

CLASS OF 2025

Senior Parent

Night



McLean High School

August 2024

McLean HS Student Services





Post High School Options

- Four Year College - 85%
- Two Year College - 9%
- Remaining 6%
 - Professional Technical Schools
 - Apprenticeships
 - Entrepreneurial Opportunities
 - GAP year
 - Military Options

Agenda

- How to support your student
- 2 Year Colleges
- 4 Year Colleges
- Paying for College
- Building a List
- How to Use Naviance
- College Deadlines
- Suggested Timeline
- MHS application process overview
- Upcoming events



Stress Less!

How to Support Your Student

- Reminder: mental health and academics are priority
- Set up a protected time when you can discuss college (once a week, for example)
- Be mindful of “peer talk”
- 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

Paying for College

- Have a direct conversation NOW
- College Access Fairfax Workshops & Scholarships
www.collegeaccessfairfax.org
- Financial Aid Applications: Delayed - 10/1 - 12/1
 - FAFSA- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - VASA - Virginia Alternative State Aid
 - CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service)
 - required by certain universities, UVA, W&M, U of Richmond, W&L
 - pay to submit
- Net Price Calculator - all college websites
- Scholarships - Weekly emails, Naviance - LOTS OF \$\$ LEFT ON THE TABLE
- Scholarship Central -

Two Year Colleges: NVCC.edu

Largest pub ed institute in VA - 70K+ students on 7 campuses

120 associate degrees plus certificate &

Career programs

Open admission

Guaranteed Transfer/Articulation Agreements

NOVA Advance (partnership with GMU)

School	GMU	VCU	JMU	UVA	VT	NOVA
Tuition*	\$6,700	\$7,821	\$6,546	\$8,931	\$7,333	\$2,226 - \$2,782.50

*per semester costs for avg. full-time student 2022-23)



Scholarships

NOVA Transfers 2022-2023

GMU- 3500

VT- 1400

JMU- 1000

VCU- 950

UVA- 600

Liberty-206

GWU- 165

Marymount- 162

Shenandoah U- 85

Building a List



Balance

Reach/Target/Likely

Can you see yourself on that campus?

6-8 ideal
10-12 realistic

Use strong academic performance for \$\$

Not just Ivies!







R1 Universities & Merit Scholarships

Honor colleges

HBCU, HSI's

Look beyond the top 50
applied

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

MHS Application Trends

Class of 2022 - 620
 Class of 2023 - 610
 Class of 2024 - 580

College	Net Applied	2024 % Accept	2023 % Accept	2022 % Accept	Notes
Virginia Tech	226	52%	43%	46%	Apply by major
University of Virginia	217	30%	30%	36%	Apply to college w/in U
James Madison University	200	71%	72%	63%	Apply to University
George Mason University	154	81%	78%	89%	Apply to University
William & Mary	115	37%	53%	56%	Apply to University
Pennsylvania State University	112	83%	82%	80%	Apply to college w/in U
Virginia Commonwealth University	94	87%	88%	93%	Apply to college w/in U
University of Pittsburgh	89	84%	71%	78%	Apply to college w/in U
University of Michigan	64	9%	13%	22%	Apply to college w/in U
Northern Virginia Community College	62	100%	100%	100%	10% of every class

36% of the 50 most applied, had acceptance rates below 25%

Instate vs out of state:
 Slightly over 50% instate (includes NOVA)

“It’s easier to apply but not easier to be accepted.” UofSC rep

MHS sends over 4K apps



UMich: 22' - 79,743, 23' - 84,289 24' 87,632

Let **Applications** Work for You

Common App

★ Direct Admit

- CNU, GMU, Marymount U, U of Lynchburg & VCU

★ commonapp.org/explore

- 500+ free to apply
- 600+ no essay required

Virginia Guaranteed Admit Universities

★ Radford University 3.3+ GPA, passed Algebra 2 (except nursing, music & dance)

★ VCU 3.5+ GPA (except for engineering, business & VCU Arts)

★ UVA Wise to UVA (must make waitlist from UVA)

★ Richard Bland College of William & Mary

★ The Common Black College Application - 66 colleges for \$20 (does not include Hampton, Howard, Spellman or Morehouse)

Google: Common Data Set & "School Name"

Submitting SAT Scores
Submitting ACT Scores

	Percent	Number
Submitting SAT Scores	54%	2200
Submitting ACT Scores	17%	720

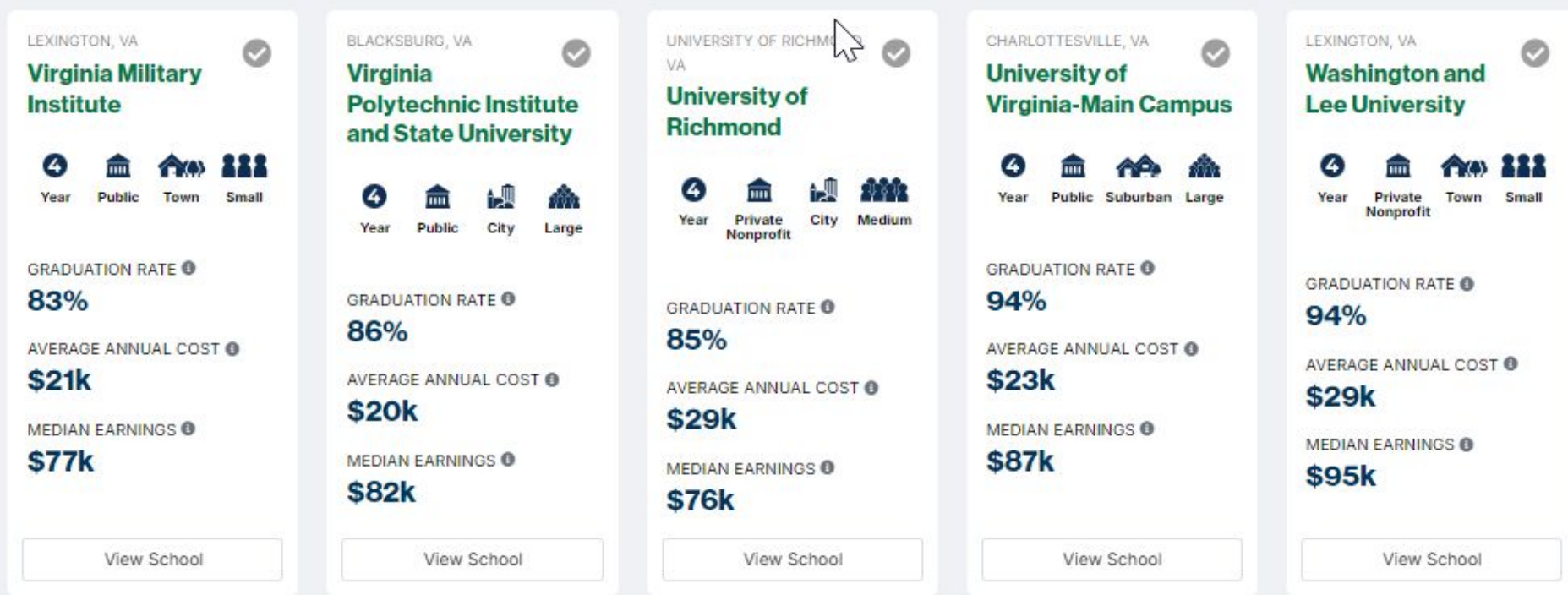
WAITING LIST	TOTAL
Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list:	8368
Number accepting a place on the waiting list:	4937
Number of wait-listed students admitted:	7

Assessment	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
SAT Composite	1400		1540
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	690		750
SAT Math	710		790
ACT Composite	32		34
ACT Math	30		34
ACT English	34		35

Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in your first-time, first-year,

	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Academic				
Rigor of secondary school record	x			
Class rank	x			
Academic GPA	x			
Standardized test scores			x	
Application Essay		x		
Recommendation(s)		x		
Nonacademic				
Interview				x
Extracurricular activities		x		
Talent/ability		x		
Character/personal qualities	x			
First generation			x	
Alumni/ae relation			x	
Geographical residence			x	
State residency	x			
Religious affiliation/commitment				x
Racial/ethnic status			x	
Volunteer work			x	
Work experience			x	
Level of applicant's interest				x

ROI for College



- Graduation rate is based on 6 years
 - National average is 63%
- What percent returned after freshman year?
 - What percent transferred out?

collegescorecard.ed.gov

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

- Online platform that supports academic, career, and college planning for middle and high school students
- Every student and their parent(s)/guardian(s) has an account
 - Parents access Naviance using their SIS credentials

The screenshot displays the Naviance user interface. At the top, it shows the user's profile as 'Demo's Future Planning' with a 'College: Bachelor's Degree' and an 'Edit Path' link. The main header features a 'Plan Your Future' section with a call to action to access path highlights and career information. Below this is a 'College Path Highlights' section with a search bar for colleges. The 'Colleges I'm Thinking About' section lists three institutions: Duke University, McGill University, and PennWest California, each with an interest level of 'N/A' and a delivery type (Common App or Print Only). On the right side, there is a 'Welcome to Naviance' message, a 'Tasks from My School' table, and a 'What's New' section with upcoming school visits.

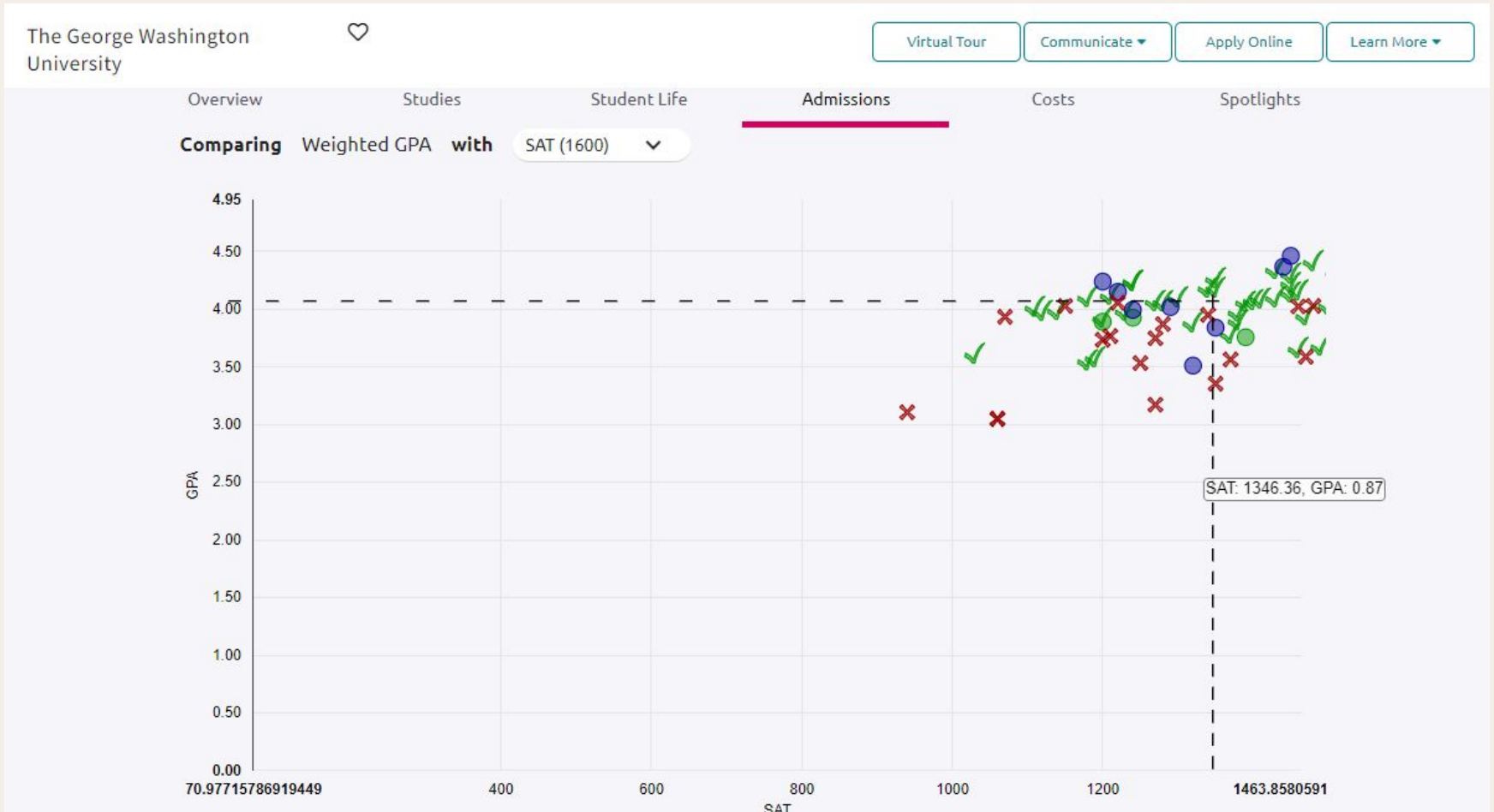
Task Or To-Do	Priority	Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Career Cluster Finder Reflection Task	None	07/15/24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Career Interest Profiler Task	None	07/15/24

Name	Interest	Delivery Type
Duke University	N/A	Common App
McGill University	N/A	Print Only
PennWest California	N/A	Common App

What's New

- Virginia Tech will be visiting your school on Monday, September 11th, 2023 at 9:00 am [more info](#)
- Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD will be visiting your school on Monday, September 11th, 2023 at 10:30 am [more info](#)
- Greensboro College will be visiting your school on Monday, September 11th, 2023 at 12:00 pm

College Details & Scattergrams: GWU



College Deadline Types

Regular	Later deadlines & decisions
Rolling	Make decision as received
Early Decision	Legally binding commitment!!!
Early Action	Nov 1, decisions early mid Feb
Restrictive Early Action	Apply to publics but not privates (Stanford)
Priority	Scholarship driven
Deferred	Not ready to make a decision
Waitlisted	Decision made, lots of qualified applicants

Suggested Timeline Worksheet

COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHEET

1. List Your Colleges on the left 2. Answer the 7 questions 3. Make a plan!

COLLEGES APPLYING							SUGGESTED TIMELINES APPLICATION DEADLINES								
COLLEGE	App Deadline & Type	App Fee?	CA/Direct App?	SRAR?	Self Report ACT/SAT or test optional?	LOR(S) teachers or counselor?	ESSAY(S)	LORs 1. Verbal request 2. Make request in Common App	Complete Student & Parent Questionnaire	Submit Consent form	Submit Transcript Request Forms	Complete Essays Week Ending	Submit Application	Complete SRAR	Submit FAFSA
VCU	Priority scholarship 11/1	\$70	CA	No	TO but must submit thru CB	Yes, 1	CA Essay	June for verbal request Aug for Common App	First week of school	ASAP	Once for CA (each time for non CA)	Week of 10/25	10/28	N/A	11/10
VT	11/15 EA	\$60	CA	Yes, due within 2 weeks of deadline	TO but can self report	N/A	4 short answer Ut Prosim Essays	N/A	Only submit once	Only submit once	Only submit once	Complete Ut Prosim Essays Week of 11/1	11/11	Week of 11/18	Only submit once
JMU	11/1 EA	\$70	CA	No	TO but must submit thru CB	1 optional	CA Essay	Only do once	Only submit once	Only submit once	Only submit once	Week of 10/25	10/28	N/A	Only submit once













<https://mcleanhs.fcps.edu/student-services/college-and-career-center/mhs-senior-college-packet>

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

- If you need a **counselor** letter of recommendation, please submit:
 - **Student/Parent Questionnaire** (due now!)
 - **Resume** or **Activity List** (due now!)
 - **1 Teacher Comment Google Form** (OPTIONAL)
 - 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)

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Students are also responsible for...

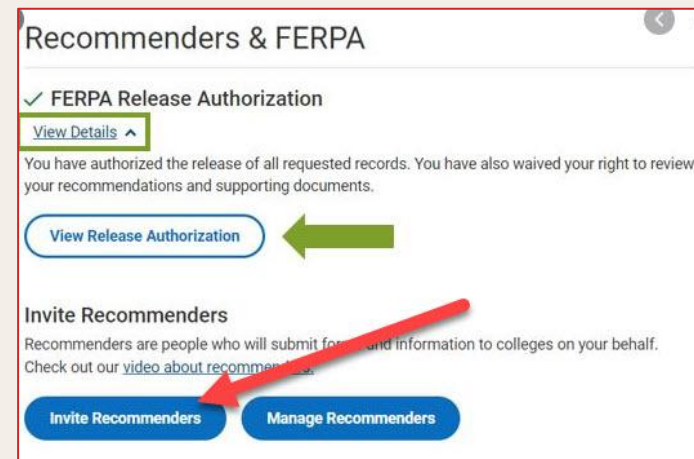
- Completing college applications and submitting to colleges along with application fees
- Requesting official test scores online from SAT and/or ACT to be sent directly to colleges
- Researching requirements and deadlines for institutional scholarships
- Following up with college admissions offices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

MHS College Application Process

- Initial transcript & recommendation request Google Form must be submitted 30 days in advance of due date
- **Deadlines are very important!**
- **Students should check their email every day from MHS and the colleges they applied.**

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

COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

2024-25

1ST

CONSENT FORM

Stop by Student Services to pick up a copy from our bulletin board. It is the form printed on pink paper. This must be handed in BEFORE you do anything else. Do this ONLY ONCE.

COMMON APP GOOGLE FORM

Complete this Google form if you are applying to any colleges through Common App. Do this ONLY ONCE.

2ND

3RD

OTHER REQUESTS GOOGLE FORM

Complete this Google form for any colleges you are applying to through any method OTHER than Common App. Complete one form for EACH college.

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

- Links incoming on Schoology
- Questions?
sdblalock@fcps.edu

Important Dates

8/23 - 9/10	Senior Meetings with Counselors
9/4	Deadline to register for SAT at McLean
9/12	After School Common App Workshop
9/18	After School Essay Workshop
9/11-11/1	College Rep Visits (over 100 reps, US & Intl)
9/20	Parent University

10/9	SAT Day
10/20	FCPS College Fair (Eagle Bank Arena)
10/21	Fall College Panel (Liberal Arts)
10/23	1st NOVA Visit
10/24	SRAR Session
12/3	Financial Aid Night (McLean & Langley)
TBD	Scholarship Workshop

Questions?

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