

Class of 2023

12/9/22 | College & Career Center Newsletter

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Spring Dual Enrollment courses - register by 12/23/22

Want to take a FREE college course and receive college and high school credits?

The Massachusetts Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership (CDEP) provides opportunities for Massachusetts high school students to take college-level courses for free and earn credit toward high school completion and their future college degrees.

MassBay Community College is offering **FREE** college-level courses this spring for juniors and seniors only at our identified partner high schools. Classes will be held remotely after school or fully online from January 17, 2023 - May 14, 2023. **Applications are due by 12/23/22: [REGISTER NOW!](#)**

Questions? Contact: Elaine Rosenburg | erosenburg@massbay.edu

Want to learn more? | [REGISTER](#) for information sessions, which will be held remotely on:

- Thursday, December 8, 2022 | 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 13, 2022 | 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 14, 2022 | 7:00 PM



MBCC Dual Enrollment info flyer spring 23.pdf

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The Common Application

The **COLLEGE APPLICATION** is the backbone of all of the information a college/university needs to know about you to assess if you'd be a good fit for their school. The majority of schools use the [Common Application](#) as their application portal. Some schools have an application portal built into their website, and other schools use an application portal called the [Coalition App](#) (similar to the Common App; see schools that use the Coalition App [here](#)). Creating an account on any of these portals is free, but most colleges/universities have a cost associated with applying. All applications are created and submitted online.



For step-by-step directions about applying to college and FAQs, please visit Ms. Erikson's '[The College Application](#)' Canvas page.

▶ Early Decision

Students can pick a single school to apply to, under a binding agreement – if they are admitted, they must attend.

Early Decision I

This is the main attempt for students to apply ED to a given school – and usually has the most advantage for students in terms of admit rates.

Early Decision II

For students who aren't admitted in the first ED wave, some schools offer another round –there isn't usually as much advantage in admit rates here, but still better than regular admission.

Typical deadline: **November 1st**

Typical decision release: **December 15th**

▶ Early Action

Students apply earlier in the timeline. They aren't bound to enroll if they're admitted.

Regular Early Action

Students apply earlier in the cycle, to as many schools as they'd like. There's a slight advantage to admit rate, and students also get the benefit of learning the decisions earlier in the process.

Single-Choice Early Action

Students apply earlier in the cycle, but for these schools, they are only allowed to apply to a single school. There's a slight advantage to admit rate.

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▶ Regular Decision

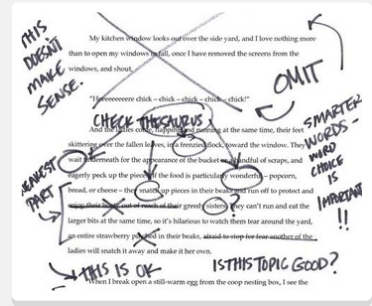
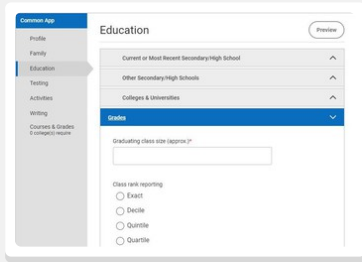
Students apply to as many schools as they'd like, and are not bound to enroll if they are offered admission.

Typical deadline:

January 1st

Typical decision release:

April 1st



Common App EDU Section

Class Size & Rank:

- Class size: 540
- Class rank reporting: Decile
- Decile Rank: Top ____
- Rank weighting: Weighted
- GPA scale reporting: 4
- Cumulative GPA:
- GPA weighting: Weighted

Course Codes:

- U - N/A
- CP - College Prep
- ACP - Advanced
- Honors - Honors
- AP - AP

Financial Aid

Here are some detailed resources about filling out the FAFSA and CSS Profile, both of which opened on October 1, 2022. The sooner you apply, the better!

- [FAFSA support](#)
- [CSS support](#)

Need additional support?

Check out upcoming [MEFA Events!](#)

We offer free informative webinars and virtual community events on a range of topics.

To register for an upcoming webinar, click a topic below.

To view a recorded webinar, please view our [MEFA Videos](#) page.

College Essay

The college essay is an *extremely* important part of your college application—it is the one part of the application that is in your voice! To get help *starting, editing,* or putting your essay into your application early. Make an [appointment](#) with Ms. Erikson for college essay help—whether its picking a topic or editing, we’re here for you— and make sure to check out the ['Writing YOUR Best College Essay.'](#) Canvas page!

WRITING CENTER WEBSITE: [Click here to access our brand new writing center website!](#)

Transcript Requests & Letters of Recommendation

Seniors applying to four-year colleges will most likely need one to two teacher letters of recommendation. However, they will need to find out the exact number required by checking the "application requirements" on the websites of the colleges to which they are applying. To request a teacher letter of recommendation, please follow the steps listed on the [Teacher Recommendation Letter Guide](#). You should always plan to give your teachers a minimum of 15 school days notice prior to your first application deadline.

Transcript Request Form instructions

Important Dates for Requesting Transcripts

Transcript Request Form Due	Application Deadline
October 7th, 2022	November 1st, 2022
October 11th, 2022	November 15th, 2022
November 3rd, 2022	December 1st, 2022
November 21st, 2022	December 15th, 2022
December 5th, 2023	January 1st, 2023
December 16th, 2023	January 15th, 2023
January 25th 2023	February 15th, 2023

Counselor Letter of Recommendation

Seniors applying to four-year colleges will most likely need a counselor letter of recommendation. However, they will find out for sure by checking the "application requirements" on the websites of the colleges to which they are applying.

Teacher Letter(s) of Recommendation

4-year college apps likely need 1-2 teacher LOR (check LOR requirements on the website of each college). Plan to give your teachers a minimum of 15 school days notice prior to your first application deadline.



MWCPC College Edu Fair | 12/10 in Waltham, MA

College Education Fair: Sat., Dec. 10th (12:30-3:30 pm) at 750 Main ST, Waltham, MA.

Families, students, and the community can

- Get help with FAFSA (Federal Student Aid)
- Meet college professors
- Meet MassBay Community College and Framingham State University (FSU) Admissions
- Learn about Biotechnology Program
- Learn about Early College (take free college class during high school)
- Learn about the MassBay STEM programs and the FSU English Language program
- Make crafts and enjoy free food

NACAC Boston & Virtual National College Fairs

Upcoming Boston In-Person College Fairs -- Learn More [HERE!](#)

- [Boston National College Fair - Session 1 of 3](#)
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EDT) ([More Info](#))
- [Boston National College Fair - Session 2 of 3](#)
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (EDT) ([More Info](#))
- [Boston National College Fair - Session 3 of 3](#)
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EDT) ([More Info](#))

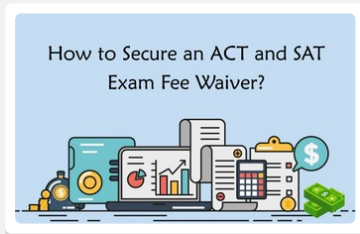


Upcoming Virtual College Fairs:

- [Virtual College Fair - Feb 19](#)- Sunday, February 19, 2023 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (EST) [More Info](#)
- [Virtual College Fair - Mar 19](#)- Sunday, March 19, 2023 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (EDT) [More Info](#)
- [Virtual College Fair - Apr 23](#)- Sunday, April 23, 2023 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (EDT) [More Info](#)

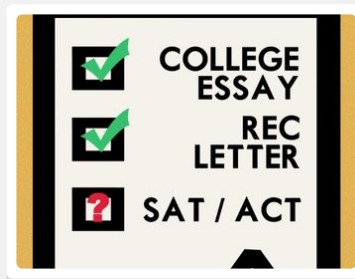
Standardized Testing

Be sure to look at Ms. Erikson's 'Standardized Testing' Canvas page for detailed information about, SAT + ACT registration instructions, SAT + ACT study resources, fee waiver information, testing accommodations, & TOEFL registration



SAT Fee Waivers

Do you have free/reduced lunch and/or receive any financial assistance? If so, you qualify for a SAT fee waiver! A fee waiver covers the cost of up to two SAT tests and three SAT Subject Tests. It will also cover submitting college applications through the Common Application. If you need an SAT or ACT fee waiver please contact school counselor.



Test Optional Colleges

Test optional means that a school does not require SAT or ACT scores as a part of your application. Over 1,000 colleges and universities are test optional. Find a complete list at www.fairtest.org!



TOEFL Exams

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is a standardized test that measures English language ability for non-native speakers who plan to enroll in an English speaking college. The test evaluates listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills in relationship to academic tasks. Test costs range between \$150-\$225. Unfortunately, no financial aid is offered for the TOEFL test. Fee-based and free prep materials can be found on the [TOEFL website](http://www.toefl.org), on [Canvas](#), or in the College & Career Center (K007). To register and see test dates/locations visit www.toefl.org.

RESEARCHING COLLEGES + POSTSECONDARY RESOURCES

Ms. Erikson has created Canvas pages to help you explore information and resources related to the college search + application process and answer commonly asked questions. Check them out below:

- [The College Search](#)
- [The College Application Process](#)
- [Mass Bay / community college](#)
- [Standardized Testing](#)
- [Military](#)
- [Alternative Pathways](#) --> e.g. gap years; trade/apprenticeship programs; internships



Financial Aid

Affording College: Fin Aid 101 | 12/7 @ 8pm

Affording College: Financial Aid 101 | Wed, December 7 at 8 pm ET - [REGISTER NOW!](#)

With Scott Wallace-Juedes, Director of Undergraduate Financial Aid at Yale University In this webinar, we'll discuss the FAFSA and CSS profile, estimating cost, scholarships, grants, need-based aid, and other ways to finance your child's education.



El proceso universitario para los estudiantes indocumentados en español | Dec 12, 22 @ 6:30PM

Si conoce a un estudiante indocumentado de habla hispana que planea para el futuro, nuestro seminario web del lunes 12 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m. es el recurso perfecto. Brindaremos información y orientación para estudiantes indocumentados que soliciten y paguen la universidad, incluidos detalles sobre DACA, estándares de admisión en universidades públicas y privadas, y recursos para ayudar a cubrir los costos de la universidad. Todo el seminario web será en español. [¡Regístrese para el seminario web](#) aquí!



If you know an undocumented Spanish-speaking student planning for the future, our Mon, Dec 12th webinar at 6:30 p.m. is the perfect resource. We'll provide information and guidance for undocumented students applying to and paying for college, including details on DACA, admissions standards at public and private universities, and resources to help cover college costs. The entire webinar will be in Spanish. [Register for the webinar](#) here!

Virtual FAFSA Days

Get FREE Help Applying for College Financial Aid!

FAFSA Day is a non-profit, volunteer driven program providing free assistance to students and families seeking to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

If you have questions about completing the FAFSA, please call us weekdays at (800) 449-6332 (9:00 am – 4:00pm) or email fafsaday@gmail.com.



The goal of the FAFSA Day is to help students complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA application as they apply for college. Financial aid professionals from colleges and organizations across Massachusetts are ready and available to answer questions and walk you and your family through the application process. Below are scheduled **FAFSA Day online** events held on ZOOM, where an advisor will meet with you personally in a breakout room. Their personal attention, along with their knowledge and experience, are here to help you check-off the FAFSA from your college application to-do list.

- **Thursday, December 15 - 6:00-8:00PM - [Register](#)**

- Sunday, January 22 - 6:00-8:00PM - [Register](#)
- Monday, February 20 - 6:00-8:00PM - [Register](#)

Understanding Financial Aid Mini Workshops

- **Webinar #1:** Lowering the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) helps you qualify for more grants and scholarships for college. Unfortunately, even though there are hundreds of ways to lower the EFC, most people just don't know how. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the recording.
- **Webinar #2:** The Importance of an Education: Does a College Education Pay Off? [CLICK HERE](#) to download the recording.
- **Webinar #3:** Beating the High Cost of College. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the recording.
- **Webinar #4:** FAFSA: How much aid is available? [CLICK HERE](#) to download the recording.
- **Webinar #5:** Calculating the EFC: 4 factors that determine your EFC. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the recording.

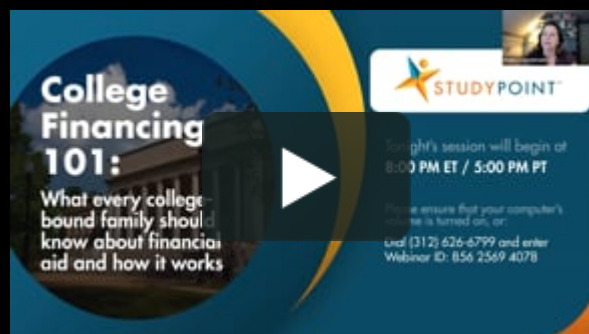


OUR COLLEGE PLANNING EXPERTS CAN HELP FAMILIES:

- ✓ Obtain More Grants & Scholarships
- ✓ Pay For College Without Going Broke
- ✓ Understand the Financial Aid Process
- ✓ Analyze Schools and Financial Aid Awards
- ✓ Complete the FAFSA and CSS Profile Accurately & On Time
- ✓ Feel Totally Secure About The Next Step — & Beyond

[CLICK TO VIEW FULL WEBINAR](#)

StudyPoint Virtual Discussion Panel: College Financing 101



Other Upcoming Events

MBCC STEM Expo: 12/12-12/16

The Fall 2022 STEM EXPO is held virtually this week,

Monday, December 12th - Friday, December 16th!

[Click here for the Fall 2022 Virtual STEM EXPO Site](#)

Visitors can view the video exhibition highlighting student-developed projects that demonstrate the multi-dimensional skills, problem-solving capabilities and talents of our diverse student body at any time during the week. The EXPO is interactive. Visitors can leave comments and/or questions for the student presenters who will respond throughout the week.



Catching Up in Math webinar | 12/14 @ 5pm - Revolution Prep

Catching Up in Math: 6 Steps for Closing the Learning Gap | Wed, 12/14 @ 5PM EST

Is your child struggling with math? If so, you're not alone. According to the most recent National Assessment of Educational Progress report, students are showing the largest decline ever in math scores. The good news is that research also shows that direct intervention can help students catch up. In this webinar, learn what you can do to help your child close the math learning gap. [REGISTER HERE](#) or view the flyer below!

- How to identify a math learning gap, including a learning loss parent questionnaire
- Evidence-based approach to closing the math learning gap
- What successful intervention looks like and the 6 steps to get there



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Click Here for Job & Service Opportunities

Need a WORK PERMIT?

- 1) Take a form from your house/academy or access work permits online using the QR code below
- 2) Your employer should fill out the "Promise of Employment" Section
- 3) On page two, you can skip the "Physician's Certificate of Health" section if you are older than 15. If not, your doctor must fill it out.
- 4) Your parents/guardians need to fill out/sign #4
- 5) You sign #5
- 6) When all that is filled out, **please hand your house/academy office assistant - please include your hair and eye color**



We will try our best to process it by the end of the day!

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Military Information

ASVAB + RECRUITER INFO

Check out the [Military Canvas module](#) for more information and to find the local recruiter for the following branches:

- [U.S. Army & Army Reserves](#) | [Army National Guard](#)
- [U.S. Air Force](#) | [Air National Guard](#)
- [U.S. Coast Guard](#)
- [U.S. Marine Corps](#)
- [U.S. Navy](#)



Upcoming ASVAB tests at FHS- There will be two ASVAB tests scheduled at the high school (one in the fall and one in the spring) for students interested in the military. Please find the dates/times below.

- Wednesday, November 30th 2022 at 7:30am -- CLOSED
- Wednesday, April 5th 2023 at 7:30am -- [REGISTER HERE!](#)

*Let's
Connect!*

Want to get in touch with me?

Mrs. Erikson, College & Career Counselor, K018
College & Career Center, Room K005
Monday - Friday | 7:00am-2:15pm

Should a parent/guardian wish to meet with me, I am available by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling/emailing the phone number and email below.


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