



Helping Your Student Get Set for

# Life After High School



# Flipping the College Decision

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# Options After High School

- Work (2-3% of LHS students)
- Military (3-4% of LHS students)
- Apprenticeship (1% of LHS students)
- Technical Programs (5 % of LHS students)
- 2-year Community College (60 % of LHS students)
  - Many of these students have the intent to transfer to a 4-Year University at the end of two years.
- 4-year University (30% of LHS students)

# Focus on Post-Secondary Education

Students can organize the planning process in 6 simple steps:

- Consider your reasons for attending a post-secondary education program
- Consider the characteristics of schools/programs
- List, compare and visit schools/programs
- Apply for admission and meet all deadlines
- Develop a plan to pay for your education
- Review and finalize your plans





## *Step 1:*

Consider your reasons for attending a post-secondary education program

### Primary Reasons

- Prepare for a career
- Analyze your interests and values
- Achieve a personal goal
- Increase your earning power

### Secondary/Supplemental Reasons

- Participate in extracurricular activities and social life
- Influence of family and friends
- Live in a new place
- Experience independence



## *Step 2:*

# Consider the Characteristics of Schools / Programs

- Majors and educational programs
- Type of school and degrees offered
- Admission policy
- Location and size
- Costs and financial aid
- College affiliation and accreditation
- Campus activities
- Support services
- Job placement



# *Step 3:* Research Options

- Review college admissions websites.
- Explore internship and professional employment opportunities.
- Explore the Michigan Dept. of Labor website for available apprenticeships: [Apprenticeship Database](#) (Currently 28 opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Battle Creek.)
- Talk to college representatives and attend college fairs.
- Visit different campuses/programs/majors.
- Talk to your counselors and teachers.
- Talk to parents, students and alumni.
- Schedule to meet with a military recruiter.
- Complete a job shadow.



## Side Note – Are You Ready?



4-year college admission decisions are based on:

- GPA
- ACT/SAT/ASVAB scores\*
- Number of core classes
- Rigor of coursework (AP)
- Relevance of coursework
- Extra-curricular activities
- Work experience
- Community service
- Essays (if required)

What do 4-year colleges consider for transfer applicants?

- Community College GPA
- High School GPA (varies among institutions)
- High School ACT/SAT score (varies among institutions)
- Program of study





## *Step 4:*

# Apply for Admission and Meet all Deadlines

- Narrow your choices
- Review test requirements\*\*
- Know application fees and deadlines
- Know scholarship requirements
- Submit application materials
  - Application for admission
  - High School transcript (through Parchment)
  - Recommendations
  - Admission test results
- Recommend completing by October 31



# Ordering your transcript

Each post secondary institution requires a transcript to be sent to their admissions office. There are multiple ways that an institution will ask you to send it.

- **Common Application-** transcripts will be sent once the student has completed the FERPA section and added their counselor's information into the Recommenders section.
- **Parchment-** All juniors have been pre-registered with Parchment and have received an email to finalize their account. We will remind them to complete this item at individual meetings.
- Some colleges may also require transcripts to be sent through **Docufide** or **Send.edu**
  - You will be asked to enter your high school counselor's information and the counselor will send the transcript directly.



## *Step 5:*

# Develop a Plan to Pay for Your Education

- Complete FAFSA
  - TIP
- Research Scholarships
  - Local Organizations
  - Colleges of Interest
  - National Searches
- Complete Financial Aid Process
  - Review College Award Letter

Investigate ALL possible resources

- Parents
- Savings
- Summer earnings
- Financial aid: scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study
- Other sources



# Side Note - Estimating College Costs



- Each college is required to have a Net Price Calculator on their website through their financial aid page
- Example: [msu.edu](https://msu.edu)
- Keep in mind they include all possible costs, including room and board, books, travel expenses, miscellaneous expenses, etc.

## Net Price Calculator

**Step 1:** Please provide the requested information. Your responses will be used to calculate an estimated amount that students like you paid - after grant aid and scholarships but before student loans - to attend this institution in a given year.

**Financial aid:**

**Do you plan to apply for financial aid?**

Yes  No

**Age:**

**How old are you?**

**Living arrangement:**

**Where do you plan to live while attending this institution?**

On-campus (in a residence hall, dormitory, or on-campus apartment)

Living on my own or with a roommate

Living with my parents or other family members

**Residency:**

Eligible for in-state tuition

Eligible for out-of-state tuition

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## *Step 6:*

# Review and Finalize Your Plans

- Decide on a 2- or 4-year institution by May 1<sup>st</sup> (submit deposit if applicable)
- Register for orientation/housing
- Complete KCC/Legacy Scholars orientation through LHS
- Complete RMTC orientation through LHS
- Review the Student Newsletter for job opportunities.
- Keep military recruiter updated on graduation progress.

**Important!**

Students will need to view their email.



# Gearing Up: End of Junior Year

- All juniors will be given the opportunity to meet either in person or virtually with their counselor before the end of this school year to discuss their post secondary plans. Counselors have begun junior meetings.
- We use a guided interview process to review career goals course requests for senior year, progress toward graduation, discuss admission tests, among many other things.



# Senior Year Preview: Fall

- Return from summer with a good idea of post-secondary plans (3-5 options)
- Individual meeting with counselor in Sept/Oct
- Post-secondary planning presentations during school day
- Senior Parent informational meetings
- College applications/workshops- instruction and support in homeroom classes and after school.
- College applications- completion goal of October 31



# Senior Year Preview: Winter/Spring

- Financial Aid presentations during school day
- Senior parent financial aid meeting and FAFSA completion workshops
- Scholarship tutorial meetings
- FAFSA (open October 1; due March 1)
- BCCF Scholarship (opens December; due March 1)
- Scholarship/Grant/Loan applications
- Be aware of deadlines/application requirements





# Legacy Scholars

- Students at LHS or BCCHS starting in 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 100%
- Students at LHS or BCCHS starting in 9<sup>th</sup> grade: 75%
- Students at LHS or BCCHS starting in 10<sup>th</sup> grade: 50%
- Contact for Legacy Scholars at the Battle Creek Community Foundation:  
Patrick Chenault - [Patrick@battlecreekcan.org](mailto:Patrick@battlecreekcan.org)



# Questions?

Please email your student's counselor directly:

## **Students with last names A and International Students:**

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## **Students with last names B-D:**

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