

# Horn Lake High School

## Senior Information Book

*Acquire  
Knowledge*

*Develop  
Character*



*Pursue  
Excellence*

*2024-2025*



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## **Introduction**

Thinking about your senior year is both exciting and stressful. In order to make your senior year a little less stressful, this handbook has been created with information that we hope you will find helpful. Your senior year is a thrilling time of your life that is filled with many important decisions. Please do not feel overwhelmed because we are here to help you. One way we are helping is through this book. Allow it to not only be a source of information for you, but also something you may refer to when you do not remember a phone number, a deadline, or an email address. Some dates may change because of scheduling conflicts. Remember to sign up for Band (the app replacing Remind) so you will receive the most up-to-date information.

As you begin your senior year, you hopefully are thinking about what you want to do and where you want to go in life. The faculty and staff here at HLHS believe the Class of 2024 is a remarkable group of young people, and we have enjoyed working with you. We now look forward to a great senior year with you.

As you open the pages of this senior book, please reflect on the following thought:

***“It is not intelligence alone that brings success, but also the drive to succeed, the commitment to work hard, and the courage to believe in yourself. Know that your dreams must come from your heart’s deepest desires. Only then will the barriers come down before you. To know your heart, you must know yourself. You are who you decide to be, not who other people decide for you to be. Be noble. Stand on the higher ground. Create your life and then go out and live it.”***

***Unknown***



# **New Graduation Requirements**

**(Includes new Honor Graduate requirements)**



# Mississippi Diploma Options

Begins with incoming freshmen of 2018-2019

Mississippi has two diploma options: The Traditional Diploma and the Alternate Diploma. The Traditional Diploma is for all students. The Alternate Diploma is an option for students with a Significant Cognitive Disability (SCD).

## TRADITIONAL DIPLOMA OPTION

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I</li> <li>English II</li> </ul>
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I</li> </ul>
Science	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology</li> </ul>
Social Studies	3½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 World History</li> <li>1 U.S. History</li> <li>½ U.S. Government</li> <li>½ Economics</li> <li>½ Mississippi Studies</li> </ul>
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
The Arts	1	
College and Career Readiness	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards for implementation options.</li> </ul>
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Electives	5 ½	
<b>Total Units Required</b>	<b>24</b>	

## Requirements

- Student should identify an endorsement area prior to entering 9th grade. Endorsement requirements can only be changed with parental permission.
  - For early release, students must have met College or Career Readiness Benchmarks (ACT sub scores 17 English and 19 Math or earned a Silver level on ACT WorkKeys or SAT equivalency sub scores). Alternately, a student must meet ALL of the following:
    - Have a 2.5 GPA
    - Passed or met all MAAP assessments requirements for graduation.
    - On track to meet diploma requirements
    - Concurrently enrolled in the appropriate Essentials for College Math or another mathematics course above their Junior year mathematics course and/or Essentials for College Literacy or another English Language Arts course above their Junior level English Language Arts course.
- OR**
- Have a 2.5 GPA
  - Passed or met all MAAP assessments requirements for graduation.
  - On track to meet diploma requirements
  - Meets postsecondary requirements for placement and are enrolled in ENG Comp I and/or MAT College Algebra or have previously earned credit for ENG Comp I and/or MAT College Algebra.

## Recommendations

- For early graduation, a student should successfully complete an area of endorsement.
- A student should take a math or math equivalent course their senior year.

## ALTERNATE DIPLOMA OPTION

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternate English I-IV</li> </ul>
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternate Math I-III</li> <li>Alternate Algebra</li> </ul>
Science	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternate Biology</li> <li>Alternate Science II</li> </ul>
Social Studies	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternate History</li> <li>Alternate Social Studies</li> </ul>
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternate Health</li> </ul>
The Arts	1	
Career Readiness	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Career Readiness-IV (Strands: Technology, Systems, Employability, and Social)</li> </ul>
Life Skills Development	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life Skills Development I-IV</li> </ul>
Electives	2	
<b>Total Units Required</b>	<b>24</b>	

## Requirements

- Students who have met the criteria of having a Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD) may participate in a program of study to earn the Alternate Diploma.
- Students are required to participate in the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program-Alternate Assessment (MAAP-A) and achieve a level of Passing or Proficient.
- The state defined Alternate Diploma is included in graduation rates in the same manner as a traditional diploma.
- Students with an Alternate Diploma must contact the postsecondary institution to determine eligibility for Ability to Benefit (ATB).

## Traditional Diploma Endorsement Options

Students pursuing a Traditional Diploma should identify an endorsement prior to entering 9th grade. There are three endorsement options: Career and Technical, Academic, and Distinguished Academic Endorsement.

### CAREER AND TECHNICAL ENDORSEMENT

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	• English I • English II
Mathematics	4	• Algebra I
Science	3	• Biology
Social Studies	3½	• 1 World History • ½ Economics • 1 U.S. History • ½ Mississippi Studies • ½ U.S. Government
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
The Arts	1	
College and Career Readiness	1	• See the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards for implementation options.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
CTE & Technical	4	• Must complete a four-course sequential program of study.
Electives	3 ½	
<b>Total Units Required</b>	<b>26</b>	

### Additional Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of 2.5.
- Earn Silver level on ACT WorkKeys.
- Earn two additional Carnegie Units for a total of 26.
- Must successfully complete one of the following:
  - One dual credit
  - Work-Based Learning
  - Earn a State Board of Education - approved national credential.
  - One (1) AP, Diploma Program-IB, or Cambridge (AICE) course aligned to their career pathway. Students must earn a C or higher and take the appropriate exam.

### ACADEMIC ENDORSEMENT

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	• English I • English II + two (2) additional above English II
Mathematics	4	• Algebra I + two (2) additional math courses above Algebra I
Science	3	• Biology + two (2) additional science courses above Biology
Social Studies	3½	• 1 World History • ½ Economics • 1 U.S. History • ½ Mississippi Studies • ½ U.S. Government
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
The Arts	1	
College and Career Readiness	1	• See the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards for implementation options.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Electives	7 ½	• Must meet two (2) advanced electives of the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) requirements for MS IHLs
<b>Total Units Required</b>	<b>26</b>	

### Additional Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of 2.5.
- Two (2) elective courses must meet MS IHL CPC requirements.
- Must successfully complete one (1) of the following:
  - Earn Mississippi IHL and community college readiness benchmarks (ACT sub scores 17 English and 19 Math as approved by postsecondary for non-remediation at most community colleges
  - Essentials of College Math or Essentials of College Literacy (in senior year)
  - SAT equivalency subscore
- Earn two additional Carnegie Units for a total of 26.
- Must successfully complete one of the following:
  - One AP course with a C or higher and take the appropriate AP exam.
  - One Diploma Program-IB course with a C or higher and take the appropriate IB exams.
  - One dual credit course with a C or higher in the course

### DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ENDORSEMENT

Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	• English I • English II + two (2) additional above English II
Mathematics	4	• Algebra I + two (2) additional math courses above Algebra I
Science	4	• Biology + two (2) additional science courses above Biology
Social Studies	4	• 1 World History • ½ Economics • 1 U.S. History • ½ Mississippi Studies • ½ U.S. Government
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
The Arts	1	
College and Career Readiness	1	• See the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards for implementation options.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Electives	8	• Must meet two (2) advanced electives of the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) requirements for MS IHLs
<b>Total Units Required</b>	<b>28</b>	

### Additional Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of 3.0.
- Two (2) elective courses must meet MS IHL CPC recommended requirements.
- Earn national college readiness benchmarks on each subtest established by ACT of 18 in English and 22 in Math or SAT equivalency subscore as defined by IHL.
- Earn four additional Carnegie Units for a total of 28.
- Must successfully complete one of the following:
  - One AP course with a C or higher and take the appropriate AP exam.
  - One Diploma Program-IB course with a C or higher and take the appropriate IB exams.
  - One dual credit course with a C or higher in the course

## Chapter 36: Graduation Requirements

### Rule 36.4 Assessments Required for Graduation

1. All students enrolled in one of the four (4) end-of-course Subject Area Test courses **must** pass the course and participate in the applicable end-of-course Subject Area Test in order to earn the Carnegie Unit.
2. Beginning with school year 2014-2015, students shall graduate by passing the course and meeting **one** (1) of the following options:
  - a. Passing the applicable end-of-course Subject Area Test,



### Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) Performance Level Scale Score Ranges

The scale score ranges are applicable for all MAAP assessment administrations.

#### MAAP ELA Scale Score Ranges

Grade	Performance Level 1 (Minimal)	Performance Level 2 (Basic)	Performance Level 3 (Passing)	Performance Level 4 (Proficient)	Performance Level 5 (Advanced)
ENG II	1001-1036	1037-1049	1050-1064	1065-1080	1081-1099

The passing score for MAAP English II is 1050.

#### MAAP Mathematics Scale Score Ranges

Grade	Performance Level 1 (Minimal)	Performance Level 2 (Basic)	Performance Level 3 (Passing)	Performance Level 4 (Proficient)	Performance Level 5 (Advanced)
ALG I	1001-1038	1039-1049	1050-1064	1065-1087	1088-1099

The passing score for MAAP Algebra I is 1050.

#### MAAP Science Scale Score Ranges

Grade	Performance Level 1 (Minimal)	Performance Level 2 (Basic)	Performance Level 3 (Passing)	Performance Level 4 (Proficient)	Performance Level 5 (Advanced)
BIO	1000-1037	1038-1049	1050-1064	1065-1094	1095-1180

The passing score for MAAP Biology is 1050.

#### MAAP U.S. History Scale Score Ranges –SY 2020–2021

Course	Performance Level 1 (Minimal)	Performance Level 2 (Basic)	Performance Level 3 (Passing)	Performance Level 4 (Proficient)	Performance Level 5 (Advanced)
U.S. HIS	1000-1036	1037-1049	1050-1064	1065-1088	1089-1150

The passing score for MAAP U.S. History is 1050.

OR

## Chapter 36: Graduation Requirements

- b. Using options outlined in Chapter 36, Rule 36.5,

**Rule 36.5 Additional Assessment Options for Meeting End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Requirements.** State Board Policy Rule 36.5 provides approved options for students to meet these high school EOC assessment graduation requirements through approved alternate measures. State Board Policy Rule 36.5 applies to past, current, and future Mississippi students.

While it is possible that a student will meet one of the options below before taking the subject area test, this policy states that a student is eligible to use any of these options once he or she has failed to pass any required EOC assessment one (1) time. Specifically, students may meet the graduation requirements outline in State Board Policy Rule 36.4 by attaining any one (1) of the measures outlined below for each of the EOC assessments listed.

The following graduation options provide opportunities for students to obtain a certain score or level on the ACT, ASVAB, ACT WorkKeys, MS-CPAS2, or other state-approved industry certifications. Students also may obtain a grade of “C” or higher in a dual credit/dual enrollment course, corresponding to the EOC assessment that was not passed.

Assessment Options	Algebra I	Biology I	English II	U.S. History
<b>ACT</b>	<b>17</b> (ACT Math Sub-Score)	<b>17</b> (ACT Science Sub-Score)	<b>17</b> (ACT English Sub-Score)	<b>17</b> (ACT Reading Sub-Score)
<b>Dual Credit/ Dual Enrollment/ College Credit</b>	C or higher in MATH credit-bearing course	C or higher in BIOLOGY credit-bearing course	C or higher in ENGLISH credit-bearing course	C or higher in HISTORY credit-bearing course

The Graduation Options listed below are applicable to any Subject Area Testing Program assessment.

<b>ASVAB + MS-CPAS or Industry Certification</b>	Must have an ASVAB AFQT score of 36 <b>plus one</b> of the following: 1. CPAS score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements. (Year 1 and 2 combined for an average of 60 or above) <b>OR</b> 2. Industry certification attainment based upon industry standards (only MDE approved certifications may be used).
<b>ACT WorkKeys + MS-CPAS2 or Industry Certification</b>	Must have an WorkKeys Silver Level <b>plus one</b> of the following: 1. CPAS score that meets the attainment level assigned by Federal Perkins requirements. (Year 1 and 2 combined for an average of 60 or above) <b>OR</b> 2. Industry certification attainment based upon industry standards (only MDE approved certifications may be used).

**Note:** The college credit option is only applicable if the student is enrolled in high school and college at the same time.



**OR**

- c. Using the end-of-course Subject Area Test score with the overall course grade based on the Concordance Table for each of the four (4) end-of-course Subject Area Tests as provided to school districts by the Mississippi Department of Education. (Students must be enrolled in order to utilize this option.)

**MDE Revision to Concordance Tables  
Effective 2021-2022**

Concordance tables, effective beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, provide opportunities for students who do not obtain a passing score on an EOC assessment to utilize a different graduation option, using a combination of the assessment scores with the final course grade. The tables provide the final course grade required to use with the scale score obtained on the EOC assessment. Remember, students must be enrolled in school to utilize the concordance table option.

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) has worked with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to develop one universal concordance table that shall be used for each of the four EOC subject area assessments. The concordance tables were developed during each of the EOC test administrations, and the universal concordance table concept will alleviate confusion in determining which concordance table to apply for each test administration.

**Universal Concordance Table**

<b>Concordance Table</b>	<b>Scale Score</b>			
<b>Grade in Course</b>	<b>1049-1048</b>	<b>1047-1046</b>	<b>1045-1044</b>	<b>1043-1042</b>
A	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
B	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail
C	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail
D	Pass	Fail	Fail	Fail

3. Beginning with school year 2015-2016, in addition to number two (2) above, all students enrolled may achieve a combined minimum score from the end-of-course Subject Area Tests to meet the requirement for graduation in lieu of passing the applicable end-of-course Subject Area Test.

# How to Become a Mississippi Scholar

**What is a Mississippi Scholar?** This is an education program managed by the Public Education Forum of Mississippi, which utilizes business leaders to motivate students to complete a rigorous course of study in high school.

## CURRICULUM

### MISSISSIPPI SCHOLARS CURRICULUM for Seniors of School Year 2023 and Later

#### English Language Arts

##### 4 credits must consist of:

- English I (1)
- English II (1)
- Two additional English credits above English II and approved for admission to IHL

#### Mathematics

##### 4 credits must consist of:

- Algebra I (1)
- Algebra II (1)
- Geometry (1)
- And 1 Carnegie Unit of comparable rigor and content may come from mathematics courses approved for Mississippi Scholars Credit ([mississippischolars.ms](http://mississippischolars.ms))

#### Science

##### 4 credits must consist of:

- Biology I (1)
- Chemistry (1)
- Any 2 Carnegie Units of comparable rigor and content above Biology I and Chemistry (Physics [1] preferred). Additionally, 1 Carnegie Unit may come from a Career Technical Education course.

#### Social Studies

##### 4 credits must consist of:

- World Geography (½)
- Mississippi Studies (½)
- World History Studies (1)
- U.S. History (1)
- U.S. Government (½)
- Economics (½)

#### Arts

##### 1 credit of:

- One Carnegie Unit of visual and performing arts meeting the requirements for high school graduation or
- Two units for completion of the 2 course sequence Computer Graphics Technology I & II

#### Advanced Electives

##### 2 credits must consist of:

- Two foreign languages or a 5th math or 5th science of higher rigor or
- Any combination of an advanced level course above the required Carnegie units as noted in the Mississippi Department Secondary Course Manual and/or any (b) Advanced Placement (AP), Academic or Career and Technical Dual Credit, (DC) International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced International Certificate or Education course.

(2) Completion of any two-year Career and Technical course may count as one unit.

#### Additional Requirements

- **80 hours of community or volunteer service during high school for seniors graduating 2022 and later**
- **Minimum of 19 ACT Composite Score (Overall Score)**
- 2.5 cumulative high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Three letters of recommendation (one from each of the following — principal, guidance counselor and business/ community leader for students with more than 4 in-school suspensions)
- 95% school attendance during 4 years of high school
- No out-of-school suspension

#### Technology or Computer Science (1 credit)

[mississippischolars.ms](http://mississippischolars.ms)

Mississippi Scholars must also complete any remaining state-mandated high school graduation requirements. Advanced placement courses may be substituted in Mississippi Scholars subject areas. Dual credit and online courses are acceptable.

## MISSISSIPPI SCHOLARS TECH MASTER CURRICULUM

#### English ( 4 credits)

#### Mathematics (3 credits)

- Algebra I
- Math above Algebra I (Course has to be related to program of study)

#### Geometry (mandatory)

#### Science (3 credits)

- Biology I
- Two courses above Biology I

#### Social Studies (3 credits)

- American History
- Government
- Mississippi Studies

#### Technology (1 credit) or Computer (1 credit)

#### Arts (1 credit)

#### Electives (2 credits)

- Must take 4 CTE credits in the same area of your program of study. ★
- Must have 21 minimum credits — students can go the 21 or 24 credit route allowing time for internship.
- Non-negotiable

#### Additional Requirements

- **80 hours of community or volunteer service during high school for seniors graduating 2022 and later**
- **Minimum of 19 ACT Composite Score (Overall Score) or minimum 36 ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test)**
- **Silver Level WorkKeys required**

- 2.5 high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- 95% school attendance during high school years
- No out-of-school suspension

\* *Industry certification assessment encouraged not required*

[mec.ms/techmaster](http://mec.ms/techmaster)

Mississippi Scholars Tech Master must also complete any remaining state-mandated high school graduation requirements. Dual credit courses are acceptable. ★ **Flexibility to tailor courses to area of interest.**

*“An army of a thousand is easy to find, but, ah, how difficult to find a general.”*  
Unknown

# HLHS Counselor Information

## School Counselors

The HLHS Counseling office staff is here to help you navigate through the college application process. Below are a few resources and procedures to make the process more efficient. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Go to the HLHS website and go to the Counselor's page. There you will find scholarship information along with other relevant information you may need as a senior.

### **College Financing**

There is an abundance of money available for college. Scholarships and grants are funds that students are not required to pay back. Please take advantage of the free money available by applying for as many scholarships and grants as possible. College information is provided on the Counselor Page on the HLHS website. Information will also be shared through the Band App and the Counselor area in the Commons.

### **College Application Waivers**

***Eligibility Requirements:*** You must be eligible for free or reduced lunch. Email your counselor and request a college application fee waiver.



### **Community Service**

Community service is donating your time and talents freely to an organization or individual. If you are paid, it is NOT community service. Some colleges and scholarships require community service hours.

### **ACT Waivers**

***Eligibility Requirements:*** You must be eligible for free or reduced lunch. Maximum number-4 **TOTAL**  
Email your counselor and request an ACT fee waiver.

### **Transcript Requests**

If you need your transcript sent to a college or university, follow the steps below:

1. Go to <https://desotoms.scriborder.com> and set up your account, choose your high school, and you are ready to order and track the delivery of your transcript online.
2. You are allotted five (5) free transcripts for your selected colleges.
3. After your fifth transcript a fee will be applied.

### **Dual Enrollment**

Dual enrollment is an opportunity to take college classes and earn credit from a college while still in high school. Enrollment information and deadlines will be announced.

### **Career Guidance**

Contact the Career Coach for help deciding on a career, filling out applications for colleges, trade schools, FAFSA, and scholarships. You can also use the software Major Clarity to assist you in choosing a career. To find Major Clarity, log on to Clever and click on the Major Clarity icon. Start with Assessments first, then click on Career Exploration. It will then sort the career cluster boxes with the ones recommended for you at the top.



# **Senior Year Information**



# Senior Fee Information

The Senior fee for 2024-2025 school year is **\$130.00**.

For your convenience, you can pay the Senior fee online using **Revopay** beginning April 1, 2024, to April 26 or you can pay in person with a check or cash the last week April 22<sup>nd</sup>-April 26 in the commons during all lunches.

This is **NOT** a mandatory fee.

This fee includes the following:

1. Senior Breakfast
2. Senior Field Day
3. Field Day T-shirt
4. Yearbook

*\*Senior breakfast & field day TBA*

**The Senior Breakfast** is a catered event for only those seniors who pay the fee. The students are encouraged to dress up because there are always photo opportunities at the breakfast including photo booths and props. Desoto County dress code applies to this event.

**The Senior Field Day** is a time for seniors to enjoy being with their friends in a fun atmosphere before graduation. Field day consists of activities planned by the senior field day committee. Lunch will be provided during this event. Desoto County dress code applies to this event.

**The Yearbook** is a great way to remember past and future friends as well as all the year's activities that you may forget. It will have your senior portraits as well as your senior baby photo. You will also get to attend the yearbook signing party that will be in May 2024.

## Personalized Senior Ad in 2025 HLHS Yearbook

Celebrate your HLHS Senior with a congratulatory message. This message can contain photos, quotes, and messages from their loved ones. Order on **Revopay** to reserve your page. Pricing information below:

Full Page Ad - \$200.00 Half Page Ad - \$100.00

You can pay online using **Revopay** from May 15 through May 31<sup>st</sup> or you can pay with cash or check.

**Revopay** can be found on the school website at [hlh.desotocountyschools.org](http://hlh.desotocountyschools.org)

Deadline for Senior Ad payment and information to go on the ad will be August 28, 2024. Incomplete ads (payment only) will be refunded. Contact [trudi.pattberg@dcsms.org](mailto:trudi.pattberg@dcsms.org) for more information and . . .



*"I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."*

*Booker T. Washington*

# Senior Baseball Jersey

## Parents can buy one too!

Jerseys are the following colors: Maroon, white and black are personalized for your senior. Payments for the jerseys will be February 15-February 29<sup>th</sup> during the lunches in the commons. You may pay with cash or check. The Jersey will be personalized on the back with a 25 on the back. This will be the only baseball jersey order placed for the Class of 2025, no money will be accepted after February 29th.

Samples in all sizes will be available to try on during the lunches in G1 to make sure of the fit. Below is an example of the form you must complete and return with payment during lunches Feb.15-Feb. 29th. **The form you may use is in the form section of this book.**

### SAMPLE ORDER FORM ONLY, USE FORM IN BACK OF BOOK TO TURN IN WITH PAYMENT

Please Print:															
Name:															
Email:															
✓Jersey Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black															
Football Jersey Price: <b>\$45.00</b>															
✓Jersey Size: <input type="checkbox"/> XS <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/> 4XL															
Personalization for the back (14 character maximum—subject to administration approval)															
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I understand that a personalized jersey is a non-refundable item. I was given the opportunity to try on the jersey before ordering to ensure fit and know that I'm ordering the correct size. It is my responsibility to proof the final personalization list in G1 during the lunches, before the order is placed on March 1st. I have signed up for Class of 2025 in the Band app and will be able to receive messages from Mrs. Pattberg.															
Signature	Cell Phone Number														



Order August 12 through August 23, 2024, during all lunches in Commons

## Senior Football Jersey

Parents can buy one too!

Jerseys are the following colors: Maroon and white are personalized for your senior. Payments for the jerseys will be August 12 - August 23, 2024, during the lunches in the commons. You may pay with cash or check. The Jersey will be personalized on the back with a 25 on the back. This will be the only baseball jersey order placed for the Class of 2025, no money will be accepted after August 23, 2024.

Samples in all sizes will be available to try on during the lunches in G1 to make sure of the fit. Below is an example of the form you must complete and return with payment during lunches Aug.12-Aug. 23, 2024. **The form you may use is in the form section of this book.**

**SAMPLE ORDER FORM ONLY, USE FORM IN BACK OF BOOK TO TURN IN WITH PAYMENT**

Please Print:																
Name:																
Email:																
✓Jersey Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon <input type="checkbox"/> White																
Football Jersey Price: <b>\$45.00</b>																
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# **Mandatory Senior/Parent Meeting**

There will be a mandatory senior/parent meeting. This means that you and your parent/guardian are required to come to this meeting. Valuable information about your senior year, graduation, and college will be given at this meeting. This meeting will be on the following date:

**September 17, 2024 (Tuesday) at 6:00 p.m.** Graduation supplies, including how to purchase the cap & gown, will be discussed at this meeting with a presentation provided by Graduate Supplies.

## **Graduate Supplies Information**

Herff Jones is the graduate supply company that will provide the cap and gown information as well as graduation supplies and class ring information.

### **Contact Information:**

Hank Sampson  
Graduate Services, Inc.  
P.O. Box 3256  
Ridgeland, MS 39158  
601-898-7883  
[www.gradservicesmstn.com](http://www.gradservicesmstn.com)

**October 2, 2024 (Tuesday)** Order Day for Senior Supplies during all lunches. Deposit of \$80.00 to begin order.

*"The difference in winning and losing is most often not quitting."  
Walt Disney*

# Important Senior Events

The following are Senior Events that will occur throughout the 2024/2025 school year. Please make sure to register using the QR code to receive the exact dates and times of these events and other important senior information.

## 🎓 **Open House** (Tentative)

**August 12, 2024**  
**5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

## 🎓 **Senior Graduation Banner Signing**

**TBA**

Seniors will sign a banner committing to graduate from high school.

## 🎓 **Senior Awards Night** (Tentative)

**May 9, 2025**

Invitations are sent to the senior who will be recognized for achieving the following:

1. Received any college scholarships.
2. Earned graduate of distinction or special distinction.
3. Hall of Fame
4. Mississippi Scholars
5. Star Student

## 🎓 **Subject Area Awards** (Tentative)

**May 10, 2025**

These students are recognized for having the highest average in their classes. This ceremony will be held during the school day. Invitations will be sent to the students who will be recognized.

## 🎓 **National College Signing Day**

**TBA**

Students who have applied to the college of their choice and received an acceptance letter will be invited to an in-school college signing ceremony. This is a way we can celebrate your choice. Acceptance letters must be turned in to Ms. Iosue by TBA to be able to attend.

## 🎓 **FAFSA and College Application Day**

**TBA**

Free assistance in completing FAFSA and college applications will be given on these days.

## 🎓 **Senior Exams**

**TBA**

This will be at the end of second semester in May of 2025

## 🎓 **Graduation**

**Date: May 25, 2025 (Sunday)**

**Time: 3:00 p.m.**

[Graduation and graduation practice will take place at the Landers Center]

**Scan the QR code below to receive  
Senior Information reminders:**



*“Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.”*  
*Ralph Waldo*

# Graduation Ceremony

All graduation requirements concerning state tests must be met by **May 7, 2025**, to be included in the graduation program. The names of seniors who do not meet state test or academic requirements will not be in the graduation program.

## Dress Code for Graduation

At Horn Lake High School, our graduation ceremony is a distinguished event. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, seniors must comply with the following dress code.

### Female Graduates

1. DCS dress code policy **must** be followed (i.e., No facial piercings). Be sure to review the school district's dress code policy in your handbook.
2. Female graduates should wear black bottoms (i.e., capris, pants, gauchos, skirts.)
3. Female graduates should wear a light top.
4. Female graduates should wear non-embellished plain black dress shoes (no emblems, fur, rhinestones, sequins, spikes, etc.) (No flip flops, Crocs, cowboy boots, casual sandals, tennis shoes, or combat boots).

**\*\*\* ONLY PLAIN BLACK DRESS SHOES\*\*\***

5. Dresses may be worn, preferably following the color scheme; however, if the dress does **not** show from under the gown, and it is dress code appropriate, it will be allowed.

### Male Graduates

1. DCS dress code policy **must** be followed (i.e., No facial piercings). Be sure to review the school district's dress code policy in your handbook.
2. Male graduates must wear a white dress shirt and tie. Extreme colored ties are not acceptable.
3. Male graduates should wear navy blue, black, or dark gray pants (No shorts or capris).
4. Male graduates should wear non-embellished plain black dress shoes (no emblems, fur, rhinestones, sequins, spikes, etc.) (No Crocs, flip flops, cowboy boots, sandals, tennis shoes, or combat boots).

**\*\*\*ONLY PLAIN BLACK DRESS SHOES\*\*\***

\*No modifications to or extra decorations on graduation gown.

\*No modifications to or extra decorations on graduation cap.

\*If a senior does not have proper attire for graduation, see Mrs. Wendy Smith in C4 by **May 10, 2025**.

\*If you are unsure if your graduation attire is appropriate for the ceremony, see Mrs. Wendy Smith in C4 by **May 10, 2025**.

\*Do not let dress code issues keep you from participating in the ceremony.

*"The time is always right to do what is right."*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# **Senior Portrait Information**



# Senior Pictures

**Important:** Hemker Portraits will take senior pictures for the yearbook this year. Packages will be available for purchase. Pictures will be taken at Horn Lake High School in the auditorium by “***appointment only***” on the following dates:

**JULY 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & JULY 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27**

**Please call Hemker Portraits at 662-280-2100 to schedule your Senior’s appointment. Scheduling starts on May 30 for appointments.**

Senior pictures are the opportunity to mark this great milestone of graduation in your life. The picture will be in the yearbook, on the composite and on the Jumbo Tron at graduation. See sitting fee information below.

**Sitting Fee:** This fee is due upon the arrival of your appointment. Each senior who has been photographed by Hemker Portraits will receive (one) 10 x 13 composite print at graduation. There are two different sessions to choose from and are listed below:

**“The Deluxe Session” sitting fee - \$75.**

This session includes the traditional formal (drape or tux), cap & gown plus assorted casuals which allow the senior up to 2 outfit changes. They will need to come to their appointment dressed in their first casual attire ready for pictures.

**“The Traditional Session” sitting fee - \$50.**

This session includes the traditional formal (drape or tux) and cap & gown only.

**Proofs:** Proofs and order form and information sheet on “How to Order” will be emailed to the email address you provide Hemker Portraits when booking your appointment time after the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

**Orders:** There will be a deadline for placing orders through the school unless you prefer to place a phone-in order with Hemker Portraits. Payments can be made by cash, check (payable to Hemker Portraits) or debit, and all major credit cards.

**On the day of your appointment, please be prepared:**

- Arrive on time, come dressed and ready for pictures.
- Have hair and make-up (if preferred) done before you arrive.
- Guys – bring a white t-shirt (it will be worn under the formal attire).
- Girls – bring a spaghetti strap top (it will be worn under the formal attire).
- If you have a hobby, talent such as a sport, music, or other outside interest, please bring it as your 2<sup>nd</sup> outfit change if selecting the “Deluxe Session”.
- All apparel needed for cap & gown and formal wear will be provided by Hemker Portraits.
- Only one person may come with you. Please no children since our focus will be on the senior.

Questions??? Contact them at [Hemkerportraits@outlook.com](mailto:Hemkerportraits@outlook.com)

*“A picture is worth a thousand words.”  
Unknown*

# Senior Portrait Packages

## Order Form

HORN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

“CLASS OF 2025”

Senior Portrait Packages



**Portraits**

662-280-2100

(Phone-in orders accepted)



### Package #1

**6**

PORTRAIT  
SHEETS

Choose your poses  
& sheet choices

**\$199.95**

### Package #2

**8**

PORTRAIT  
SHEETS

Choose your poses  
& sheet choices

**\$249.95**

### Package #3

**10**

PORTRAIT  
SHEETS

Choose your poses  
& sheet choices

**\$324.95**

### Package #4

**THE DELUXE!!**

**16 X 20**

Custom Enlargement

8 Portrait Sheets

2 Gifting Items

Your choice of . .

4 Digital Images

(or) 8 Up Folio”

**\$395**

## HOW TO ORDER *(build your own package) . . . . .*

1. Pick your package *(we offer 4 packages to fit your budget).*
2. Pick your favorite poses *(refer to proof numbers for pose selection).*
3. Tell us what portrait sheets to print *(from chart below).* \*7% sales tax will be added to your order

Example:

If you choose package #2 you can pick up to 8 different poses and 8 different sheets you want printed.

## “Portrait Sheets” chart *(same pose on each sheet)*



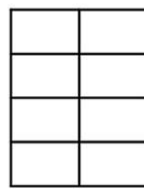
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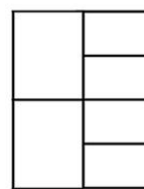
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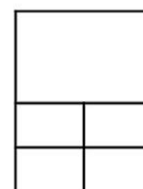
(C)=4-4x5



(D)=8 Wallets



(E)=2-4x5  
4 Wallets



(F)=1-5x7  
4 Wallets

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR PURCHASE

(“Gifting” items must be purchased with a picture order. Enlargements are “mount only” frame not included)

### “GIFTING”

ITEM	PRICE
(G) - 11oz Coffee Mug <i>(UP TO 2 POSES)</i> . . . . .	<b>\$18</b>
(H) - 2 sided metal Dog Tag w/chain <i>(UP TO 2 POSES)</i> . . . . .	<b>\$18</b>
(J) - 2-sided metal Key Chain <i>(UP TO 2 POSES)</i> . . . . .	<b>\$18</b>
(K) - Mouse Pad <i>(UP TO 4 POSES)</i> . . . . .	<b>\$18</b>

If you do not want to order from one of our packages,  
you can order single portrait sheets for **\$40.00** ea. (plus tax)

### “ENLARGEMENTS & FOLIO”

ITEM	PRICE
(N) - 11 X 14 (mounted) . . .	<b>\$79.95</b>
(M) - 16 X 20 (mounted) . .	<b>\$169.95</b>
(Q) - 20 X 24 (mounted) . . .	<b>\$229.95</b>
(P) - 8 Pose Folio. . . . .	<b>\$229.95</b>

\* Folio with purchase of a package . . \$109.95

(W) - Digital Image . . . . . **\$50 ea.**

\* Minimum 2 image purchase



# **College Resources**



# College Resource Guide



WOODWARD HINES EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Get2College is a program of the Woodward Hines Education Foundation. They specialize in college planning and provide **free** counseling services statewide to help Mississippi students and their families plan and pay for college.

## We're with you each step of the way, from start to finish.

If you need help figuring out the college process, you're not alone. Get2College provides a college guidebook that is designed to help students (and the adults who help them) explore careers, prepare for college entrance exams, choose a right-fit college, and complete state and federal financial aid forms.

## Have more questions?



To reach students and families in the state, Get2College can be found at the location listed below. They also offer virtual one-on-one counseling and financial aid assistance.



### North Mississippi

5699 Getwell Road, Building H, Suite 3  
Southaven, MS 38672  
662.349.2789  
nms@get2college.org



## 24/7 support in the palm of your hands.

Sign up to receive text message reminders and tips about college admission, financial aid, and the ACT. Have questions? Text them any time, and one of their Ger2College counselors will get back to you! Scan the QR Code below to register!



## What you need, when you need it.

From tips on how to nail the ACT to calculating the cost of college, Get2College.org has what you need when you need it. Here are a few of our favorite resources:

- **Scholarship Search Tool**—Explore private scholarships available from state and national organizations.
- **EFC Calculator**—Understand what your college might expect your family to contribute to the cost of college.
- **College Comparison Tool**—Compare your top college choices side-by-side.
- **Student Loan Repayment Calculator**—Estimate how much you'll owe monthly on your student loan after graduation.

# START YOUR JOURNEY TOWARD COLLEGE TODAY



**Nail the ACT**



**Make a plan that works for you**



**Careers in Demand/Career Growth**



**Your College Fit**



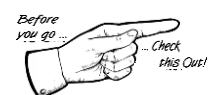
**Research your Colleges of Interest**



**Cost of College**



**Before you go**



# Nail the ACT

## Websites

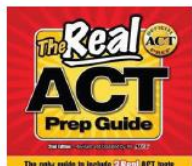


Get2College ACT  
resources  
Scan QR Code

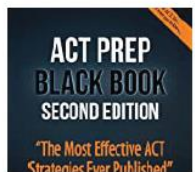


Khan Academy  
khanacademy.org

## Books



The Real ACT  
Prep Guide  
(The Red Book)



ACT Prep Black Book:  
The Most Effective  
ACT Strategies Ever  
Published

## Mobile Apps



Practice, Test Prep, &  
Quizzes by Varsity Tutors



ACT Prep Coach &  
Practice Test by Magoosh

Approach questions on the ACT in one  
of three ways:

### DO NOW

Easy questions are  
ones that don't take  
long to solve. Go  
ahead and answer  
them to get them out  
of the way!

### DO LATER

Medium questions  
can take a little time  
to figure out. Skip  
these and come  
back to them.

### DO NEVER

Hard questions are going to take a while  
to figure out the answer. Rather than use  
precious time, use your Spot of the Day!



## TEST-TAKING STRATEGIES

### Pace yourself and answer EVERY question

Concentrate on the easy/medium  
questions to gain the most points.  
There is no penalty for guessing on the  
ACT, so guess on the hard questions if  
you are uncertain of the correct answer  
or you run out of time. The ACT booklet  
won't be graded, so mark it up as you  
narrow down your answers, show your  
work on math problems, and underline  
key information in passages.

### Practice makes perfect

The ACT is a standardized test, so you  
can learn what you will be tested on and  
how the questions will be asked. Practice  
as if you are taking the real ACT, so get  
up early to practice while you are TIRED!  
Practicing will help you become more  
accustomed to taking the ACT.

### Process of elimination

Narrow down your choices before taking a  
guess. A 50% chance of getting it correct  
is better than a 25% chance.

### Spot of the day

Pick a spot of your choice before  
starting the test. Use that spot every  
time you need to guess or run out  
of time. It will increase your odds of  
getting questions correct compared to  
randomly guessing.



# The ACT & SAT

What is the ACT? It is a national college admissions test that consists of subject area tests in English, Math, Reading, and Science.

The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 4 hours to complete, including a short break. This test is given on six different dates within the United States.

People of all ages and grade levels are eligible to take the ACT. This includes students in grades 6-12 and high school graduates. Of course, you will need to register and pay the test fees.

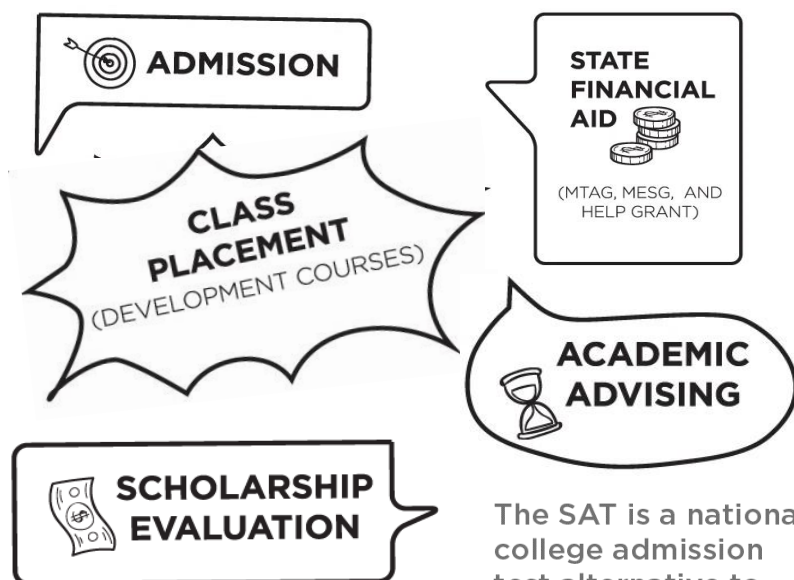
By taking the ACT, you make yourself visible to colleges and scholarship agencies, so it is another way to help you get ready for life after high school. When you register for the ACT, you can choose up to four colleges to which ACT will send your scores as part of the basic fee for your test option. If you take the test more than once, you choose which test date results the colleges will receive.

## 2024-2025 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline	Online Score Release*
Sept 7, 2024	Aug 2, 2023	Aug 16, 2024	Sept 17; Nov 1, 2024
Oct 26, 2024	Sept 20, 2024	Oct 4, 2024	Nov 12; Dec 13, 2024
Dec 7, 2024	Nov 1, 2024	Nov 15, 2024	Dec 17, 2024; Jan 31, 2025
Feb 7, 2025	Jan 3, 2025	Jan 17, 2025	Feb 18; Apr 4, 2025
April 11, 2025	March 7, 2025	Mar 21, 2025	April 22; June 6, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 2, 2025	May 16, 2025	June 17; Aug 1, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025	July 22; Sept 5, 2025

\* Students will receive their scores sometime within these reporting windows

ACT or SAT scores are requested by most colleges and universities as a part of the admission process. Your results provide one way to measure your potential for:



The SAT is a national college admission test alternative to the ACT.

## HLHS ACT Information

ACT Code: 251-300

Test Center Code: 1988920

ACT Help Line: (319) 337-1270

(Students must be the one calling)

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)



Find helpful tips and tricks for the ACT in short 1-minute videos on our YouTube channel at:

[bit.ly/g2cyoutube](https://bit.ly/g2cyoutube)

## ACT Fees\*

ACT, no writing	\$63.00
ACT, plus writing	\$88.00
Late Fee	\$36.00
Standby Testing	\$63.00

\*ACT prices and fees are subject to change. See [act.org](http://act.org) for more details.

## ACT for Free

Four fee waivers are offered to help lower-income students pay for the ACT. Ask your high school counselor if you qualify!

## NEED MORE TEST PREP HELP?

Request a Test Information Release to receive a copy of your test questions and answers.

December, April, and June test dates only. Test Information Release is \$30.00 for each test.



# ACT Test Day Checklist

## What to Bring on Test Day

Prepare for test day by knowing what to bring and what to leave at home!



### Bring This, Not That



#### Bring:

##### Admission Ticket

Print a copy of your admission ticket to bring to the test center. Your ticket contains important registration match information or your online launch code.

Once you have uploaded your photo, you can print your admission ticket in MyACT.

##### Acceptable Photo identification

Acceptable photo identification is required to be admitted to the test center. You will not be admitted to test if your ID does not meet ACT requirements.

##### Number 2 pencil

Bring sharpened, No. 2 pencils with good erasers (no mechanical pencils or ink pens). Do not bring any other writing instruments; you will not be allowed to use them.

##### Watch or Other Timing Device

You may bring a watch, timer, or stopwatch to pace yourself during testing, but it may not have an alarm. Your watch or other timing device must be removed and placed on your desk while in the test room, so that it remains visible to staff during the test. If an alarm sounds, you'll be dismissed and your test will not be scored.

##### Calculator

Bring a permitted calculator to be used on the mathematics test only. You are not required to use a calculator at all, but if you do, it is your responsibility to know whether your calculator is permitted.

##### Snacks

You may bring a snack to eat outside the testing room during break.

#### Don't bring any of these; you can't access them:

- Textbooks, foreign language or other dictionaries, scratch paper, notes, or other aids
- Highlighter pens, colored pens or pencils, or correction fluid/tape
- Any electronic device, other than a permitted calculator and acceptable watch or timing device
- Reading material
- Tobacco in any form

#### Prohibited devices

The prohibited use of devices is in effect from the time you are admitted to your testing room until you are dismissed at the end of the test, including break times. Specifically:

- You may not handle or access a cell phone or electronic device at any time in the testing room or during break times. This includes smart watches, fitness bands, and any other devices with recording, Wi-Fi, internet, or communication capabilities.
- All devices, including cell phones and wearable devices, must be turned off and placed out of sight.
- If you access your device or it activates or alarms in the testing room or during break times, you will be dismissed, your test will not be scored, and your phone or device may be taken away.

## Acceptable Forms of ID

#### Current official photo ID

Must be an original, current (valid) ID issued by a city/state/federal government agency or your school.

ID must be in hard plastic card format. Paper or electronic formats are NOT acceptable.

You must use the name on your ID to register to test and the photo ID must be clearly recognizable as you.

#### ACT Student Identification Form with photo

You MUST present this ACT Student Identification Form (PDF) with photo if you do not have a current official photo ID as described above. This document must be fully completed by a school official or notary public; neither may be a relative.

# ACT WorkKeys Career Readiness Certificate

For students pursuing a Traditional Diploma with a Career and Technical Endorsement, they must earn silver level on ACT WorkKeys. WorkKeys is a system of assessments and curriculum that build and measure essential workplace skills that can affect your job performance and increase opportunities for career placement and advancement.

With ACT WorkKeys, you can earn your National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC\*), an assessment-based credential issued at four levels: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. The NCRC measures and certifies the essential work skills needed for success in jobs across industries and occupations.

An NCRC is earned by achieving a Level Score of 3 or better on all three WorkKeys assessments:

- Applied Math
- Workplace Documents
- Graphic Literacy

*They are also available in Spanish.*

## WORKKEYS PREPARATION

Through Skill UP MS programs, ACT WorkKeys Curriculum is available to prepare individuals for the ACT WorkKeys Assessments leading to the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) at [skillupmississippi.com/#programs](http://skillupmississippi.com/#programs)

## HOW YOUR ACT TRANSLATES TO ACT NCRC

On your ACT score report, you can find an estimate of the ACT NCRC level that students with your ACT composite score are likely to obtain.

## NCRC Skill Levels

### BRONZE

3

#### LEVEL 3

score minimum on all assessments

16% of jobs demonstrate this skill level

#### Relevant Occupations

*Auto Body Repair Technician  
Veterinary Assistant  
Janitorial Assistant  
Drywall Installer  
Pharmacy Aide*

4

### SILVER

#### LEVEL 4

score minimum on all assessments

67% of jobs demonstrate this skill level

#### Relevant Occupations

*Administrative Manager  
Head Cook  
Medical Assistant  
Engineering Technician  
Machinist*

5

### GOLD

#### LEVEL 5

score minimum on all assessments

93% of jobs demonstrate this skill level

#### Relevant Occupations

*School Counselor  
Pharmacy Technician  
Semi-Conductor Processor  
Business Executive  
Electrician*

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### PLATINUM

#### LEVEL 6

score minimum on all assessments

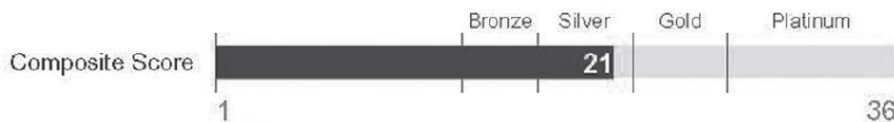
99% of jobs demonstrate this skill level

#### Relevant Occupations

*Accountant  
Technical Writer  
Sales Manager  
Registered Nurse Manager  
Elevator Installer and Repairer*

## Progress Toward the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate®

This indicator provides an estimate of the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (ACT NCRC®) that students with your ACT Composite score are likely to obtain. The ACT NCRC is an assessment-based credential that documents foundational work skills important for job success across industries and occupations. Visit [www.act.org/NCRC-indicator](http://www.act.org/NCRC-indicator) to learn more.



Students with your ACT Composite score are likely to obtain a Silver level on the ACT NCRC.



# Make a plan that **Works** for you

College is a great investment. But, like all investments, choosing a college major or program that aligns with your career goals requires planning. Choosing the path for your career means finding a balance between your interests and skills, job opportunities, and earning potential.

**We like to think of it like this:**



**Choose carefully** when selecting a major since your program of study may impact your earnings more than your education level. On average, higher levels of education are associated with higher earnings—but that isn't always the case.



Check out the interactive database at **Get2College.org** where you can find jobs that are in-demand and growing in Mississippi and learn about starting salaries and annual wages.



# Careers in demand

In Mississippi, a great career is just around the corner. Opportunities in advanced manufacturing, energy, healthcare, and logistics are all in high-demand and offer good wages and potential for advancement—with or without a four-year degree.

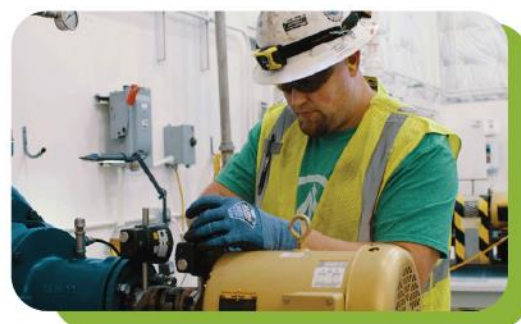
## In-demand & growth jobs in Mississippi

Sorted by highest demand. For the full list, visit [get2college.org](https://get2college.org).

Occupations	Avg. Salary	Career Cluster
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$45,540	Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
General and Operations Managers	\$89,350	Business Management & Administration
Registered Nurses	\$61,250	Health Science
Elementary School Teachers	\$43,280	Education & Training
Light Truck Drivers	\$36,190	Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$40,340	Health Science
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$44,340	Manufacturing
Electricians	\$49,980	Architecture & Construction
Secondary School Teachers	\$46,100	Education & Training
Accountants and Auditors	\$66,450	Finance
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$37,210	Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$60,390	Architecture & Construction
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$52,060	Manufacturing
Financial Managers	\$95,120	Finance
Medical and Health Services Managers	\$100,680	Health Science
Market Research Analyst and Marketing Specialists	\$47,300	Marketing

Source: *Ithaka S+R*

Date: 2022



Don't forget to subscribe to the Get2College YouTube channel for videos highlighting in-demand careers in Mississippi!

### Search for Jobs

Use the interactive database on the Get2College website, and explore high-demand jobs available in Mississippi.



# Career growth

Consider this: When exploring careers, WHAT you want to do is only part of the story. Also, consider WHERE you want to do it. If you want to be an engineer but are passionate about the environment, consider being an engineer at a renewable energy company. If you are interested in a career in finance but want to work in the healthcare industry, consider working as an accountant for a doctor's office or hospital.

In addition to choosing your career path, explore employers that have opportunities available in your field. You might be surprised by what you find.

## Mississippi's Top 10 Largest Employers

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>1. State of Mississippi Government</b><br><i>Statewide</i><br># of employees: 27,400<br>Employs Organizers, Persuaders, Thinkers, Creators, and Doers            | <b>6. Nissan North America Inc.</b><br><i>Canton, MS</i><br># of employees: 6,300<br>Employs Organizers, Helpers, Persuaders, Creators, Doers, and Thinkers |
| <b>2. Walmart Supercenter</b><br><i>Statewide</i><br># of employees: 25,150<br>Employs Organizers, Persuaders, Thinkers, Creators, and Doers                        | <b>7. Tyson Foods Inc.</b><br><i>Carthage, MS</i><br># of employees: 5,400<br>Employs Organizers, Creators, Persuaders, and Doers                           |
| <b>3. Huntington Ingalls Industries</b><br><i>Pascagoula, MS</i><br># of employees: 11,500<br>Employs Organizers, Persuaders, Thinkers, and Doers                   | <b>8. Beau Rivage Resort &amp; Casino</b><br><i>Biloxi, MS</i><br># of employees: 4,000<br>Employs Organizers, Creators, Persuaders, and Doers              |
| <b>4. University of Mississippi Medical Center</b><br><i>Jackson, MS</i><br># of employees: 10,000<br>Employs Organizers, Helpers, Creators, Thinkers, and Doers    | <b>9. Mississippi State University</b><br><i>Starkville, MS</i><br># of employees: 4,000<br>Employs Organizers, Helpers, Creators, and Thinkers             |
| <b>5. North Mississippi Health Services</b><br><i>Tupelo, MS</i><br># of employees: 7,200<br>Employs Organizers, Persuaders, Thinkers, Helpers, Creators, and Doers | <b>10. Tempstaff</b><br><i>Jackson, MS</i><br># of employees: 3,892<br>Employs Organizers, Helpers, Persuaders, Creators, Doers, and Thinkers               |

Source: Dept. of Labor Career One-Step, D&B Hoovers

Date: 2022



Ingalls Shipbuilding is located on the MS Gulf Coast. Employing more than 11,000 people, Ingalls is the largest supplier of U.S. Navy surface combatants and has built 70% of the U.S. Navy fleet of warships. Ingalls offers co-ops, summer internships, and apprenticeships. They also offer careers ranging from accounting to welding.




The University of Mississippi Medical Center has 10,000 employees who work in fields including marketing, nursing, research, logistics, teaching, and finance.



# Colleges in Mississippi

## COMMUNITY & JUNIOR COLLEGES

**Coahoma CC**   
coahomacc.edu

**Copiah-Lincoln CC**  
colin.edu

**East Central CC**  
eccc.edu

**East MS CC**  
eastms.edu

**Hinds CC**   
hindscc.edu

**Holmes CC**  
holmescc.edu

**Itawamba CC**  
iccms.edu

**Jones College**  
jcc.edu

**Meridian CC**  
meridiancc.edu

**MS Delta CC**  
msdelta.edu

**MS Gulf Coast CC**  
mgccc.edu

**Northeast MS CC**  
nemcc.edu

**Northwest MS CC**  
northwestms.edu

**Pearl River CC**  
prcc.edu

**Southwest MS CC**  
smccc.edu

## PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

**Alcorn State University**   
alcorn.edu

**Delta State University**  
deltastate.edu

**Jackson State University**   
jsums.edu

**Mississippi State University**   
msstate.edu

**Mississippi University for Women**  
muw.edu

**Mississippi Valley State University**   
mvsu.edu

**University of Mississippi**   
olemiss.edu

**University of Southern Mississippi**   
usm.edu

## PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES


**Belhaven University**  
belhaven.edu

**Blue Mountain College**  
bmc.edu

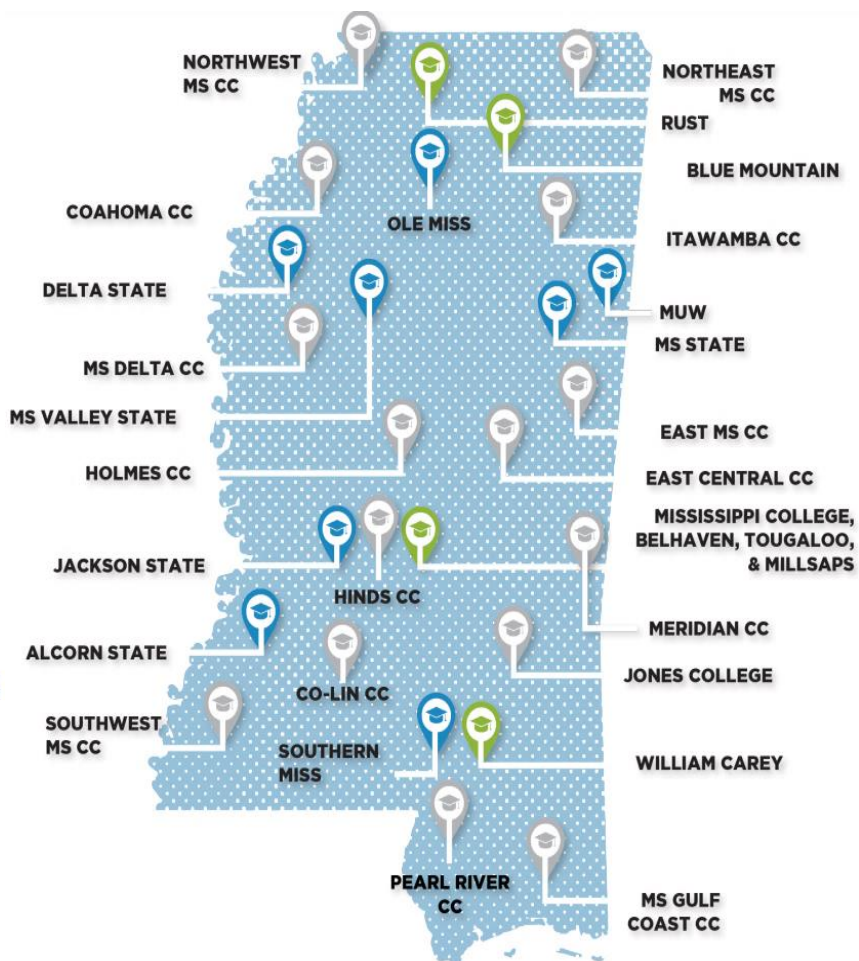
**Millsaps College**   
millsaps.edu

**Mississippi College**   
mc.edu

**Rust College**   
rustcollege.edu

**Tougaloo College**   
tougaloo.edu

**William Carey University**  
wmcarey.edu



### HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HBCUs)

A college or university that was originally founded to educate students of African American descent.



### ONE CLICK TO APPLY

Apply to these colleges with one admission application, the Common Application, at [commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org).

# Which College is right for you?

**1  
year**

## Certificate

A non-degree credential is usually issued by a community college or other higher education institution.

**Example:** Practical Nursing

## EXAMPLES



Industrial  
Maintenance Tech  
  
Culinary Arts Tech  
  
Commercial  
Truck Driving

**2  
years**

## Associate Degree

A two-year degree is issued by a community college.

**Example:** Associate Degree in Applied Science

## EXAMPLES



Associate of Arts  
in Accounting  
  
Associate of Applied  
Science in Agribusiness  
  
Associate of Arts in  
Elementary Education

**4  
years**

## Bachelor's Degree

A four-year degree is issued by a college or university.

**Example:** Bachelor of Science in Sociology

## EXAMPLES



Bachelor of Science in  
Construction Management  
  
Bachelor of Science  
in Nursing  
  
Bachelor of Arts in  
Communication Studies

## Your college fit

Think of college as any education after high school that leads to financial stability. A good college fit is when a college meets a student's needs and wants academically, socially, and financially. Your ideal college might look different from where your family or friends attended. Find the college that fits you best.



### College size:

- What is the average class size for freshman classes?
- How many students live on campus?
- What percentage of students are from in-state vs. out-of-state?
- Is there diversity on campus (ethnic, geographic, family income)?



### Degree options:

- A certificate or technical degree  
(Ex: *Welding or Cosmetology*)
- Associate – 2 year  
(Ex: *Associate of Arts or Associate of Applied Science*)

— 4+ years —

- Bachelor's – 4 year  
(Ex: *Bachelor of Arts in Communication*)
- Master's degree  
(Ex: *Master of Education in Counseling*)
- Doctorate  
(Ex: *Medical, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, History, or Law*)



### College type:

- Public or private
- Community college or four-year institution
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Online programs
- All male or female student body
- Religious affiliation
- Military academy



# COLLEGE is a BIG DEAL CHOOSE WISELY

Choosing and applying to colleges will be a year-long journey, but it doesn't have to be daunting. Use these questions to help you narrow down your search.

## ASK YOURSELF SOME QUESTIONS.

Answering questions like these will help you focus your college search.

- What interests me?
- How do I spend my free time?
- What makes me feel passionate?
- How do I learn best?
- What do I think I want to do in the future?
- What type of degree am I seeking?

## GET TO KNOW THE OPTIONS.

There are different types of colleges/universities. Do your research to determine the right fit for you.

- Public or private
- Community college or four-year institution
- Historically Black College or University (HBCU)
- All male or female student body
- Religious affiliation
- Military academy

## WHERE DO I WANT TO LIVE?

- Urban, suburban, or rural
- Live at home and commute
- Move away from home and live on campus.

## HOW LARGE IS THE STUDENT BODY?

- What is the average class size for freshmen classes?
- How many students live on campus?
- What percentage are from in-state vs out-of-state?

***"A warm smile is the universal  
language of kindness."  
William Arthur Ward***

## DECIDE WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU.

For some students, sports and activities are very important. Other students want a challenging academic environment. Some students want both.

- Are honors programs available?
- Are special services for students with learning and physical disabilities available?
- Does the school participate in an athletic conference?
- What student organizations and clubs are available?



**Get2College** is a free resource for seniors. It is funded by the Education Services Foundation and their mission is to help Mississippi students plan and pay for college. They have free ACT workshops, as well as scholarship information. They also provide free assistance with the college application process and the college financial aid application. The following is their contact information: Please visit their website as a resource for college and scholarship information.

North MS Get2College Center  
5699 Getwell Road  
Building H, Suite 3  
Southaven, MS 38672  
Phone: 662-349-2789  
[nms@get2college.org](mailto:nms@get2college.org)



# College Research

## Start Now and Don't Give Up!

Finding the right school isn't easy, and it's not something you decide overnight! Doing the necessary research is essential to making the right choice.

Identifying what's most important to you in a school is crucial. If you've identified your preferences and make the time to perform the necessary research, you're sure to find the right school for you.

## COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES' VISITS

College representatives will be visiting our school throughout this school year. They are usually set up in the commons during all four lunches. This is a great time to get information about that school as well as give them your information so that they might contact you about their college or university.

## COLLEGE FAIRS

College fairs are a great way to be exposed to different colleges. Attending a college fair will allow you to meet with representatives from different colleges and gather materials to give you information about each school. While attending these events, you want to leave behind a good impression on recruiters. Check out some helpful college fair etiquette tips on what you want to do and what you want to avoid doing!

### COLLEGE FAIR DO'S & DON'T'S



#### DO

1. Give the recruiter a firm handshake.
2. Introduce yourself (first & last name, school and grade level).
3. Ask about a specific program.
4. Make eye contact.
5. Get business cards from the recruiters and email them the evening after the college fair.

#### DON'T

1. Grab all of the free stuff and walk away.
2. Be dressed inappropriately.
3. Let your parents do all of the talking.
4. Be on a group FaceTime.
5. Ask the recruiter to "tell you about their school" without specifying a field of interest.

# Let the search begin!

You have a choice on where you go to college, and you want to find the college that is right for you. Each college presents a different experience, and no two colleges are the same, so that is why you must spend time researching all your options. Keep your preferences as a “checklist” while researching colleges. If you’re researching a college that meets your criteria, it’s a great fit! If you’re still unsure, try to visit the college so you can see it and learn more in person. Sometimes a physical visit can help you determine if the school is a good fit for you.

## SEARCH FOR COLLEGES



### Do some research

Use websites like bigfuture.com to help search for your college fit.

Visit school websites, request brochures and catalogs, and talk to admission and financial aid staff.

- Check out great resource websites.
- Make campus visits.
- Look at colleges’ Net Price Calculators to determine your cost of attending.

## College Visits

Seniors are allowed two college visits per semester. This does not count against your absences if you provide documentation from your college visit. These forms are obtained from the college and must be returned to the attendance clerk in the main office. You are strongly encouraged to visit the colleges you are interested in. This would allow you to make an educated decision on what college you would like to attend. Also, the counseling department will usually take groups of seniors on several college visits during the school year. Because we are limited on the number of students, we may take on a campus tour, the following are the requirements that a student must meet to attend a campus tour with the school.

**Requirements to attend.**

1. Must currently be on track to complete the college prep curriculum.
2. Must meet ACT/GPA requirements for that college.
3. Must have a “C” or higher in all current classes.
4. Attendance/discipline will also be considered.

## Campus Visits: Know Before You Go

You can only tell so much from college’s websites and brochures, therefore it’s a good idea to do these things:

- Review any materials the college has sent you. This will help you come up with questions specific to that college.
- Make a list of questions to ask both staff and students.
- Explore the map of the college campus and make a note of where the admission’s office is so you’ll know where you’re going. This will help ensure that you’re on time for your visit.

## GET THE MOST OUT OF A CAMPUS VISIT IN 6 STEPS

### 1 DECIDE WHERE AND HOW

See if your school arranges group trips to colleges or if you could get a group of friends together and visit the campus. A family trip is another option and allows you to involve your family in the process.

### 2 PREPARE FOR YOUR VISIT

Before you set out, get a map of the college campus and pick out places of interest. Call the college’s admission office to schedule a guided tour of the campus.

### 3 TAKE YOUR OWN TOUR

Just wandering around the campus on your own or with friends can be the best way to get a feel for what a college is like.

### 4 EXPLORE THE FACILITIES

Find the spots on campus where students gather or ask a student where the best place to eat is to get a feel for the character of the college. Visit the library and check out the gym or theater. Ask an admission officer if you can tour a dorm and a classroom.

### 5 MAKE CONNECTIONS

Talk to current students. Ask the students at the next table or sitting nearby what they like best about the college.

### 6 TAKE NOTES

During your visit, write down some notes about your experience. What did you see that excited you? Are there aspects of the college that you don’t like? If so, what are they?





# Campus Visit Checklist

Visiting a college campus helps you get a sense of what a college — and life at that college — is like. This can help you decide whether the college is right for you.

## GATHER INFORMATION

Find out what you need to do to apply, and see if the college's class and major offerings are what you want:

- ☐ Take part in a group information session at the admission office.
- ☐ Interview with an admission officer.
- ☐ Pick up financial aid forms.
- ☐ Sit in on a class that interests you. If classes aren't in session, just see what the classrooms are like.
- ☐ Meet a professor who teaches a subject that interests you.
- ☐ Talk to students about what they think of their classes and professors.
- ☐ Get the names and business cards of the people you meet so you can contact them later if you have questions.

## EXPLORE THE CAMPUS

Get a feel for student life, and see if this college is a place where you will do well:

- ☐ Take a campus tour.
- ☐ Visit the dining hall, fitness center, library, career center, bookstore, and other campus facilities.
- ☐ Talk to current students about the college and life on campus.
- ☐ Check out the freshman dorms, and stay overnight with a student, if possible.
- ☐ Talk to the coaches of sports that you may want to play.
- ☐ Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.

## CHECK OUT CAMPUS MEDIA

Tune in to learn what's happening on campus and what's on students' minds:

- ☐ Listen to the college radio station.
- ☐ Read the student newspaper.
- ☐ Scan bulletin boards to see what daily student life is like.
- ☐ Go to the career center and learn what services it offers.
- ☐ Browse the school's website and any campus blogs.
- ☐ Read other student publications, such as department newsletters, alternative newspapers, and literary reviews.



## Questions to Ask During Your Visit:

### ASK TOUR GUIDES/STUDENTS

- What are the best reasons to go to this college?
- What's it like to go from high school to college?
- What do you do in your free time? On the weekends?
- What do you love about this college?
- What do you wish you could change about this college?
- Why did you choose this college?
- What is it like to live here?
- What does the college do to promote student involvement in campus groups, extracurricular activities, or volunteerism?



### ASK PROFESSORS

- What are the best reasons to go to this college?
- Can a student be mentored by professors, graduate students, or upperclassmen?
- How are professors rated by the college? Does the college think mentoring and meetings for project guidance are important?
- How does the college help students have access to professors outside class? Do professors join students for lunch, help with community service groups, or guide student organizations?
- How many students do research or other kinds of projects for a semester or more?

### ASK THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

- How much has your total college cost for each student risen in the past year?
- How much do your students usually end up owing when they graduate?
- What is the average income of graduates who had the same major that interests me?
- Will my costs go up when your tuition goes up, or can we use the same tuition rate I started with so I'll know the costs for four years?
- How many students usually graduate in the major that interests me? How long do these students usually take to get their degree? In what ways does the college help students graduate in four years?



## Narrow Down Your List

You're now ready to narrow your list to the colleges you're sure you want to apply to.

The colleges you'll apply to should be places where you can see yourself thrive and should meet your preferences. Remember, this is where you'll spend the next four years of your life!



- **Apply for college admission.**

There's no specific number of colleges you need to apply to. However, most students typically apply to 7 to 12 colleges.

A screenshot of a 'COLLEGE APPLICATION' form. It includes sections for 'Applicant Information' (Name, Date of Birth, Gender, etc.), 'Identification Information' (Social Security Number, etc.), and 'Academic Information' (School Name, etc.). There is a 'PHOTO HERE' placeholder and a 'Submit' button at the bottom.

- **Apply for scholarships at each college or university.**

Apply to every scholarship you meet the required criteria. Your GPA, ACT, and SAT scores may also qualify you for scholarships that you don't have to repay.



- **Complete the FAFSA, meeting the college's earliest priority deadline.**

FAFSA and other financial aid programs can significantly cut your costs. However, remember that you will have to repay these loans after graduation.



- **Complete the Mississippi Office of Financial Aid Application.**

You may also be able to make college more affordable by studying in-state: some schools offer reduced rates for in-state students.





# Tips for Juniors

## Take challenging courses



The courses you take in high school show colleges your academic readiness. Sign up for advanced classes, honors sections, and AP or IB classes. Choose electives that stretch your mind and help you develop new abilities. Research academic coursework required by colleges and universities of interest. Earn the best grades you can. This is the last chance to bring your grades up for college applications.

## Document your success

Summer jobs, extracurricular activities, academic programs, camps, and workshops demonstrate to colleges your leadership skills. Document these activities in a college resume along with any awards or recognition you receive.

## Self exploration and essay writing ideas

You can complete college applications as early as the summer before your senior year. These applications often require essays, so now is the time to explore what sets you apart from other students. Also,



review your social media to make sure it represents you in a positive manner.

## Prepare for standardized testing

Your ACT or SAT scores may be considered for admission into your desired college as well as awarding financial aid and scholarships. Prepare for standardized tests by taking prep classes your school offers or free summer workshops. ACT recommends students take the ACT at least once during their junior year.

## Explore your best college fit

Create a list of colleges and universities you are interested in. Visiting their websites can help you find out more.

1.

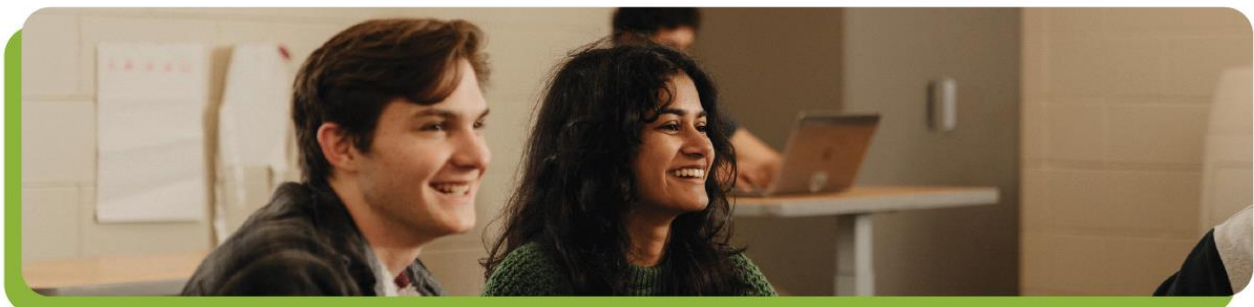
2.

3.

Connect with an admission recruiter who can help you get to know more about the college and answer questions about the application process.

Take a tour of each campus and talk to students about what it's like going to school there. Visit with professors who teach classes in your desired major. Explore the residence halls and sit in on classes to get an idea of what a day in the life on campus would look like.

## Research financial aid and scholarships



# Checklist for Seniors

## Do Now

- ☐ Sign up for the ACT/SAT at [act.org](http://act.org) and [sat.org](http://sat.org)
- ☐ Visit your favorite campuses
- ☐ Create your high school resume
- ☐ Job shadow or apply for internships
- ☐ Use Net Price Calculators to see the cost of attending college
- ☐ Seek out scholarship opportunities

## August - September

- ☐ Attend college fairs and meet your college recruiters
- ☐ Apply for college admission to meet priority deadlines
- ☐ Secure letters of recommendation for admission and scholarships, if needed

## October - December

- ☐ Complete your FAFSA - [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)
- ☐ Complete the Mississippi aid application - [msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org)
- ☐ Meet scholarship deadlines

## January - April

- ☐ Complete verification, if selected by the college
- ☐ Submit any required documents for Mississippi aid
- ☐ Review and compare financial aid award notices and make your final decision
- ☐ Apply for student housing and pay the deposit, if required
- ☐ Sign up for orientation

## May

- ☐ Request that your final transcript be sent to the college you choose upon graduation
- ☐ Complete online loan counseling and sign a Master Promissory Note if you accept a student loan



### My To Do List...




# **College Admissions Information**






# Requirements for College Admission

If you want to go to one of Mississippi's eight public universities, you should meet the requirements for one of the tracks.

TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3	TRACK 4
<b>3.2 GPA</b> minimum + <b>CPC</b> College Preparatory Curriculum Complete CPC with a minimum 3.2 high school grade point average (GPA) on the CPC	<b>16+ ACT</b> + <b>2.5 GPA</b> minimum or top 50% of class + <b>CPC</b> College Preparatory Curriculum Complete CPC with a minimum 2.50 high school GPA on the CPC or a class rank in the top 50% and a score of 16 or higher on the ACT*	<b>18+ ACT</b> + <b>2.0 GPA</b> minimum + <b>CPC</b> College Preparatory Curriculum Complete CPC with a minimum 2.0 high school GPA on the CPC and a score of 18 or higher on the ACT*	<b>NCAA</b> National Collegiate Athletic Association NCAA Division I standards for student-athletes who are "full-qualifiers" or "academic redshirts" are accepted as equivalent to the admission standards established by the Board. <i>For more details, visit <a href="http://eligibilitycenter.org">eligibilitycenter.org</a>.</i>

*\*Instead of ACT scores, students may submit equivalent SAT scores.*



## DON'T MEET THE CRITERIA?

Students who do not meet the above criteria are still eligible for admission if they participate in a Summer Developmental Program (SDP). Students will enroll in one or more deficient subject areas (English, Reading, or Mathematics) based on ACT subscores and/or ACCUPLACER scores.

ACCUPLACER evaluates a student's skills in reading, writing, and math to help college administrators place them in courses that match their skills. They receive training in study skills and counseling to enhance their ability to succeed at the university.

# Classes needed for college admissions (18 units)

The College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC)

4  
UNITS

## ENGLISH

All must require substantial communication skills (i.e. reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Compensatory Reading and Writing may not be included.

4  
UNITS

## MATHEMATICS

**CPC-APPROVED MATH** (1 unit)  
**ALGEBRA I**  
or equivalent

**MATH HIGHER THAN ALGEBRA I**  
(2 units)

3  
UNITS

## SCIENCE

**BIOLOGY I**  
or equivalent

**SCIENCE HIGHER THAN BIOLOGY I**  
(2 units)

3  
UNITS

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Units must include integrated courses of social sciences and humanities promoting civic competence.

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## Note this change

As of 2023, only 3 social studies units are required.

1  
UNIT

## ARTS

Includes any one Carnegie unit (or two  $\frac{1}{2}$  units) of visual and performing arts course(s) meeting the requirements for high school graduation.

2  
UNITS

## ADVANCED ELECTIVES

**Option 1:** Foreign Language I and II

**Option 2:** Foreign Language I & one Unit from Option 3

**Option 3:** (1) Any combination of advanced electives above the required Carnegie units as noted in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs CPC Manual and/or any Advanced Placement (AP), Academic or Career and Technical Dual Credit (DC), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) course. (2) Completion of any two-year Career and Technical course may count as one unit. Example: completion of both Health Sciences I & II will count as an advanced elective.

1  
UNIT

## TECHNOLOGY OR COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE

A technology course is defined as one that emphasizes the use of technology as a productivity tool. Instruction should include utilizing various forms of technology to create, collaborate, organize, and publish information. The application of technology as a productivity tool, rather than specific hardware and/or software packages should be the focus of the course.

To learn more about IHL admission and CPC requirements, scan the QR code below!



Psst...  
Scan me!



## TAKING DUAL ENROLLMENT?

Dual enrollment courses are considered earned college credits. After graduation, make sure you request a transcript to be sent before attending summer orientation, so you don't duplicate credits on your class schedule. Your college GPA begins with any dual enrollment coursework, so it's important to take these classes seriously and study hard!

You may receive an invitation to join Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society because of your grades from your dual enrolled courses. This is a big accomplishment that can lead to scholarship opportunities when you enroll full-time in college.

# Taking dual enrollment?

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You may receive an invitation to join Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society because of your grades from your dual enrolled courses. This is a big accomplishment that can lead to scholarship opportunities when you enroll full-time in college. Eligible students will receive an invitation once membership requirements are met, regardless if in high school or community college— typically a 3.5 GPA and 12 credit hours.

Scholarships are available to high-achieving community college students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university. Ask your college recruiter about PTK scholarship options if you are a high school member. PTK members are eligible for transfer scholarships at Mississippi four-year colleges and universities.

*\*UMMC does not currently offer PTK scholarships.*



PHI THETA KAPPA  
HONOR SOCIETY



## GET TO KNOW WHO WILL HELP YOU GET TO COLLEGE & CAREER

You will need the help of your high school counselor and career coach during your senior year. Build a relationship with them both and use their support as you plan your next steps.

**Counselor's Name**

**Email**

**Phone**

**Career Coach's Name**


**Email**

**Phone**





# For Division 1 Athletes ONLY



## DIVISION I ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

### CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

COURSE AREA	CREDITS
ENGLISH	4 years
MATH (Algebra I or higher)	3 years
SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	2 years
ADDITIONAL (English, math or science)	1 year
SOCIAL SCIENCE	2 years
ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, world language or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy)	4 years

## FULL QUALIFIER

College-bound student-athletes enrolling at an NCAA Division I school need to meet these academic requirements to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in their first year of full-time enrollment.

- Complete 16 core courses in the appropriate areas.
  - Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school.
  - Seven of the 10 core courses must be English, math or natural/physical science.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.300.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA on the Division I slide scale.
- Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

## ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

All Division I academic redshirts may receive an athletics scholarship and practice during their first year of full-time enrollment at a Division I school but may NOT compete.

- Complete 16 core courses in the appropriate areas.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching the core-course GPA on the Division I slide scale.
- Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Please review the [international initial-eligibility flyer](#) for information and academic requirements specific to international student-athletes.

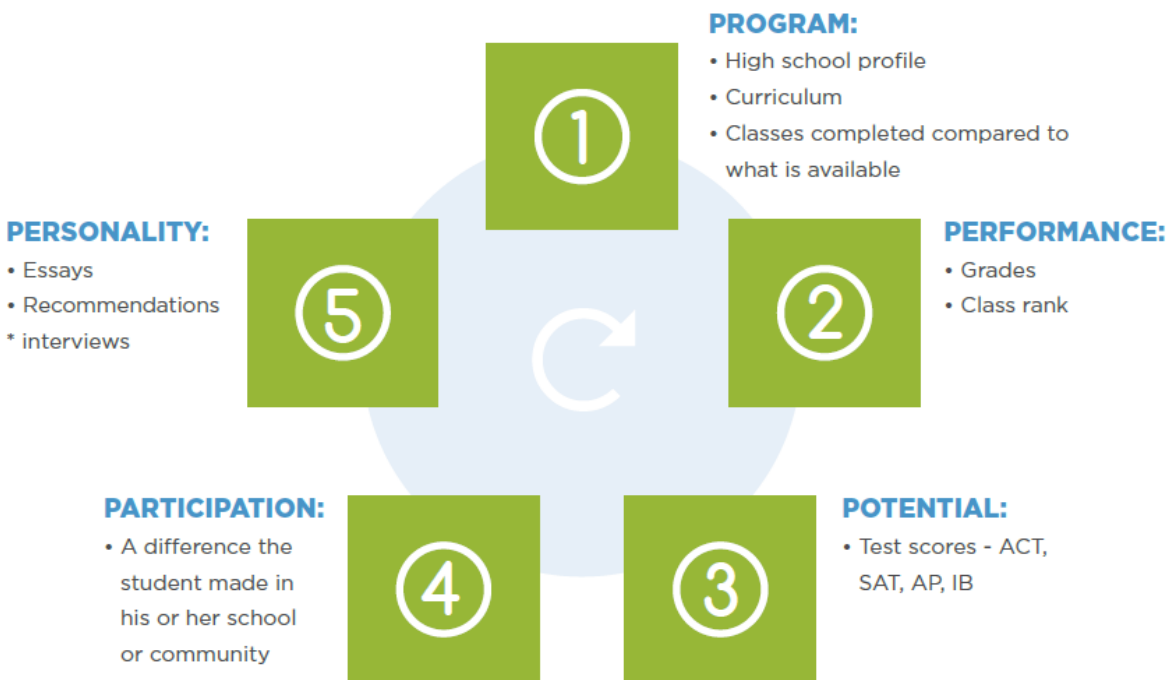
For information on Division II, view the [Division II academic requirements flyer](#).

# Elements of Importance for College Admission

## The 5Ps of college admission



The “Five Ps” are widely recognized as the key elements of importance in the college admission process. They will serve as touchstones for admission and scholarship decision-makers. It is imperative that you clearly understand these criteria upon which you will be evaluated.



# Prepare to Apply to College

## Before Applying Checklist:



Have your contact information on hand.



- Legal name
- Mailing address
- Personal email address
- Parent/guardian contact information



Be able to list extracurricular activities you plan to join while in college.



Have a list of courses that you currently take in high school.



Have a payment method ready for application fees, if applicable.

- Fee waiver
- Debit/credit card



Prepare a digital copy of your essay and resume for uploading to your application.

## After Applying Checklist:



Request your high school transcript to be sent to all the colleges where you applied.



Check that your ACT® scores have been sent to the colleges where you applied.



Check your email frequently for admission decision status and next steps.



### Check out the 500+ other top occupations in Mississippi

Use the link below to explore more jobs available in Mississippi.  
[get2college.org/career-planning](https://get2college.org/career-planning)

### TOP MISSISSIPPI OCCUPATIONS



### Welder, Brazier, Solderer

**Average salary:** \$44,340

**Average starting salary:** \$30,860

**Typical level of education:**

Post-secondary certificate

**Common college major:**

Welding Technology

### COLLEGE APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS

Fee waivers can be used to take the ACT® for free, cover late fees, and bypass college application fees. They are available for students who receive free or reduced lunch at their high school and can be obtained from your counselor.

This will allow you to apply to college(s) without paying the application fee.

Most two-year colleges have no application fees, so no fee waiver is needed. Many four-year colleges will accept fee waivers.

## Graduation Checklist

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MSIS: \_\_\_\_\_

### Desoto County Schools GRADUATION CHECKLIST (beginning with Class of 2024)

	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
Credits Earned:							
GPA							

Promotion to 10th Grade: Earned at least 6 credits (including English I and 2 additional core Carnegie Units)

Promotion to 11th Grade: Earned at least 13 credits (including English II, Algebra I, and 3 additional core Carnegie Units)

Promotion to 12th Grade: Earned at least 18 Carnegie Units (including English III and on track to graduate)

### Traditional Diploma Option – 24 Credits

<u><b>Department of English (4)</b></u> <input type="checkbox"/> HS Ready Lit <input type="checkbox"/> CC English I* <input type="checkbox"/> CC English II* <input type="checkbox"/> CC English III <input type="checkbox"/> CC English IV <input type="checkbox"/> DC Comp I <input type="checkbox"/> DC Comp II <input type="checkbox"/> AP English Language <input type="checkbox"/> AP English Literature <input type="checkbox"/> SREB Lit/Essentials	<u><b>Department of Mathematics (4)</b></u> <input type="checkbox"/> CC Math 8 <input type="checkbox"/> HS Ready Math <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Algebra <input type="checkbox"/> CC Algebra I* <input type="checkbox"/> CC Geometry <input type="checkbox"/> SREB Math/Essentials <input type="checkbox"/> CC Algebra II <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra III <input type="checkbox"/> Calculus <input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus <input type="checkbox"/> AP Statistics <input type="checkbox"/> DC College Algebra <input type="checkbox"/> DC College Trig	<u><b>Department of Science (3)</b></u> <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Biology I* <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Science <input type="checkbox"/> Human A&P <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Zoology (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Botany (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Marine/Aquatic Science I (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Aquatic Science II (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> AP Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Earth & Space Science <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry I <input type="checkbox"/> AP Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Physics <input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics I <input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics II <input type="checkbox"/> DC Principles of Biology I  <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<u><b>Department of Social Studies (3.5)</b></u> <input type="checkbox"/> MS Studies* (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Economics* (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> World History/AP World* <input type="checkbox"/> US History/AP US History* <input type="checkbox"/> US Government/AP Gov* (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> World Geography (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> DC US History  <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<u><b>Required Electives (4)</b></u> <input type="checkbox"/> College & Career Readiness <input type="checkbox"/> Health (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Art _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Technology _____ <input type="checkbox"/> P.E. (.5) _____  <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	

*Required Courses\**

#### Additional Elective Courses (5.5)

**\*\*Only one per year counts towards graduation.**

Accounting I (1)	Foreign Language I	Psychology (.5)	<b>Fine Arts</b>
Act Prep I or ACT Prep II	Foreign Language II	Safety Ed (.5)	Band
African American Studies	Graphic Design I (.5)	Sociology (.5)	Choir non-auditioned (.5)
American Prob of Democracy	Graphic Design II (.5)	Strategies for Success (.5)	Choir
Broadcast Journalism	Humanities (.5)	Work Based Learning I (2)	Music General (.5)
Child Development (.5)	JROTC I	Work Based Learning II (2)	Music Theory (.5)
Comp Math (SPED)	JROTC II	Other Electives	Photography (.5)
Comp Reading I (SPED)	JROTC III	Comp Reading I	Theatre Intro (.5)
Comp Reading II (SPED)	JROTC IV	Comp Reading II	Theatre II (.5)
Comp Writing I (SPED)	Learning Strategies (SPED)		Visual Arts
Comp Writing II (SPED)	Minority Studies (.5)		
Creative Writing (.5)	MS Writers (.5)		
Debate	Nutrition & Wellness MS (.5)		
Driver's Ed (.5)	Oral Communications (.5)		<b>Sports**</b>
Drug ED (.5)	Personal Finance (.5)		
Employability Skills (.5)	PSAT I		
Family Dynamics (.5)	PSAT II (.5)		

## Graduation Checklist

### Career and Technical Endorsement - 26 Credits

#### Additional Courses

\_\_\_\_\_ CTE Electives (4)  
(Must complete a 4-course sequence)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### Additional Requirements

\_\_\_\_\_ 2.5 GPA

\_\_\_\_\_ Silver level on ACT WorkKeys

\_\_\_\_\_ 26 Credits

\_\_\_\_\_ CTE, CPE experience, or earn a State Board of Ed. National credential

### Academic Endorsement - 26 Credits

#### Additional Courses

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Additional Electives  
(Must meet CPC requirements for MS IHLs)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### Additional Requirements

\_\_\_\_\_ 2.5 GPA

\_\_\_\_\_ ACT subscores - 17 Eng. and 19 Math

\_\_\_\_\_ 26 Credits

\_\_\_\_\_ Take one AP course (C or higher and take the AP exam) OR one DC course (C or higher)

### Distinguished Academic Endorsement - 28 Credits

#### Additional Courses

\_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Electives (2)  
(Must meet CPC requirements for MS IHLs)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Electives (.5)

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Science (1)

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Social Studies (½)

\_\_\_\_\_

#### Additional Requirements

\_\_\_\_\_ 3.0 GPA

\_\_\_\_\_ ACT requirements - 18 Eng. and 22 Math or SAT equivalency sub score

\_\_\_\_\_ 28 Credits

\_\_\_\_\_ Take one AP course (B or higher and take the AP exam) OR one DC course (B or higher)

### **\*\* All Diploma Options Require:**

#### State Testing Information -- all required

\_\_\_\_\_ Algebra \_\_\_\_\_ English 10

\_\_\_\_\_ Biology \_\_\_\_\_ US History

#### ACT Information:

<u>Date</u>			<u>Sub-Scores</u>		
_____	_____ C	_____ M	_____ S	_____ STEM	_____ E _____ R
_____	_____ C	_____ M	_____ S	_____ STEM	_____ E _____ R
_____	_____ C	_____ M	_____ S	_____ STEM	_____ E _____ R
_____	_____ C	_____ M	_____ S	_____ STEM	_____ E _____ R
_____	_____ C	_____ M	_____ S	_____ STEM	_____ E _____ R

11th Grade

\_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Signature + date

\_\_\_\_\_

Principal Signature + date

12th Grade

\_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Signature + date

\_\_\_\_\_

Principal Signature + date



# Time to apply!

So, what are you waiting for? Seniors, completing college applications is your first step to getting accepted into college.

My top college pick:



☐ Applied Date

☐ Admitted Date

## Student account info

User:

Pass:

## Recruiter contact:

## Important Dates:

## Scholarship app deadline date:

## Housing app deadline date:

College choice #2:

☐ Applied Date

☐ Admitted Date

## Student account info

User:

Pass:

## Recruiter contact:

## Important Dates:

## Scholarship app deadline date:

## Housing app deadline date:

College choice #3:

☐ Applied Date

☐ Admitted Date

## Student account info

User:

Pass:

## Recruiter contact:

## Important Dates:

## Scholarship app deadline date:

## Housing app deadline date:

College choice #4:

☐ Applied Date

☐ Admitted Date

## Student account info

User:

Pass:

## Recruiter contact:

## Important Dates:

## Scholarship app deadline date:

## Housing app deadline date:

College choice #5:

☐ Applied Date

☐ Admitted Date

## Student account info

User:

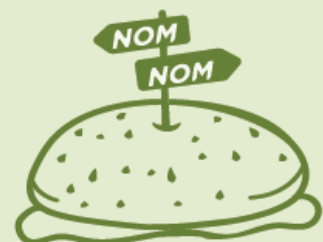
Pass:

## Recruiter contact:

## Important Dates:

## Scholarship app deadline date:

## Housing app deadline date:



# FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

Ask your counselor about the paperwork necessary to apply for free or reduced lunch which may give you ACT® and admission fee waivers.



# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

*Complete one checklist for each college to which you apply. Keep copies of all application materials.*

Name of College \_\_\_\_\_

Admissions Counselor or Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Username \_\_\_\_\_ Password \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Made school visit (online and/or in person).

## FALL SEMESTER

### Admission Application:

- ☐ Notated filing deadlines \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Completed and signed the application.
- ☐ Proofread to make sure all questions are answered and the spelling and grammar are correct.
- ☐ Included application fee (or requested fee waiver as appropriate) with submitted application.
- ☐ Completed an interview if required.
- ☐ Contacted college to ensure your completed application was received by the deadline.

### Admission Essay (if required):

- ☐ Completed first draft of the essay.
- ☐ Received input on the first draft, then revised, proofread, and submitted it.

### Grades and Test Scores:

- ☐ Asked counselor to submit high school transcript (6 or 7 semesters as requested by college).
- ☐ Made sure ACT and/or SAT scores were sent to the college.

### Letters of Recommendation (if required):

- ☐ Provided your resume to persons writing letters for you.
- ☐ Provided persons writing letters for you with stamped envelopes to mail your recommendations.

### Scholarships and Financial Aid:

- ☐ Submitted college applications for need-based and non need-based aid. IMPORTANT! Meet all deadlines!
- ☐ Completed application for state financial aid: [msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org)
- ☐ Obtained FSA ID (student and parent) required when filing FAFSA online: [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov)
- ☐ Completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), meeting college deadline: [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).
- ☐ Reviewed Student Aid Report (SAR) received after filing the FAFSA to ensure all information is accurate.

## SPRING SEMESTER

### Grades and Test Scores:

- ☐ Made sure AP test scores and final transcript are sent after graduation.

### Admission and Scholarship Notification:

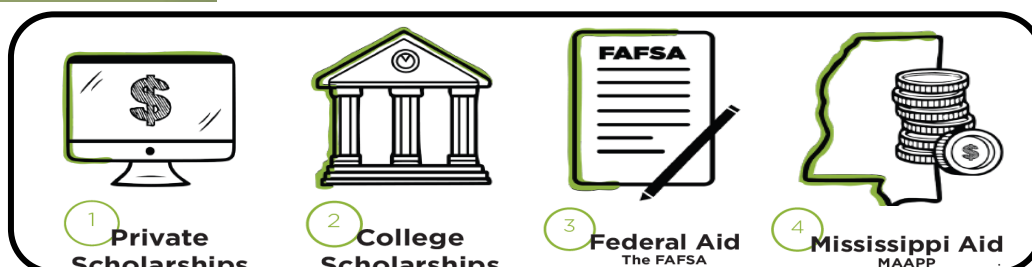
- ☐ Responded to admission notification from college.
- ☐ Responded to scholarship notification from college - understand all conditions for receipt and renewal.
- ☐ Responded to financial aid notification from college - understand all conditions for receipt and renewal.
- ☐ Paid deposits required.
- ☐ Notified financial aid office to accept or decline offers.
- ☐ Responded to all requests for additional information or documents such as student loan promissory note.
- ☐ Notified financial aid office of any outside scholarships received.

# College Cost



# How am I going to **PAY FOR COLLEGE**

## Four ways to **pay** for college



### 1 Private Scholarships

Begin research as early as your junior year. Many scholarships are not posted until the fall of your senior year but deadlines start popping up as early as December. Ask your high school counselor or career center manager for a list of scholarships.

Use the Get2College Scholarship search tool and browse other popular scholarship sites like:

- [bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)
- [unigo.com](http://unigo.com)
- [bold.org](http://bold.org)

**Cost of Attendance**  
is the total estimated cost of attending a college and includes tuition, fees, housing, meals, books, and other living expenses.

#### Community colleges in Mississippi

**\$12,046**  
avg.  
annual cost of attendance  
**\$3,120 - \$4,050**  
annual tuition  
2022-2023

#### Public universities in Mississippi

**\$23,966**  
avg.  
annual cost of attendance  
**\$7,394 - \$9,358**  
annual tuition  
2022-2023

Tuition and fees are subject to change.

### 2 College Scholarships and Grants

### 2 College Scholarships and Grants

Most scholarships come directly from individual colleges. These may be based on academic merit, leadership, community service, financial need, or talents such as athletics, art, or music. You must be accepted for admission in order to receive scholarships and financial aid. Most admission applications can be found online at each college's website. Make sure you meet all priority deadlines!

### 3 Federal Aid The FAFSA

The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and is required to receive any federal funds. Federal funds include Pell Grant and other need-based and non-need-based grants, work-study program, and student loans. The FAFSA may also be used for awarding some state aid, institutional aid, and even private scholarships. Apply at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).

If you have any special circumstances, contact the Financial Aid Office of the school you plan to attend.

Some schools may require the CSS Profile\* in addition to the FAFSA.

### 4 Mississippi Aid MAAPP

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid offers grants based on merit and financial need to full-time students attending eligible Mississippi colleges and universities. To receive any state assistance, you must take and pass at least 15 hours each semester (Fall/Spring). If students meet the requirements for more than one grant, students will be awarded the state grant with the highest amount.

The application is available at [msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org) or you can link to the Mississippi application after completing the FAFSA and most of your info will be prefilled.

# Reducing College Costs

**Know Your Plan and Graduate On Time**

**SAVE MONEY!**



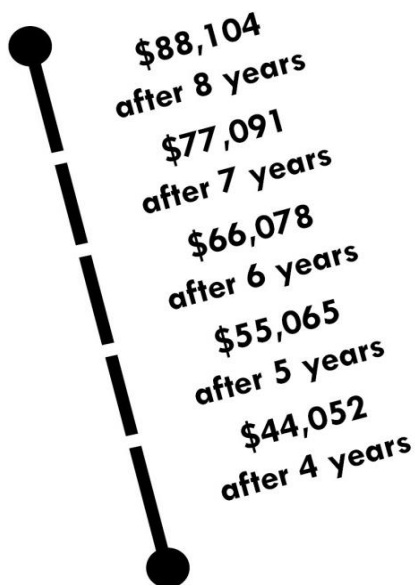
**Graduate in 4 Years  
instead of 6 or 8!**

n. Books. Housing. Parking.  
year of college is expensive.

On average, depending on your major, if you take at least 15 credits each semester, you'll have an associate degree in 2 years or a bachelor's degree in 4 years.

An additional year of college can cost you more than \$50,000 in extra tuition, lost wages, and related costs. Taking longer to complete college not only means you'll pay more for your degree, but it also decreases your chances of graduating at all.

So, instead of letting the expenses of college drag on for years, follow your plan so you can be out in the world using your degree to get a better job and earn more money.



## Finish in 4



### Review Your Plan

Meet with your academic advisor each semester to make sure you're taking the required courses you need to earn your degree on time.

Keep the following in mind when meeting your advisor:

**1** Map out all the courses you need to complete each semester.

**2** Be sure to take required courses during your first semester.

**3** Complete at least 15 credits per semester to finish on time.





# FAFSA and Mississippi Aid Application Tips

## FSA ID

- Make sure to save your FAFSA username and password (FSA ID). Students and parents, you'll need this every year to submit the FAFSA. You can only have one username per Social Security Number.
- When creating your FSA ID, enter your information as it is on your Social Security Card. Confirm that everything is correct before proceeding. This is very important so that everything processes correctly!
- Have you forgotten your FSA ID? If you are unable to send a text, email, or answer challenge questions, it's time to call 1-800-4-FEDAID for help in resetting your information.



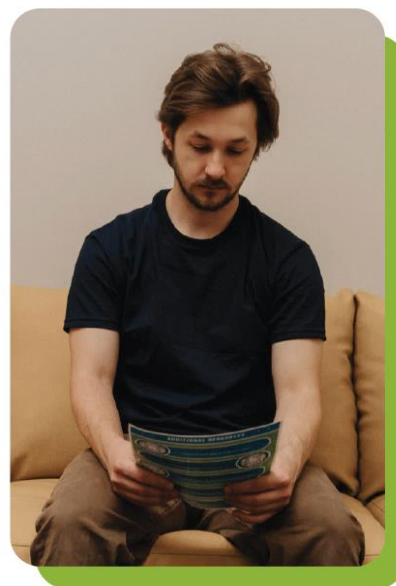
**1-800-4-FEDAID**

## COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

- ➔ Know the information you will need to complete the FAFSA. Take time to gather these items beforehand. Find these documents on our website: [get2college.org/fafsa-federal-aid](https://get2college.org/fafsa-federal-aid)
- ➔ If you get an error message while in the FAFSA, don't stress! Log out, clear your cache or try a different browser, and log back in. The FAFSA technology requires the browser history and cache to be cleared for a smooth submission process.
- ➔ If you are a dependent student, you must use parent's income information.

## Which parent's information do I use on the FAFSA?

- If your biological parents are married (regardless of tax filing status), you will use both parents' information.
- If your parents are divorced or separated, the FAFSA instructs you to use the parent with whom you lived more during the past 12 months. Yes, stepparents are included on your FAFSA, so if your parent is remarried AS OF THE DAY you submit your FAFSA, you will use stepparent income and assets as well.



## After submitting the FAFSA - Complete the MS Aid Application

When you submit your FAFSA, you will get a confirmation page. Don't close it! You will see a link to transfer your information to the MS Aid Application (MAAPP). Pay attention to your browser's pop-up blocker as it may block the application from opening.

If you provided your email address in the FAFSA, you will receive a confirmation email once you submit and a few days later, another confirmation email that the FAFSA is completed; this means the FAFSA information has been sent to the colleges.

After you submit your MAAPP, you will receive an email to create your log-in information for an online account. You will need this information to access the MAAPP online dashboard to access the status of your Mississippi Aid Application.



**Tutorials for completing the FAFSA and MS Aid Applications can be found on our YouTube channel, or ask Cha-Ching, our 24/7 chatbot, any questions you have!**

For the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form go to: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing>

# Completing the FAFSA

[studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)

It is important to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the application used to help determine student eligibility for financial aid.

You can file as early as October 1 of your senior year. Make sure to file the FAFSA before your college's priority filing deadline to qualify for the most money.



## FEDERAL AID THAT A STUDENT CAN RECEIVE BY COMPLETING THE FAFSA:

- ☐ **Pell Grant**- Need-based grant for undergraduate students
- ☐ **Work-Study**- Part-time job for students with financial need
- ☐ **FSEOG**- Grant for undergraduate students with exceptional financial need at participating schools

## THE FAFSA IS FREE!

If a website asks you to pay to fill it out, you're not dealing with the official FAFSA site, [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).



## DOCUMENTS YOU NEED

(for starting college fall 2023)

The FAFSA asks for basic information about the student and parent and the family's financial situation. Depending on your circumstances, you might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA.

Parent(s) & student's:

- Legal names
- Social Security numbers
- Dates of birth
- Email addresses
- 2021 W-2 forms and other records of money earned
- 2021 Federal Income Tax Return (the 1040 form). If your parents or parent and step-parent file separately, have copies of both
- Mississippi ID or driver's license
- Alien Registration Number or Green Card (if applicable)

## IMPORTANT NOTE

You'll need marriage date, divorce date, or separation date for the parent with whom you live.

**Do not** use information from a grandparent, aunt, or anyone other than a parent unless you have been legally adopted (even if someone else claims you on the federal tax return).

FYI

## FAFSA SUBMISSION

Make sure your parent knows the FAFSA isn't complete until they provide consent and submit their section of the application.



# Financial Aid Data Sheet

Use this data sheet to record the required Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) and Mississippi Aid (MAAPP) login information. This login information will be used to log into the [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) and [msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org) websites throughout your college career. Make sure to keep this document in a secure location since it has personal information unique to you and your contributor(s).

## The FAFSA [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)

### STUDENT FSA ID:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #1: What city were you born in? Answer #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #2: What is your mother's maiden name? **OR** What is your high school's mascot?

Answer #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Backup Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contributor's FSA ID:

Contributor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #1: What city were you born in? Answer #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #2: What is your mother's maiden name? **OR** What is your high school's mascot?

Answer #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Question #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Backup Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mississippi Aid Application [msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org)

Student Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Password: \_\_\_\_\_



### RENEW YOUR FAFSA & MAAPP ANNUALLY

Renew your federal and Mississippi financial aid applications annually with the step-by-step tutorial on the Get2College YouTube channel.

# Mississippi Aid Application (MAAPP)

[msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org)

Apply as early as October 1 at [msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org). A link to the state aid website is also available from the FAFSA confirmation page.



**Mississippi Office of  
Student Financial Aid**  
[msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org)  
800.432.6997

## MTAG - Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant

**Application deadline:**  
**September 15, 2023, with supporting documents due by October 15, 2023**

Pays up to \$500/year for freshmen and sophomores and \$1,000/year for juniors and seniors.

- Requires a 15 ACT
- 2.5 GPA
- Students cannot be maximum Pell-eligible

## MESG - Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant

**Application deadline:**  
**September 15, 2023, with supporting documents due by October 15, 2023**

Pays \$2,500/year.

- Requires a 29 ACT
- 3.5 GPA
- **Must apply within three years of high school graduation**

## HELP - Higher Education Legislative Plan

**Application deadline:**  
**March 31, 2023, with supporting documents due by April 30, 2023**

Covers **full tuition and required fees** for eight semesters at a public institution. Students attending a private institution in Mississippi will receive an award amount equal to the average tuition costs for the public Mississippi universities. Eligible students meet the following criteria:

- Requires a 20+ ACT
- 2.5+ GPA
- College Prep Curriculum
- Meet income requirements (\$39,500 adjusted gross income for a family with one dependent). \$5,000 added to the requirement for each sibling under the age of 21.
- Be Pell eligible.
- **Be within one year of high school graduation.**

**The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid accepts ACT superscores through the July 2023 test date.**

### What's next after applying for state aid?



  
**Mississippi Office of  
Student Financial Aid**  
[msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org)  
800.432.6997

- ☐ Check the status of your application on your MAAPP dashboard at [msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org) using your username and password (*noted on page 45*).
- ☐ After March, verify that your counselor has individually certified your coursework for the HELP Grant and submitted your GPA and ACT score by April 30.
- ☐ To continue to receive Mississippi aid, you must take and pass at least 15 hours each semester (fall/spring).

### Are you getting Missing Documents emails from Student Financial Aid?

Check your MAAPP student dashboard for more information!

# What is college going to **cost?**

This is a summary sheet estimating one year of college expenses. Remember to multiply monthly expenses by 9 or 12 months.

## Costs

Tuition..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Room (residence hall, apartment, etc.) .... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Board (meals, cafeteria)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Books (textbooks, course materials)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Expenses

**Personal care and clothing total**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing purchase..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clothing care (laundry)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Toiletries, personal items.... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Haircuts..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Utilities total**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Water..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Electricity/gas..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cable TV..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Internet connection..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit card payments**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Student loan payments**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical/dental expenses**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation total**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Car payment..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gasoline, maintenance, etc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parking permit..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car insurance..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Airline, train or bus fares.... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Entertainment/social total**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fraternity or sorority dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Movies, concerts, etc..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Athletic costs, uniforms, etc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Restaurants, snacks, etc..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Miscellaneous**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR COLLEGE

This form helps you determine if you have enough available funds to meet all of your college costs. List all sources of funding you expect to have available.

We understand that you may not know if a particular scholarship has been awarded, but if you feel it is very likely you will receive it, list it below.

Ask your Get2College Counselor to review these possibilities with you.

## TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF GOING TO COLLEGE =

Minus HELP/MTAG/  
MESG Grant

Minus Pell Grant

Minus any other Scholarships  
Award/Applied

Minus any other Scholarships  
Award/Applied

Minus income from  
Part-time Job

Minus funds from Family,  
Friends, Etc.

## EQUALS AMOUNT OF FUNDS STILL NEEDED FOR COLLEGE



As you contact colleges, use this guide to identify the office that matches your needs.

### Registrar's Office

Sometimes called the Business Office, it's at this office where you get information about your college courses and submit or retrieve your transcripts.

### Financial Aid Office

Seek out this office if you have questions or concerns about your FAFSA, loans, and other financial aid.

### Bursar's Office

It's at this office where you make a payment toward your tuition balance.

### Online portal

You will have a college-specific online account. Use the portal to accept or decline your financial aid awards.

## The summer before college



### HOUSING

Make sure you meet housing deadlines and pay deposits if required.



### ORIENTATION

Orientation typically occurs during the summer months. During orientation, you will register for classes, meet with current students, have opportunities to discuss your potential major with an advisor, and tie up any loose ends before school begins. Make sure you pick the earliest orientation time so that you will have the most course options.



### COURSE REGISTRATION

Get to know your college advisor who will help guide you through your course selection. Every student must fulfill general education requirements before graduating with a degree. As a freshman, if you have not declared a major, taking your general education classes will allow you to explore different fields of study.



### BUYING BOOKS

Once you are signed up for classes, you can get a list of books for each class. Your on-campus bookstore is your simplest and fastest route for finding the books you need, but it also can be the most expensive. Some schools allow you to rent books. Buy and sell books wisely.



### SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAMS

These programs give students a chance to live on campus during the summer, allowing them to get familiar with the campus, their classes, and staff before the chaos of the fall semester begins. Be sure to ask your admission counselor about summer bridge programs at their college.



### REQUEST FINAL TRANSCRIPT

Request a final transcript from your high school and, if applicable, from the college where you were dual-enrolled.



### CHECK WITH HEALTH SERVICES

Make sure you know what you might need to get from your doctor before you move on campus.



## LET'S START PACKING!



# **Senior Forms**



# Senior Year Forms

**Form A: Senior Baseball Jersey Order Form:** You must complete this form and return it along with your money on the days assigned. You will be given a receipt for your payment.

**Form B: Senior Portrait Package Order Form:** Please select the package you would like to order or create your own package. Payments can be made by cash, check (payable to Hemker Portraits) or debit/credit by phone and/or on location.

**Form C-1/Form C-2: Graduation Checklist:** Please check all classes you have completed and are enrolled to verify you are on target to graduate.

**Form D-1: Application Checklist:** Complete one checklist for each college to which you apply. Keep copies of all application materials.

**Form D-2: Application Checklist:** Additional application checklist for other colleges.

**Form E: Senior Football Jersey Order Form:** You must complete this form and return it along with your money on the days assigned. You will be given a receipt for your payment.

**These forms are on the following pages.**

*“It is not the IQ but the I WILL that is most important in education.”*

Unknown





# Senior Baseball Jersey Order Form

<b>Please Print:</b>															
Name:															
Email:															
✓ Jersey Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black															
Football Jersey Price: <b>\$45.00</b>															
✓ Jersey Size: <input type="checkbox"/> XS <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/> 4XL															
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Signature	Cell Phone Number														



# Senior Portrait Packages

## Order Form

HORN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

"CLASS OF 2025"

Senior Portrait Packages



Portraits

662-280-2100

(Phone-in orders accepted)



### Package #1

6

PORTRAIT  
SHEETS

Choose your poses  
& sheet choices

**\$199.95**

### Package #2

8

PORTRAIT  
SHEETS

Choose your poses  
& sheet choices

**\$249.95**

### Package #3

10

PORTRAIT  
SHEETS

Choose your poses  
& sheet choices

**\$324.95**

### Package #4

**THE DELUXE!!**

16 X 20

Custom Enlargement

8 Portrait Sheets

2 Gifting Items

Your choice of . .

4 Digital Images

(or) 8 Up Folio"

**\$395**

## HOW TO ORDER *(build your own package) . . . . .*

1. Pick your package *(we offer 4 packages to fit your budget).*
2. Pick your favorite poses *(refer to proof numbers for pose selection).*
3. Tell us what portrait sheets to print *(from chart below).* \*7% sales tax will be added to your order

Example:

*If you choose package #2 you can pick up to 8 different poses and 8 different sheets you want printed.*

## "Portrait Sheets" chart *(same pose on each sheet)*



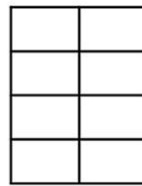
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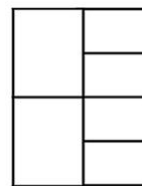
(B)=2-5x7



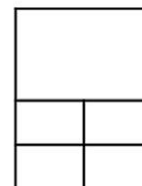
(C)=4-4x5



(D)=8 Wallets



(E)=2-4x5  
4 Wallets



(F)=1-5x7  
4 Wallets

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR PURCHASE

("Gifting" items must be purchased with a picture order. Enlargements are "mount only" frame not included)

### "GIFTING"

ITEM	PRICE
(G) - 11oz Coffee Mug <i>(UP TO 2 POSES)</i> . . . . .	<b>\$18</b>
(H) - 2 sided metal Dog Tag w/chain <i>(UP TO 2 POSES)</i> .	<b>\$18</b>
(J) - 2-sided metal Key Chain <i>(UP TO 2 POSES)</i> . . . . .	<b>\$18</b>
(K) - Mouse Pad <i>(UP TO 4 POSES)</i> . . . . .	<b>\$18</b>

*If you do not want to order from one of our packages,  
you can order single portrait sheets for **\$40.00** ea. (plus tax)*

### "ENLARGEMENTS & FOLIO"

ITEM	PRICE
(N) - 11 X 14 (mounted) . . .	<b>\$79.95</b>
(M) - 16 X 20 (mounted) . .	<b>\$169.95</b>
(Q) - 20 X 24 (mounted) . . .	<b>\$229.95</b>
(P) - 8 Pose Folio. . . . .	<b>\$229.95</b>
* Folio with purchase of a package . . \$109.95	
(W) - Digital Image . . . . .	<b>\$50 ea.</b>

*\* Minimum 2 image purchase*



# Graduation Checklist

Form C-1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MSIS: \_\_\_\_\_

## Desoto County Schools GRADUATION CHECKLIST (beginning with Class of 2024)

	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
Credits Earned:							
GPA							

Promotion to 10th Grade: Earned at least 6 credits (including English I and 2 additional core Carnegie Units)

Promotion to 11th Grade: Earned at least 13 credits (including English II, Algebra I, and 3 additional core Carnegie Units)

Promotion to 12th Grade: Earned at least 18 Carnegie Units (including English III and on track to graduate)

### Traditional Diploma Option – 24 Credits

<u>Department of English (4)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> HS Ready Lit <input type="checkbox"/> CC English I* <input type="checkbox"/> CC English II* <input type="checkbox"/> CC English III <input type="checkbox"/> CC English IV <input type="checkbox"/> DC Comp I <input type="checkbox"/> DC Comp II <input type="checkbox"/> AP English Language <input type="checkbox"/> AP English Literature <input type="checkbox"/> SREB Lit/Essentials	<u>Department of Mathematics (4)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> CC Math 8 <input type="checkbox"/> HS Ready Math <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Algebra <input type="checkbox"/> CC Algebra I* <input type="checkbox"/> CC Geometry <input type="checkbox"/> SREB Math/Essentials <input type="checkbox"/> CC Algebra II <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra III <input type="checkbox"/> Calculus <input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus <input type="checkbox"/> AP Statistics <input type="checkbox"/> DC College Algebra <input type="checkbox"/> DC College Trig	<u>Department of Science (3)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Biology I* <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Science <input type="checkbox"/> Human A&P <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Zoology (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Botany (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Marine/Aquatic Science I (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Aquatic Science II (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> AP Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Earth & Space Science <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry I <input type="checkbox"/> AP Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Physics <input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics I <input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics II <input type="checkbox"/> DC Principles of Biology I
<u>Department of Social Studies (3.5)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> MS Studies* (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Economics*(.5) <input type="checkbox"/> World History/AP World* <input type="checkbox"/> US History/AP US History* <input type="checkbox"/> US Government/AP Gov*(.5) <input type="checkbox"/> World Geography (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> DC US History	<u>Required Electives (4)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> College & Career Readiness <input type="checkbox"/> Health (.5) <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Art <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> P.E. (.5)	

#### Required Courses\*

#### Additional Elective Courses (5.5)

**\*\*Only one per year counts towards graduation.**

Accounting I (1)	Foreign Language I	Psychology (.5)	<b>Fine Arts</b>
Act Prep I or ACT Prep II	Foreign Language II	Safety Ed (.5)	Band
African American Studies	Graphic Design I (.5)	Sociology (.5)	Choir non-auditioned (.5)
American Prob of Democracy	Graphic Design II (.5)	Strategies for Success (.5)	Choir
Broadcast Journalism	Humanities (.5)	Work Based Learning I (2)	Music General (.5)
Child Development (.5)	JROTC I	Work Based Learning II (2)	Music Theory (.5)
Comp Math (SPED)	JROTC II	Other Electives	Photography (.5)
Comp Reading I (SPED)	JROTC III	Comp Reading I	Theatre Intro (.5)
Comp Reading II (SPED)	JROTC IV	Comp Reading II	Theatre II (.5)
Comp Writing I (SPED)	Learning Strategies (SPED)		Visual Arts
Comp Writing II (SPED)	Minority Studies (.5)		
Creative Writing (.5)	MS Writers (.5)		
Debate	Nutrition & Wellness MS (.5)		
Driver's Ed (.5)	Oral Communications (.5)		Sports**
Drug ED (.5)	Personal Finance (.5)		
Employability Skills (.5)	PSAT I		
Family Dynamics (.5)	PSAT II (.5)		



# Graduation Checklist

Form C-2

## Career and Technical Endorsement - 26 Credits

### Additional Courses

\_\_\_\_\_ CTE Electives (4)  
(Must complete a 4-course sequence)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Requirements

\_\_\_\_\_ 2.5 GPA  
\_\_\_\_\_ Silver level on ACT WorkKeys  
\_\_\_\_\_ 26 Credits  
\_\_\_\_\_ CTE, CPE experience, or earn a State Board of Ed.  
National credential

## Academic Endorsement - 26 Credits

### Additional Courses

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Additional Electives  
(Must meet CPC requirements for MS IHLs)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Requirements

\_\_\_\_\_ 2.5 GPA  
\_\_\_\_\_ ACT subscores - 17 Eng. and 19 Math  
\_\_\_\_\_ 26 Credits  
\_\_\_\_\_ Take one AP course (C or higher and take the AP  
exam) OR one DC course (C or higher)

## Distinguished Academic Endorsement - 28 Credits

### Additional Courses

\_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Electives (2)  
(Must meet CPC requirements for MS IHLs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Electives (.5)

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Science (1)

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Social Students ( $\frac{1}{2}$ )

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Requirements

\_\_\_\_\_ 3.0 GPA  
\_\_\_\_\_ ACT requirements - 18 Eng. and 22 Math or SAT  
equivalency sub score  
\_\_\_\_\_ 28 Credits  
\_\_\_\_\_ Take one AP course (B or higher and take the AP  
exam) OR one DC course (B or higher)

### \*\* All Diploma Options Require:

#### State Testing Information -- all required

\_\_\_\_\_ Algebra \_\_\_\_\_ English 10  
\_\_\_\_\_ Biology \_\_\_\_\_ US History

#### ACT Information:

Date			Sub-Scores		
_____	_____ C	_____ M	_____ S	_____ STEM	_____ E _____ R
_____	_____ C	_____ M	_____ S	_____ STEM	_____ E _____ R
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11th Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor Signature + date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Signature + date

12th Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor Signature + date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Signature + date

# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Complete one checklist for each college to which you apply. Keep copies of all application materials.

Name of College \_\_\_\_\_

Admissions Counselor or Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Username \_\_\_\_\_ Password \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Made school visit (online and/or in person).

## FALL SEMESTER

### Admission Application:

- ☐ Notated filing deadlines \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Completed and signed the application.
- ☐ Proofread to make sure all questions are answered and the spelling and grammar are correct.
- ☐ Included application fee (or requested fee waiver as appropriate) with submitted application.
- ☐ Completed an interview if required.
- ☐ Contacted college to ensure your completed application was received by the deadline.

### Admission Essay (if required):

- ☐ Completed first draft of the essay.
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### Grades and Test Scores:

- ☐ Asked counselor to submit high school transcript (6 or 7 semesters as requested by college).
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### Letters of Recommendation (if required):

- ☐ Provided your resume to persons writing letters for you.
- ☐ Provided persons writing letters for you with stamped envelopes to mail your recommendations.

### Scholarships and Financial Aid:

- ☐ Submitted college applications for need-based and non need-based aid. IMPORTANT! Meet all deadlines!
- ☐ Completed application for state financial aid: [msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org)
- ☐ Obtained FSA ID (student and parent) required when filing FAFSA online: [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov)
- ☐ Completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), meeting college deadline: [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).
- ☐ Reviewed Student Aid Report (SAR) received after filing the FAFSA to ensure all information is accurate.

## SPRING SEMESTER

### Grades and Test Scores:

- ☐ Made sure AP test scores and final transcript are sent after graduation.

### Admission and Scholarship Notification:

- ☐ Responded to admission notification from college.
- ☐ Responded to scholarship notification from college - understand all conditions for receipt and renewal.
- ☐ Responded to financial aid notification from college - understand all conditions for receipt and renewal.
- ☐ Paid deposits required.
- ☐ Notified financial aid office to accept or decline offers.
- ☐ Responded to all requests for additional information or documents such as student loan promissory note.
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# Senior Football Jersey

## Order Form

**Order August 12 through August 23, 2024, during all lunches in Commons**

Please Print:																
Name:																
Email:																
✓ Jersey Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon <input type="checkbox"/> White																
Football Jersey Price: <b>\$45.00</b>																
✓ Jersey Size: <input type="checkbox"/> XS <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/> 4XL																
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**Last but  
not Least...**



## **Scan the QR code below to receive Senior Information reminders:**



### **Tips about Computer and Internet Usage**

1. Create a Yahoo or Gmail email account with your name for all of your college correspondence. For example: [john.public@gmail.com](mailto:john.public@gmail.com)
2. If you do not have an email account, set up one now using the above information.
3. Check your email often because this is how colleges will communicate with you.
4. Be careful about Facebook, Twitter, and other social media outlets. You do not want those to paint you in a less desirable light to colleges. Keep your social posts professional.
5. Make sure your email username reflects you in a positive light.

# Parent Tips

What can I do to help my senior? We all care about the students at Horn Lake High School. We want to see them do well after they leave high school behind. At HLHS, the teachers, counselors, and administration do all we can to make sure students reach their potential and achieve their post high school goals. The following are things that you as a parent can do as well to help your senior:

- Your student will need the information on your tax return to complete the FAFSA application. The FAFSA window opens December 2023 (see pages 67-69 for directions).
- Talk to your student about their college choices. Go with them on the college visits if possible. Help them set up a budget. Research scholarship opportunities with them.
- Help your senior keep up with all college applications and other important documents. Ask them what they need to complete college applications; follow up.
- Help your senior practice interview skills for colleges. Consider that your student might apply for work-study or other opportunities when he or she enrolls in which an interview would be required.
- Pay all fees well before the due dates to ensure your senior does not miss out on any of the senior and graduation activities.
- Enjoy the last year of your student's high school experience with them! This exciting and busy year is sure to fly by before you know it.
- Sign up for the Band App to get the same text reminders as your senior. Directions on how to sign up for the App is on page 49 in this book.
- Create an account in Parent Portal so you can see your student's grades.

*"The central struggle of parenthood is to let our hopes for our children outweigh our fears."*

*Ellen Goodman*

*"Fly through barriers  
and soar to  
NEW HEIGHTS.*

*DREAM BIG.*



*Believe YOU can  
achieve and  
Live Strong"*



