

# ***Guidance Office***

## **Counselors**

- Ms. Hamak
- Mr. Penticuff

A-L

M-Z

Schedule a  
Senior  
Conference

## **Handouts**

## **College Reps**

sign up with Ms. Clapp, posted on Website

**[CHS Counseling Page](#)**

**nextSTEP**  
your life, after high school™ 

# *College Visits*



**MEA** - Thursday and Friday,

October 19th & 20th

**Weekends/Spring Break?**

- Okay to Apply First!
- Sit in on Classes??
- Schedule Appointment
- Take Tour

**College Fairs** - **National** - October 4th and 5th

Minneapolis Convention Center

**Local** - SCSU Wednesday September 27th 1-2:30pm



# Choosing a College

**\*Size of the School** - where do you see yourself?

**\*Cost** - be realistic and discuss with your parents

**\*Admission Requirements** - know the gpa and ACT score range of the current freshman class (academic profile) - where do you fit?

**Reach Schools are ok**

**[Niche.com](https://niche.com)** - Website to research any college

# *Application Process*

## **Applying On-Line**

**Individual school website** - may take less time

**Common Application** - may be best for multiple schools

## **Request Transcripts:**

- electronic /Common App (e-mail will be sent to counselor)
- paper transcripts - request in counseling, time to process
- senior schedule included

## **Be Aware of Deadlines!**

- Early Action
- Early Decision - binding, only at one school

# Applications and Test Optional

**ACT/SAT Scores** - send from testing company - many now test optional -what does that mean for admission and scholarships?

**Next ACT test:**

October 28, 2023 - Deadline to register September 22nd

## University of MN Testing Policies

**-Test Optional thru Fall 2025 Freshman Class**

**-How to decide to include**

2023 U of M - [Academic Profile](#)

**Accuplacer** - Technical Colleges, some programs fill early

# *Application Process (continued)*

## **Resume**

- Use “fill in” sheet or
- Create your own (sample)
- Copy will be kept in counseling office

- Essays** - Often Optional, but sometimes recommended
- Proofread!! Ask a teacher or counselor
  - Keep copies of best writing

## **Recommendation letters**

- Teachers
  - Coaches
  - Service Organizations
- \*Allow Two Weeks Notice\*

# *Application Deadlines!*



## **University of Minnesota - Twin Cities**

**Early Action I Deadline and Nursing Program **November 1st****

- for admission, University Honors Program, and scholarships  
(receive admission decision by January 31st)

**Early Action II - **December 1st****, decision by Feb15th

**Regular Deadline - **January 1st**** full consideration for  
admission (receive decision by March 31st), Honors Program,  
and scholarships

**Financial Aid - FAFSA Priority deadline **March 1st**** - strongly  
encouraged to complete soon after October 1st.

# *Financial Aid*

## **FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)**

Federal Financial Aid Form -

Determines:

- Grants            - Loans            - Work Study

\*You must use 2022 tax data when completing

\* Can set up account [Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

**Can complete starting December 1st - Earlier the better!!**



## **CSS Profile**

**Information available on [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)**

Financial aid form used by some private colleges to award institutional aid.



# *Scholarships*

- \* Check Counseling Office and CHS Website for current information. (limited scholarship info now, but check back)
- \* Ask Colleges where you are applying special applications, deadlines, ACT score requirements?
- \* Check community agencies and parent's employers.
- \* Be cautious about paying for scholarship services.
- \* Local scholarship program in spring.  
Information handed out to all SENIORS!!



# **Useful Information for admission to more Selective Schools**

**[Macalester College Information Workshops](#)**

**[Samples of Essays that Worked](#)**