

# The Road to College

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# Helpful Timelines!

- Senior Timeline:
- College Planning Timeline



# PREPARE NOW FOR COLLEGE

- Get Involved - activities, leadership, volunteering
- Work hard in school and take challenging courses
- Start researching different colleges - visit, talk to others
- Do some informational interviews to learn about different careers that may interest you
- Testing opportunities and test prep



# COURSE PLANNING

	SHS Graduation Requirements	2 year college requirements	4 year college requirements
English	8 credits	8 credits	8 credits
Social Studies	8 credits Hum. Geography/Soc 9 - 2 US History - 2 World History - 2 Economics-1 Social Elective - 1	8 credits	8 credits
Math	6 credits Geometry - 2 Algebra 2 - 2 FST - 2	6 credits Recommended 8 credits and may depend on program of study.	6-8 credits 8 required for many colleges and recommended for most
Science	6 credits Physical Science - 2 Biology - 2 Chemistry/Physics - 2	6 credits Recommended 8 credits and may depend on program of study	6-8 credits 8 required for many colleges and recommended for most
PE/Health	2 PE/1 Health	2 PE/1 Health	2 PE/1 Health
Fine Art	2 credits	2 credits	2 credits
World Language	0 credits	0 credits	2-4 credits
Electives	15 credits	15 credits	15 credits

# MNSCU ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

## ★ 4 Year Colleges :

- The seven state universities *generally* will admit you as a first-year student if you can answer “yes” to at least one of these questions:
  - Did you graduate in the top half of your high school graduating class?
  - Did you score 21 or higher on the ACT standardized test?
  - Did you receive a combined score of 1,000 on the current SAT standardized test or its corresponding score on the redesigned SAT standardized test (offered beginning spring 2016)?
  - Some of the state universities may ask you to meet slightly different requirements to be admitted. Check with the university admissions office for details. Even if you don't meet the minimum requirements, you may be considered for admission under special provisions. (MSU-Mankato admissions: 2.75 or 23 on the ACT)



# U OF M-TWIN CITIES FRESHMAN PROFILE

	Biological Sciences	Design	Education & Human Development	Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Liberal Arts	Management (Carlson School of)	Science and Engineering
<b>High School Rank</b>							
High School Rank (if applicable) - Range of the Middle 50 Percentile of Admitted Freshmen	90 - 99%	75 - 92%	78 - 94%	76 - 93%	77 - 94%	87 - 97%	93 - 99%
<b>ACT Composite</b>							
ACT - Range of the Middle 50 Percentile of Admitted Freshmen	28 - 32	25 - 29	23 - 28	25 - 29	26 - 30	28 - 32	30 - 34
<b>SAT Total</b>							
SAT - Range of the Middle 50 Percentile of Admitted Freshmen (SAT total out of 1600)	1280 - 1440	1185 - 1360	1160 - 1310	1160 - 1320	1210 - 1440	1260 - 1410	1360 - 1490
SAT - Range of the Middle 50 Percentile of Admitted Freshmen (SAT total out of 2400)	1910 - 2160	1750 - 1990	1740 - 1963	1740 - 1965	1800 - 2040	1890 - 2110	2010 - 2220



# Testing

PSAT - Registration open now to Sophomores and Juniors -  
TEST DATE OCTOBER 19 - This test can lead to  
scholarship money.

ACT - Juniors will be taking the April statewide test. Every  
college in the US accepts the ACT. What's the best  
testing schedule for your student?

SAT - Some schools want the SAT as well as SAT subject  
tests. Will your student do better on the SAT over the  
ACT?



# Finding Your Fit!

- Family Connection - <https://connection.naviance.com/shakopeehs>
  - *SuperMatch*
  - *Roadtrip Nation*
  - *Career Inventories*
- College Visits
- College Fair
- FastWeb/College Board
- Bureau of Labor Statistics  
[http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_mn.htm?scrlybrkr=02d02224#](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_mn.htm?scrlybrkr=02d02224#)





# Finding Your College Fit!

- ❖ 4-year college
- ❖ 2-year college



# TYPES OF COLLEGES

- ★ Universities often are larger and offer more majors and degree options—bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees—than colleges. Most universities contain several smaller colleges, such as colleges of liberal arts, engineering or health sciences. These colleges can prepare you for a variety of careers or for graduate study.
- ★ Community colleges offer two-year associate degrees that prepare you to transfer to a four-year college to earn a bachelor's degree. They also offer other associate degrees and certificates that focus on preparing you for a certain career. Community colleges are often an affordable option with relatively low tuition.
- ★ Technical colleges offer specialized training in a particular industry or career. Possible programs of study include the culinary arts, firefighting, dental hygiene and medical-records technology. These colleges usually offer certificates or associate degrees.



# TYPES OF COLLEGES

- ★ **Public colleges** are funded by local and state governments and usually offer lower tuition rates than private colleges, especially for students who are residents of the state where a college is located.
  - U of M, St. Cloud State, MSU-Mankato, UMD
- ★ **Private colleges** rely mainly on tuition, fees and private sources of funding. Private donations can sometimes provide generous financial aid packages for students.
  - Gustavus, St. Thomas, St. John's, St. Olaf



# College Application Process

## How do I apply?

- 4 year college bound students - Check your deadlines
- 2 year college bound students - rolling admissions, apply anytime!
- Go to your college's website and complete the online application. Have your transcript and your schedule accessible.
- Request letters of recommendation (if applicable).
- Send your test scores to your college (ACT, SAT, Accuplacer, ASVAB).
  - ACT - \$12 per school, login and request schools
  - Accuplacer - take for two year college admission
- Request your transcript through Family Connection

*\*Fee Waivers are available in the Career Center*



# Common Application

- Only way to apply for some schools
- Most 4-year schools don't use the Common App
- Make sure you indicate in Family Connection if you are applying via Common App.
- [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Contact your counselor if you need help



# When your application is complete...

- Check websites to track your application and documentation received
- Call undergraduate offices if necessary; it's their job to help you
- Use email when you need to have something documented



# FAFSA

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

- ❖ NEW TIMELINE this year!!
  - OCTOBER 1st using 2015 tax info
  - FAFSA operates on first come, first serve
  - You may not qualify for anything but loans
- ❖ Financial Aid Night - October 3rd
  - 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm - High School Commons

# SCHOLARSHIPS

- ❖ Use Family Connection to search scholarships
- ❖ FastWeb
- ❖ Dollars For Scholars information - March



THANK YOU FOR COMING

QUESTIONS???

