



# Mat-Su Middle College School Senior Checklist



## Review High School Transcript and Credits

- Additional credits needed (APS, graduation, admissions requirements)? Meet with Ms. Piatt in early September for senior planning meeting.
- Check college/university of interest for admission requirements (i.e., do 8<sup>th</sup> grade credits count, foreign language or fine arts requirements, testing requirements, etc.)

## Explore Postsecondary Education & Career Options

- Utilize College Board Big Future and AKCIS for free online career interest inventories, college searches, scholarship searches, and more!

### Big Future:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

AKCIS: Username: **matsumc** Password: **4Student**

[www.akcis.org](http://www.akcis.org)

- 2023-2024 College & Career Fairs**  
--AK College & Career Fair: October 10 @ Alaska Airlines Sports Center, Anchorage  
--MSBSD College & Career Fair: October 12 @ Menard Sports Complex
- Attend virtual or in-person college/military recruiter visits:** [www.matsuk12.us/msm](http://www.matsuk12.us/msm) (Counseling - Postsecondary Visits)
- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE):** Eligible students pay 150% of the receiving school's in state tuition cost, thereby saving significantly. [www.wiche.edu/sep/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/sep/wue)

## SAT & ACT Testing MSMCS School code: 020840

- Recommended Timeline:** Once during spring of junior year and again in the fall of senior year.
- ACT** - \$60– Register online at: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- SAT** - \$60 (MSBSD will pay for one test per year for MSMCS 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students) – See Ms. Brothers for payment details. Register online at: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- Fee waivers** are available for those who qualify. Please see Ms. Piatt for more information.

*Free test-prep is available through APEX for all MSBSD students and through Kahn Academy for students who have taken the PSAT or SAT.*

## Apply for Admission Note deadlines & requirements!

- Determine Application Type** (ex: first time freshman) and **deadline** (ex: early vs regular decision). Consider if binding or non-binding!
- Apply through Common App or College website?**
- Request high school transcripts** through MSMCS website, Counseling tab.

## Complete the FAFSA (students and parents)

- Application opens in December online at <https://studentaid.gov>
- Research college financial aid/scholarship deadlines!

The earlier you apply, the more aid you may be eligible to receive, however you cannot apply until the year you plan to graduate.

## Search and Apply for Scholarships

- Review options with the Admission/Financial Aid office at the school(s) to which you are applying
  - ✓ Note scholarship application deadline
- Alaska Performance Scholarship
  - ✓ Have you met the course/GPA/testing requirements?
- Build postsecondary portfolio
  - ✓ Resume/Activities Log
  - ✓ Letters of Recommendation (min of 3)
  - ✓ Personal Goals essay
  - ✓ Community Service
  - ✓ Work Experience
  - ✓ Official Transcript
- Online Scholarship Searches
  - ✓ [www.matsuk12.us/msm](http://www.matsuk12.us/msm) (Counseling)
  - ✓ <https://acpe.alaska.gov/PLANNING/AKCIS>
  - ✓ [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

## Explore College Sports

- NCAA:** Register at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- NAIA:** Register at [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)

Students & parents are responsible for verification of course eligibility for college athletics!

### December or Early Graduates:

- Submit intent to graduate early paperwork to Counselor or Registrar.

### All Graduates:

- Request letters of recommendation and official transcripts in advance.
- Verify diploma name with Registrar
- Order cap, gown & stole from Herff-Jones
- Submit quote/photo to yearbook
- If participating in your home high school's graduation, submit approval form by end of Quarter 3.
- Report scholarships and offers of admission to Ms. Piatt prior to graduation!

**Graduation: May 2024!**