



MPS is committed to rigorous offerings and standards for all students. Whatever your area of interest, MPS has a pathway to success for you. Postsecondary education might include two- or four-year degree programs, certificates/licensures, apprenticeships or training programs, even the military. Whatever path you take, we will help you find a successful career. Use the checklist to stay on track, and be sure to ask your counselor/support or College and Career Center staff for assistance.

### ***SENIOR Postsecondary Checklist***

#### ***Fall Semester***

- Create an [FSA ID](#) and collect any information you need for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov) in August.
- Are you enrolled in all of the classes you need to meet college entrance requirements? Gather [letters of recommendations](#)—you will need these for college applications and scholarships.
- On/after October 1, complete the [FAFSA](#). Many colleges have FAFSA priority deadlines.
- To complete your FAFSA application, get assistance at a [College Goal Wisconsin event](#).
- Make a list of college and scholarship application deadlines. (Hint: You can use your student planner to keep track!)
- Go on [college visits](#).
- [Register for the ACT](#) if you want to retake it; [register for SAT subject tests](#) if your college requires it.
- Submit college applications, and get help with personal statements at the College and Career Center.
- Find your college *fit*. Do your research and narrow down your choices.
- Sign up for summer bridge programs.

#### ***Spring Semester***

- Apply for [fire cadet/police aide](#) or other apprentice opportunities.
- Create student portal accounts to view admission status and updates.
- Look for summer employment opportunities.
- Check your prospective college student account for possible financial verification information.
- Pay your tuition deposit. Visit the CACC/counselor for options to defer/waive payment.
- [Volunteer](#), complete community service hours.
- Apply for scholarships. Go to the College and Career Center for applications.
- Keep attendance and grades on track this semester. Some colleges will reverse the acceptance if you get caught in a senior slide.
- Compare financial aid packages with a counselor/CACC staff member/support.
- Take placement test; for example, Accuplacer, [UW placement test](#).
- Complete [loan entrance counseling](#) and sign [master promissory note](#).
- Pay/sign housing contract fees.