



**HOLLAND
HIGH
SCHOOL**

We're Glad You're Here!

Welcome

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Steps in College Planning

SENIOR CREDIT CHECKS

- It is important to review your credit check.
- Please make an appointment with your counselor if you have concerns for graduation this year.
- All requirements must be completed by graduation, May 20th!!!!
- Make sure schedule is accurate for full year before sending to colleges/Common App

TIMELINE FOR SENIOR YEAR

September/October

Apply to Colleges/Community Colleges/Tech Schools:

- Complete applications online.
- Request your HHS transcript through Naviance
- Consider retaking your SAT in Sept, Oct., or Dec.
- Orient to scholarships and begin applying. Watch deadlines carefully.
- Complete FAFSA after Dec. 1, 2024 ***
- Visit Colleges/ Meet with college reps

Jan-April

Narrow list and review financial packages

- Plan specific visit to top choice schools
- Continue to apply for scholarships
- Review financial packages (EFC)
- Visit colleges you are still considering, stay overnight

April

Make Final Decisions:

- Make your choice, send in your deposit to hold your spot. (decision made by May 1)

Post Secondary Education Options

- **4 Year College**

- Earn a bachelor's degree in science (biology, computer, engineering) or arts (English, history, communications)
- Examples: Hope College, GVSU, Michigan State

- **2 Year College** (also known as community college)

- Earn an associates degree or certificate
- Examples: Grand Rapids Community College, Baker College, Lake Michigan College

- **Vocational or Technical School**

- Most programs last 2 years or less
- Earn a certificate to practice a trade (does not transfer)
- Examples: Tulip City Beauty College, ITT Tech, M-Tech, GRCC Workforce Training (varied number of weeks for each program)

Michigan Community College Guarantee.

The Guarantee covers in-district tuition for a skilled trades certificate or associate degree, for recent high school graduates at their local community college. Those who do not have a community college within their county (do not pay taxes to support a community college) must pay the out-of-county difference in tuition.

- Skilled Trades Certificate or Degree
- Online or In-Person
- Free in-district tuition, contact hours, and mandatory fees
- Students who qualify for the Federal Pell Grant can receive an added \$1,000 to help cover added costs like books & supplies
- No income or high school
- GPA requirements
- Renewable annually

FINDING THE RIGHT COLLEGES

- ❑ Research college websites & college guides
- ❑ Visit campuses –check the admissions offices websites
- ❑ Best Fit and Match
 - Size, location, sports, career pathway
- ❑ Check admissions criteria
 - 10 Michigan Public Universities sign Michigan Assured Admissions Pact to admit High School Seniors with cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher
- ❑ Meet with your counselor and College Advisor
 - Senior meetings are in progress!
- ❑ Meet with college reps - listed in Naviance!

WHAT IF A COLLEGE EDUCATION IS NOT IN THE PLANS NOW?

- Career Training/Workforce Training
 - Career Connections with local companies
 - On job training
- Military Opportunities
 - Recruiter Visits
 - Scholarships, enlistment and academies
- Gap Year
 - Be intentional about planning this year



Athlete Information - NCAA

- Register online with the eligibility center.
- To be eligible to participate at the Division 1 or Division 2 level the students are evaluated on the following criteria...
 - 1) core classes
 - 2) GPA
- Meet with Counselor and Mrs. Nichols!



COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

**Organization is
the Key to success!**

WHAT SCHOOLS DO I APPLY TO?

- The average student applies to 3-4 colleges
- Consider applying for a “safety”, “middle” and a “reach” school.
- The application fees can add up fast!



Michigan Assured Admission Pact (MAAP)

The Michigan Assured Admission Pact (MAAP)'s ten participating public universities are committed to:

- Increasing awareness of high-quality educational opportunities.
- Simplifying the admission process.
- Admitting all Michigan high school graduates who earned a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or above (4.0 scale)

Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Lake Superior State University, U of M Dearborn and Flint, Northern Michigan University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University and Wayne State University.

How do I APPLY for College?

- Apply Online (using Common App or Direct to Institution)
 - Add Colleges in Naviance to “Colleges I am applying to”
- Common Application may be accepted at various schools (U of M, Hope, Calvin, Kalamazoo, etc.) <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- Check if there is a counselor form required. If so, enter the counselor email or bring in form.

Naviance

THE online tool to use to explore careers and colleges- to organize, apply, request docs, access resources, and complete the college application process.

- Organize- see all saved careers/colleges/status for each app
- Apply- use edocs for Common Application, request letters of recommendation, and request transcripts
- Resources- compare colleges, Career Outlook (Dept of Labor), College Representative Visits at HHS (sign up), HS Activities Survey

<https://www.naviance.com>



STANDARDIZED TESTING

- Check if individual college requires that ACT or SAT scores be sent directly from the testing company. Many schools are test optional. Essays will be important!

<http://www.actstudent.org>

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

- Register online for additional testing dates.



HOW DO I SEND A TEACHER/COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION ?

- Ask an academic teacher – 2 weeks in advance
- Request letters of recommendation in Naviance
- Complete High School Activities form in Naviance
- Follow up with a thank you note.
- ONLY submit if colleges request a letter of recommendation from a teacher.

Admissions Protocols



- ❑ Rolling Admissions
- ❑ Early Action
 - Usually results in earlier response
 - Non-binding
- ❑ Early Decision
 - Binding – if you apply using early decision you are agreeing to come if they admit you....it is non-negotiable!!

SCHOLARSHIPS AND \$ FOR COLLEGE

- Don't Rule out a school because of cost alone
- US Dept of Ed Net Price Calculator
 - <https://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx>
- Be very open and honest in speaking with your child about finances relative to college
- **Apply early** and be aware of **all** deadlines
- Review scholarship resources under Counseling Tab on HHS website and in Naviance
- **Check for scholarships on college websites**
- Organize scholarship due dates and requirements

Bonus: Sign up for CBOS

- College Board Opportunity Scholarship rewards your college-related actions with chances to win scholarship money
- All you need to do is link your College Board account
- Sign up at opportunity.collegeboard.org

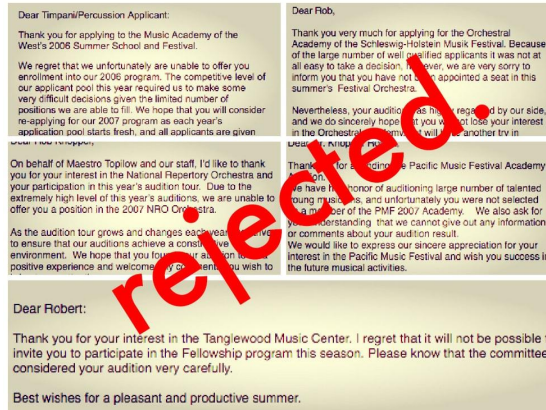


Senior Dates

- ❑ FASFA Opens Dec 1, due by March 1
- ❑ Requests for Letters of Recommendation in by Oct. 11
- ❑ Applications due by November 1
 - “Get it Done by November 1”**
- ❑ Cap and Gown Dates:
 - HHS/HEC Senior Orders: Wednesday, Nov 13 during A/B Lunch
 - HHS/HEC Senior Order Pick UP: TBD
- ❑ Watch for letters of acceptance from colleges
- ❑ May 1st -- College Decision Day

YOU ARE NOT DONE.....

- Senior classes – many colleges want to see rigorous classes NOT an easy year!
- Keep your grades up – colleges can take back an acceptance based on your final transcript





**Thank you
for coming
tonight!**