Junior Parent Meeting

April 2021

The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM

Your audio will remain silent. Please submit questions through the chat.

Choices 360

With Choices 360, students can take career interest inventories, search majors and careers of interest, schools, scholarship offerings, etc.

How to Sign In to Choices 360:

- 1. Sign in to your LHUB Account: lhub.lisd.net
- 2. Click the Choices 360 button
- 3. You will be asked to indicate if you agree to the Choices 360 privacy policy and terms of use.
- 4. Indicate "yes," to be signed directly into a new Choices 360 account







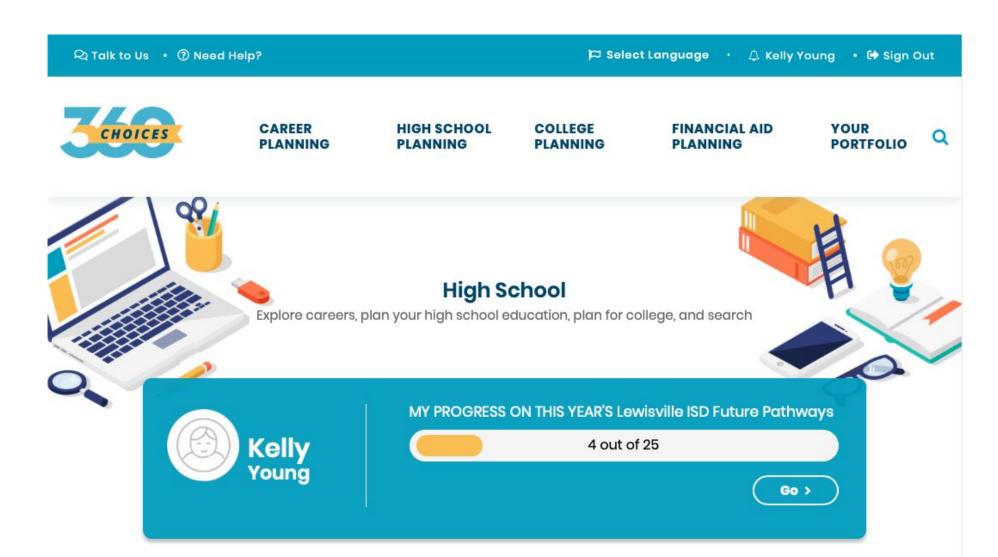
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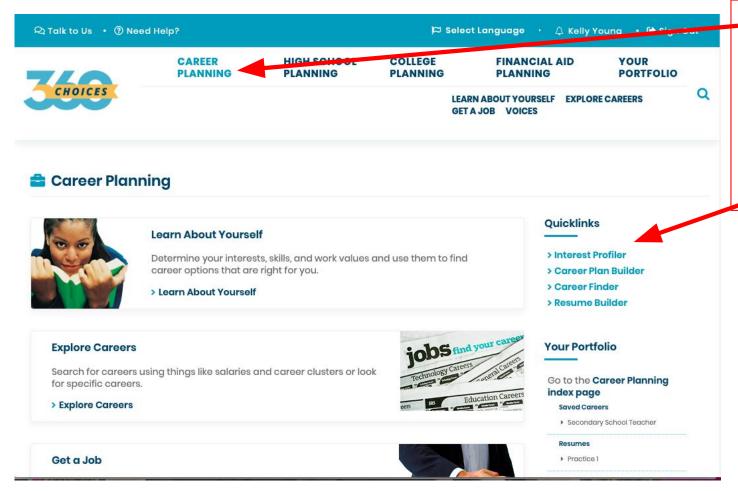


ES App Store



FitnessGram





In 'Career Planning' tab, students can take an Interest Profiler to match careers.



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PREPARE FOR COLLEGE TEST PREP EXPLORE SCHOOLS EXPLORE PROGRAMS AND MAJORS APPLICATIONS AND TRANSCRIPTS VOICES

TEST PREP

DOING WELL ON ANY TEST REQUIRES PRACTICE. IF YOU PUT IN THE TIME, YOU'LL

SAT

The SAT is designed to assess your academic readiness for college...

ACT

The ACT is a standardized test that measures your educational development...

ACCUPLACER

The Accuplacer is a college placement test used by over 2,000 colleges as part

ASVAB

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude

PSAT

The PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 are the same test and measure reading, writing...

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAMS

The GED, HiSET test and the TASC are all what is known as high school equivalency...

VOCABULARY

Improve your vocabulary and your work will pay off...

Click on 'College Planning' tab and have access to several test prep websites.



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FINANCIAL AID 101 YOUR PLAN CALCULATORS SCHOLARSHIPS **FINANCIAL FITNESS**

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Financial Aid 101

PLANNING

Do you want to go to college, but don't think you can afford it? Does the vast array of options for paying for college seem like a confusing puzzle?

You CAN afford to go to college, and by researching your options, vou can build success.

> Financial Aid 101

Quicklinks

- > Find Scholarships
- > Financial Aid Planning **Timeline**
- > Financial Aid 101 Articles
- > Financial Aid Wizard

Your Portfolio

Go to the Financial Aid **Planning Page**

Saved Scholarships

Financial Aid Calculators

Determine your cost of college, college savings, Here's a quick and painless way of locating loans and scholarship amounts.

> Financial Aid Calculators

Find Scholarships

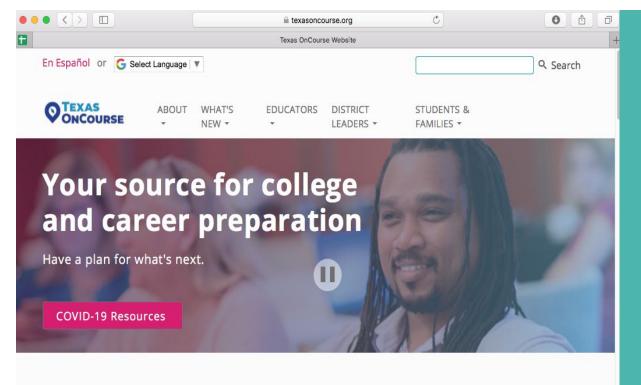
scholarships and other financial aid you might be eligible for.

> Find Scholarships

students have access to financial aid help and scholarship searches.

In the 'Financial Aid

Planning' tab,



TEXAS ONCOURSE

www. TexasOncourse.org

 Resources to help plan out high school graduation requirements

Resource for college and career planning

Featured Tools by Texas OnCourse









College Application Requirements

Application

- Check university website for application link. Some application websites:
 - Common App
 - Apply Texas
 - Coalition
 - Individual School Application, found on their website
- Plan for deadlines
- Essays
 - Opportunity for student to tell their story

Send Official Transcript

- Request official transcript through the Transcript Request Link on MHS website
- Registrar in A103 if you have any questions

Send ACT/SAT Test Scores

- Must be sent from the testing institution to the college
- Community College can use scores to be exempt from the TSI

Recommendation letters

- Check to see if this is required
- o Provide teacher, or counselor senior brag sheet/resume 2 weeks before

RANK Opt-Out on Transcript

Two windows to have rank removed from transcript:

- May 2021 (end of junior year)
- September 2021 (beginning senior year)

Once the rank is removed from the transcript, it CANNOT go back on.

This is done on the parent portal of Skyward ONLY.

Factors in Your Decision

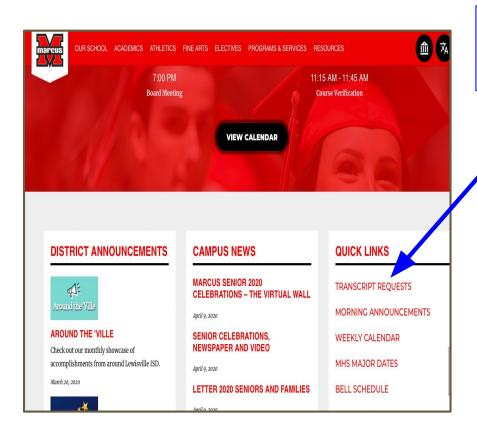
- Where are you applying?
- What do you need to be accepted?
- What are your current test scores, GPA, and rank?
- What has your admissions rep at the school suggested that you do?
- What else do you have that will be beneficial to the admissions process? (extracurricular, community service, etc)
- Pros/Cons based on your statistics and what is needed to be accepted

Where do I find this information?

- Start with your college websites!
 - Freshman Admissions
 - Call the admissions office if you have more questions!
- LISD Junior/Senior Handbook www.lisd.net/JRSR
- School counselor resources
- www.collegeforalltexans.com
- www.lisd.net/classrank



Requesting Official Transcripts



On Marcus Homepage, click the link "Transcript Requests".



Click here to start completing transcript request form

SAT and ACT

-We advise students to take one of the tests by end of their junior year. Please see the SAT & ACT testing websites for any up to date changes on testing dates and procedures.

SAT

Website: www.collegeboard.org

- Registration
- Deadline
- Fees

SAT: Reading, Writing and Language, Math with & without Calculator

Writing is optional, check with your college on requirements

Marcus Counselors offers practice SAT at MHS each semester.

ACT

Website: www.act.org

- Registration
- Deadline
- Fees

ACT: Four Sections: English, Math, Reading, Science

Writing is optional, check with your college on requirements

Marcus Debate Team offers practice ACT at MHS each semester.

TSI (Texas Success Initiative)

- The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) measures the ability of students, as indicated by their skills in Reading, Writing and Math, to do college-level course work.
- No matter what college or university students attend, TSI (or school equivalent) is required for students to take before registering for college courses.
- TSI can be taken at the college or university the student plans to attend, or any college that allows outside testers. UNT in Denton is a known school that allows students to take TSI regardless if student attends UNT or not. Marcus will host TSI testing one time in spring semester for all seniors who sign up.
- Exemptions: Students can be exempt from taking TSI based off of SAT, ACT, PSAT, and/or STAAR scores. Check specific college or university websites for exemption qualifications.

College Visits

- 2 free excused absences during junior and senior year. Must bring back signed note/letter from admissions office with date of visit and school logo.
- Many colleges visit Marcus! When school is in session, students can sign-up for small group college info sessions in the Counseling Center.
- Our annual spring (in-person) college fair has been canceled. However we will have a <u>virtual College Forum on April 22nd from 6pm - 7pm. Link will be</u> <u>provided to log in via email.</u>

College Websites - What to look for?

- Admission requirements for freshmen and transfer students
- Does the college provide the degree you're wanting to pursue?
- Application and scholarship deadlines
- College representatives get in contact with your admissions counselor.
 They like to hear from students!
- Check if school accepts Dual credit and AP scores taken in high school

Final Tips/Reminders

- Set a date and time as a family to sit and discuss your child's goals after high school.
- Keep a College Planning Calendar
- If anything in the application says Optional, it is NOT optional!
- Call admissions offices to ask questions
 - Admission reps like to hear from the student
- FAFSA: opens October 1st
- Junior/Senior Handbook
 - https://www.lisd.net/Page/20219

New Classes Next Year!

Real Estate

- Seniors Only
- All Year Elective Credit
- Students receive the required coursework to prepare for the Real Estate Exam
- Must pass exam to be a licensed Real Estate Agent

Robotics 1 and 2

- This is a project-based environment that requires students to build prototypes or use simulation software to test designs.

Let your counselor know if interested!



EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE?

WANT TO LEARN THE HOME BUYING AND SELLING PROCESS?

NEED AN ELECTIVE CREDIT?

MHS IS OFFERING A REAL ESTATE CLASS NEXT YEAR!

CONTACT YOUR COUNSELOR FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER!

Upcoming Event

MHS/FMHS Virtual College Forum

- Thursday, April 22nd, 6-7 pm
- One device per family, as there is limited space (max 500 participants)
- Link will be provided to log in via email the day before.

College Panel Representatives Include:

Tom Becker – University of Pittsburgh

Rachel Butler – Drake University

Toni Chandler – Bradley University

Brad Durchslag – Trinity University

Sherrill Landorf – Purdue University

Tiffany Lipscomb – University of North Texas

Beverly Wheeler - Hendrix College