

MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

CLASS OF 2024



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**4 years** of English & Health/PE

**3 years** of Math including Algebra I & Geometry

**2 years** of US History

**1 year** of World History

**3 years** of Science including Biology & Chemistry, Physics, Environmental, or other lab-based science courses

**1 year** of Practical Art

**1 year** of Visual/Performing Art

**1 year** of World Language

**1/2 year** of Financial Literacy

***PASSING SCORE ON THE NJGPA (or other testing pathways)***

**Total Credits: 120**

## COLLEGE PREFERENCES (MOST 4 YEAR COLLEGES)

4 years of English

4 years of Math (including Pre/Calculus)

4 years of Social Science

4 years of Science

2 years min. in the same World Language



**BROOKDALE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Meeting –October 26<sup>th</sup>

No letters of recommendation required

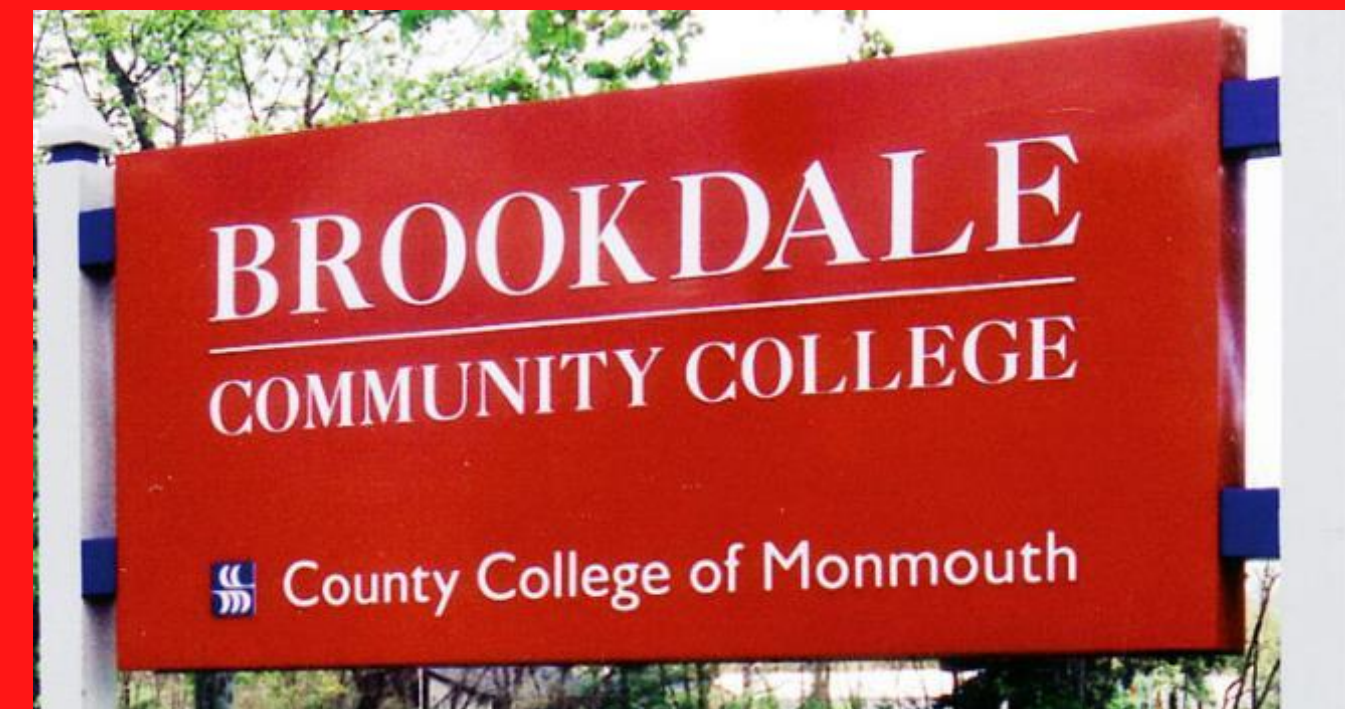
No SAT/ACT required

Placement Test –Spring 2024

Early Bird/Class Registration – late spring

NJ STARS - free for top 15% of class

Click [HERE](#) to Apply



# HBCU INFORMATION



**HOWARD**  
**UNIVERSITY**

## WHAT IS AN HBCU?

HBCU stands for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These are higher education institutions that were founded prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with the intention to serve primarily African Americans.

## WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

By visiting this website, you can find a list of all HBCUs with direct links to each school's webpage.

[The Hundred Seven.](#)

## HBCU COLLEGE FAIR

In years past, our students have attended the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair. This fair is taking place on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Guidance office will have sign ups, please listen for announcements!

# COLLEGE TRENDS IN 2024

## SOCIAL MEDIA MONITORING

Colleges have admitted to looking at student social media accounts. There have been several high profile instances in the past few years where acceptances have been rescinded solely due to posts on social media that are inappropriate.

## SRAR

SRAR stands for Self Reported Academic Record. Many colleges have started to include completing the SRAR as part of their application process. Students will receive a copy of their transcript to complete their SRAR. You must complete this before your application will be reviewed by a school.

## TEST OPTIONAL

Colleges recognized the difficulties students had with available testing during the pandemic. Some are still allowing students to send scores only if they have them and believe them to be an accurate reflection of their ability. The other trend is that applications are up at the popular colleges, due to schools going test optional which translates to increased competition.

## EARLY APPLICATIONS

Generally speaking, statistics show that applying early gives you better odds. The list of applicants grows exponentially as the year goes on which in turn increases competition. However, there are exceptions to this rule, and reading the admissions page or following a college's blogs can sometimes give you "hints." Some colleges even track when you submit your application, they know when you submit at 11:59pm!

## DEMONSTRATED INTEREST

Some schools will track your interest in them! MRHS is offering IN PERSON visits with college reps (see SCOIR). Some/most colleges are also returning to in person events. However, if travel is not an option, colleges offer virtual opportunities as well (check their websites). You can reach out to an admissions counselor with a question (that cannot be found on the website) or even follow admissions blogs!

# 2024 SAT SCORE REMINDERS

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## SHOULD I SEND THEM?

If you took a test and are wondering if you should send the scores, ultimately, the decision is yours if the college does not require them. However, consider.... Are they reflective of your ability? Are they in or above the average range for that school?

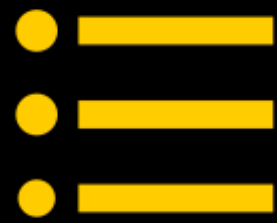
## I WANT TO SEND THEM, HOW DO I DO THAT?

If you took a test AND want to share scores, you need to send them to the schools via your account on College Board, as they are not considered official otherwise.

## HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST ME?

Within 9 days after your test, you can send 4 copies of your scores for free! Otherwise, the fee is \$12 for each school (unless eligible for a waiver).

# THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS FOLDER



## APPLICATION

Bio, extra curricular activities, essays, application fee



## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Interview, Portfolio, Auditions, etc.



## SAT/ACT

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
Test Optional  
Subject Tests-discontinued



## RECOMMENDATIONS

Requirements vary by college



## HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

Fill out request form after you have applied

# YOU SEND

# WE SEND

# SAT TEST DATES

Test dates and deadlines for the 2023-2024 school year.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023	September 26, 2023
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023	October 24, 2023
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	November 21, 2023

Register at: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Please note that updates are fluid due to test center closures and additional testing dates being added. To stay up to date we suggest checking CollegeBoard's website, calling CollegeBoard, and checking the email attached to the student's CollegeBoard account.



# ACT TEST DATES

Upcoming test dates for the ACT in the 2023-2024 school year.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024

To send your scores visit [actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org)

In addition to referring to ACT's website for up to date information, we suggest calling them and checking the email attached to the student's ACT account.

ELIGIBILITY  
CENTER



WANT TO PLAY  
COLLEGE SPORTS?



## NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Interested in playing college sports at the DI or DII level? Create an account with the Eligibility Center at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) and reach out to Mr. Rapcienski in the Guidance Office.

# WHERE DO I BEGIN?

10 EASY STEPS TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE



# STEP 1

## SELECTION

Narrow your list of schools to 5-10.

# STEP 2

## SCOIR

Add these schools to your "Schools I'm Applying to" List in SCOIR

# STEP 3

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Request letters of recommendation from 2 academic teachers on SCOIR. Make sure to ask in person first!

# STEP 4

## COUNSELOR CHECK-IN

Check in with your counselor and share with them which schools you are applying to. This can be done through SCOIR messaging, emails, or by appointment!

# STEP 5

## DEADLINES

Check all your school application deadlines. It is helpful to write them down in a planner!

# STEP 6

## APPLICATION

Complete and submit either the Common App or the application on the college's website.

# STEP 7

## REQUEST TEST SCORES

Request your official scores from CollegeBoard (SAT) or from ACTstudent (ACT).  
Check your college's requirements before sending.

# STEP 8

## REQUEST TRANSCRIPT

Once your applications and test scores have been submitted, please complete a Transcript Request Form.  
**DUE: 15 DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST APPLICATION DEADLINE**

# STEP 9

## FAFSA

Create a FSA ID.  
FAFSA opens in  
December.  
[FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)

# STEP 10

## FOLLOW UP

After submission,  
follow up with your  
schools to make  
sure your  
application is  
complete (portals,  
SRAR)

# WHICH APPLICATION PROCESS IS RIGHT FOR ME?

## EARLY DECISION

You may only apply to one school ED and if admitted you must withdraw your applications to other schools. This is BINDING. This must be your first and clear choice as financial aid may or may not apply.

## EARLY ACTION

Early action applications have earlier deadlines and decision dates. This is NOT BINDING.

## ROLLING ADMISSION

Rolling admissions decisions are made as completed applications are received and reviewed.

## REGULAR DECISION

Regular decisions are made and announced from mid-March through mid-April.

## IMPORTANT:

Deadlines vary and are important! Apply early so you submit your materials on time! Deadlines are YOUR responsibility.

# SCOIR

Download the app today!

Need a refresher on how to use SCOIR?

Watch this [video!](#)





# WHAT CAN I DO IN SCOIR?

## COLLEGE SEARCH TOOL

Search for colleges based on your interests, location preference, school size, and more!

## COLLEGE PROFILE

In depth information on each school, including what your chances of getting in are and doing virtual tours!

## MANAGE YOUR SCHOOLS

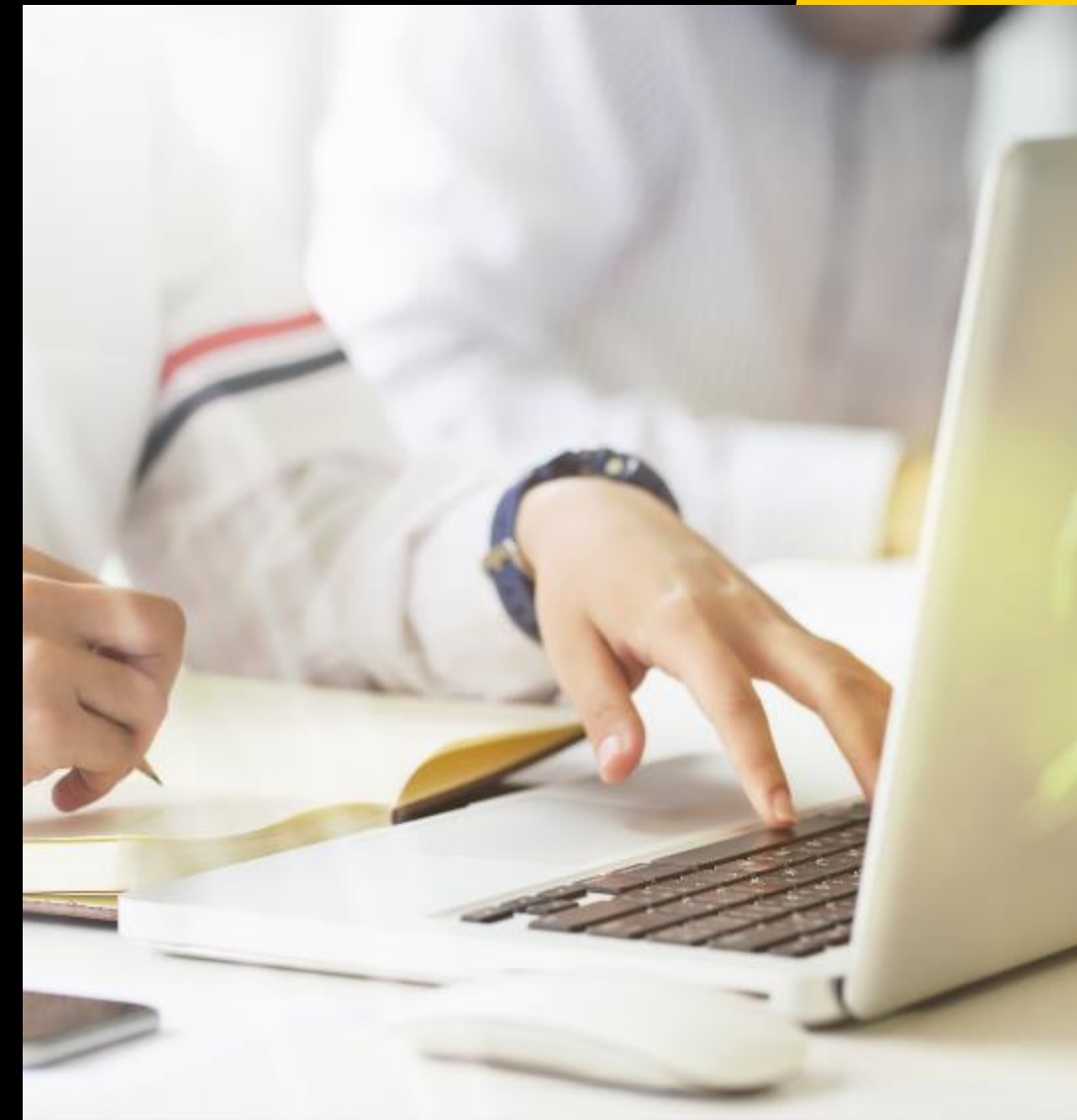
Manage colleges in terms of 5 categories: Following, Applying, Applied, Not Interested in, and Suggested (from parent or counselor)

## REQUEST YOUR LETTERS

After asking your teachers in person, you can send them a request on SCOIR!

## MANAGE YOUR APPS

Keep track of your deadlines and missing application materials.



## COLLEGE VISITS

On your home page you can see which schools have set up in person visits with MRHS. These will occur during lunch periods and the reps will be outside the commons.



## **ONE APPLICATION, MUTLIPLS SCHOOLS**

Over 900 colleges use the Common Application. If you're applying to multiple colleges, check to see if they are on Common App. Complete one application, send it to all of your schools! To create an account go to: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

## **COVID-19 OPTIONAL QUESTION**

Everyone has been impacted by COVID-19 differently. Common App has created an additional optional question for those that wish to write a little more about how COVID-19 has impacted them personally and academically. You should only answer this question if there was significant impact in your life.

# TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNSELOR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is your first request, please allow **15 school days** from date submitted for materials to be sent.  
For subsequent requests, please allow **5 school days** from date submitted for materials to be sent.  
I hereby request the Guidance Office to send a transcript of my high school records and other supporting documents to:

<p><b>College Name and Address:</b></p> <p>College Name _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Please circle one from each line: &gt; I am applying by: Common App   Coalition App   School App</p> <p>&gt; I am applying: ED   EA   REG   ROLL</p> <p>&gt; I understand I am responsible for sending my SAT/ACT scores: YES   NO</p> <p>&gt; College deadline: _____</p> <p>&gt; Date you submitted your app: _____</p> <p>I have personally asked the teachers below to write my Letters of Recommendation   YES   NO</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>Guidance office use only: Sent on: _____ Initials: _____</p>	<p><b>College Name and Address:</b></p> <p>College Name _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Please circle one from each line: &gt; I am applying by: Common App   Coalition App   School App</p> <p>&gt; I am applying: ED   EA   REG   ROLL</p> <p>&gt; I understand I am responsible for sending my SAT/ACT scores: YES   NO</p> <p>&gt; College deadline: _____</p> <p>&gt; Date you submitted your app: _____</p> <p>I have personally asked the teachers below to write my Letters of Recommendation   YES   NO</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>Guidance office use only: Sent on: _____ Initials: _____</p>
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## I'VE APPLIED, WHAT NEXT?

**Request forms are due 15 DAYS before the college's deadline!**

Make sure you have SUBMITTED your application to the college first and listed your colleges on SCOIR. They can be found in drawers 4, 5, & 6 in the Guidance Office. They are also available on the [Guidance website](#). Please download, complete, and email to [jciancio@monmouthregional.net](mailto:jciancio@monmouthregional.net) or drop off in the office.

# SCHOLARSHIPS



## GUIDANCE WEBSITE

Updated frequently,  
check back often



## ONLINE

Websites to visit:  
[SCOIR](#)  
[Raise.me](#)  
[Scholly](#)  
[Fastweb](#)



## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

MRHS offers local scholarships for seniors. Scholarship packets are given out in a meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Awards Night is in June.

# FINANCIAL AID



## FAFSA

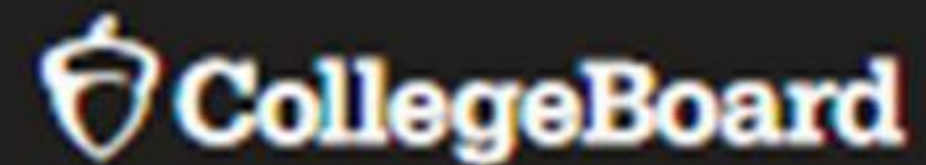
Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Available December 2023

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

## CSS PROFILE

College Scholarship Service through the College Board. Check with your school of interest if this is required. It gives institutions a more in depth look at your finances.



## CSS Profile



Higher Education Student Assistance Authority

## FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION

HESAA Representative/Brookdale's Director of Financial Aid will

be speaking right after our presentation tonight.

# IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES



**FINANCIAL AID NIGHT**

9/14/23

**COLLEGE FAIR**

October 15, 2023

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Monmouth University OceanFirst Bank Center

**BROOKDALE PRESENTATION**

October 26th

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP MEETING**

March 22nd

**BROOKDALE PLACEMENT TESTS**

April 2024

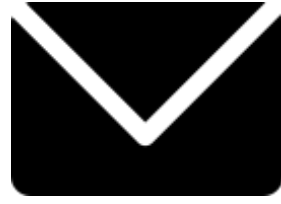
**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**

TBD - usually late

May



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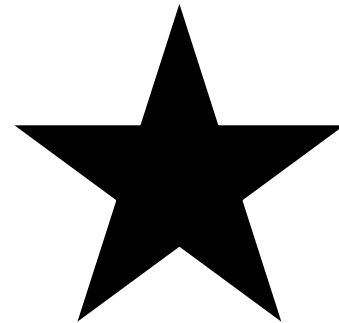
## SENIOR CLASS ADVISORS

Mrs. Collison & Ms. Forbes



## SENIOR CLASS DUES

PLEASE WAIT FOR INFORMATION  
FROM YOUR CLASS ADVISORS



## SENIOR PROM

Battleground Country Club

5/30



## SENIOR TRIP

Frogbridge - 6/5

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **GPA:** When CommonApp asks you for the GPA scale - just **leave the scale blank** because our scale (4.5) is not an option. They will see it on your transcript, or you can add it in the additional remarks.
- **RECOMMENDER PAGE:** Please just add the names of those writing you letters of recommendation, **not** our email addresses. Email addresses are not required.
- **Do not wait to send in your application because you are waiting on letters of recommendation.** It is best to get the application in early! The guidance office sends out your transcript and letters after! (that is where the transcript request form comes in).



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