

Potter Post-Secondary Night

4 year planning

WELCOME!!





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Meet Our Panel...

Beyond Morton High School

Online Counseling Resource

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Junior Year

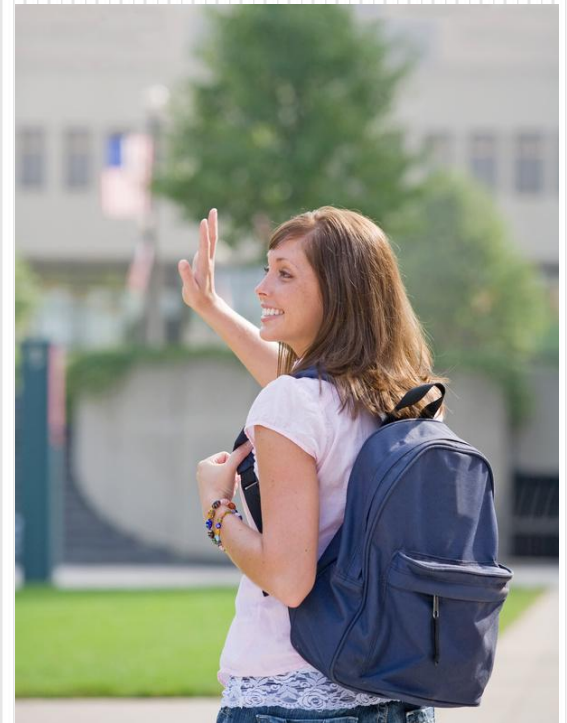


1. First research schools online
 1. bigfuture.collegeboard.org
2. Talk with someone....anyone!
 1. College reps come to MHS regularly
3. Get on campus. Show demonstrated interest.
 1. Preferably when school is in session
4. Attend college fairs
5. Test prep

Senior Year

1. Hone your list
 1. Keep in mind-admissions requirements!
2. Keep talking
 1. Admissions counselors
 2. Alumni
 3. School counselor
 4. Teachers
3. Keep visiting
4. Apply! Deadlines matter!
5. Apply for financial aid
 1. Oct 1st
6. Make a decision—Yikes!

Remember the goal: A GOOD FIT!



Which college is best for YOU?



How is the admissions decision made?

Classes Taken in High School

1. Choose challenging classes
 1. Rigorous, but not overwhelming
 2. The right fit for YOU!
2. Don't choose classes based on rumors
 1. Talk to your counselor
 2. Talk to current or previous teachers
 3. Talk to the teacher of the course

Early College-MHS (Dual Credit)

MHS Class	Credits	ICC Class	Credit Hours
Advanced Speech	0.5	COMM 110	3
Expository Writing-Honors	0.5	ENGL 110	3
Business Law	0.5	BUS 215	3
Economics	0.5	ECON 111	3
AP Comparative Political Systems-Honors	0.5	POLSC 124	3
AP Chemistry-Honors	0.5	CHEM 130	4
Earth Science/Geology-Honors	0.5	EASC 116	4
Intro to Astronomy-Honors	0.5	PHYSC 114	4
Music Theory	0.5	MUS 136	3

Early College-ICC (Strong Start)

- Dual enrollment
 - Minimum of 3 courses at MHS
 - Minimum of 2 courses at ICC
- Qualifying seniors (application)
 - Credits, GPA, attendance, discipline
- Earn college credit hours, 2 semesters
- Must be courses not offered at MHS or must be taken here first.

Get ahead while still participating in extra-curricular activities and have the supportive academic environment of MHS!!



- *How does ICC credit transfer to you?**
- *Have you had any students enter your institution after Strong Start participation? What does this look like?**

Advanced Placement (AP)

- AP Calculus AB-Honors
- AP Statistics-Honors
- AP Biology-Honors
- AP Chemistry-Honors
- AP Physics 1-Honors
- AP Spanish 4-Honors
- AP Comparative Political Systems-Honors
- AP World History-Honors
- AP Computer Science Principles-Honors
- AP Computer Science A-Honors

How does AP credit transfer to you?

Standardized Admissions Tests

- SAT-state test required for graduation
- ACT-national test given at MHS

- Take the test more than once
 - Report ALL scores
 - Choose to affix the scores to the transcript
 - Every school in IL will accept either

***How do you review ACT/SAT scores?**

***Could reporting all scores be at a student's disadvantage?**

***What is your minimum ACT/SAT score for admissions?**

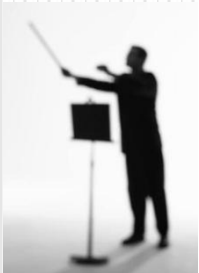
Test Prep

- If your student is invested in it, test prep is a worthwhile investment.
- Bradley, ICC, and MHS offer affordable options.
- Sylvan Learning Center
- Private tutoring also available
- **Khan Academy-College Board**

PSAT 9 and 10 results will be shared at August 29th class meetings:)

Extracurricular Activities

1. College admissions reps are looking for:
 1. Consistency
 2. Longevity
 3. Leadership
2. Students that are connected to their school and involved in the community are more successful in high school and college.



Counselor Recommendation/ Teacher Recommendation

1. Your student should fill out a “Senior Information Sheet”
2. Most letters are confidential.
3. Get to know your counselor!

Essays



1. How are you different from the 10,000 other students that applied to that school?
2. Many times schools use this as a writing sample.
3. Should be perfect! Grammar, content, message, etc.
 1. Ask for help in proofreading!
 2. Your English teachers or counselor can help.

***Do you require an essay?**

***What are your prompts for the 19-20 year?**

***What are you looking for during essay review?**

The Role of Social Media

- *Does this post make me look like college material?
- *Would I say this on television?
- *Does this post court excessive commenting?
- *Is it funny? Is it offensive? Does it require too much explanation?
- *Does everyone need to read this?

“When in doubt, leave it out!!”

Has a review of social media ever impacted your admission decision?

What is on a transcript?

- Classes taken
- Grades
- GPA
- Address
- SAT/ACT scores—all of them
 - We have to receive the amendment form to include test scores on the transcript.
- School Profile
 - Narrative description of Morton High School and its curriculum, and the community of Morton.
 - Mean SAT scores—cumulative and content area.
 - Enrollment
 - GPA bands
 - Grading scale
 - Post-secondary plans
 - Graduation requirements
 - Awards—general
 - Classes offered

Other helpful hints...

1. We are working with your students to teach them a sense of responsibility and learn to advocate for themselves.
 1. Please remember, your student should be filling out their own college applications.
 2. They should also be submitting their own requests to send transcripts.
 3. The student should be soliciting recommendations.
2. Once your student enters college, under FERPA, the college will not talk to you regarding their grades or academic standing. However, they will mail you the bill.

Dates to Remember

- PSAT/NMSQT Test-October 16th 2019, Registration Due: Sept. 10th at 3pm!
- Financial Aid Night
 - Meet the Teacher 2020
- ISAC assistance available throughout the year
 - Student email, social media posts, newsletters
- MHS SAT Test Prep
 - Information in September MHS Newsletter
 - Sessions leading up to April test date.
- SAT test at MHS
 - April 14th, 2020





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Question and Answer Time!:)