

MVHS COLLEGE PARENT NIGHT



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT STAFF

MVHS Counseling Department

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Tonight's Agenda

- School Connections and Resources
- College Admission Timeline
- Financial Aid - How does it work?
- FAFSA - Line by Line Explanation
- Testing Info - PSAT, ASVAB, SAT, and ACT
- College and Career Kickoff
- Q&A

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS & RESOURCES

- Log into your accounts!
- ABI, HAIKU, CCGI and Office365 Email
- These are the **tools** and **resources** you will need to work on your plan for life after High School
 - Get Connected!!!



HOW TO GET TO COLLEGE



6-8TH GRADES

- Take English and Algebra I or another rigorous math course and aim for good grades.
- Take a language other than English.
- Begin your Academic Planner on californiacolleges.edu.



9TH FRESHMEN GRADE

- Take "a-g" courses to meet the CSU's admission requirements: college prep English, Algebra I or Geometry, and a foreign language.
- Aim for As and Bs in all your classes; focus on homework and develop good study skills.



10TH SOPHOMORES GRADE

- Take Geometry or Algebra II.
- Take college prep English.
- Take the PSAT exam to help you prepare for the SAT or ACT and to keep you on track for college.
- Take courses from the "a-g" course list: history, English, math, laboratory science, a foreign language, and visual and performing arts.
- Update your Academic Planner on californiacolleges.edu.

Abbreviations

- ACT American College Testing
- AP Advanced Placement
- CAASPP California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
- CSU California State University
- EAP Early Assessment Program
- PSAT Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test
- SAT Scholastic Assessment Test



11TH JUNIORS GRADE

- Take college prep English and advanced math: English (writing and critical reading) and Algebra II or advanced math.
- Update your Academic Planner on californiacolleges.edu.
- Do your best on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment. Your CAASPP EAP results will help determine if you are ready for college-level courses before attending the CSU. In a college-level course you earn credit towards a baccalaureate degree. Visit csusuccess.org/caaspp.
- Register for the AP exams in the spring. You can earn college credit if you score well on the test(s).
- Register for the PSAT exam if you didn't take it in 10th grade.
- Take the SAT or ACT in the spring as an additional way to determine if you are ready for college-level courses. Many CSU campuses require you to take the SAT/ACT by October of

COLLEGE ADMISSION TIMELINE

FRESHMAN YEAR

- Take challenging courses.
- Aim for As and Bs in all of your courses.
- Focus on your classwork and your homework to develop the study skills you will need to succeed in college.
- Join clubs, play sports and volunteer.
- Take elective courses that interest you and that meet the CSU/UC's admission requirements such as music, art, theater, or a foreign language.



SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Continue to take challenging courses
- Take the PSAT 10
- Keep your grades up...no “D’s or F’s”
- Take courses from the “A-G” course list:
 - History,
 - English,
 - Math,
 - Visual and Performing Arts,
 - Lab Science and
 - Foreign Language



JUNIOR YEAR

- Challenge yourself to take the most rigorous course you can
- Take the PSAT Oct. 11th...\$25 to bookkeeper
- Register to take SAT/ACT in the Spring
- Register to take AP/IB exams
- Fix any “D” grades before the start of Senior Year



SENIOR YEAR

- Register and take SAT or ACT exams by the end of December 2017
- Apply for FAFSA on October 1
- CSU (23 campus) application window October 1-November 30
- UC (9 campus) application window November 1-November 30
- Private, Independent, and Out of State schools have different application windows

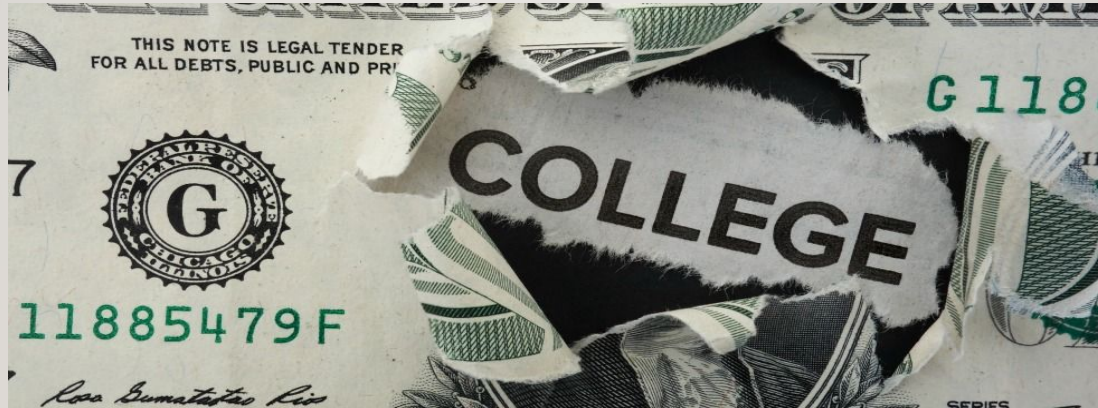
(DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY!!)



FINANCIAL AID

fafsa.ed.gov

Because you are going to college, you have to think about **how to pay** for it.
It's time to learn about financial aid.





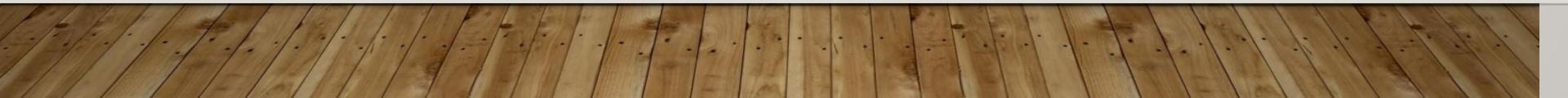
HOW DOES FINANCIAL AID WORK? SHOULD I FILL OUT A FAFSA?



Experts agree one of the most common reasons students don't fill out the FAFSA is because they believe their parents make too much money, so they won't qualify.

This is a costly misconception. "Everyone should fill out the FAFSA, because everyone is eligible for some form of financial aid, no matter their circumstances,"

Most financial aid in the U.S. is awarded by universities rather than the government, and you usually can't qualify for need-based or merit-based aid without a FAFSA on file. It's important to be aware that many colleges offer merit-based aid that doesn't even consider financial need; it's based on achievements such as grades, SAT scores or athletics. In other words, the amount of money your parents make doesn't matter for this type of aid, but you can't get it if you don't fill out the form.



\$\$ TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID \$\$

- Grants (Gift)
- Scholarships (Gift)
- Work Study (part time work)
- Loans (must pay back)



FAFSA - LINE BY LINE



Completing a FAFSA can be a little intimidating. FAFSA has gone to great steps to simplify the process and make it more user friendly.

We are lucky to have representatives from **MSJC** here tonight to present this very important information.

MSJC representatives will be available after presentation to answer questions regarding transfer and program options available to our Nighthawks!

Thank you **MSJC** for partnering with and supporting our students at MVHS!!

TESTING INFORMATION

- **PSAT**
- **SAT and ACT**
- **ASVAB**

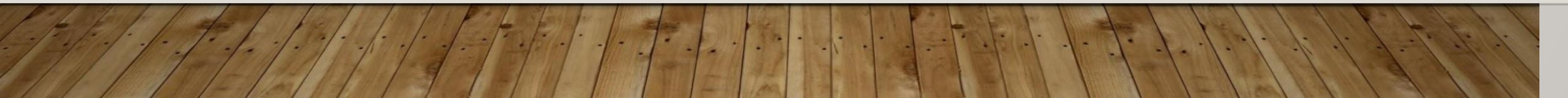
PSAT 10 PSAT/NMSQT

The Preliminary SAT, also known as the PSAT/NMSQT® (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), is a preparatory version of the SAT exam. You can only take the PSAT once per year, and most students take the test in both 10th and 11th grade.

On October 11th (College and Career Kickoff)

-The PSAT 10 will be given district wide to **all 10th grade students**. There is no cost and no need to sign up.

-**11th grade students** will have an opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT exam. They are required to sign up with the bookkeeper. The cost for Juniors taking the **PSAT/NMSQT is \$25**



SAT AND ACT TEST

SAT

- Scored on scale 400-1600
- Aptitude Test: measures reasoning and verbal abilities
- 3 components: Math, Reading, Writing
- Limited use of calculator
- **Go to [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org) to register**

ACT

- Scored on 1-36 Scale
- Achievement Test: measures what a student has learned
- 5 components: Math Reading, English, & Science
- Can use calculator
- **Go to [ACT.org](https://act.org) to register**

SAT AND ACT TESTS DATES

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 7, 2017	Sept. 8, 2017
November 4, 2017	Oct. 5, 2017
December 2, 2017	Nov. 2, 2017
* March 10, 2018	Feb . 9, 2018
May 5, 2018	Apr. 6, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 9, 2017	Aug. 4, 2017
October 28, 2017	Sept. 22, 2017
* December 9, 2017	Nov. 3, 2017
February 10, 2018	Jan. 12, 2018
April 14, 2018	Mar. 9, 2018
June 9, 2018	Jun. 15, 2018

* MOST UNIVERSITIES WANT TESTS COMPLETED BY END DECEMBER

ASVAB

The ASVAB(Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students. Most students who take this test do not join the military. The ASVAB gives some really great feedback about students aptitudes, which helps in post secondary planning.... What are you good at?

The ASVAB is given one time a year / It is free / sign up in Counseling

This year's test date: 11/15





COLLEGE AND CAREER KICKOFF

Official Kickoff Date: October 11th, 2017

College and Career Kickoff focuses on college and career readiness and is connected to the Riverside County Office of Education Pledge—that all students in Riverside County will graduate from high school well prepared for college and the workforce. Additionally, the campaign is an outgrowth of the Riverside County Education Collaborative that was lauded in 2014 by President Barack Obama for increasing college-going rates in the Inland Empire.

Activities Include!!!

9th grade

Personal College Journey
How to be Successful in High School
A-G Course Review & 4 Year Plan
Stress Management & Social Media

10th grade

PSAT

11th grade

College Admissions
College Options
How to Pay for College
Basic Life Skills

12th grade

Basic Life Skills
College Applications
Senior Culminating Project
Completing the FAFSA

Thank You

Q&A Breakout Time

Thank you for attending our College Parent Night. We hope the information presented is useful.

Counselors are available to answer questions. We also have Academic Advisors from MSJC to answer two year / transfer questions.

Go Nighthawks!!!

