



College & Career Readiness Workshop

College Planning Process

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

What can I do before senior year?

- **Resume** - Organize your accomplishments, accolades, and school/community involvement throughout high school
- **College Visits** - tour campuses, talk to admission advisor/counselor
- **Testing** - start taking SAT / ACT. Only send best scores to colleges
- Start conversation about paying for school
 - FAFSA
 - Scholarships
- View application requirements for college(s) interested in applying to, see what can be done now
 - *Example: college essay*



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! College reps come to MHS and set up in the Commons during all lunches. Great time for students to ask questions!
- Make plans to attend the Junior Parent Meeting / College Panel Night on March 25, 2024 @ MHS Auditorium
- Make plans to attend the FMHS / MHS COLLEGE FAIR @ FMHS April 11, 2024

Marcus Testing Website

Website:

<https://burgint5.wixsite.com/website>

Website Info Includes:

- STAAR / EOC dates
- AP Test registration
- PSAT / NMSQT registration (for juniors)
- TSI registration
- Accomodations
- Links to SAT / ACT registration

Home PSAT/NMSQT STAAR EOC AP Exams AP Testing Dates SAT & ACT TSI Exam MHS Testing Calendar

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MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

MHS EXAM DATES

<u>PSAT/NMSQT</u>	<u>STAAR EOC</u>	<u>AP</u>
PSAT/NMSQT is offered once a year in October. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. 16, 2019<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Scores available online Mid December• Oct. 14, 2020	STAAR EOC 2019 Fall Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 10 English 1• December 11 US History & Algebra 1• December 12 English 2 & Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2019 scores available July 5, some scores will not be available until Sept. 1, 2019• 2020 Exam Dates May 4-15• Registration Information click here• Subject specific dates click here• Upcoming Changes for 2019-2020
Registration Page for Juniors	Tutorial Information Access STAAR Scores STAAR Informational Page	

SAT and ACT

-We advise students to take one of the test by end of their junior year or after Algebra 2.

SAT www.collegeboard.org

- Registration
- Deadline
- Fees

subjects: Reading & Writing, and Math

- **Starting Spring 2024, SAT will be DIGITAL**

- *still in person*
- *taken on an ipad or chromebook*
- *Shorter test time: 2 hours 15 min*

Marcus Counselors offer practice SAT at MHS each semester- February 24, 2024

ACT www.act.org

- Registration
- Deadline
- Fees

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

Writing is optional, check with your college on requirements

ACT School Day for Juniors & Seniors -
February 27, 2024. (Registration deadline Jan. 12th)

College Application Requirements

- **Application**

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

- **Send Official Transcript**

- Complete Transcript Request Form found on MHS website <https://lewisvilletx.scriborder.com>
- Visit Registrar in A103 for assistance

- **Send ACT/SAT Test Scores**

- Must be sent from the testing institution to the college
- Scores can exempt from taking TSI at junior colleges and universities

- **Recommendation letters**

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

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

There are three types of federal student aid:

- **Grants**—financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund)
- **Scholarships** - Money that is given to students who apply based on academics and other criteria.
- **Work-study**—a work program through which you earn money to help you pay for school
- **Loans**—borrowed money for college or career school; you must repay your loans, with interest

NEW 2024-2025 FAFSA applications launches December 2023 this year only

Changes include: expanded eligibility for federal student aid & more streamlined application process

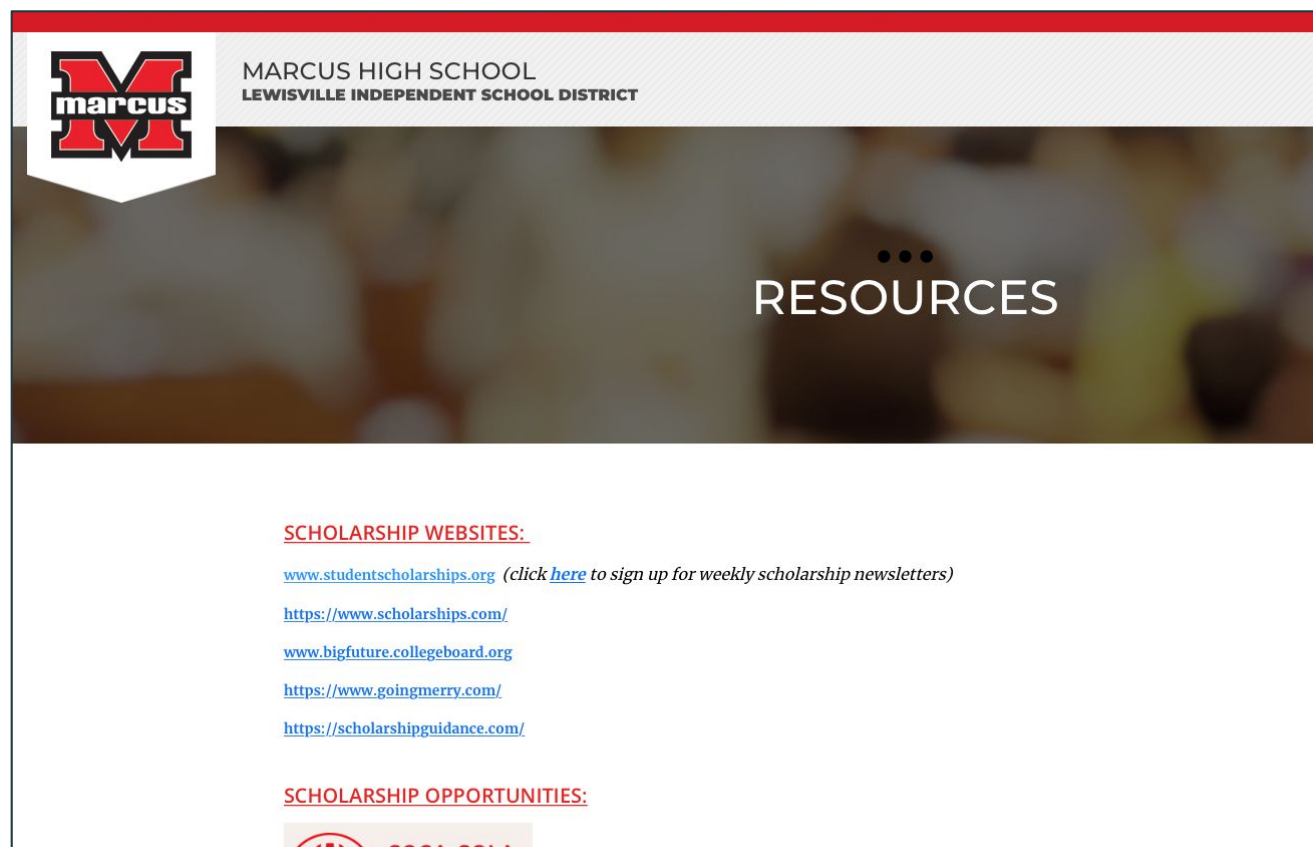
Generally opens October 1st every year

Each high school senior in a Texas public school district or open enrollment charter school must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) as a state requirement for graduation. [Texas Education Code §28.0256](#) allows a student to opt out of the financial aid application graduation requirement by submitting a signed form that authorizes the student to decline. This opt out form is located in parent access of Skyward in Back to School forms.

Scholarships

Updated
throughout
the year...
so keep
checking!

LEF has
scholarships
available for
LISD students.



The screenshot shows the top portion of the Marcus High School website. At the top left is the school's logo, a red 'M' with 'marcus' written across it. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL' and 'LEWISVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'. Below this is a large banner with a blurred background of students, featuring three dots and the word 'RESOURCES' in white. Underneath the banner, there are two sections: 'SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES:' followed by four blue hyperlinks, and 'SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:' followed by a partially visible red logo.


MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL
LEWISVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOURCES

SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES:

- www.studentscholarships.org (click [here](#) to sign up for weekly scholarship newsletters)
- <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- <https://www.goingmerry.com/>
- <https://scholarshipguidance.com/>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:



Final College Tips

- Keep a College Planning Calendar
- If anything in the application says Optional, it is NOT optional!
- Call the admissions office to ask questions (they like to hear from the student!)
- Start and update a Resume. It will come in handy for completing applications!
- Don't forget to send AP scores and transcript from dual credit courses

Additional Resources:

- Course Description Guide: cdg.lisd.net
- [Gather Your Materials](#)
- [FERPA & Your Application](#)
- [My College Requirements Worksheet](#)
- Junior/Senior Handbook
 - <https://www.lisd.net/Page/20219>

Upcoming Events at Marcus:

** More Information will be communicated closer to events **

- **December 6th: FAFSA Night @MHS Library**
- **January 17th (tentative) - Pre-Registration Night on WebEx**
- **February 16th - HBCU College Fair @ Hebron HS**
- **February 24th - Practice ACT @MHS**
- **March 25th - Junior Parent Meeting /College Panel Night @ MHS Auditorium**
- **March 26th - ASVAB Test**
- **April 11th- FMHS / MHS College Fair @ FMHS**

