Oct. 1 (required by certain universities)
- Merit scholarships through universities
- Academic Common Market
- Naviance & Local Scholarships - See Mrs. Barnes emails

Breakout Sessions

Last name of student	Counselors	Room
A-Hal	Amber Simpkins & Jennifer Fernandez & Kathleen Otal	Dance Room
Ham-Op	Greg Olcott & Maddie Murphy-Neilson & Tara Lodwig	Lecture Hall
Or-Z	John Allman & Patty McNeill & Lisa Handy	Auditorium

MHS College Application Process













- If you need a counselor letter of recommendation...
 - **Student/Parent Questionnaire** (due now!)
 - **Resume** or **Activity List**
 - **1 Teacher Comment Form** (Google Form)
 - Be sure your counselor knows you would like a letter AND when your deadlines are
- Some colleges do not want letters of recommendation (e.g. Virginia Tech)

MHS College Application Process

Students should add colleges to their list in **Naviance** to see the delivery method and deadlines:

colleges I'm thinking about

[+ add colleges to this list](#) | [compare me](#)

College	Delivery type	Added By	My Interest	Application Deadlines†			
				Early Decision	Early Action	Priority	Regular Decision
<input type="checkbox"/> American Univ		student	N/A 	11/15	-	-	1/15
<input type="checkbox"/> Auburn Univ		student	N/A 	-	10/1	-	1/15
<input type="checkbox"/> Baruch Coll		student	N/A 	-	-	-	4/1
<input type="checkbox"/> U of Delaware		student	N/A 	-	-	-	1/15
<input type="checkbox"/> George Mason Univ		student	N/A 	-	11/1	-	1/15
<input type="checkbox"/> Longwood Univ		student	N/A 	-	12/1	3/1	14/2

MHS College Application Process

- Students hand in **Transcript Release Form & Consent Form** to Ms. Blalock in Student Services. Questions?

sdblalock@fcps.edu

- No fees for transcripts this year

McLean High School Student Services Department Transcript Release Form
School CEEB Code: 471-395

Student Name (print neatly Last, First, Middle Initial) _____ Student ID # _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____ Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Please check one: ☐ waive ☐ do not waive the right to read my counselor's recommendation.

MHS does not mail Standardized Test Scores (SAT, ACT, TOEFL) to colleges. You must request them through College Board or ACT.

Check the items below before you give this form to Ms. Windy. For specific questions or concerns, see your Counselor.

- ☐ Determine transcript delivery type in Family Connection. (Log in & out symbols indicate that the transcript will be submitted electronically. All other transcripts will be sent via US Mail. ☐ and the student is responsible for providing the proper envelope and postage at the time of request.
- ☐ Addressed 9x12 manila self-seal envelope for each transcript to be delivered through US Mail including 3 stamps.
- ☐ \$5.00 for each transcript including electronic submissions. The first three are free of charge. Make checks payable to McLean High School. Please see your counselor for a fee waiver if you have free/reduced lunch. Lack of payment (if applicable) will delay processing.
- ☐ Completed College Planning Packet (Student/Parent Questionnaire, two Teacher Comment Forms, Resume)
- ☐ First quarter grades will not be included for November 15th or earlier deadlines. For deadlines after November 15th, let Ms. Windy know whether you want your first quarter grades included.
- ☐ Forms received later than 30 days before the college deadline cannot be guaranteed.

Print neatly: Name of College or Scholarship Street Address City, State Zip Code	College Deadline Date	Counselor Recommendation Needed? Remember to give the college packet to your Counselor	Decision Type	Delivery Type: Electronic (E) US Mail (M) US Mail (M)	Student Services Use Only	
					Date Given to MHS, 10/10/23	Date Counselor submitted or mailed
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Action <input type="checkbox"/> Early Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Regular/Rolling	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic <input type="checkbox"/> US Mail		Free
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Action <input type="checkbox"/> Early Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Regular/Rolling	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic <input type="checkbox"/> US Mail		Free
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Action <input type="checkbox"/> Early Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Regular/Rolling	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic <input type="checkbox"/> US Mail		Free

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Documents will be submitted by our office: transcript, secondary school report, school profile for MHS, FCPS profile, counselor recommendation letter (if requested)

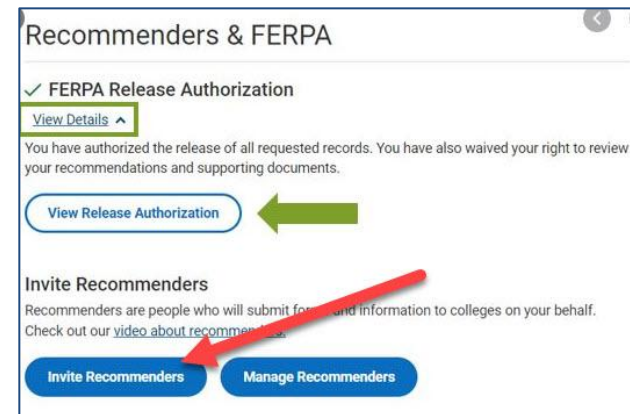
NCAA Information for Athletes

NCAA Eligibility Center for Division I and II athletes

- Discuss your possibilities with your coach
- Stay in contact with the college coaches
- Register with NCAA Eligibility Center and submit your transcript
- Send official test scores online – use code “9999” - NCAA is temporarily test optional for students, including those starting college in 2023.
- Complete the regular college admissions process—you still have to be admitted through the admissions office

College Application Teacher Recommendation Letter Process

- Students request from recommenders FIRST (email or in person).
- Then students request electronically (Common App, etc.).
- Finally students follow up with teachers to make sure they received the emailed invitation to upload.
- College requirements vary: Send only what is requested—counselor letter, teacher letter(s), other letters



MHS College Application Process

- Students are also responsible for the following...
 - Completing college applications and submitting to colleges along with application fees
 - Requesting official test scores online from SAT and/or ACT to be sent directly to colleges
 - Researching requirements and deadlines for institutional scholarships
 - Following up with college admissions offices to verify that applications are complete

MHS College Application Process

STUDENTS MUST ADHERE TO ALL DEADLINES

- Transcript request forms, counselor letter of recommendation forms, and teacher recommendation request forms are all due **at least 30 days prior to the college application deadline.**
- Deadlines are very important!
- Students should check their email every day.

How to Support Your Student

- Reminder: mental health and academics are priority
- Discuss their interests
- Set up a protected time when you can discuss college (once a week, for example)
- Ask “How can I help support you?”
- Make sure your student gets questions answered by their counselor or Mrs. Barnes, not their peers
- Suggest a spreadsheet or other method of organization
- Remember - students are MORE than their GPAs and where they are applying to college

Questions?

Student Last Name	Counselor	Phone	Email
A - Bo	Amber Simpkins	703-714-5754	acsimpkins1@fcps.edu
Br-Di	Jennifer Fernandez	703-714-5750	jcfernandez1@fcps.edu
Dj-Hal	Kathleen Otal	703-714-5745	kjotal@fcps.edu
Ham-Ka	Greg Olcott	703-714-5746	gtolcott@fcps.edu
Ke-Mah	Maddie Murphy-Nielson	703-714-5766	mcmurphyneil@fcps.edu
Maj-Op	Tara Lodwig	703-714-5747	talodwig@fcps.edu
Or-San	John Allman	703-714-5751	jcallman1@fcps.edu
Sar-Th	Patty McNeill	703-714-5748	pdmcneill@fcps.edu
Ti-Z	Lisa Handy	703-714-5749	lmhandy@fcps.edu

**Tonight's ppt will be posted on the MHS website -> Student Services
-> Programs and Presentations.**

Thank you for attending!