

WELCOME JUNIOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS!

Wednesday January 17, 2024



School Counseling Staff

Angela Caira/Andy Alsup

Grade 9

Greg Harrison

(Grades 10-12)

Advanced Manufacturing

Auto Collision Repair & Finishing

Automotive Technology

Dental Assisting

Medical Assisting

Metal Fabrication & Joining

Terry Henry

(Grades 10-12)

Business Technology/Marketing

Drafting

Graphic Communications

Health Assisting

Masonry

Kelly McFadden

(Grades 10-12)

Carpentry

Electrical

HVAC

Plumbing

Amanda Samaha

(Grades 10-12)

Cosmetology

Culinary Arts/Hospitality Mgmt.

DVC

Electronics/Engineering

Information Support Services &

Networking/Programming & Web

Development



College and Career Planning Discussion

Post – Secondary Options Overview

- Licensure Programs/Career Training.
- Military/Service Academies.
- 2 year and 4 Year College/Universities – Mass Transfer and MA State University Admissions.
- Shawsheen Cooperative Education.
- Employment/Apprenticeship/Union.

Junior Year College Timeline

Types of Admission Applications

Common Application

SAT test dates

Naviance: College Search

Financial Aid Overview

Upcoming Events



Housekeeping

- This presentation will be in our February newsletter as well as on our school website.
- A Question-and-Answer session will follow the presentation.
- Please contact your child's Guidance Counselor if you have a particular question(s) relative to your student.
- College and Career Planning Guide available (1 per family please).
- We appreciate your feedback – short survey



Post-Secondary Licensure/Technical Programs

- Shawsheen Tech – Adult Education program
- Other Regional Vocational Schools – Greater Lowell, Nashoba Tech
- Peterson School
- Community Colleges with vocational programs – Southern Maine, Central Maine, New England Tech



Licensure Hours at Shawsheen

While at Shawsheen, students receive licensure hours that can be used towards required hours for state examinations/licensure.

Shops where students receive licensure/work experience hours include:

Plumbing

Electricity

HVAC

Metal Fabrication

Cosmetology



Licensure Examples

Electricity

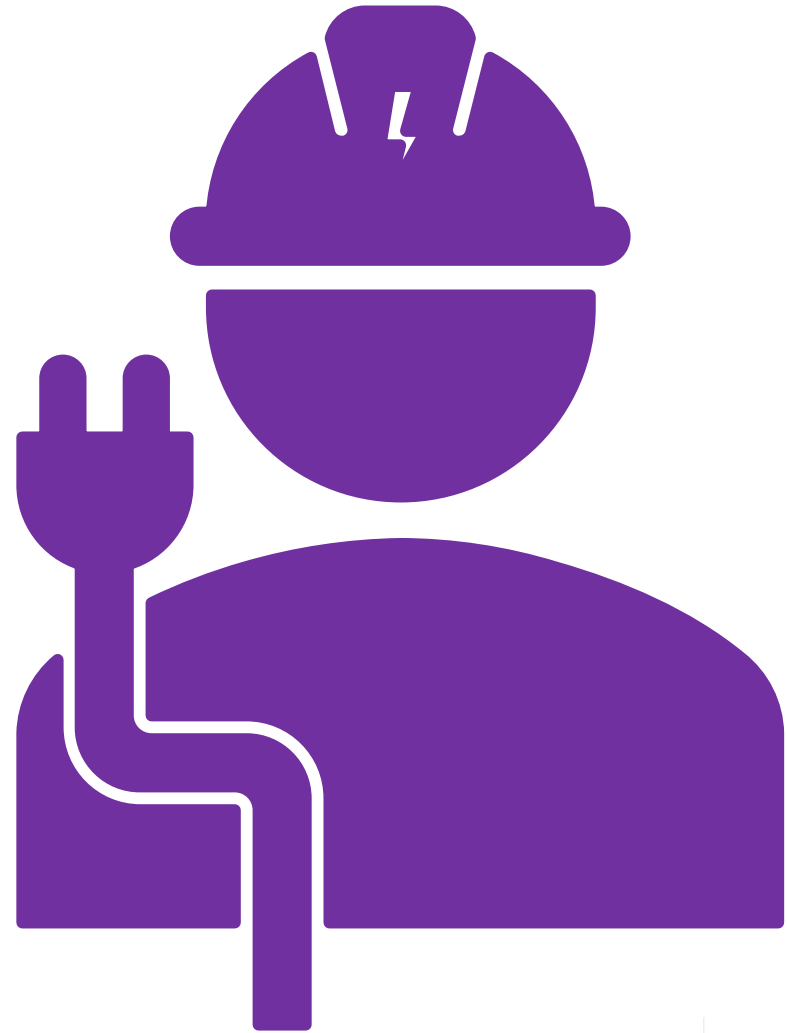
Criteria to be eligible for admission to the Massachusetts journeyman electrical examination:

- **Work Experience** – 8,000 clock hours of experience under a master electrician (a co-op student can obtain 1,000 hours here at Shawsheen)
- **Education Theory** – Successfully complete without substantial interruption 600 clock hours of classroom instruction, post high school graduation. No more than 150 hours of education can be credited for a calendar year. (5) years is typically the post-secondary timeline.

Plumbing

Criteria to be eligible for admission to the journeyman plumber examination:

- **Work Experience** – 8,500 clock hours of experience under a master plumber (a co-op student can obtain 1,000 hours here at Shawsheen)
- **Education Theory** – Successfully complete without substantial interruption 550 clock hours of classroom instruction, post high school graduation. No more than 110 hours of education can be credited for a calendar year. (5) years is typically the post-secondary timeline.



Military/Service Academies



- ASVAB Test at Shawsheen on May 21, 2024 for Juniors and Seniors.
- Military Recruiters visit 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)

Similar to 4-year colleges. All have a component of required military service. Entrance is very competitive.

*Requires congressional appointments.



2-Year Community College/Private Overview

2-year colleges - Associate's Degrees

- Any student with a high school diploma or GED/HiSet can apply/attend
- Generally, no GPA requirements or SATs (check specific program). Some programs more competitive than others.
 - For example, Health/Dental Program at Middlesex Community College
- Quick application process
- Transcript required

Private two-year colleges are similar to a community college; however, there are generally more expensive and often residential.

*State of Maine community colleges. Some having housing. Free tuition.



MassTransfer Option

Massachusetts students start at a Massachusetts State Community College. Students determine a set of freshman and sophomore courses in a major so that the credits they earn at a Community College are guaranteed to transfer to a State U or UMass campus and count towards a bachelor's degree.

If students earn an Associate's Degree and graduate from a community college with at least a B average they will have guaranteed admission to a State U or UMass to complete their junior & senior years—with no application fees or essays.



4-Year College/University Overview

4-year Colleges/Universities culminate in a Bachelor's Degree (B.A. Bachelor of Arts or B.S. Bachelor of Science)

Public vs. Private difference

What are they looking for?

- 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) may have more rigorous requirements including, for example supplemental essay, interviews, 4+ years of all core academic subjects



Mass State College Admissions

The admissions standards for the state universities and University of Massachusetts emphasize strong academic preparation while in high school. These standards represent minimum requirements; meeting them does not guarantee admission, since college officials consider a wide range of factors in admissions decisions.

The admissions standards for freshmen applicants to the state universities and University of Massachusetts have several components:

- Fulfillment of all requirements for the high school diploma or its equivalent;
- Submission of an SAT or ACT score. Some schools are SAT/ACT optional
- 17 required academic courses; and
- Minimum required grade point average (GPA) earned in college preparatory courses completed at the time of application.

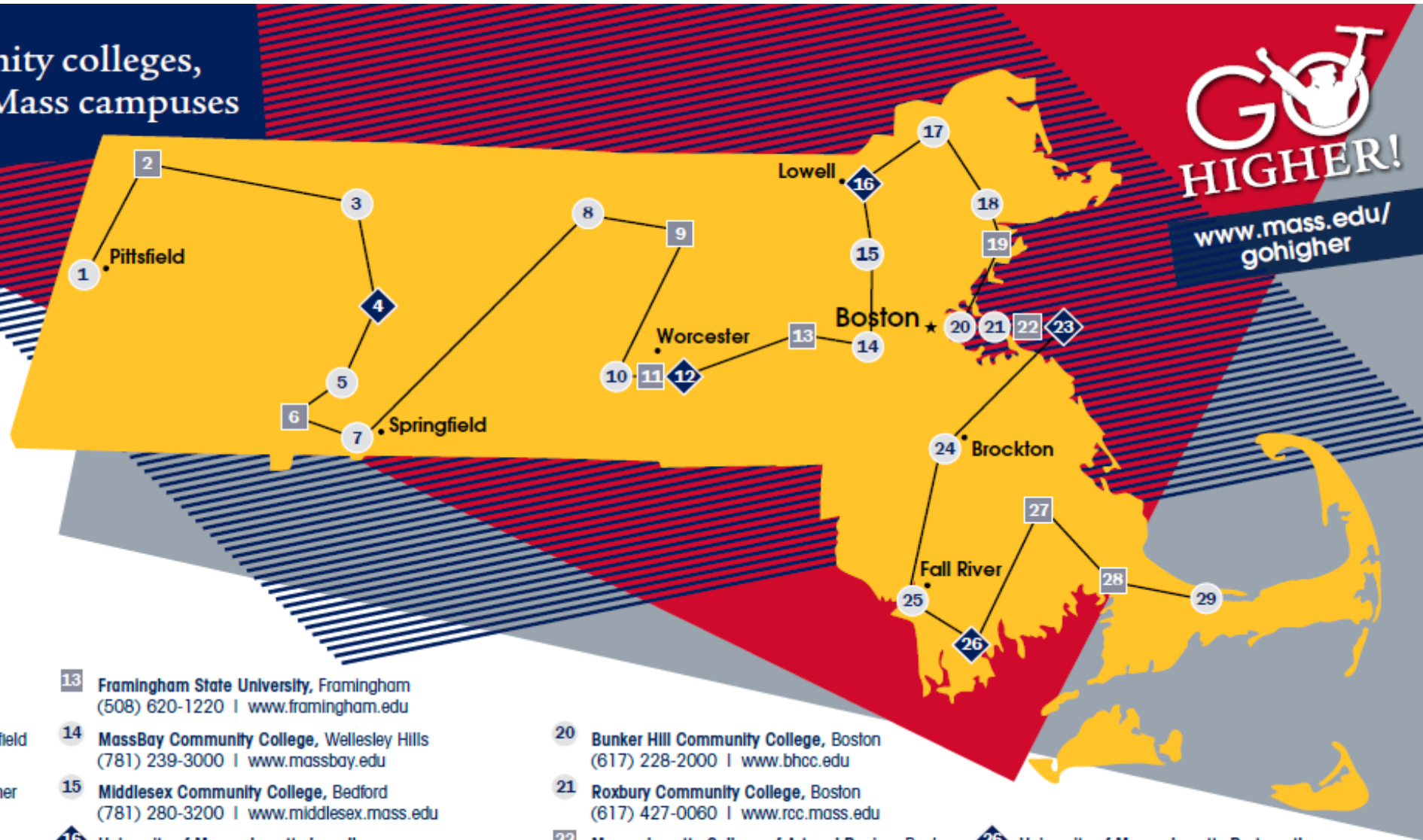


Discover *your* community colleges, state universities & UMass campuses



www.mass.edu/gohigher

- = 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

Mass State College Admissions

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)		



Mass State College Admissions Foreign Language Requirement

Applicants enrolled in career/vocational technical high school programs must complete the required number of college preparatory courses, distributed in the same manner and with the same minimum grade point averages required of other high school graduates, with the following exceptions:

- Two vocational and technical courses may be used to fulfill the two required electives.

Applicants who do not complete the two required foreign language courses must complete an additional academic elective course based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, and also satisfy one of the following options:

- Complete at least one full academic year of study of foreign language or
- Complete a fourth full academic year of study of science, or
- Technology/engineering, which need not be a laboratory course; or
- Complete one full academic year of study of computer science.



Mass State College Admissions Minimum GPA Requirements

The minimum average GPA for first-year applicants, weighted for accelerated (Honors, Dual Enrollment, and Advanced Placement) courses, is 3.0 for both the state universities and the UMass campuses.

Calculating the weighted GPA is a process conducted by admissions offices and does not reflect policies and practices in place in high schools. This GPA is based on all academic courses completed and grades received for courses in which the student is currently enrolled (for example, mathematics courses in which the student is enrolled during the senior year of high school).



Shawsheen Cooperative Education

Cooperative education provides a unique 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. Cooperative education employment is always in the students vocational major enhancing and expanding the students understanding of the career field.

- Fourth-quarter eligibility (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



Employment/Apprenticeship/Union

- Employment – Most students graduating from Shawsheen will be entering the world of competitive employment in a fulltime capacity.
- Apprenticeship Programs – There are formal and informal apprenticeship opportunities available in many of the vocational/technical programs of study at Shawsheen. An apprenticeship is a paid employment position with a clearly defined path and an educational/training component.
- Union apprenticeship is also an option for students. Union representative visits and applications are coordinated through Guidance.



Junior Year College Timeline

FALL

Review class schedule

Get involved with Activities & Community Service

Take PSATs

Plan for SATs, ACTs (study guides/Khan Academy)

Research 4-year College Admissions Standards

Attend college fairs/college visits

Perform College Search

WINTER

Select challenging classes for Senior Year

Register for SATs/ACTs

Begin building college list

Attend college visits and info sessions

SPRING

Prepare for Co-op

Visit colleges and attend college fairs

Research colleges and refine list

Take SATs/ACTs

Talk to teachers, counselors about letters of recommendation

Begin College Essay

Research Scholarships and Financial Aid

Update Resume

Register with NCAA Clearinghouse (Student-Athletes)

SUMMER

Visit College Campuses

Continue to work at co-op job

Create Common Application account

Finalize College Essay(s)

Update College List in Naviance

Review Admissions Requirements and Deadlines



Types of Admission Applications

- Early Admission Options
 - Under these plans students can apply early- well before the usual deadline- and get a decision early. These plans usually require you to apply in October or November. They will give you a decision in December or January.
 - Early Action – Students can apply to more than one early action college. If they are accepted, students can accept, wait or decline the offer.
 - Early Decision – Students can apply to one early decision college. This is a binding application.
- Regular Decision – Typically January 1st, January 15th, February 1st
- Rolling Admissions - A college considers each student's application as soon as all the materials are submitted. Notification of acceptance is usually immediate.

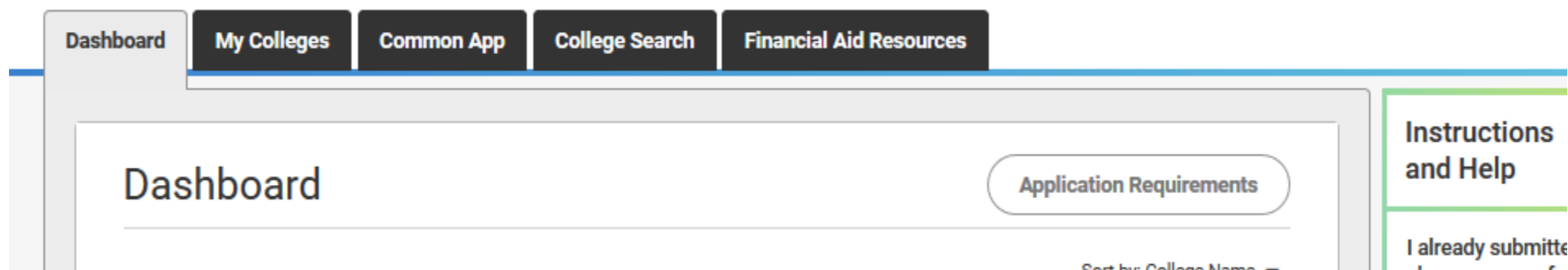
Common Application (App)

- 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 may charge an application fee.
- Schools also may use their own “individual” college application that applies only to their institution. Most colleges who offer their own application will also accept the Common Application (App).



Common Application (App)

- Dashboard – list of your schools, deadlines, and the status of your application.
- My Colleges – school specific questions, supplements, short responses, additional essays – if required, application fees submitted here, submit to each school here.
- Common App – the general application - completed once.
- College Search – where you add schools to your list.
- Financial Aid Resources – helpful info.



Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)/ACT



**Upcoming 2024
SAT Administration
Dates and
Deadlines**



**TO REGISTER FOR
THE SAT EXAM,
YOU MUST
REGISTER ONLINE
AT:**

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/>

TEST FEE: \$60

***If you register after the
Registration Deadline**

**and during the Late
Registration period, you
will**

**be charged a late fee of
\$30. This fee is subject
to change**



**For more
information, please
check in with your
guidance counselor**



SAT

Stand out to colleges. Take the **SAT**.



Scan the
code to
register today.

OUR SCHOOL CODE IS:

2	2	0	4	7	3
---	---	---	---	---	---

2023 TEST DATES—PAPER SAT®

AUG 26	OCT 7	NOV 4	DEC 2
-------------------	------------------	------------------	------------------

REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES

JUL 28	SEP 7	OCT 5	NOV 2
---------------	--------------	--------------	--------------

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINES*

AUG 15	SEP 26	OCT 24	NOV 21
---------------	---------------	---------------	---------------

2024 TEST DATES—DIGITAL SAT

MAR 9	MAY 4	JUN 1
------------------	------------------	------------------

REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES

FEB 23	APR 19	MAY 16
---------------	---------------	---------------

CANCELLATION DEADLINES

FEB 27	APR 23	MAY 21
---------------	---------------	---------------

The SAT will transition to digital for U.S. test centers starting in March 2024. Visit sat.org/digital for more information.

Test dates and registration deadlines may change. Check sat.org for updates.

Deadlines expire at 11:59 pm U.S. Eastern Time.
*Late fee applies.



Naviance College Search

<https://succeed.naviance.com/main/dashboards/dashboard.php>

With thousands of colleges to choose from, figuring out which ones should go on your college list is quite a daunting task.

“What are the best colleges for me?”

There is no substitution for first-hand experience and a meaningful, engaging college visit can help you find the college that is the right fit for your child.



Financial Aid Overview

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - all schools require.
- College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile - some schools require
- Scholarships
 - Merit (Academic) – Institutional
 - Local
 - National
 - Athletic
 - Student Specific

Shawsheen will host a Massachusetts Education Finance Authority (MEFA) event in the Fall of 2024



Upcoming Events

- College admissions representatives visiting Shawsheen Tech for small group meetings with Juniors. January-March. Students register for visits through Naviance.
- Shawsheen College Fair – October 2024
- Shawsheen MEFA Financial Aid Night – Fall 2024
- Boston National College Fair May 2 and May 3 2024 – [NACAC National College Fair – Boston \(nacacattend.org\)](https://nacacattend.org)



Please take a moment to complete our feedback form

Junior Parent/Guardian College & Career Night Feedback Form

