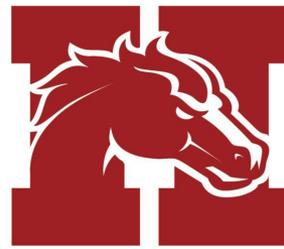


JUNIOR/SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

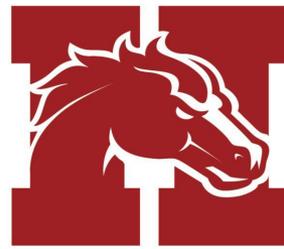
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Overview

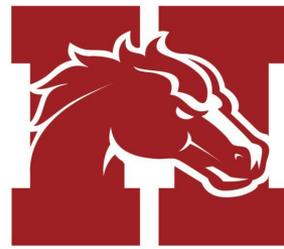


- ~On-site College Visits
- ~College Nights/Fairs
- ~The college application Process
- ~College Searches/Campus Visits
- ~NCAA/NAIA
- ~Scholarships
- ~Transcript Requests
- ~Common Application

JUNIOR/ SENIOR YEAR



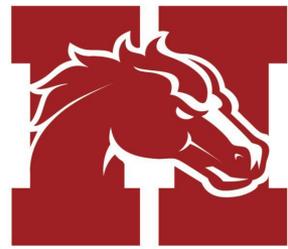
- ~Students should meet with their counselor to review credits and graduation requirements.
- ~Keep grades up – Make the best possible grades this year; Upward trend is important!
- ~Attend on-site college visits at HHS in the fall; they are a wealth of information and they love our students!
- ~Complete an Activities Resume
- ~Make sure you complete letter of recommendation form if needed



Consider College Characteristics

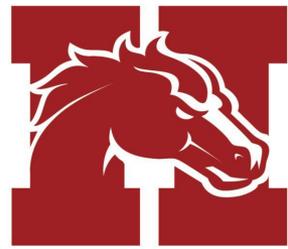


What are you looking for in a college?



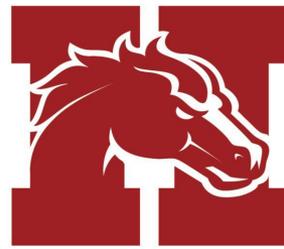
College Considerations

- Location (type of Community)
- Costs: Scholarship and Financial Aid
- Campus Activities/Athletic Programs
- Academic reputation
- Public or Private
- Support Services



College Considerations Checklist for a Campus Visit

- Meet with an admissions Counselor
- Verify admission Requirements
- Determine the actual cost
- Ask about financial aid opportunities
- Take a campus Tour
- Schedule a meeting with a department advisor of your field of study
- Talk with students who attend



What are Colleges looking For?

GPA/Academic Performance

- Overall GPA
- Grade Trends

Course Selection

- Rigorous Course Selection
- Types of Courses—Specifically taking 4 core courses all 4 years
- Advanced Placement

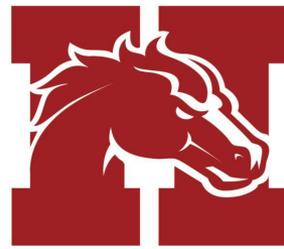


What are colleges looking for?

- ACT/SAT

- –Score ranges are dependent upon individual School admission requirements
- - Many schools are not requiring test scores any longer, however you should take and send the ACT or SAT if you are interested in Scholarships
- –Some schools ask for test scores for honors placement

JUNIOR YEAR – TESTING



SAT TEST/MME

April 2024 – Given at HHS for FREE as a part of the MME (Michigan Merit Exam)

- SAT can be taken on your own by registering at College Board website
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>
- You can take the SAT or ACT multiple times; colleges will take your best score
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- ACT can be taken by registering at www.act.org
- Visit Khan Academy, to can access thousands of practice questions <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>



What Colleges are looking for

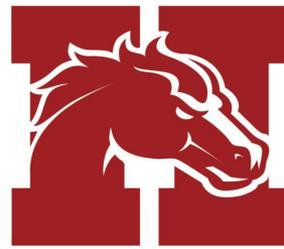
YOUR ACTIVITIES RESUME SHOULD INCLUDE:

Leadership:

- –Highlight leadership roles throughout high school

Extracurricular Activities

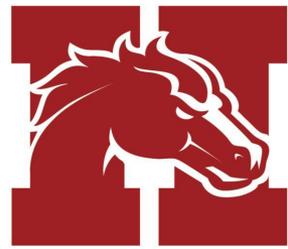
- Community Service
- Sports
- Clubs
- Employment



College Application Process

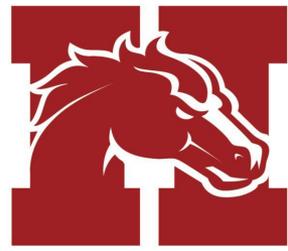
WATCH those DEADLINES!!!

- ~Processing times or college applications varies
- ~Applications need to be submitted on Sept 30 that has a Oct 1 deadline
WILL NOT GET THERE ON TIME!
- ~Submit college applications by **November 1st** for early decision deadlines (this is important for institutional aid eligibility). Deadlines vary but many have Feb 1st deadline
- ~We recommend having your FAFSA completed by November 1st as well! The FAFSA window opens October 1st.
- ~Applications are only considered complete once colleges receive all materials including materials from teachers and counselors. This is why it is important to give your teachers enough time



Transcript Submission

- Visit www.parchment.com
- Create an account
- Follow the instructions for selecting college to which your transcript should be sent
- Pay required fees (varies by university)



College Application Process

What do colleges do once they have the students application?

- Accept or Deny
- Ask the student to provide more info
- Defer decision & ask student to submit 1st trimester grades



Some Schools use The Common Application

~Filling out the **Common Application** takes time

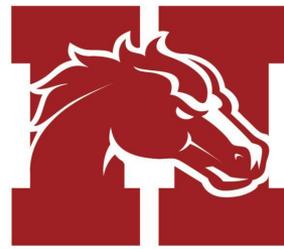
The following will be asked for:

- High School Transcript
- Activities, work, and family obligations
- Test scores
- Parent and legal guardian info
- Academic honors and achievements

~~ The my college tab lists all the colleges on the common application. Requirements depend on the institution and some require an essay

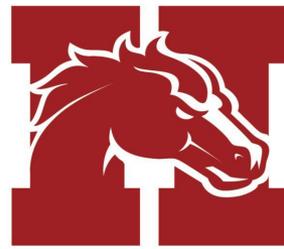
www.commonapp.org/apply/first-year-students

Common Application Presentation



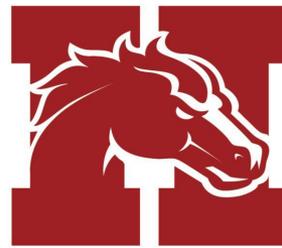
Common Application Presentation for Students will be held on 10/13/2022 during Advisory. Make sure your student signs up with their advisory teachers.

COLLEGE VISITS AT HHS



- Colleges reps will come to HHS to discuss their campus & programs
- Find a list of colleges scheduled to come on the counseling office
- Sign-up is in the counseling office
 - Pick up a permission slip and must have it signed by your teacher

NCAA/NAIA



- Student athletes who plan on playing Division I or Division II athletics should see their counselor to discuss eligibility.

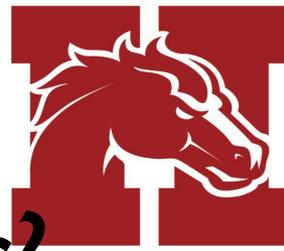
- NCAA maintains eligibility for Division I & Division II public universities. NAIA maintains eligibility for private universities.

- NCAA/NAIA Eligibility Websites
 - NCAA – National Collegiate Athletic Association
 - http://web3.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA_EMS.html#
 - NAIA – National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
 - <http://www.playnaia.org/>

- www.corecoursegpa.com

- Schedule a counselor meeting to review eligibility requirements on your schedule.

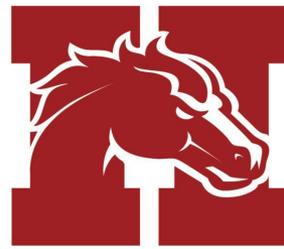
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What are colleges looking for?

- Essays
 - – Not all schools require essays
 - –Essays are important for colleges that require them, this is your opportunity to show your personality and your passion
- Recommendations
 - –Not all colleges require letters
 - –Give teachers ample time when requesting a letter
 - –Complete the google letter of recommendation form from your counselor

SENIOR YEAR



~Counselors have “senior meetings” in September.

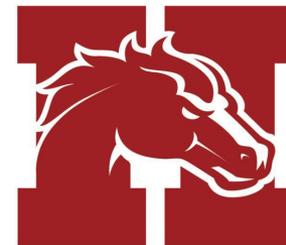
- Individual senior meetings with each student in the fall to discuss post-secondary plans and credits.

~Credit status letters are mailed to parents in October.

~Keep grades up – Most colleges ask for senior grades and they can reverse their decision!

- Stay involved in school and/or community for scholarships
- Volunteer service for future scholarships and college applications.
 - <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>
 - Local churches and/or businesses, parent’s employer, clubs and memberships

SENIOR YEAR - FINANCIAL AID



FAFSA

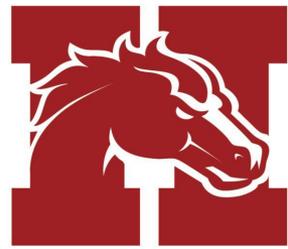
Free Application for Federal and State Aid FAFSA Night February 22nd @HHS

Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to submit the free application for federal and state aid. *FAFSA also now has a mobile app that you can use to apply.* Must fill out the FAFSA to get financial aid. (aid=grants, scholarships, loans)

Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible – this will help you secure scholarship money before it's gone! **THE FAFSA WINDOW OPENS OCTOBER 1, 2022 and students should apply as close to this date as possible, because many schools award money on a first come first serve basis!**

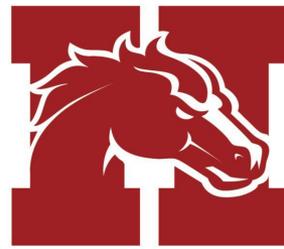
March 1, 2023 is the absolute deadline for most schools.

You and your parent have separate pieces of the FAFSA to complete, each requiring their own PIN number.



TRADE SCHOOLS

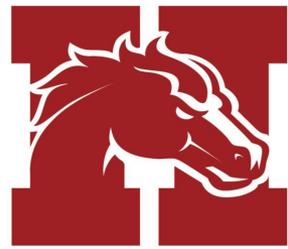
- Lots of great jobs are available for people looking to learn a trade!
- Cosmetology, massage therapy, electrical, welding, automotive, collision repair, painters, machining, millwrights, and many more
- See your counselor for more information



Scholarships

Money to Help pay for College

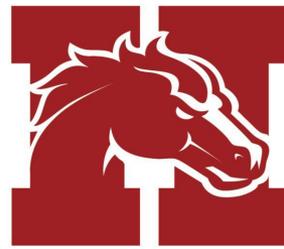




Scholarships

Looking for Scholarships

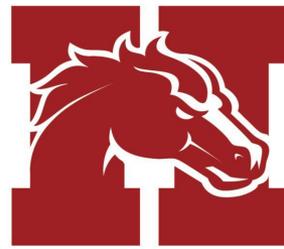
- Start early
- Contact the financial aid offices of the colleges you are considering for information on scholarships they offer
- Apply for local scholarships (See scholarship section of the HHS counseling page for locals.)



Scholarships

Watch out for Scams!

- check legitimacy of scholarship search services or individuals, for information about financial aid scams, and tips to avoid being scammed visit these Websites:
- U.S. Department of Education:
www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/lisa/index.html
- Better Business Bureau: www.bbb.com

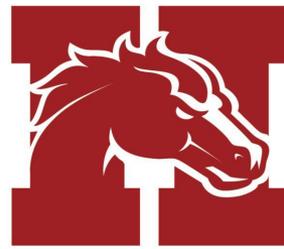


Scholarships

Tell-Tale Scam Lines

- "The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back."
- "You can't get this information anywhere else."
- "I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship."
- "We'll do all the work."
- "The scholarship will cost some money."
- "You've been selected by a 'national foundation' to receive a scholarship" or "You're a finalist" in a contest you never entered

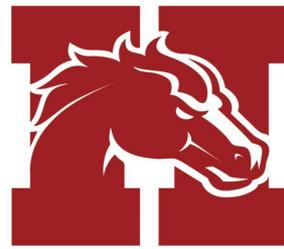
CONCLUSION



- Enjoy the rest of the junior and senior years – They go by fast!

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

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