

MBHS COLLEGE ADVISING TEAM

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Junior Activities Form - complete in Scoir!

If you did not fill out the Junior Activities Form when the College Advisors visited your social studies class this spring, please fill out the form online through Scoir under Me, Surveys, and “Junior Activities Form”. The form gives insight into who you are and how you use your time. For you, filling out the form is a great exercise to begin thinking about what colleges might ask for on admissions applications. Keep in mind, the information you share is for your College Advisor and will not be shared.

GPA

CUMULATIVE GPA		
Method	Academic Weighted	Unweighted
Numeric	96.220	93.173
Standard	4.268	3.846

Your transcript should show 4 versions of your GPA:
weighted/numeric, weighted/4.0 scale,
unweighted/numeric, and unweighted/4.0 scale.

Weighted – only academic courses; includes weight for advanced and AP courses

Unweighted – all courses, without weight on advanced or AP course

Numeric – reflection of numeric grade earned; 100 point scale

Standard – reflection of alphanumeric grade earned (A, B, C, ..); 4.0 scale

Which of these GPAs will a college consider? It depends! University of Alabama, for example, will accept the highest of GPA on the 4.0 scale. Other colleges may recalculate your GPA based on their admissions procedures and requirements. This is a great question to ask a college representative or while you’re on a campus tour!

ACT

How many times should I take the ACT? 2 or 3. Our goal for you is to be comfortable and settled with your test score prior to the beginning of your senior year.

What is ‘test optional’? A college that is ‘test optional’ allows students to apply without a standardized test score (ACT or SAT). If a student applies as ‘test-optional’, then the applicant’s high school academic record is the most important assessment criteria.

So, should I submit my test score when I apply? Your College Advisor is going to be a great resource as you’re deciding if you should submit your test score. We recommend withholding your score if it falls lower than the middle-50% of the college’s admitted scores.

HOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A COLLEGE

Campus Visit – officially schedule a campus visit through the admissions office. Check each college’s admissions office website for up-to-date Covid-19 visit procedures.

Virtual Opportunities – if you’re unable to visit in-person, then check the college admission’s website for virtual visit options.

Talk to Current Students – remember to talk with former MBHS students, friends, family members and so on who attend the college you’re interested in. They will give you the REAL details!

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Why? Many colleges require academic, or teacher, letters of recommendation. Here are a few pointers to consider:

Who? 11th grade core, academic teachers. Think about asking teachers who know you best. They will write about your work ethic, your ability to get along with peers, your ability to overcome obstacles, and so on.

When? For now, begin thinking about who you might ask for a letter of recommendation. Officially, we will ask for names from you at the beginning of your senior year.

QUICK FACTS - AUBURN & ALABAMA

Since many of our students apply to at least one or both schools, we have provided a handout regarding updated admissions information for Auburn and Alabama.

CONTACT US

Don’t forget that we’re here to help!