

Junior Parent Night

Fall 2022

The background features a white upper section and a lower section with abstract, wavy shapes. On the left, a dark red shape curves upwards. On the right, a light red shape curves downwards, overlapping a grey shape that also curves downwards. The overall effect is a modern, flowing design.

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Two Parts

Part 1

- **Goals for upcoming year**
- **Standardized Tests for Juniors**

Part 2

- **Post Secondary Planning Tools**
- **The Admissions Process/Timeline**

Main Goals for Junior Year

- **ACADEMIC:** Put forth best academic effort since this will be the last year of grades listed on the transcript that is submitted to colleges.
- **POST-SECONDARY PLANNING:** Research specific options in order to narrow your list of preferred schools to a manageable number by the beginning of senior year (3-5).

ACT Testing

District ACT	National ACT Test
During the school day (ONLINE)	7 Saturday options throughout year
Offered only one time to junior students	Can take numerous times
\$20 cost	\$70 cost
Online registration - will be done through school	Online registration at www.act.org
Paper score report sent to student home, also available through online account created as part of preadministration.	Score report automatically linked to student online account.

22-23 ACT Exam Dates

December 10 (register by November 4)

February 11 (register by January 6)

March District ACT at MWHS

April 15 (register by March 10)

June 10 (register by May 5) **@ MWHS**

July 15 (register by June 16)

District ACT

- Offered to ALL junior students on March, 7th
- Online testing option only (will use Chromebook and lockdown browser)
- Includes writing test
- Yields a college reportable score
- Able to send that score to up to 4 colleges at no charge
- Cost: \$20. Paid through Fee Pay on Skyward Family Access.
 - If you have financial need (free/reduced lunch) there will be no charge.
- Registration instructions will come through counselors - February 23.
 - You will NOT register online the same way you do for the national test dates.

ACT Registration: National Test Dates

www.act.org - student registers through testing agency

High School Code: 241-775

Test Center Code: 178630

Register early to have a better chance of testing at preferred location

MWHS is a test center on June 10, 2023 National test date (paper/pencil testing)

ACT Registration Details

- Students need to upload a photo when registering
 - That photo will be printed on the admission ticket and test roster
 - Students MUST present a photo ID on the day of the test
- Remember to use consistent identifying information
- Keep track of username and password when setting up the online account
- There is a “plus writing” option:
 - Some colleges/universities recommend or require the writing score.
 - The writing test is a part of the district test in March.
 - The writing score does not factor into the cumulative score; it yields a separate score

**Similar process is followed for the SAT.

ACT Prep Options

- Free Sparknotes ACT Prep resource
- On [ACT website](#):
 - Official ACT Prep Guide
 - Official ACT Subject Guides
 - Official ACT Self-paced Course, powered by Kaplan
 - Official ACT live Online Class, powered by Kaplan
- Local Prep Agencies (cost varies):
 - [Sylvan](#)
 - [Huntington](#)
 - [Kaplan](#)

Explore your options wisely



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BLUE DEVILS



Hennepin Technical College™



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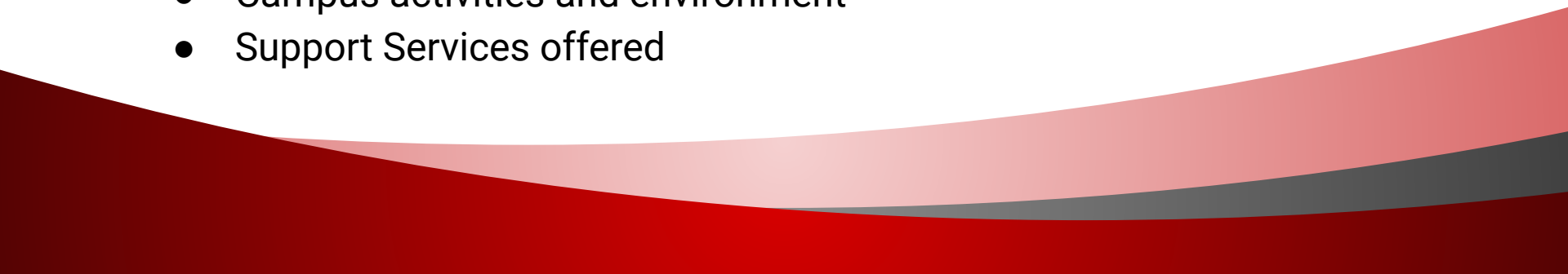
Abilene Christian University
Arizona State University (2)
Augsburg University (3)
Baylor University
Belmont University (2)
Bowdoin College
Chicago Culinary Art Institute
College of St. Scholastica
College of St. Benedict
Colorado State University
Creighton University
DeSales University
Dunwoody College of Technology (2)
Florida Atlantic University (2)
Florida State University
Grand Canyon University
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hennepin Technical College (4)
Indiana University
Iowa State University (7)
Kansas State University
Loyola University, Chicago
Miami University
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
Minneapolis College (3)
Minnesota State University, Mankato (4)
Minnesota State University, Moorhead
Montana State University (2)
New York University
Normandale Community College (12)
North Central University (2)
North Dakota State University (3)
North Hennepin Community College (2)
Ridgewater College (2)
Rockhurst University
St. Cloud Technical College
St. Olaf College (3)
San Diego State University

San Francisco State University
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
Universal Technical Institute
University of California, San Diego
University of Florida
University of Miami, FL
University of Minnesota, Duluth (12)
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (16)
University of Nebraska, Lincoln (3)
University of New Mexico
University of Northern Iowa (2)
University of North Dakota (8)
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
University of Oklahoma
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of St. Thomas (3)
University of South Carolina
University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire (4)
University of Wisconsin, La Crosse (2)
University of Wisconsin, Madison (4)
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
U.S. Air Force Preparatory School
Vermillion Community College

Class of 2022 Graduating Class Profile

3.0 GPA or higher	62%
Continuing formal education	91%
To attend a 4-year school	68%
To attend a 2-year school	16%
To attend a technical school	7%

College Characteristics to Consider

- Type of school
 - Size of school
 - Location
 - Academic Programs/Degrees
 - Cost of Attendance
 - Availability of Financial Aid
 - Admission Criteria
 - Campus activities and environment
 - Support Services offered
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Cost of College Attendance

Annual Cost of Attendance (tuition, books, living, other)

- Normandale Community College: \$21,371
- Hennepin Technical College: \$20,928
- University of Wisconsin, Stout: \$20,622,
- Minnesota State, Mankato: \$21,664
- University of Wisconsin, Madison: \$32,478
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities: \$29,934
- University of St. Thomas: \$63,570

Naviance: College Research

- Login to Naviance with your child using Clever
 - “Colleges” tab
 - “Find your Fit”
 - “Advanced College Search”

Post Secondary Planning Resources

- Online Research
 - Naviance
 - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org (College Board Search tool)
 - www.minnstate.edu (MN 2 and 4 Public)
 - www.umn.edu (University of MN system)
 - www.mnprivatecolleges.org (MN private colleges)
 - www.wisconsin.edu (UW System)
- College Rep Visits: posted in weekly parent bulletin
- Campus Visits
- Parent, Teacher, Counselor, Coach, Advisor

Learn more about prospective colleges

- Consider doing all virtual tours that are available. You will find information about this on the college admissions page.
- Consider doing drive through visits so you can get a feel for the town and the general campus.
- Most colleges have returned to traditional campus visit opportunities, but families should plan ahead as they can fill up quickly.

Testing Policies: Class of 2024

Test Optional: Student can supply an ACT/SAT score if it supports their application

Test Blind: Scores will not be reviewed in any capacity for the admissions process

Test Required: A score must be supplied at the time of application

Most colleges are remaining test optional through 2025

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What if the ACT score is submission is option or blind?

- Students should assume other factors will play a bigger role in an admissions decision. This includes: GPA, Course Rigor, Recommendations, and Academic Interests
- Context factors include; commitment to community service and leadership, diversity that will strengthen a program or student body, significant family responsibilities, personal extenuating circumstances, information provide in the application

5 Month “To Do” List

- ❑ Consider which ACT test dates will be best for your child
- ❑ If there are schools that require the SAT, make plans to take it
- ❑ Utilize online resources to sort through college choices
- ❑ Schedule campus tours (virtua/in person)
- ❑ Encourage a rigorous schedule through 12th grade
- ❑ Attend Parent Night in February
 - ❑ We’ll review application process for senior year
- ❑ Keep tabs on how school counselors are working with your student via the weekly newsletter

Going beyond admissions....getting ready for college

- Who is driving the college search/application process?
- Can your teen take responsibility for his/her self care?
- Can your teen manage time?
- Does your teen know how to seek help?
- Can your teen take responsibility for and learn from their poor decisions?
- Has your teen shown they can manage themselves in a setting without family?
- Can your teen assess risk?
- Does your child understand the financial investment of college?

Thank You!

Resources and Dates:

- [MWHS School Counseling Website](#)
- MWHS Parent Newsletter - Thursdays
- Spring Junior Parent Night - February
- District ACT - March 7th
- National ACT at MWHS - June 10th