

Horn Lake High School

Senior Information Book

Acquire

Knowledge

Develop

Character

Pursue

Excellence



2023-2024

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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

Senior Year Information

Senior Fee Information

The Senior fee for 2023-2024 school year is \$125.00. The **PROCESS** for paying this fee is as follows:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023, in the Commons during all lunch periods.

[For your convenience, you can pay the Senior fee on **Revopay** beginning June 1, 2023 to September 5, 2023 or you can pay in person with a check or cash on September 5, 2023.]

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 2024 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 on **Revopay** from June 1st to August 28th.

Revopay can be found on the school website at
hlh.desotocountyschools.org

Deadline for Senior Ad payment and information to go on the ad will be August 28, 2023. Incomplete ads (payment only) will be refunded. Contact trudi.pattberg@dcsms.org for more information and help!



"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 Football Jersey

Jerseys are the following colors: Maroon and white and are personalized for your senior. You must pay for your jersey during all lunches on August 11, 2023. The Jersey will be personalized on the back with a 24 below. This will be the only football jersey order placed for the Class of 2024, no money will be accepted after August 11, 2023.

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 on August 11th. **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:																	
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Email:																	
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Football Jersey Price: \$40.00																	
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<p>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 August 12th. I have signed up for Class of 2024 in the Band app and will be able to receive messages from Mrs. Pattberg.</p>																	
Signature	Cell Phone Number																

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 19, 2023 (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

October 3, 2023 (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

Graduation

Date: May 21, 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

The following are Senior Events that will occur throughout the 2023/2024 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
- Senior Graduation Banner Signing
- Senior Awards Night
- Subject Area Awards
- National College Signing Day
- FAFSA and College Application Day
- Senior Exams

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



(This QR code is replacing the 'Remind' app)

"Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Graduation Ceremony

All graduation requirements concerning state tests must be met by **May 7, 2024**, in order 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, 2024**.

*If you are unsure if your graduation attire is appropriate for the ceremony, see Mrs. Wendy Smith in C4 by **May 10, 2024**.

*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.

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 (this app is replacing the remind 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.

How to Become a Mississippi Scholar

What is a Mississippi Scholars? 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.

MISSISSIPPI SCHOLARS CURRICULUM for Seniors of School Year 2016 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)

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 2 dual credit courses

Additional Requirements

- **40 hours of community or volunteer service during high school for seniors graduating 2018-2021 (80 hours for seniors graduating 2022 and later)**

- **Minimum of 18 ACT Composite Score (Overall Score) for senior graduating 2018-2021 (19 for seniors graduating 2022 and later)**

- 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



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

Computer (1 credit)

Health or PE (½ credit)

Electives (2½ 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

- **40 hours of community or volunteer service during high school for seniors graduating 2018-2021 (80 hours for seniors graduating 2022 and later)**
- **Minimum of 18 ACT Composite Score (Overall Score) for senior graduating 2018-2021 (19 for seniors graduating 2022 and later)** or minimum 36 ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test) or Silver Level WorkKeys.
- 2.5 high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- 95% school attendance during high school years

- No out-of-school suspension
- Must attain a passing score, as established by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), on the Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System (CPAS2) or a passing score on an MDE-approved industry certification assessment.



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

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 by appointment only on the following dates:

JULY 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & JULY 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28

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 when booking your date or upon the arrival of your appointment. Each senior who has been photographed by Hemker Portraits will receive a 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, cap & gown plus assorted casuals which allow the senior to bring up to 2 outfit changes.

"The Traditional Session" sitting fee - \$50

This session includes the traditional formal and cap & gown only.

Proofs: Proofs and order forms will be delivered or ready to view after the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Information sheets will be available, and an E-mail will be sent.

Orders: There will be a deadline for placing orders through the school unless you prefer to place a phone-in or on-line order through Hemker Portraits.

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 for the formal attire.
- Girls – bring a spaghetti strap top for the formal attire.
- If you have a hobby, talent such as a sport, music, or other outside interest, please bring it as your 2nd 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.

Payments can be made by cash, check (payable to Hemker Portraits) or debit/credit by phone and on location.

"A picture is worth a thousand words."
Unknown

Senior Portrait Packages



ORDER FORM

DUE BACK BY: _____

SENIOR PACKAGES

#1

10

PORTRAIT
SHEETS

Choose your poses
& sheet choices

\$275.00

(plus tax)

#2

8

PORTRAIT
SHEETS

Choose your poses
& sheet choices

\$225.00

(plus tax)

#3

6

PORTRAIT
SHEETS

Choose your poses
& sheet choices

\$175.00

(plus tax)

How to order (build your own package). . .

We offer 3 different packages for your senior portraits. Pick your package, pick your poses & pick your portrait sheets.

GIFTING ITEMS, PORTFOLIO & ENLARGEMENTS SOLD SEPARATELY WITH A MINIMUM \$150

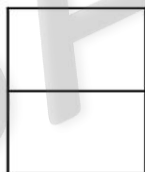
Your senior proofs are enclosed along with this order form. Please return your order by the "DUE BACK BY" date marked above "OR" we can take your order over the phone with debit/credit card.

1. Indicate & write in your proof selections, portrait sheet selections (using the letter beside the chart below) & quantity selections on the back side of this form. (EXAMPLE: 1 A = one 8x10, 2 B = 4-5x7's)
2. Total your order and subtract your \$25 session fee before writing in the "TOTAL ENCLOSED" amount.
3. Detach and enclose this top portion along with payment in the envelope below.

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



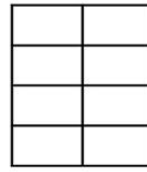
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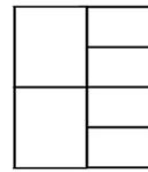
(B)=2-5x7



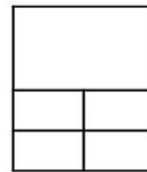
(C)=4-4x5



(D)=8 Wallets



(E)=2-4x5
4 Wallets



(F)=1-5x7
4 Wallets

ITEM

"GIFTING" (plus tax)

- (G) - 11oz Coffee Mug . . \$15
- (H) - 2 sided metal Dog Tag w/chain . . \$15
- (J) - 2-sided metal Key Chain . . \$15
- (K) - Mouse Pad . . \$15

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" (plus tax)

ITEM

& FOLIO

- (N) - 11 X 14 (mounted) . . . **\$79.95**
- (M) - 16 X 20 (mounted) . . . **\$169.95**
- (Q) - 20 X 24 (mounted) . . . **\$229.95**
- (P) - 8 Pose Folio. **\$109.95**

Detach and enclose top portion with payment below.

College Admissions Information

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.

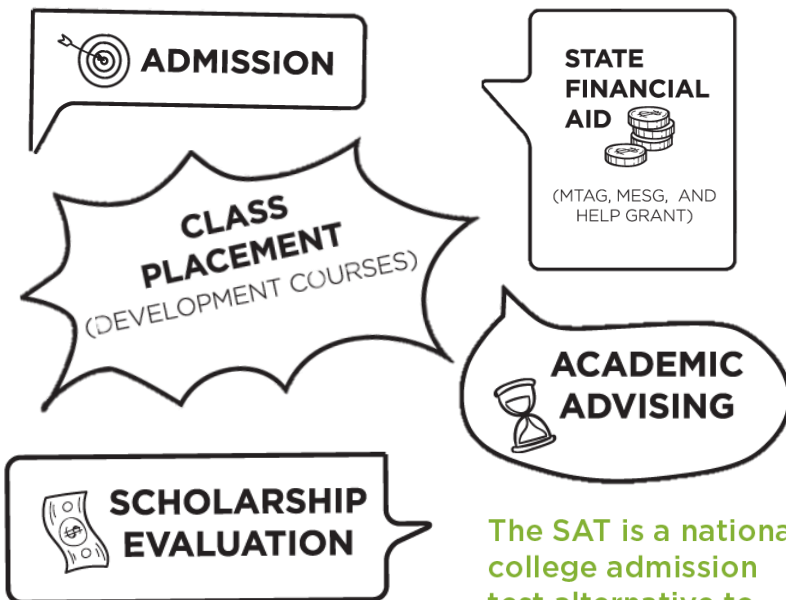
People of all ages and grade levels are eligible to take the ACT. This includes students in grades 6-12 and high school graduates. Of course, you will need to register and pay the test fees.

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.

2023|2024

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	July 5

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



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

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 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 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

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

Relevant Occupations

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

3

LEVEL 3

score minimum on all assessments

16%

of jobs demonstrate this skill level

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*

6

PLATINUM

LEVEL 6

score minimum on all assessments

99%

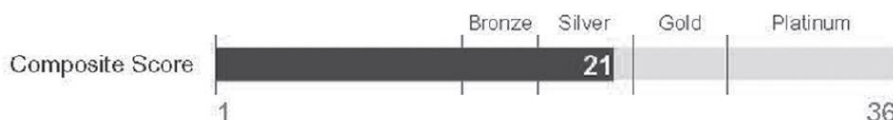
of jobs demonstrate this skill level

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 to learn more.



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

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.

!

Note this change

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

1
UNIT

ARTS

Includes any one Carnegie unit (or two ½ 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.

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
3.2 GPA minimum + CPC College Preparatory Curriculum Complete CPC with a minimum 3.2 high school grade point average (GPA) on the CPC	16+ ACT + 2.5 GPA minimum or top 50% of class + CPC 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*	18+ ACT + 2.0 GPA minimum + CPC 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*	NCAA 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 eligibilitycenter.org.</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 is a series of tests that evaluate students' 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.

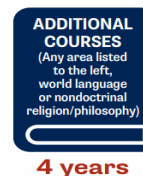
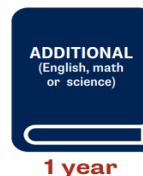
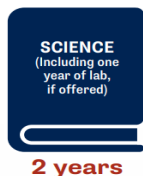
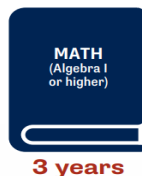
For Division 1 Athletes ONLY



DIVISION I ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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



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 sliding 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 sliding 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](#).

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 
hindscs.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

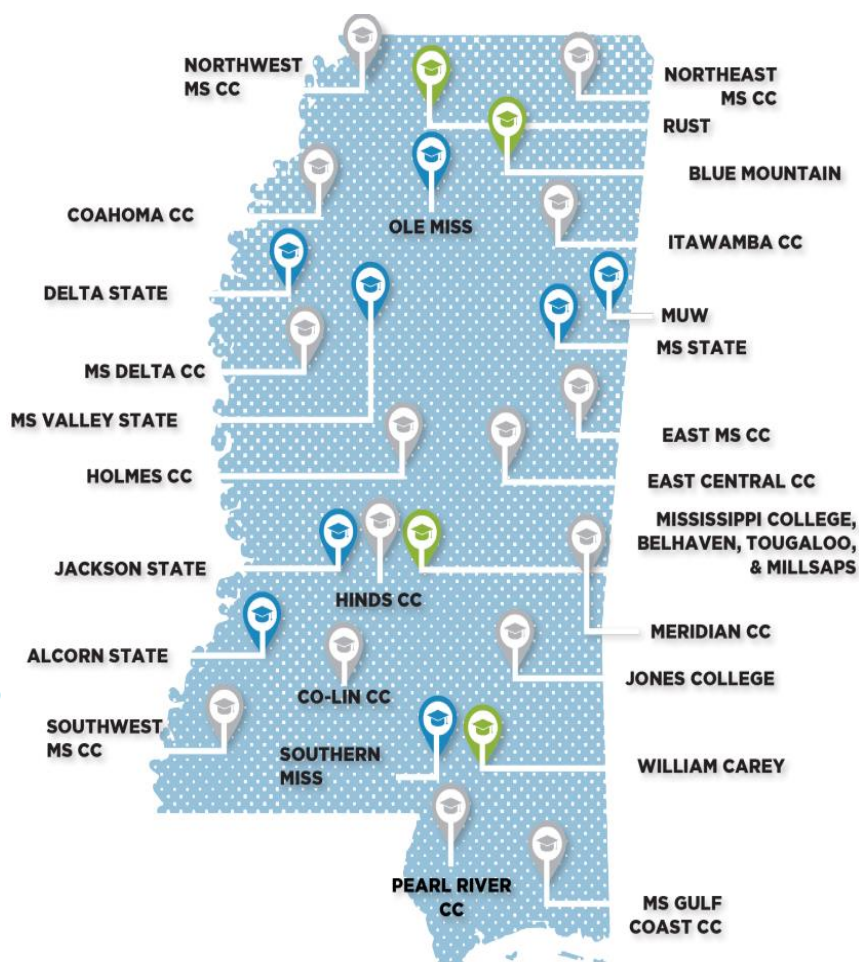
Millsaps College 
millsaps.edu

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.

College Visits

College Representative 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 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.

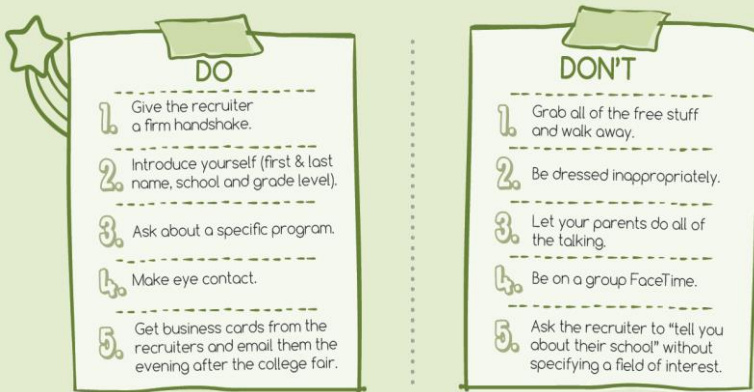
College fairs

Attending a college fair will allow you to meet with representatives from different colleges and gather materials to give you information about each school.

COLLEGE FAIR DO'S & DON'T'S



College fairs are a great way to be exposed to different colleges. 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 also what you want to avoid doing!



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

"A warm smile is the universal language of kindness."

William Arthur Ward

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 Cost

Reducing College Costs

Know Your Plan and Graduate On Time



SAVE MONEY!



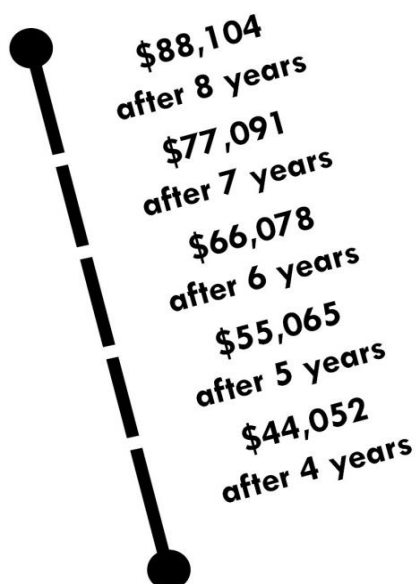
**Graduate in 4 Years
instead of 6 or 8!**

Tuition. Books. Housing. Parking.
Every 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

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

- 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.



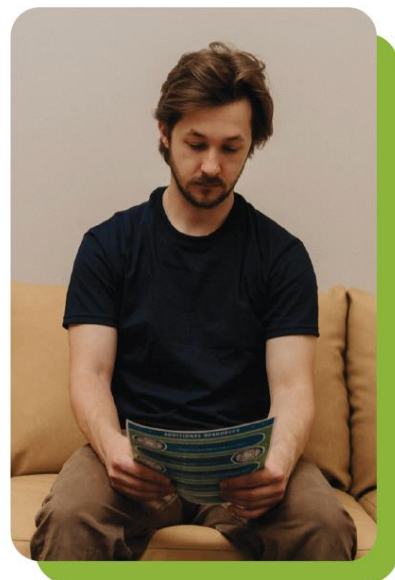
1-800-4-FEDAID

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
- 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!

Completing the FAFSA

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.



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

CLASS OF 2024
will have a simplified FAFSA!

Mississippi Aid Application (MAAPP)

msfinancialaid.org

Apply as early as October 1 at 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
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

800.432.6997

- ☐ Check the status of your application on your MAAPP dashboard at 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!

Senior Forms

Senior Football Jersey Order Form

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Signature	Cell Phone Number															

Hemker Portrait Packages

Order Form



ORDER FORM

DUE BACK BY: _____

SENIOR PACKAGES

#1

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PORTRAIT
SHEETS

Choose your poses
& sheet choices

\$275.00

(plus tax)

#2

8

PORTRAIT
SHEETS

Choose your poses
& sheet choices

\$225.00

(plus tax)

#3

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PORTRAIT
SHEETS

Choose your poses
& sheet choices

\$175.00

(plus tax)

How to order (build your own package). . .

We offer 3 different packages for your senior portraits. Pick your package, pick your poses & pick your portrait sheets.

GIFTING ITEMS, PORTFOLIO & ENLARGEMENTS SOLD SEPARATELY WITH A MINIMUM \$150 ORDER.

Your senior proofs are enclosed along with this order form. Please return your order by the "DUE BACK BY" date marked above "OR" we can take your order over the phone with debit/credit card.

1. Indicate & write in your proof selections, portrait sheet selections (using the letter beside the chart below) & quantity selections on the back side of this form. (EXAMPLE: 1 A = one 8x10, 2 B = 4-5x7's)
2. Total your order and subtract your \$25 session fee before writing in the "TOTAL ENCLOSED" amount.
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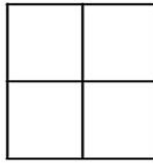
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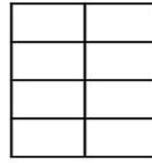
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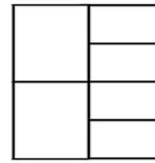
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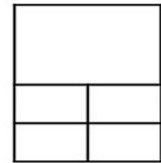
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(E)=2-4x5
4 Wallets



(F)=1-5x7
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ITEM

"GIFTING" (plus tax)

- (G) - 11oz Coffee Mug . . \$15
(H) - 2 sided metal Dog Tag w/chain . . \$15
(J) - 2-sided metal Key Chain . . \$15
(K) - Mouse Pad . . \$15

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" (plus tax)

ITEM

& FOLIO

- (N) - 11 X 14 (mounted) . . . **\$79.95**
(M) - 16 X 20 (mounted) . . . **\$169.95**
(Q) - 20 X 24 (mounted) . . . **\$229.95**
(P) - 8 Pose Folio. **\$109.95**

Detach and enclose top portion with payment below.

**Last but
not Least...**

Scan the QR code below to receive Senior Information reminders:

(This QR code is replacing the 'Remind' app)



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
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.

Senior Year Timetable

JULY

____ July 17-21, 2023 Senior pictures taken by appointment only on these dates in July at the school.

____ July 24-28, 2023 Senior pictures taken by appointment only on these dates in July at the school.

____ See pages 19-20 for detailed information

AUGUST

____ August 4, 2023 ACT registration deadline approaching for September 9, 2023 test date.

____ August 2023 (TBA) Open House.

SEPTEMBER

____ September 22, 2023 ACT registration deadline approaching for October 28, 2023 test date.

____ Check with your counselor to make sure you are enrolled in enough credits to graduate.

____ If you have not started your college search, start now!

____ September 19, 2023 Senior meeting at 6:00 p.m. in HLHS Cafeteria with Herff- Jones about senior supplies.

____ Meet with college representatives who will visit the school this fall.

____ Senior Banner Signing day.

____ Update or begin your resume which is your list of accomplishments, involvement, and work experience.

____ Register for the ACT or SAT.

____ If your applications require essays—get started. Choose an English teacher to help you.

OCTOBER

____ Request applications from colleges. (However, some are online only)

____ Apply for admission to the colleges in which you are most interested.

____ October 3, 2023 (Tuesday) \$80.00 deposit due on any order from Herff -Jones during all lunches.

____ Obtain financial aid information from the colleges.

____ Complete essays, if needed, and keep a copy for yourself.

____ Finish making college visits and narrow down choices.

____ Give recommendation forms to teachers and counselors that will be writing recommendations for you. Include a copy of your student resume sheet for their use.

____ Allow at least **TEN ACTUAL SCHOOL DAYS** for your teacher and/or counselor to complete recommendations.

____ October 28, 2023 ACT Test Day

NOVEMBER

____ November 3, 2023 ACT registration deadline approaching for December 9, 2023 test date.

____ Send additional ACT score reports for colleges if needed. (There may be an extra charge for this from ACT and SAT, but most schools will not accept the score on your transcript.)

DECEMBER

____ Continue applying for admission to the colleges that interest you.

____ December 9, 2023 ACT Test Day

____ Remember Colleges are closed over the holidays, so get applications completed to meet deadlines.

JANUARY

____ January 5, 2024 ACT registration deadline approaching for February 10, 2023 test date.

____ Check with counselor to make sure you have met all graduation requirements.

____ Continue to research scholarship opportunities.

FEBRUARY

____ **Don't get senioritis!** Colleges want to see strong second semester grades!

____ February 10, 2024 ACT Test Day

____ Check to make sure all necessary materials have been sent to your chosen colleges.

____ Promptly respond to requests for information from college admission and financial aid offices.

____ Continue to research scholarship opportunities.

MARCH

____ Return verification or corrected information on FAFS forms, if requested, ASAP.

____ March 8, 2024 ACT registration deadline approaching for April 13, 2024 test date.

____ Continue to research scholarship opportunities.

APRIL

____ April (TBA) deadline to turn in acceptance letter for the college signing day.

____ April 13, 2024 ACT Test Day

____ Review college acceptances; perhaps revisit your top choices.

____ Review financial aid packages, talk with financial aid officers.

____ Respond promptly in writing for action on admissions, scholarships, and financial aid.

MAY

____ May 2024 Senior Awards night by invitation only. Date TBA

____ May 3, 2024 ACT registration deadline approaching for June 8, 2024 test date.

____ May (TBA) National College Signing Day at school.

____ May 7, 2024 all graduation state tests requirements must be met in order to be included in the program.

____ Notify the college you choose of your decision to attend.

____ May 21, 2024 Graduation at the Landers center at 7:00 p.m.

Parent Tips

- _____Return all books, equipment, etc. to school and pay fines. Failure to do this will result in a hold being put on your transcript and diploma.
- _____Complete final transcript request form to be sent to the college you will be attending.

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 in order to complete the FAFSA application. The FAFSA window opens December 2023 (see pages 38-39 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 in order 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

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and soar to
NEW HEIGHTS.
DREAM BIG.*



***Believe YOU can
achieve and
Live Strong”***

