

Manvel High School



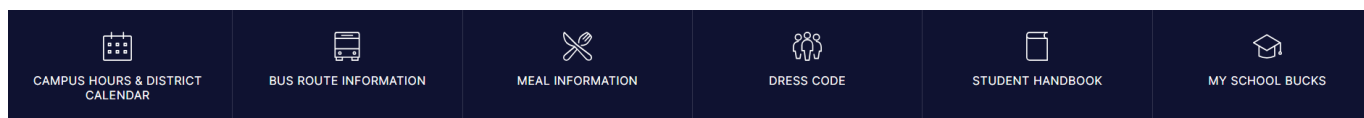
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College prep for the class of 2024

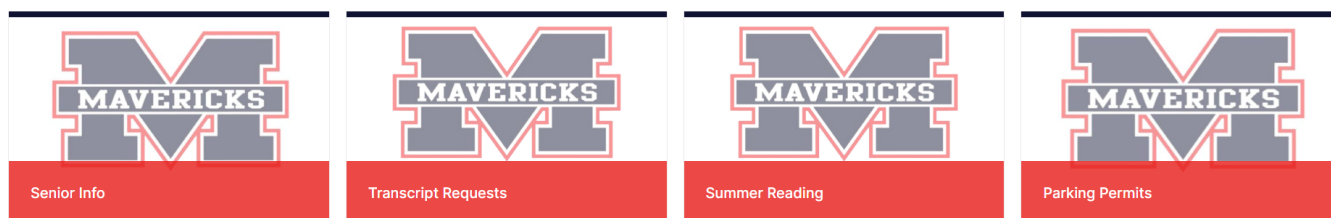
Requesting Transcripts

Complete the following steps to request a transcript:

- ⇒ Manvel High School Website (www.alvinisd.net)
- ⇒ Transcript Request (located under Programs & Information)
- ⇒ Click link "Current Student Transcript Request"



PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION



Complete the form then submit. The request will go to the Manvel High School Registrar's office to process transcripts.

Helpful information

Type of Transcript

- ⇒ Official (AISD seal affixed, signed by Registrar and in a sealed envelope)
- ⇒ Unofficial (No seal, no signature)
- ⇒ Final Year End (includes all grades to the end of the 12th grade year)

How do you want to send transcript

- ⇒ Electronically
- ⇒ Mailed
- ⇒ I will pick up

Transcripts may be sent to most Texas universities electronically; however, they **MUST** be mailed to all out of state institutions.

Be sure to give the correct mailing address when requesting to have transcripts sent by mail.

Texas Automatic Admissions Policy for Students Enrolling Fall 2024

A student is eligible for automatic admission to a college or university as an undergraduate student if the applicant earned a grade point average in the top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class (Texas Education Code, §51.803). If an eligible student is applying as an undergraduate to the **University of Texas at Austin** in the summer/fall 2024 or spring 2025, the applicant must earn a grade point average in the **top 6 percent** of the student's high school graduating class. The applicant in either case must also:

- (1) Earn the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program; or
- (2) Satisfy ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment or earn on the SAT assessment a score of at least 1,500 out of 2,400 or the equivalent.

In accordance with Title 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §5.5(e), high school rank for students seeking automatic admission to a general academic teaching institution on the basis of class rank is determined and reported as follows.

- (1) Class rank shall be based on the end of the 11th grade, middle of the 12th grade, or at high school graduation, whichever is most recent at the application deadline.
- (2) The top 10 percent of a high school class shall not contain more than 10 percent of the total class size. (3) The student's rank shall be reported by the applicant's high school or school district as a specific number out of a specific number total class size.
- (3) Class rank shall be determined by the school or school district from which the student graduated or is expected to graduate.

An applicant who does not satisfy the course requirements is considered to have satisfied those requirements if the student completed the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program that was available to the student but was unable to complete the remainder of the coursework solely because courses were unavailable to the student at the appropriate times in the student's high school career as a result of circumstances not within the student's control. To qualify for automatic admission an applicant must:

- (1) Submit an application before the deadline established by the college or university to which the student seeks admission;
- (2) Meet all curriculum requirements for admission established by the college or university to which the student seeks admission; and
- (3) Provide a high school transcript or diploma that indicates whether the student has satisfied or is on schedule to satisfy the requirements of the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program or the portion of the distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation High School Program that was available to the student.

Top 25%

Some universities in Texas will automatically admit students who rank in the top 25% of their graduating class and have met a minimum ACT or SAT score, as determined by the college. Be sure to research the colleges you would like to attend to see if this option is available and what minimum standards are needed to qualify

Colleges and universities are required to admit an applicant for admission as an undergraduate student if the applicant is the child of a public servant who was killed or sustained a fatal injury in the line of duty and meets the minimum requirements. If you meet qualifications due to this circumstance, be sure to visit with your counselor for more information

Applying to College

APPLY TEXAS

Apply Texas will help you apply for admission to any Texas public university. You will be able to submit application essays, apply for scholarships from participating universities and search for general university specific information. This application process will allow you to apply to multiple Texas universities using the same application. Visit the website: www.goapplytexas.org, use the "Sample Application" as a preview. Be sure to read each section carefully.

COMMON APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

This application is used by nearly 700 colleges and universities across the country, including private, small, secular and religious schools. Colleges require a large amount of information from applicants; the Common Application simplifies the process by collecting much of that information all in one place. Many private universities in Texas offer this on-line application for admissions. Keep a paper copy of your application. The website is www.commonapp.org.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

There are multiple ways to be admitted to most four-year universities. One is automatic admission to any Texas university because of ranking in the top 10% of your graduating class. The above information must be turned in within the university-specified deadline. Be sure to check the college/university that you are interested in to understand their admission's processes. Students who's applications will go through a review process, must complete all the above items as well as submit to the admissions office letters of recommendation from adults (not 18 year old friends and not family members) who know you well, a resume of activities, honors, jobs, etc., and an essay that is written to convince the university that you are a worthy student capable of completing the work in a timely, successful manner leading to completion of your bachelor's degree. Include in this essay any extenuating circumstances that have caused your grades to be low.

COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Basic requirements for admission:

- Complete the online application
- Pay Application fee /submit fee waiver (if applicable)
- Submit a request to have your official transcript sent to university (done by MHS Registrar)
- Send required test scores to university directly from testing company
- Meet ALL deadlines appropriately (admissions application/financial aid application/housing)

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RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Recommendation letters provide admissions officer's valuable insight on the applicants from the lenses of the teacher/counselor. With many schools choosing the testing optional path, recommendation letters have become a significant part of the admissions process. It is very important that you choose teachers who know you well to write a letter of recommendation for you and that you submit your request in a timely manner. Also, keep in mind that many scholarship applications may require recommendation letters as well. Be sure to request enough copies of your recommendation letter and keep them in a file for later use. Follow the guidelines below for requesting a recommendation letter from your teacher/counselor.

Steps to request a letter of recommendation:

- Complete an Academic Resume (sample located in the back of this book)
- You should ask for your letters of recommendation face to face. Request a letter from someone who knows you well and can personalize and tell who you really are.
- Submit the Academic Resume to the teacher/counselor.
- Allow the teacher/counselor at least 15 school days to complete the letter. (You will need to pay attention to deadlines and ensure that you are submitting the request in enough time)
- Be sure to let the teacher/counselor know where the letter needs to be sent.
- Letters submitted to colleges/universities can be uploaded. Be sure that you know how the teacher will submit the letter when you make the request.
- If the letter needs to be mailed, provide the teacher/counselor with a stamped and addressed envelope to mail the letter
- Be sure to write a **Thank You** note to each person who has written a recommendation letter for you.



TEST OPTIONAL



What Does Test Optional Really Mean? I took the SAT last year, should I submit my scores?

- Most universities have an option for students to apply without submitting test scores
- Submitting scores, however, may increase your chances of admission or scholarship offers.
- If you do not submit scores
 - You can still be considered for admissions
 - You will not be penalized
 - You may still qualify for merit base scholarships
 - Your essays and recommendation letters will be even more important in the admissions process.

Be sure that you are clear on the "test-optional" policy for each school you intend to apply.

Things to consider:

1. Check your SAT or ACT test scores, did you meet the Benchmark College Readiness standard in Reading/Writing and Math?
2. Talk to admissions representatives and ask if you did not meet the benchmark score on SAT/ACT how will they determine that you are "college ready in ELA and Math"
3. If you did not meet benchmark college readiness, will you be required to enroll in developmental ELA/Math courses?
4. If you did not meet the college readiness benchmark score, you may need to register to take the SAT/ACT or TSIA (if attending school in Texas). Talk to the college you are applying to and your HS Counselor to determine the best option for you.



2023-2024 College Entrance Exam Dates



College Readiness Begins with Testing!



SAT

Register for the SAT exam: <https://collegeboard.org>
Cost: SAT- \$60

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Additional \$30.00)	
October 1, 2023	Sept. 2, 2023	Sept. 26, 2023	
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023	October 24, 2023	
Dec. 2, 2023	Nov. 2, 2023	Nov. 21 2023	
March 5, 2024 - JUNIOR SAT School Day			
March 9, 2024 (Digital)	February 23, 2024	February 27, 2024	
May 4, 2024 (Digital)	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2023	
June 1, 2024 (Digital)	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024	

- You may be eligible to get ACT and SAT test fees waived- See Mrs. Gonzalez, Counselor Clerk in B100 Office see if you are eligible. *Must have a current lunch form on file to determine eligibility.*
- SAT Prep will be offered after school on Tuesday's from 3:00-3:30 in Room C138.
- Khan Academy can link to your College Board account to receive SAT practice based on your PSAT scores.
- **Students taking the digital SAT who need to borrow a device from College Board will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline - at least 30 day before the test day.**



Register for the exam: <https://my.act.org/account/signin?location=https://my.act.org>
Cost: ACT- \$68.00, ACT with Writing- \$93.00

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Additional \$36)	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4 2023	August 18, 2023	September 1, 2023
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023	October 20, 2023
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023	December 1, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19 2024	February 2, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22,, 2024	April 5, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 31, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024	July 5, 2024

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are the most talked about form of financial aid. Parents and students often hear that scholarships are difficult to get and that "millions of scholarship dollars go unclaimed each year". Both statements may be true. However, unclaimed scholarships are most often those, which have very specific eligibility criteria. **Each student will need to evaluate his/her academic credentials, talents, and school and community involvement in order to determine which scholarships to apply for.**

When looking for scholarships, students/parents need to keep in mind:

1. Colleges award most of the scholarships
2. Private colleges generally award more scholarships than public colleges.
3. You will not be considered for specific college scholarships until you have completed the admission process at that college.
4. Smaller, local scholarships are often easier to obtain than nation-wide sponsored by large businesses or organizations.
5. Make sure your application is complete; neatly done; uses correct spelling and grammar; meets all deadlines.
6. Make sure you meet all eligibility requirement considered by that scholarship committee or organization. If not, you will be wasting time that could be spent on other more appropriate applications.

Most scholarships fall into one of the following categories: Academic, Athletic, Talent, Minority, and Local.

Academic Scholarships - eligibility criteria is usually based on grade point average, class rank, and test scores. In addition, scholarship committees often look for involvement in school, community, and volunteer activities.

Athletic Scholarships - Outstanding athletes are often offered large scholarships but there are a limited number of these scholarships and competition is very tough.

Talent Scholarships (music, drama, art, dance, etc.) - In order to receive this type of scholarship, the student needs to be truly outstanding as there is much competition for scholarships of this type.

Minority Scholarships - Many colleges offer minority scholarships in order to attract qualified minority students to their campuses. Interested students should ask the colleges they are considering for information on their minority scholarships.

Local Scholarships - Local organizations, clubs, and individuals provide numerous scholarships for seniors in our community. The application for these scholarships will open during the month of November and close in February. Recipients are announced during the Senior Awards Night Program held in early May.

APPLY for EVERYTHING!!!!

Scholarships

Helping you find cash for college.



Searching for Scholarships

E-Scholarships USA

www.collegeguidanceconsultants.com

User Name: alvin-student

Password: alvin-student

Click on the "Download to Excel" link above the table

Alvin ISD Local Scholarships

<https://alvinisd.academicworks.com/>

2023 Application will open on October 5, 2023

Deadline to complete: February 15, 2024

Check the MHS Counselor webpage for additional scholarships

<https://manvelcounselors.wixsite.com/manvelhighschoolcoun/services-9>

Join the MHS College & Career Class of 2024 Google Classroom

Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Compendium of Texas Colleges & Financial Aid Calculator

www.window.state.tx.us/scholars

Fast Web Scholarships

www.fastweb.com

COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Pick List	College/University	College/University Location	Application Deadline	Application Fee	Common Application	Apply Texas	Avg. SAT Score	Avg. ACT Score	Avg. GPA	Annual Cost
1					YES NO	YES NO				
2					YES NO	YES NO				
3					YES NO	YES NO				
4					YES NO	YES NO				
5					YES NO	YES NO				
6					YES NO	YES NO				
7					YES NO	YES NO				
8					YES NO	YES NO				
9					YES NO	YES NO				
10					YES NO	YES NO				

BUILDING YOUR ACADEMIC RESUME

Academic resumes are a short 1-2 page summary of your accomplishments, abilities, interests and is a great tool for you to have as you begin your college application process. The resume can be very beneficial for persons whom you have requested to write recommendation letters as well as used for applying for jobs.

Heading

This section includes your full legal name and your contact information (address, phone number and email address)

Career Plans

Name of College/University you plan to attend

What is your intended major?

What you plan to do with your education?

Academics

Class Rank

GPA (4.0 and 6.0)

ACT and or SAT scores

Advanced academic classes - list the Pre-AP, AP and Dual Enrollment courses taken or will be finished by the end of senior year. Mark the ones currently taking.

Extracurricular Activities, Work Experience, Volunteer Service

List Each Extracurricular Activity separately

- Positions held, years of participation, specific contributions, duties you fulfilled, recognitions received

Work Experience

- Name of place of employment, how long did you work, accomplishments

Volunteer Service

- List volunteer activity, number of hours

Summer Programs

List the name and location of the program and a short description of the program

Honors/Awards/Achievements

Give a short description of each and the when you earned it and why

Resume Tip: List everything in reverse chronological order within each category. Keep it brief and concise. Your resume should be written in 12-point font and in bullet points rather than paragraphs.

Do not submit your first draft, edit, revise and rewrite!!

Tips for Talking with College Representatives

There are many opportunities for you to speak with college representatives. The Alvin ISD College Fair held in November of each year is a great opportunity. Many colleges also visit Manvel High School during lunchtime throughout the school year.

Things to ask representatives:

Academics

1. What academic programs are most popular on your campus?
2. Do you offer a major in (the major that you are most interested in studying)?
3. How would you describe the academic workload on your campus?
4. Will your campus accept my Dual Enrollment courses or AP courses that I scored a 3 or higher on the AP exam?

Campus Environment

5. What makes your college unique?
6. What are the housing options for freshman students?
7. What activities do you offer for freshman students to assist with the transition?
8. What are your security measures on campus?
9. Are there opportunities for internships?

Social Life

10. What type of extracurricular activities does the college offer?
11. What is the area surrounding the college like? Is it safe, or near shopping, grocery, etc.?
12. What do students do for fun? What do students do on the weekends?
13. Are fraternities and sororities a big part of campus life?

The best way to know if a college/university is a good fit for you is to visit the campus. Students in 11th and 12th grade can receive **two** excused absences for college visits. The forms on the following pages must be completed and turned in no longer than **3 days** after the visit.



Manvel High School Senior Checklist



I have completed the following:

- Check transcript for all graduation requirement (within the first month of senior year)
- Meet with your counselor
- Create a portfolio where you will collect the following:
 - HS Transcript
 - College Transcript (Alvin Community College)
 - Scholarship Applications
 - Copies of academic resume
 - Letters of recommendations
 - Test Scores (ACT/ACT/TSI)
- Check your school email and Skyward accounts regularly
- Registered for SAT or ACT: _____ (date of test)
- Register to take the TSIA (if needed)
- When you registered to take the SAT/ACT you had your scores sent to colleges you are interested in attending
- When you registered to take the SAT/ACT, you had your scores sent to NCAA or NAIA
- Created an Academic Resume that includes jobs, school activities/clubs volunteer work, community activities
- Researched websites of colleges /universities/vocational schools interested in attending (do they offer the degree you want to pursue, campus size, cost, distance from home, housing)
- Attend the AISD College Fair
- Researched the different military branches and what each has to offer
- I Took the ASVAB exam. (See Mr. Walker to sign up to test)
- Created an account at applytexas.org
- Created an account at commonapplicaton.org
- Applied to at least one college or university
- Ask at least 2 teachers to write recommendation letters
- Checked and are aware of admissions deadlines and requirements for my preferred institutions
- Submitted application materials for admission to my preferred institutions. (you will receive email notification from the institutions letting you know what is needed)



Marvel High School Senior Checklist

- Complete transcript request to send transcript to colleges interested in attending and scholarship donors
- Explore scholarship opportunities
- Completed the AISD Local Scholarship Application (Opens in October)
- Created an FSA ID (keep this information where you can easily locate it)
- Created Parents FSA ID (keep this information where you can easily locate it)

- Attend FAFSA Night at MHS
- Submit FAFSA Application
- Checked priority deadlines for scholarships and financial aid for your preferred institutions

- Attended a college visit at preferred institutions (be sure to follow AISD protocol for excused absences)

- Received an acceptance letter & responded promptly to any requests for documents
- Applied for on campus housing and submitted deposit
 - If living on campus, I have had my Meningitis vaccination
- Senior Pictures taken (at school)
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- Ordered Cap and Gown
- Complete transcript requests at the end of the year to send final transcript to college you will attend
- Completed the MHS Senior Survey

- Written and sent Thank You notes for scholarships
- Walked across the stage at Freedom Field on May 24, 2024 and received high school diploma!!!

NOTE:

Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can receive fee waivers for SAT/ACT/NCAA/NAIA. Once you use a testing fee waiver, you qualify for college application fee waivers also.

See Mrs. Foster, Lead Counselor (Front Office) to obtain your fee waiver code.

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Student Information Sheet Part 1

The following information will be used for writing recommendations for colleges, scholarships and other programs. Please give your recommender at least **two weeks' notice** so that he/she has plenty of time to write your letter of recommendation. Be sure you sign the last page!

NAME: _____ Today's Date: _____

Grade: _____ Telephone Number: (____) _____

Email(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

SELECT the purpose of this recommendation letter: Other

List the name of the College, Technical School, Scholarship, etc.:

_____ Deadline: _____

_____ Deadline: _____

_____ Deadline: _____

Participation in Clubs, Activities, Sports

Club, Activity or Sport	Year(s)	Office Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Honors Received During High School

Honor Received

Year(s)

Community Activities

Activity

Year(s)

Notes

Employment While in High School

Employment

Year(s)

Notes

Possible Majors:

Career(s) of Most Interest:

Student Information Sheet – Part II: Personal

Complete all questions that apply to your situation. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

1. What are your proudest accomplishments?

A. Academic -

B. Personal -

2. List five (5) adjectives that describe something about you.

1st

4th

2nd

5th

3rd

3. What extracurricular activity has been most meaningful to you? Why?

4. To what extent have you taken advantage of academic choices available to you?

5. What are your goals now and after college?

6. How much free time do you have each day, and how do you use it?

7. Are there any factors about admissions test scores that you would like addressed in your recommendation?

8. List any factors related to grades that you would like the colleges to be made aware:

9. Have you ever had to overcome any handicaps, such as emotional, physical, financial, or other? Describe the handicap(s) and your method of overcoming the situation.

11. In a short paragraph, explain what makes you unique from your friends.

I certify that all the above information provided is true.

Student Signature: _____

Submit a copy of these pages to your counselor and any teacher from which you request a recommendation. **Keep a copy for your files!** Also, write a thank you note to the person who takes the time to write your letters of recommendation.