

Welcome Junior Parents/Guardians!

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22, 2025



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Advanced Manufacturing	Business Technology/ Marketing	Carpentry	Cosmetology
Auto Collision Repair & Finishing	Drafting	Electrical	Culinary Arts/Hospitality Management
Automotive Tech	Graphic Communications	HVAC	Design & Visual Communications
Medical Assisting	Health Assisting	Plumbing	Electronics/ Engineering
Dental Assisting	Masonry		ISSN/Programming & Web Development
Metal Fabrication & Joining			

College/Career Planning Night Agenda

- ▶ Post – Secondary Options Overview
- ▶ Junior-Year Recommended Timeline
- ▶ Types of Admission Deadlines
- ▶ Common Application
- ▶ SAT test dates
- ▶ College Search Resources
- ▶ Financial Aid Overview
- ▶ Military Options
- ▶ Co-operative Education/ Licensure
- ▶ Upcoming Events
- ▶ Question & Answer Session



Post- Secondary Options



Licensure Programs/Career Training



Military/Service Academies



2-year and 4-Year Colleges/Universities



Employment/Apprenticeship/Union



Recommended Junior into Senior Year Timeline

WINTER

- Register for SATs/ACTs
- Attend college information sessions
- Research colleges
- Begin building college list
- Select challenging classes for Senior Year
- Register with NCAA Clearinghouse (Student-Athletes)

SPRING

- Visit college campuses
- Attend college fairs
- Take SATs/ACTs
- Request teacher letters of recommendation
- Begin college essay
- Research scholarships & financial aid

SUMMER

- Continue to visit college campuses
- Create Common Application account
- Continue drafting college essay
- Update college list in Naviance
- Review admissions requirements and deadlines

FALL

- Retake SAT for higher score if necessary
- Complete Common Application
- Finalize College Essay
- Attend Shawsheen Tech College & Career Fair
- Attend Financial Aid Night
- Submit College Applications

Types of Admission Deadlines

Early Action

- **Deadlines**
October/November
- **Decision notification**
December/January

Early Decision

- **Same deadline & decision notification**
as EA
- **Can only apply to one Early Decision college**
- **Decision is binding**

Regular Decision

- **Deadlines**
anywhere from January to April
- **Decision notification**
anywhere between 2-12 weeks

Rolling Admissions

- **Application**
reviewed as soon as all materials received
- **Decision notification**
is usually 2-3 weeks

Community Colleges

- Earn an Associate Degree or Certificate
- Open Admission
 - Any student with a high school diploma or GED/HiSet will be accepted
 - No GPA requirements or SATs (Some majors [Dental/Nursing] require prerequisites)
 - Quick application process



Massachusetts Free Community College

► Requirements

- Must complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Resident in MA for at least 1-year
- Must continue to live in MA until degree/program completion
- Tuition & fees covered
- Textbooks not covered
- Must be enrolled in minimum of 6 credits per semester in a degree or certificate program

Massachusetts Free Community College Requirements for Non-US Citizens

- ▶ Attend a MA high school for at least 3 years
- ▶ Earn a diploma in MA
- ▶ Complete a MAFSA (Massachusetts Application for State Aid)
- ▶ Provide one of the following documents
 - ▶ Valid Social Security number
 - ▶ Taxpayer ID number
 - ▶ Proof of registration for Selective Service

MASS TRANSFER/ Commonwealth Commitment

Begin at one of the MA community colleges and complete an Associate Degree within 2.5 years.

Transfer to one of Massachusetts' State Universities or UMass campuses

Guaranteed admission to MA State University with a 2.5 GPA

Guaranteed transfer of credits into Bachelor Program

Additional discounts for students who maintain 3.0 GPA

4-Year College/University Admission Requirements

- ▶ Transcript
 - ▶ Strength of classes (quality/rigor)
 - ▶ Academic performance/grades and GPA
- ▶ Essay(s)
- ▶ Letters of recommendation
- ▶ Extracurricular activities
- ▶ SAT/ACT scores (if required)

*Highly Selective Private Colleges (BU, Northeastern, Harvard) will have more rigorous requirements such as supplemental essays, interviews, 4+ years of all core academic subjects



Discover *your* community colleges, state universities & UMass campuses

- = Community Colleges
- = State Universities
- ◆ = UMass Campuses

- 1 **Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield**
(413) 499-4660 | www.berkshirecc.edu
- 2 **Mass. College of Liberal Arts, North Adams**
(413) 662-5000 | www.mcla.edu
- 3 **Greenfield Community College, Greenfield**
(413) 775-1000 | www.gcc.mass.edu
- 4 **University of Massachusetts Amherst**
(413) 545-0111 | www.umass.edu
- 5 **Holyoke Community College, Holyoke**
(413) 538-7000 | www.hcc.edu
- 6 **Westfield State University, Westfield**
(413) 572-5300 | www.westfield.ma.edu
- 7 **Springfield Tech. Community College, Springfield**
(413) 781-7822 | www.stcc.edu
- 8 **Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner**
(978) 632-6600 | www.mwcc.edu
- 9 **Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg**
(978) 345-2151 | www.fitchburgstate.edu
- 10 **Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester**
(508) 853-2300 | www.qcc.edu
- 11 **Worcester State University, Worcester**
(508) 793-8000 | www.worcester.edu
- 12 **University of Mass. Medical School, Worcester**
(508) 856-8989 | www.umassmed.edu

- 13 **Framingham State University, Framingham**
(508) 620-1220 | www.framingham.edu
- 14 **MassBay Community College, Wellesley Hills**
(781) 239-3000 | www.massbay.edu
- 15 **Middlesex Community College, Bedford**
(781) 280-3200 | www.middlesex.mass.edu
- 16 **University of Massachusetts Lowell**
(978) 934-4000 | www.uml.edu
- 17 **Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill**
(978) 556-3000 | www.necc.mass.edu
- 18 **North Shore Community College, Danvers**
(978) 762-4000 | www.northshore.edu
- 19 **Salem State University, Salem**
(978) 542-6000 | www.salemstate.edu

- 20 **Bunker Hill Community College, Boston**
(617) 228-2000 | www.bhcc.edu
- 21 **Roxbury Community College, Boston**
(617) 427-0060 | www.rcc.mass.edu
- 22 **Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston**
(617) 879-7000 | www.massart.edu
- 23 **University of Massachusetts Boston**
(617) 287-5000 | www.umb.edu
- 24 **Massasoit Community College, Brockton**
(508) 588-9100 | www.massasoit.edu
- 25 **Bristol Community College, Fall River**
(508) 678-2811 | www.bristolcc.edu

- 26 **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth**
(508) 999-8000 | www.umassd.edu
- 27 **Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater**
(508) 697-1200 | www.bridgew.edu
- 28 **Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Buzzards Bay**
(508) 830-5000 | www.maritime.edu
- 29 **Cape Cod Community College, West Barnstable**
(508) 362-2131 | www.capecod.edu



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MA State College/University Admission Requirements

17 required courses

Subject	Requirements for first-year students		
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017 and beyond
English	4 courses		
Mathematics	3 courses (Algebra I & II and Geometry or Trigonometry or comparable coursework)	4 courses (Algebra I & II and Geometry or Trigonometry, or comparable coursework) including mathematics during the final year of high school*	
Sciences	3 courses (from Natural Science and/or Physical Science and/or Technology/Engineering, including 2 courses with laboratory work).		3 courses (from Natural Science and/or Physical Science and/or Technology/Engineering), including 3 courses with laboratory work*
Social Sciences	2 courses (including 1 course in U.S. History)		
Foreign Languages	2 courses (in a single language) <i>Note: American Sign Language (ASL) is a foreign language.</i>		
Electives	2 courses (from the above subjects or from the Arts & Humanities or Computer Sciences)		



MA State University World Language Requirement Exception for CTE Students

- ▶ Complete an additional academic elective and (1) of the following options:
 - ▶ Complete one World Language course (such as Spanish 1)
 - ▶ Complete an additional course in Science, Technology, or Engineering
 - ▶ Does not need to be a laboratory course
 - ▶ Complete one Computer Science course



MA State University Minimum GPA Requirements

- ▶ 3.0 GPA required for both the state universities and the UMass campuses
 - ▶ Recalculated and weighted for Honors & Concurrent Enrollment courses
 - ▶ Courses not noted as CP/Honors/CE do not count
- ▶ GPA/SAT Score sliding scale can be used for students who do not meet the 3.0 GPA requirement



Common Application

- ▶ Largest college application platform
- ▶ More than 1,000 schools participate – use Common App to apply to multiple schools
- ▶ Site is free to use – individual schools typically charge an application fee
- ▶ Schools also may use their own college application that applies only to their institution
 - ▶ Many colleges who offer their own application will also accept the Common App



2024-2025 SAT Administrative Dates & Deadlines

[Click here to register for the SAT](#)

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025
August 23, 2025	TBD	TBD
September 13, 2025	TBD	TBD
October 4, 2025	TBD	TBD
November 8, 2025	TBD	TBD
December 6, 2025	TBD	TBD

3-hour exam

- Evidence Based Reading & Writing**
- Math

Shawsheen Tech
School Code: 220473

****Students who plan to take Concurrent Enrollment Courses at ST need to score 480 on Evidence-Based Reading & Writing if they did not take a PSAT or did not earn a 480 on PSAT**

Test Fee: \$68
Late Fee: \$34
Score Reports: \$14

Fee Waivers Available
(speak to your counselor)

Recommended Resources for College Research



- ▶ Students can use their Naviance account to research schools and find their college match
- ▶ Add colleges of interest to “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list



- ▶ Niche.com college data, essential information, ratings & opinions gathered from current and former students



- ▶ College Board Big Future is another tool to help students plan for college, pay for college, and explore



Financial Aid Overview

- ▶ The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - ▶ Determines eligibility for federal financial aid
- ▶ CSS Profile
 - ▶ Required by some schools
 - ▶ Determine eligibility for non-federal financial aid
- ▶ Scholarships
 - ▶ Merit (Academic) – Institutional
 - ▶ Local
 - ▶ National
 - ▶ Athletic
 - ▶ Student Specific

****Plan to attend our MEFA Financial Aid Night in the Fall for a more comprehensive overview of the financial aid process!****



Net Price Calculator

- ▶ The Net Price Calculator gives estimate of potential college costs
 - ▶ “Net price” is the amount of money students and parents pay for college out-of-pocket and/or through student loans
 - ▶ Net price=
 - ▶ total cost of attendance (tuition, room & board, and books)
 - ▶ Minus any grants and scholarships
 - ▶ Can be found on the college website in the financial aid section
 - ▶ Uses information such as parent income, taxes, assets along with student GPA, class rank, and standardized test scores
 - ▶ Some college’s Net Price Calculators are more accurate than others and may not include potential merit-based aid in the calculation

Military and Service Academies



- ASVAB test offered at Shawsheen Tech for juniors and seniors on May 21st
- Military recruiters visit ST once per month outside of the cafeteria
- Service Academies:
 - * Army (West Point)
 - * Air Force (Colorado)
 - * Navy (Annapolis)
 - * U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (New York)
 - Coast Guard (Connecticut)
 - Entrance is very competitive All have a component of required military service.
 - Programs with * require congressional appointments

Student Licensure Hours received at Shawsheen

- ▶ Students receive hours towards state licensure in the following shops
 - ▶ Plumbing
 - ▶ HVAC
 - ▶ Cosmetology
 - ▶ Electrical



Examples of Licensure Requirements

Massachusetts Journeyman Electrical Examination readiness

- ▶ **Work Experience** – 8,000 clock hours under a master electrician
 - ▶ A co-op student can obtain up to 2,000 hours here at Shawsheen
- ▶ **Education Theory** – 600 clock hours of classroom instruction
 - ▶ Shawsheen students can earn up to 300 of the required 600 hours at ST

Massachusetts Journeyman Plumbing Examination readiness

- ▶ **Work Experience** – 6,800 clock hours under a master plumber
 - ▶ A co-op student can obtain 1,700 hours here at Shawsheen
- ▶ **Education Theory** – 550 clock hours of classroom instruction
 - ▶ Shawsheen students can earn up to 330 clock hours can be earned at ST towards tiers 1, 2, & 3



Licensure/Technical Programs and Career Training Options

- Shawsheen Tech – Adult Education program
- Other Regional Vocational Schools – Greater Lowell, Nashoba Tech
- Peterson School, Portsmouth Naval Yard, General Dynamics Bath Ironworks
- Community Colleges with vocational programs –Middlesex, Mass Bay, Northern Essex, North Shore, Bunker Hill, Southern Maine, Central Maine, etc.
- Unions-Pipefitters, Bricklayers, Laborers, Plumbers, Electrical, Ironworkers, etc.



Cooperative Education

- ▶ Opportunity for students to be employed in their fields of study while still in high school.
- ▶ Students may become eligible as early as their junior year.
- ▶ Placement is always in the student's vocational major to enhance and expand the student's understanding of the career field.
- ▶ Fourth-quarter eligibility is based on standards for the first three quarters of junior year
 - Attendance and Punctuality
 - Maximum of 6 total days absent
 - Maximum combined total of 9 days absents and tardy



This presentation will be in
our February newsletter as
well as on our school
website

Reach out to your student's
guidance counselor with
any additional questions

College and Career
Planning Guide (hard copy
available upon request)





QUESTIONS?