Life After High School

- 4 Year + Colleges
- Work World
- Military
- Trade or Technical Schools
- Apprenticeships 6 months to 3 years
- 2 Year Colleges
- Colleges

- Military
Newsletters posted regularly with important information, deadlines, scholarship opportunities
- College and career help
- College visit dates
- Links to helpful websites
- Important testing dates
- 2017-2018 Senior Information Booklet
- Kuder (Interest Inventory & Career Planning)
- This presentation and brochure
MacArthur High School exists to serve our students, parents and the community as a whole. Our students help create a culture of support through organizations such as PALS and MacTeach as well as the new Kindness Crew. There is a diverse array of opportunities for students to engage outside the classroom through sports, clubs, and the overall community that is Mac.

If you are new to Mac you don't want to miss our Mactober Fest where after school there are games and fun activities followed by the Brahma March, our own parade in the neighborhood. No matter what interest you have, there is a place for you at Mac.

### Clubs & Organizations
- ASL (American Sign Language)
- Brahma Tales Newspaper
- Bullseye Literary Magazine

### Student Resources
- Clinic
- Counselor's Corner
- Course Catalog 2017-2018
- Parking
Mission Statement
The MacArthur Counseling Department, with the support of administration, staff, and other support organizations, will provide guidance and counseling services for all students as well as the MHS community. The services provided will be delivered in a systematic mode in accordance with the District Comprehensive Developmental Guidance Program and the needs of the school. These services are designed to provide a learning environment conducive to improving student self-confidence and academic performance. Our open-door policy allows us to meet students’ educational, career, and personal/social needs.
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Four Year Universities

SAT and ACT

Mark Your Calendars!

- SAT and ACT are entrance tests for 4 year schools.
- Seniors should take the earliest test possible!
- Most colleges require a score on either test.
- Registration and study guides are online.
- Choose the test that best suits your strengths or try both!
# SAT and ACT Differences

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SAT and ACT, cont.

- Students are responsible for signing up for college entrance tests.
  - SAT- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - ACT- [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

- **YOU** must send scores to the college of your choice directly through CollegeBoard and/or ACT.

- Pay attention to deadlines.

- If you participate in the Free/Reduced Lunch Program you qualify for a fee waiver. See Mrs. Kersten.
Kaplan Free Online Prep
SAT, ACT and PSAT

• NEISD has a partnership with Kaplan
• Students can enroll in online Prep courses for FREE
• Enter the following codes (codes are case sensitive) on the Payment & Confirmation page when you check out at www.kaptest.com/kas
  - SAT Prep     KAS2017SAT
  - ACT Prep     KAS2017ACT
  - PSAT Prep    KAS2017PSAT
• If you need more information, see your English teacher.
Alamo Colleges and Texas Public Universities

• Students applying to any Texas public school must take the TSI (a college placement test) unless he/she meets exemption requirements.
• You will test at the school you are planning to attend.

Alamo Colleges:
San Antonio College
St. Philip’s College
Palo Alto College
Northeast Lakeview
Northwest Vista
TESTING DATES

SAT
- Oct. 7
- Nov. 4
- Dec. 2
- Mar. 10
- May 5
- June 2

ACT
- Sept. 9
- Oct. 28
- Dec. 9
- Feb. 10
- Apr. 14
- June 9

TSI
Check with college

ASVAB
Fall: Nov. 08
Spring: Feb. 07

Advanced Placement (AP) – May 7-18
AP Credit Policy Search

Find colleges and universities that offer credit or placement for AP scores. Begin your search by entering the name of the institution below. For the most up-to-date AP credit policy information, be sure to check the institution's website.

Find a college’s credit policy
Please enter at least two characters to view a preliminary list of matches. Click Search to see a complete list of results.

university of texas at san antonio

Search

Have your AP Exam scores sent to a college or university.
Send your scores

Explore scholarships
Visit Big Future
AP has over 30 courses to choose from.

University of Texas at San Antonio (6915)
San Antonio, TX

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (6968)
San Antonio, TX
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• Those interested in a military career, please see your ROTC instructor to sign up with a recruiter.

• ASVAB – To gain entrance into the military service, you must obtain a minimum qualifying score.

• Sign up in the counseling office.

Fall: Nov. 08
Spring: Feb. 07
College and Military Visits

- Refer to the Senior Webpage, Senior Newsletter, Mr. Martinez’s weekly email or the display case (across from the counseling office) for a listing of dates when colleges and recruiters will visit MAC.

- College representatives and recruiters meet either in the Career Center, Senior Dining Room or Library.
NEISD College Night
November 1 (6 pm – 8 pm)

Blossom Athletic Center—Littleton Gymnasium
Financial Aid Sessions at
5:30 PM, 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM
at Piper Bass Student Center
Choosing a Program & School

- Location
- Size
- Facilities & “Extras”
- Placement Rates & Reputation
- Admission Requirements
- Majors, Degrees & Programs
Transcripts and Credits to Graduate

Check your credits
Preliminary Official Rank

- **Preliminary 6th Semester Rank**
  - Request before Friday, September 15th
  - No rank will be given out Sept. 18th-21st
  - Rank is on transcript you received today

- **Official 6th Semester Rank**
  - Available September 22nd
  - Preliminary rank will be gone
How to Apply for College

• After narrowing your college list, start applying for colleges by completing your Apply Texas application at www.applytexas.org.

• Private schools have their own applications. Check their websites.

• If applying out of state use the Common Application at www.commonapp.org.

• Students will have the opportunity to complete the Apply Texas application through their Gov/Eco classes.
How to Apply for College, cont.

• **FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS**
• Do not skip any parts on the application.
• Be as thorough as possible.
• This is the time to brag about yourself.
• Additional items may need to be mailed (fee waiver, letter of recommendation, etc.)
• **Make sure to click “Submit.”**

• Be aware of college application deadlines – many have December 1st deadlines
• Examples: different deadlines for admission, admission with scholarships, early action and honors college
Once You’ve Applied - Essays

• Write required essays and have them proofread. Not all colleges require essays, so check.

• If you have borderline grades, write an essay about Topic C (on the Apply Texas or Common Application) even if you are not required to write an essay.
Once You’ve Applied -
Letters of Recommendations

• Colleges who ask for letters of recommendations do read them.

• Not all colleges want recommendation letters, so do not send one if not requested.

• Only ask for a recommendation from people who know you well and will write a positive letter.
Once You’ve Applied – Sending a Transcript

• See Mrs. Kersten in A103.09
  (1) Make sure your Transcript Release Form is on file with Mrs. Kersten
  (2) Fill out Transcript Request Form

• Cost of each transcript $5 ($1st one is free)
• Transcripts for scholarships are free.
• Requests should be made at least two weeks before a deadline.
Before you eat pie... APPLY!!

Wednesday, Nov.15 - Deadline
Friday, Nov.17 - Pie
Helpful Resources

- **Ms. Endaisia Love** College Advising Core
- **Ms. Jennifer Martinez** SAEP (San Antonio Educational Partnership)

- Ms. Love and Ms. Martinez will assist students/parents with all aspects of college such as: help with college applications, searching for scholarships, applying for financial aid, etc.
- They are housed in the Career Center.
Career Center—B116

• We have a Career Center located across from the counseling office.
• Computers are available to research colleges, take interest inventories, and actually apply online.
• Information from different colleges is available.

The Career Center is open daily, before school, after school and during lunch.
Café College
131 El Paso St.
San Antonio, TX 78204

- Additional resource for college planning
- Financial Aid planning
- SAT / ACT prep
- Help with college application
- Essay writing
How to Pay for College

Formula for Determining Financial Aid:

Cost of School
-- Expected Family Contribution

__________________________

= Financial Need

✓ YOU MUST ACTIVELY SEARCH FOR AID

✓ Scholarship information is posted on the Senior Webpage as it is received. Check this site frequently.
FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

• Everyone needs to apply.
• Obtain a pin number for yourself and your parent in the fall.
• Complete and submit as soon as possible after October 1, 2017 (electronically using your pin number.) You will use your parents 2016 tax return information.
Searching for Aid

✓ Apply early for financial aid
✓ Search the internet using websites like www.collegefortexans.com www.fastweb.com
✓ Check the websites of the colleges you are interested in attending
✓ Visit the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation, 1250 N.E. Loop 410 Suite 810, to use their free library and databases
✓ Visit the MAC Career Center - B116
✓ Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
SAVE the DATE!!
College Application Drive

When?  Saturday, September 16, 2017
Where?  MacArthur High School Library
Other Events in September

September 11, 2017
Baylor Rep Visit

September 21, 2017
UIW Rep Visit

September 27, 2017
UTSA Rep Visit
Café College Scholarship Drive
National Collegiate Athletic Association

NCAA Eligibility Center

Athletic scholarships from Division I and Division II schools

• Register on line with the NCAA Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org

• Request an official transcript be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
IMPORTANT DATES!

✓ Senior Parent Meeting  Sept. 7
✓ 6th Semester Rank  Sept. 22
✓ NEISD College Night  Nov. 1
  w/Financial Aid Sessions
✓ 7th Sem. Final Ranks  Jan. 19
✓ Summa Reception  March 8
✓ Graduation  June 8
Seniors 2018 (and parents) take out your phones for Mac Counseling reminders!  www.remind.com

To receive messages via text, text @maccoun to 81010. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @maccoun'.

Trouble using 81010? Try texting @maccoun to (210) 348-3934 instead.

*Standard text message rates apply.
This presentation and the Senior Brochure are located on the Counselor’s Corner:
https://www.neisd.net/domain/903
Questions??
Do you want to help plan Senior Activities?

Run for Senior Class Officer or join the Senior Board!!
Attend ONE of these meetings for information:

- Monday, 9/11/17 at 4:20pm
- Or
- Tuesday, 9/12/17 at 8:15am

Room A213

See Ms. Moyer if you have questions!