

Senior Information

GUIDANCE WEBPAGE: look at the college and financial aid tabs often for info.

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DEADLINES: College deadlines are firm, start early!

APPLICATIONS: We recommend you apply before the university's deadline. After you complete an application online, see your counselor the next day to request your transcript be sent to the college. You must complete a transcript form and indicate if you want your ACT scores with your counselor. Transcripts that are mailed cost \$2. If you are applying via Common app or Send Ed U, your transcript will be sent electronically and no form will be needed. Transcripts are required by the admissions offices.

COLLEGE DAY: To schedule a college visit and tour, contact the admissions office at the university to set up an appointment. Take notes and ask questions on the tour. On the day of the visit ask the college for a school excuse. Turn that in to in attendance to excuse your trip.

COMMON APPLICATION: The Common App is an online application that can be used for participating universities. The advantage to the student is that you complete one application and it can be sent electronically to several colleges if they are members. An essay and recommendations from your counselor and teachers are required. To see if potential colleges are a member visit www.commonapp.org

ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET: This an agreement between states for students to attend an out of state college for select majors that are not offered in Tennessee for the in state tuition rate. To check programs go to www.sreb.org

RECOMMENDATIONS: Many scholarships and college applications will ask for a counselor and teacher recommendation. Give your counselor and teacher a copy of your resume to include personal accomplishments in your letter. Please give recommenders one week's notice.

CEEB CODE: CMS code for testing is 431-609

ACT: All seniors will take the ACT during school on Oct 15 for the state date. You do not have to register for this. If you want to take it more than that you could take it Sept 14, Oct 26 or Dec 14. The test dates in the spring will not meet the deadlines of most schools. You can register at www.act.org

SAT: The regular SAT dates for the fall are Oct 5, Nov 2 and Dec 7 for the fall semester. You can register at www.collegeboard.org

LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP: CMS students who have a 3.0 GPA or make a 21 on the ACT are eligible for the HOPE Scholarship if they are attending a TN college or university. The application is the FAFSA. There is also the General Assembly Merit Scholarship for students who have 3.75 GPA or higher and at least a 29 ACT composite.

TN PROMISE: This is a program offered for TN high school students to attend a TN Community College to seek a 2 year degree. For more information see www.tnpromise.gov and attend the meeting at CMS Oct 3rd at 1:00 in the Auditorium. The deadline to apply is Nov. 1st.

FAFSA: This is the application for government aid including the lottery scholarships. The FAFSA opens October 1st. Some grants are first come so complete this early. The student and parent will both need to get a pin at www.pin.ed.gov for signing the form. Then you can complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov .

CSS PROFILE: This is a financial aid application through the College Board for nonfederal aid. Many private colleges require this application. Check with the college's financial aid office to see if it required. This will open in October and you can find more information at <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>

NAIA and NCAA: Athletes must register with the NAIA or NCAA Clearinghouse if they plan on playing a sport in college. See your counselor for more information.

ONLINE CLASSES: Let your counselor know if you are taking any online classes. We must have the official transcript by the spring semester.

DUAL ENROLLMENT: If you have taken any dual enrollment classes from MTSU and you do not attend MTSU for college, you will need them to send an official transcript to the college you attend to get the credit.

AP SCORES: You will have to send your AP scores to the college you attend to get credit for your scores. This can be done in May when you take exams this year or you can contact College Board to send them. **NEW: You will register and pay for the exam by Oct 31.**