

# Planning for Life After High School

A presentation for Seniors brought to you by:



# Post- Secondary Planning

## Agenda:

- How We Support Your Next Steps
- Discuss Career/College Options
- Present College Application Process

**Our Goal: Every student has a plan  
upon graduating!**



# Post-High School Options

- 4 year colleges or universities
- 2 year colleges
  - MassTransfer
- Technical Colleges/Trade Schools
- Military Academy
- Military Service
- Gap or Service Year
- Employment



# Student's Responsibilities

- Involve parents/guardians
- Make an appointment (via email) to speak with counselor about all options
- Put forth your best academic effort (*all year long*)
- Get Your Resume Ready To Go!

## If Applying to College:

- Get familiar with Collegeboard, Naviance, & CommonApp
- Research potential schools of interest
- Know each school's deadline
- Submit all transcript requests at least 2 weeks prior!
- Submit brag sheets at least 1 month prior!



# Gap Year

- Great option if you aren't sure what you want to do after graduating
- Programs vary from spending a year (or two) learning farming techniques to doing service in another city or an internship in another country
- See <http://www.medfordhighguidance.com/> for more info!



# Employment

- Have a resume ready to go! We will be sharing resume resources and providing workshops after school
- Practice Interviewing!
- Consider your NETWORK- Who do you know here in Medford (or outside) who could help you get a job? Do you know someone who knows someone?





# Certificate/Technical Programs

- Great if you want to continue learning what you focused on in shop or try something new
- Often 1 or 2 Years



**NORTH SHORE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



- Phlebotomist
- Culinary Arts
- HVAC

- EKG Technician
- Automotive Technology
- Construction Management

# Community College

- Sometimes requires college placement test for course/level placement
- Do not usually require letters of recommendation
- Scholarships & honors programs for high-achieving students
- No housing on campus in Massachusetts
  - Upstate NY and Maine offer some housing options
- Huge Variety of Degree/Certificate Programs
- Transfer to 4 year colleges after 1 or 2 years through agreements with state colleges (MassTransfer Program/Commonwealth Commitment)



# Notable Community College Alumni



Steve Jobs



Aaron Rodgers



George Lucas



Tom Hanks



Arnold Schwarzenegger



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# Community College: Consider the Cost



**Bunker Hill  
Community  
College**

**UMass Boston  
(State School)**

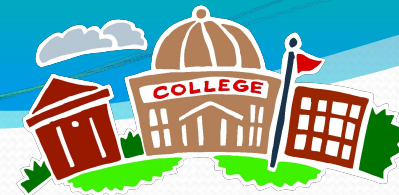
**Northeastern  
University  
(Private School)**

**\$5,800 / Year**

**\$14,600 / Year**

**\$51,500 / Year**





## UMass System & MA State Colleges

- UMass Amherst
- UMass Boston
- UMass Dartmouth
- UMass Lowell

### **15 Community Colleges including:**

- Bunker Hill CC
- Middlesex CC
- Roxbury CC
- North Shore CC
- Mass Bay CC
- Bridgewater State
- Fitchburg State
- Framingham State
- Salem State
- Westfield State
- Worcester State
- Mass Art
- Mass College of Liberal Arts (MCLA)
- Mass Maritime Academy

# Admission Factors Colleges Consider

- GPA and Class Rank
- SAT/ACT scores (Most Schools Optional This Year)
- Rigor of high school record (transcript)
- Senior year academic performance
- Extracurricular activities/ Community Service/ Co-op Placement/Internship
- College essay
- Recommendations
- Interview (if applicable)
- “Demonstrated Interest”



# Admission Categories

- REACH – The student's GPA/course load/test scores fall below the historical averages for the college and / or past MHS students
- MATCH– The student's GPA/course load/test scores fall within the historical averages for the college and / or past MHS students
- BEST BET– The student's GPA/course load/test scores fall above the historical averages for the college and / or past MHS students

# Test Optional: What Has Changed?

- Nearly every college/university is test-optional (for the incoming Fall 2022 class). They do NOT require SAT/ACT Scores
- If you would like you CAN still submit SAT/ACT Scores
- Colleges will not penalize you for selecting “test optional”
- Colleges understand Covid has made taking these tests very difficult



# Test Optional: What Has Changed?

- Stronger Emphasis on Essays/Recommendations
- School-Specific Measures
  - Example: In place of SAT/ACT, Brandeis requires 3 AP exam scores or graded analytical writing sample
- **Very Important to Individually Check Each School's Test-Optional Information**

# Application Deadlines

- **Early Decision / Early Action**
  - Usually Nov 1 or Nov 15
- **Regular Admission**
  - Often Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, but can be as early as Nov 30 or Dec 1st
- **Rolling Admission**
  - Anytime – The earlier, the better
- Application materials must be received by guidance department **2 weeks prior** to application deadline



# Note on Early Decision/Action

**Applying to an ED or EA plan is most appropriate for a student who:**

- Has researched to find a school that is a strong match academically, socially and geographically.
- Is absolutely sure that the college is the first choice (for ED applications).
- Meets or exceeds the admission profile for the college for SAT scores, GPA and class rank.



# College & Career Fair

**Wednesday, October 20th 2022**

**Medford High School**

**6:00PM - 8:30PM**

**Learn About Dozens of Colleges and  
Job Training Organizations**



# Considerations for Special Education Students

- Search for colleges that provide a Learning/Support Center or Tutoring in addition to accommodations
- Community Colleges have special programs
- Please attend Special Education Transition to College Presentation
  - Wednesday 10/20 5:30pm-6:30pm
  - At Medford High School
  - Information will be posted on [www.mps02155.org](http://www.mps02155.org)

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# **Brief Summary of Financial Aid & Scholarships**

# Financial Aid

- Financial Aid Webinars:  
<https://www.mefa.org/events>
- FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
Available October 1<sup>st</sup> @ <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
- CSS Profile – College Scholarship Service Profile–  
Some private schools require this





- MEFA Events Website Looks Like This
- <https://www.mefa.org/events>

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## MEFA Events

We offer free informative webinars and virtual community events on a range of topics. To register for an upcoming webinar, click a topic below. To view a recorded webinar, please view our [MEFA Videos](#) page. And if you're a school counselor or college administrator looking for a webinar, please visit the [MEFA Institute](#).

# Scholarships

- Start at MHS/MVTHS
  - Students do the research and complete applications
  - Community (local) scholarship applications are usually available starting in January
  - **Local scholarships will be posted in Naviance and updated frequently**
- Look Local- place of employment, community organization/affiliation, religious institutions, etc.
- Check with your colleges














# Join Our Google Classroom!

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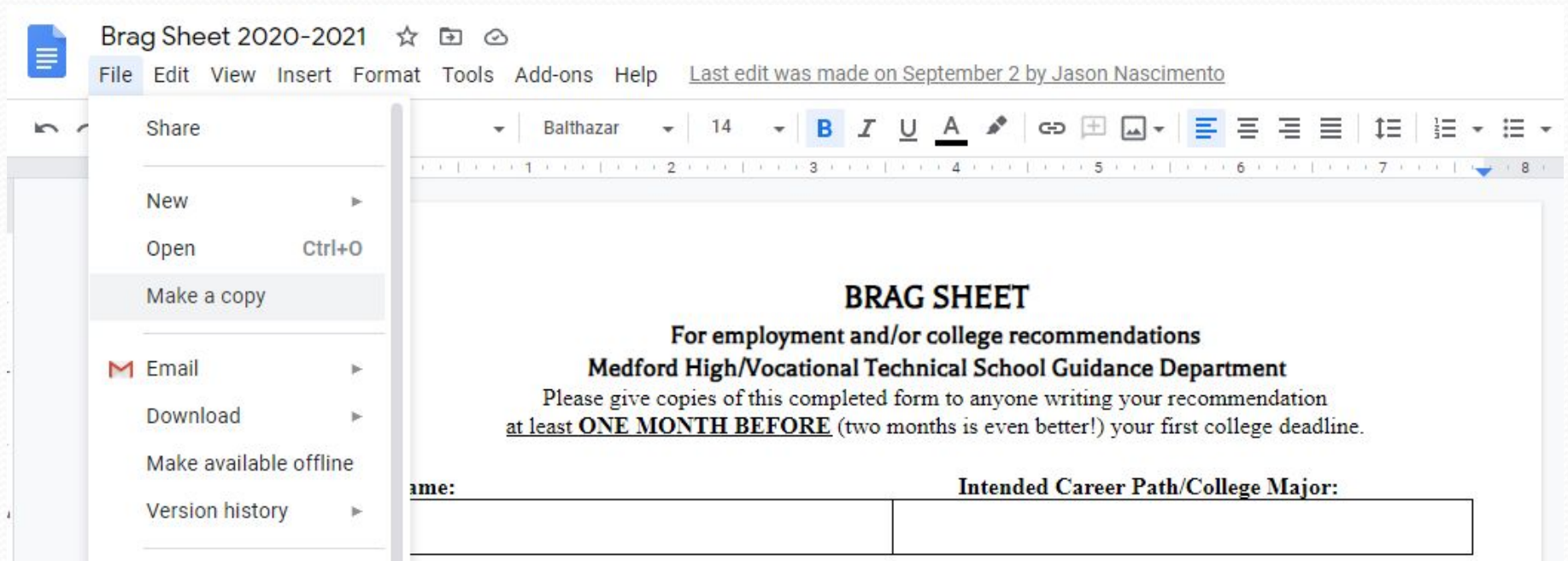
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	Transcript Request Form	Posted Sep 10
	Example Resume	Posted Sep 10

# Join Our Google Classroom!

To Access/Edit Documents from Classroom:

1. Open Document
2. Click File, Make a Copy



The screenshot shows a Google Docs document titled "Brag Sheet 2020-2021". The "File" menu is open, and the "Make a copy" option is highlighted. The document content includes the title "BRAG SHEET", a subtitle "For employment and/or college recommendations", and the text "Medford High/Vocational Technical School Guidance Department". It also contains instructions: "Please give copies of this completed form to anyone writing your recommendation at least **ONE MONTH BEFORE** (two months is even better!) your first college deadline." Below this text are two input fields labeled "Name:" and "Intended Career Path/College Major:".

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# Two Important Accounts!

## Common App

Account for STUDENTS to send their college applications

Student completes on his/her own

## Naviance

Account for MHS Staff to send the application materials

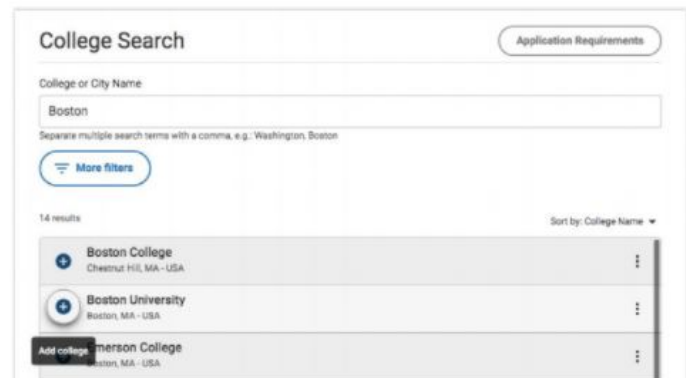
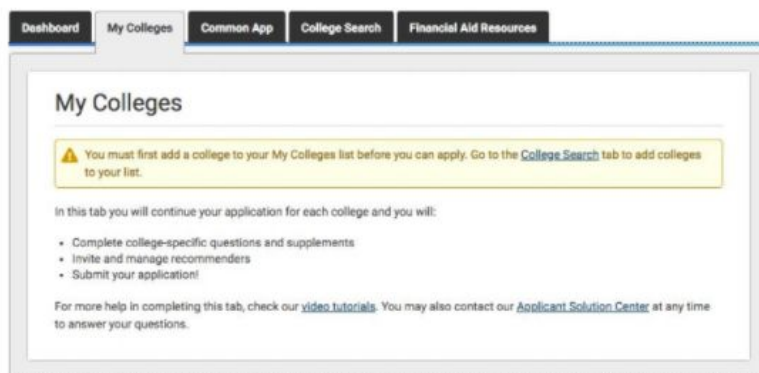
Student adds schools, adds teachers, signs FERPA waiver, then MHS Staff completes

# The Linking Common App & Naviance Sheet looks like this on Google Classroom:

## Linking Common App & Naviance

Complete these steps **BEFORE** your first senior college meeting:

- **STEP 1:** Go to: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- **STEP 2:** Register for the Common App (you **must** use the same email address/username as your Naviance account)
- **STEP 3:** Complete Initial Common App tasks:
  1. Click the Common App tab, indicate your sex and whether or not you have used any other names
  2. Complete the first section of the Education Tab (add your current school information + date of entry.)  
**This is the only information you need to complete as part of the education tab prior to our first meeting.**
  3. Add at least one college to your My College List.
    - Click 'My Colleges' then follow prompts via College Search to add desired colleges to your list
    - Search by college name or city, then click the PLUS sign to add to your list



- **STEP 4:** Return to the 'My Colleges' Tab and select one of your colleges on the left hand side
  - Scroll down to "Recommenders and FERPA"



# Meet With Your Counselor

- Make an appointment with your counselor
  - October appointments for Early Action/Early Decision
  - November/December for Regular Decision
- Invite parent/guardian if possible
- Come Prepared
  - Bring a list of colleges
  - Have your Common App & Naviance linked
  - Any other materials you have

# REVIEW

1. Share video with parents/guardians
2. Create a CommonApp/ Update & link to Naviance
3. Meet with your Counselor

*In meeting you will discuss with your counselor:*

- a. Request Teacher Letter(s) of Recommendation (2)
- b. If Needed, Send your SAT/ACT scores directly through Collegeboard.org or ACT.org to the colleges and NCAA (for athletes)
- c. Turn in your transcript request form
- d. Submit your application
- e. Write thank you notes