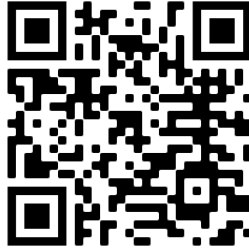


# Junior Information

Class of 2025



**Crucial Information:** Important information is available to MHS students almost daily. You must ensure that you are receiving this valuable information. Do your parents receive the Marcus High School callouts and emails? If not, they MUST update their phone number and email address for Skyward in the registrar's office. "Like" MHS on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter (@MarcusCounselor) to ensure that you are receiving important updates. Check the MHS Counselor's website for more resources. <http://bit.ly/MHSCounselorWebsite>

**Post Graduation Plans:** You should already be making decisions regarding what you want to do after graduation. Although you may not choose to go to a four-year school, it is in your best interest to continue your education in some form (i.e. technical school, community college, university, military, or other training).

**Timeline for Juniors:** Use the month-by-month [checklist](#) in the [Junior/Senior Handbook](#) to ensure that you meet all deadlines during your junior and senior year. This can be found on the Marcus Counseling Website and is also hyperlinked.

**Texas On-Course:** As a state-funded initiative to improve college and career readiness, the mission of Texas On-Course is to equip all Texas students for an educational and professional future that unlocks their potential. Texas OnCourse empowers you to make decisions that will help you succeed after high school. Access their resources here: <https://texasoncourse.org>

**Resume:** If you haven't already, begin building your high school resume now. Your resume will be very helpful when filling out college admission forms and scholarship applications.

**College Campus Visits:** As a junior, you may have up to 2 college visits that won't count as an absence. You must bring written documentation from the college to your attendance clerk to ensure that these absences are not counted against you. Additional college visits may be an excused absence. For additional information about how to get the most from your college visit, please reference your Junior/Senior Handbook..

**Colleges Visiting Marcus:** We have college representatives visiting Marcus - this year they will be setting up a table at lunches. This is a chance to find out more information about programs and admissions at a variety of schools. Click [here](#) for the lunch visit calendar.

**Tests:** For all testing information, please reference our [MHS Testing Website](#).

To register, access the deadline and additional information for the SAT or ACT, please visit the following websites:

**SAT:** [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) **ACT:** [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Use the **Marcus School Code 444-132** when registering.

**ACT During School Day - held on February 27, 2024. More information available on MHS Testing Website**

**Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSI):** This test is required for all public Texas colleges and universities. Students may be exempt from the TSI depending on SAT/ACT scores. Check with individual colleges and universities for exemption requirements. This test will be given on **March 1, 2024** for Seniors at Marcus. Registration will be **February 13 - February 17**. Check [here](#) for more information.

**GPA and Class Rank:** These may be used by colleges to help determine admission. Your weighted numerical GPA and corresponding rank are determined by grades earned in core and language courses. Your GPA is cumulative and

began your 9th grade year. Your class rank may help determine what scores will be required on your ACT or SAT for college admission. New rankings are calculated at the end of each nine weeks. The senior rank (not GPA) is frozen after the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks to determine the honor graduates (top twenty). Students will have the option to remove their class rank from their transcript, with one opportunity at the end of junior year and one more opportunity at the beginning of senior year. Once you have chosen to remove your rank, it cannot be added back to your transcript. Keep in mind that if you remove your rank from your transcript, many colleges will re-rank you. Check with your colleges of interest for more information regarding their rank and admission requirements. If you are in the top 10% of your class, you cannot remove your rank from your transcript.

**Top 10% Graduates:** Students who are in the top 10% of their class are guaranteed admission to any Texas public university, except The University of Texas at Austin. UT Austin requires ranking in the top 6% of your class for guaranteed admission. This rule guarantees admission to the university, not admission to your choice of major. **YOU STILL MUST APPLY, COMPLETE YOUR ESSAYS, AND MEET ALL DEADLINES!**

**Automatic Admission:** If you meet the class quartile and corresponding test score requirements, you will be admitted **AFTER** you have applied and submitted all required information. Check the college websites for automatic admission criteria.

**Transcripts:** All colleges that you apply to will require you to send an official transcript. Official transcripts must be **sent directly from the MHS registrar's office** to the designated institution. Transcript request(s) can be obtained [here](#), or found online on the Marcus Webpage Quick Links. The first 5 requests are free, after that each transcript is \$5.00.

**FAFSA APPLICATION:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - The FAFSA is the application most colleges use to determine eligibility for federal, state, and college-sponsored financial aid, including grants, scholarships, educational loans, and work-study programs. This is an application you will fill out during your Senior year. It is now a **requirement** that all students complete a FAFSA application during their Senior year, or submit an Opt-out form in Skyward. **FAFSA opens on October 1st of your Senior year.** You will need to make sure you have a FSA ID before completing the [FAFSA application](#).

**NCAA Eligibility:** If you are planning to be a student-athlete in college and/or are seeking an athletic scholarship, you **must** register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. To register and receive an NCAA ID, go to the Eligibility Center's website at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). After you complete your registration, be sure to use the MHS Transcript request form for an official copy to be sent to NCAA. When making this request online you will locate NCAA under Educational Institutions and will need to spell out National Collegiate Athletic Association. **Note: LLC, Night School and/or Credit Recovery courses may not be accepted by the NCAA. See your counselor for more details.**

**Virtual Learning Academy:** Online courses are offered by LISD, including electives, PE, Art, and many core classes. Classes can be taken during the summer or during the school year. The fee for these classes vary. See your counselor for details, or visit the VLA website: [www.lisd.net/vla](http://www.lisd.net/vla)

**Night School:** These classes are offered at the Lewisville Learning Center. Classes are free and include many core classes and electives. Night School can be used to catch up on credits or for acceleration. See your counselor for more details.

**Dual Credit Courses:** NCTC and Lewisville ISD offer several classes in which you can earn both high school and college credit at the same time. Classes are held on the Marcus campus, online, and on the NCTC Campus. Dual credit classes count in your GPA. For more information see your counselor or Dual Credit Liaison, Neena Johnson. You can also visit our [Dual Credit website](#) with more information and a list of courses available.