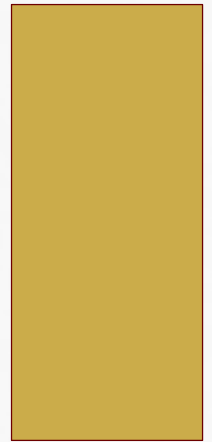


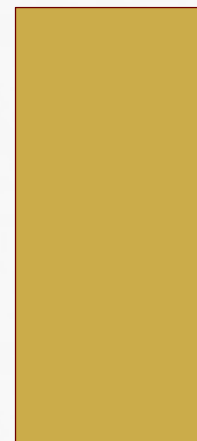
BROTHER MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL



COLLEGE EXPLORATION FOR JUNIORS



TIMETABLE



TIMETABLE FOR COLLEGE PLANNING

Junior Year

- Attend College Fair at Brother Martin (September 21st)
- Attend NACAC College Fair at Pontchartrain Center (September 19th)
- Attend Career Day (October 20th)
- Take PSAT (October)
- Attend Junior College Planning Seminar at Brother Martin (October 26th)
- Take ACT *at least* once as a junior
- Meet with college representatives at Brother Martin
- Meet with College Counselor during 2nd semester

TIMETABLE FOR COLLEGE PLANNING

Junior Year

- Engage in college and scholarship search on internet, Naviance, College Board, All About College
- Attend “Take the Next Step” – March 20th (mandatory for juniors)
- Start asking teachers, etc. for recommendations
- VISIT COLLEGES!!!!!!!!!!
 - You should visit as many colleges as possible during the summer. The College Run is one option for doing so, but you can also do so with your parents. School absences are not excused for college visits.

TIMETABLE FOR COLLEGE PLANNING

Senior Year – August through October

- Take ACT again (if necessary)
- Attend Brother Martin and NACAC College Fairs
- Continue college and scholarship searches (internet)
- Continue college visits (if necessary)
- Complete applications to Louisiana public universities

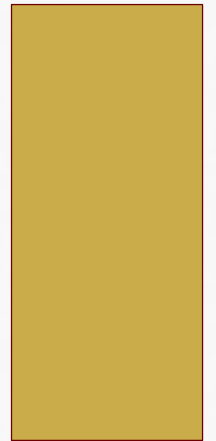
Senior Year – October and early November

- Complete all applications (Louisiana public school applications should already be completed)

Senior Year – October

- Complete FAFSA and CSS/Financial Aid Profile

COLLEGE EXPLORATION



COLLEGE EXPLORATION

What are you looking for? What makes a good fit?

Importance of Existing Friendships

Family Traditions

Campus Facilities

Location (weather, proximity to home, cost of living)

Size

Housing

Greek Life

Athletics

Clubs and Activities Available

Transportation to and from Campus

COLLEGE EXPLORATION

What are you looking for? What makes a good fit?

Religious Affiliation

Student to Teacher Ratio

Attrition Rate of Freshman Class

Diversity of Students and Faculty

Study Abroad Programs

Merit and Need Based Scholarship Availability

Degree Offerings

Career Placement Offerings and Success Rates

Admissions Standards

Cost

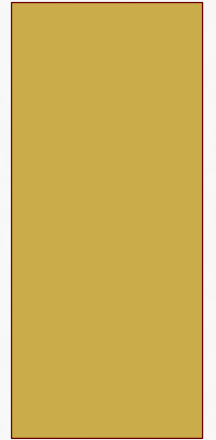
NAVIANCE

- Web address: naviance.com
- Click sign in – choose “students and families sign-in”
- Postal code – 70122
- Choose “Brother Martin High School”
- Use Brother Martin username and password.
- Students may use *Naviance* to explore college and career choices.

NAVIANCE

- Students *MUST* use *Naviance* to request recommendation letters and transcripts for applications next year.
- All juniors were introduced to *Naviance* during classroom meeting last year. They will be asked to complete the “Career Interest Profiler” under the “About Me” tab prior to meeting with Ms. Wild during the 2nd semester. This information and information from the sophomore interview will be discussed during individual meetings.

ADMISSIONS STANDARDS



CORE GPA VS. CUMULATIVE GPA

CORE/TOPS GPA

- Your TOPS GPA includes only classes listed on your TOPS worksheet. It does not include PE, some electives, and some religion classes. Many colleges also refer to this GPA as the core GPA. Your TOPS GPA will not be rounded to qualify for TOPS.

Cumulative GPA

- Your cumulative GPA appears in the top right-hand corner of your transcript. It includes all classes on your transcript. Most colleges will recalculate your GPA on another scale, so your cumulative GPA is used mainly for class ranking at Brother Martin.

CALCULATE TOPS GPA

- Students calculate their TOPS GPA each semester starting in their sophomore year.

Academic Classes

A = 4.0

B = 3.0

C = 2.0

D = 1.0

F = 0.0

SOME Honors Classes

A = 5.0

B = 4.0

C = 3.0

D = 2.0

F = 0.0

Some honors classes will be awarded points on a 5 point scale. These are very specific classes. Please see me for a list.

STATE ADMISSIONS STANDARDS (LA PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES)

- The following slides show AUTOMATIC admission requirements for the Louisiana public schools. If your son meets the listed criteria, he will be automatically admitted.
- If your son does not meet these criteria, he MAY still be admitted. Your son should try to meet as many requirements as possible.
- Not stated in the requirements are minimum scores on the English and Math sections of the ACT. All LA public schools require at least an 18 on English and 19 on math.

STATE ADMISSIONS STANDARDS (LA PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES)

- Grambling State University
GPA \geq 2.0 un-weighted AND
ACT \geq 20 OR CORE GPA \geq 2.0
- Louisiana State University
Alexandria
GPA \geq 2.0 un-weighted AND
ACT \geq 20 OR CORE GPA \geq 2.0
- Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge
CORE GPA \geq 3.0 un-weighted AND ACT \geq 22
- Louisiana State University
Shreveport
GPA \geq 2.0 un-weighted AND
ACT \geq 20 OR CORE GPA \geq 2.0
- Louisiana Tech University
CORE GPA \geq 2.5 un-weighted AND ACT \geq 15
OR ACT \geq 23 AND GPA \geq 2.0 un-weighted
- McNeese State University
GPA \geq 2.35 un-weighted AND
ACT \geq 20 OR CORE GPA \geq 2.0 un-weighted
- Nicholls State University
CORE GPA \geq 2.0 AND
ACT \geq 21 OR GPA \geq 2.35 un-weighted

STATE ADMISSIONS STANDARDS (LA PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES)

- Northwestern State University
GPA ≥ 2.35 un-weighted AND
ACT ≥ 20 OR CORE GPA ≥ 2.0 un-weighted
- Southeastern Louisiana University
GPA ≥ 2.35 un-weighted AND
ACT ≥ 21 OR CORE GPA ≥ 2.0
- Southern University
Baton Rouge
GPA ≥ 2.0 un-weighted AND
ACT ≥ 20 OR CORE GPA ≥ 2.0
- Southern University
New Orleans
GPA ≥ 2.0 un-weighted AND
ACT ≥ 20 OR CORE GPA ≥ 2.0
- University of Louisiana
at Lafayette
CORE GPA ≥ 2.5 un-weighted OR
ACT ≥ 23 AND GPA ≥ 2.0 un-weighted
- University of Louisiana
at Monroe
GPA ≥ 2.35 un-weighted AND
ACT ≥ 21 OR CORE GPA ≥ 2.0
- University of New Orleans
CORE GPA ≥ 2.5 un-weighted OR
ACT ≥ 23 AND GPA ≥ 2.0 un-weighted

OTHER ADMISSIONS STANDARDS

- Schools will usually publish an average GPA range and average ACT range.
- Many schools will not publish a specific GPA or ACT requirement, especially schools in other states.
- Some schools will re-calculate GPA based on criteria specific to that school. Be sure you ask how the GPA is calculated for a specific school.
- Academy Appointments – Students interested in one of the Service Academies should see Commander Nolan ASAP. These students should start seeking Congressional nominations during the spring of junior year.

COST

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- Net Price Calculator - Net price calculators are available on colleges' websites and allow prospective students to enter information about themselves to find out what students like them paid to attend the institution in the previous year, after taking grants and scholarship aid into account. Federal law requires that all institutions post a Net Price Calculator on their websites.
- Net Price is the amount that a student pays to attend an institution in a single academic year AFTER subtracting scholarships and grants the student receives. Scholarships and grants are forms of financial aid that a student does not have to pay back.

THREE LEVELS OF TOPS AWARDS

- Opportunity – tuition only at a Louisiana school – requires 2.5 TOPS GPA and 20 on the ACT
- Performance – tuition plus \$200 per semester at a Louisiana school – requires 3.0 TOPS GPA and 23 on the ACT
- Honors – tuition plus \$400 per semester at a Louisiana school – requires 3.0 TOPS GPA and 27 on the ACT
- Funding for each fiscal year will be announced in June or July (just one or two months before tuition is due). TOPS payments will no longer rise with tuition increases.

OTHER TOPS HIGHLIGHTS

- There is no rounding on your TOPS GPA.
- You must qualify for TOPS upon your high school graduation.
- The TOPS scholarship is good for the first 8 consecutive semesters of your college career.
- You must attend a Louisiana college or university – there are no exceptions to this rule.
- If you go to school in another state and transfer back to Louisiana, you lose tuition for the time you are away. You may, however, collect your TOPS scholarship for the remainder of your 4 years of eligibility.

MORE TOPS HIGHLIGHTS

- If you earn your Bachelor's degree in less than 4 years, you may use your remaining TOPS eligibility to attend graduate school.
- You must be a full time student to maintain your TOPS scholarship (complete at least 12 hours per semester).
- You must maintain your TOPS GPA in college to maintain your TOPS scholarship.
- TOPS GPA is based on 19 credits
 - 4 English, 4 Math, 4 Science, 4 Social Studies,
 - 2 World Languages, 1 Art/Band/Chrous/Fine Arts

ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET

- Academic Common Market
 - Allows students to pay in-state tuition at selected out-of-state schools if there are no Louisiana schools offering specific majors.
 - This does not mean that the TOPS scholarship can be used outside of Louisiana. It simply means that students will pay in-state tuition.
 - Website listed in College handbook:
<http://home.sreb.org/acm/ChooseState.aspx>

STANDARDIZED TESTS

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- College Admission Tests
 - Send scores directly to schools to which you plan to apply. There is a cost to send scores later.
 - Scores must be sent to colleges directly from ACT/College Board. Colleges will not accept scores sent from Brother Martin.
 - Take both the ACT and SAT to see which score is better.
 - Those students on work study at BMHS qualify for an ACT fee waiver. See Mrs. Gomez for details.

STANDARDIZED TESTS

- College Admission Tests cont.
 - Take the writing part of the ACT/SAT. Colleges can use this if you are on the cusp of admissions requirements. More selective schools will require the writing section.
 - Special needs students may apply for accommodations. This can be a lengthy process, so begin the process early. See Mrs. Gomez for details.
 - Very few schools super score. If a school super scores, that school will use the highest score from each of your subject sub scores and create a new composite score (NCAA does super score).

MISCELLANEOUS

MISCELLANEOUS - COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- College Application Process
 - Application – read all instructions carefully. Most schools would like the application completed online.
 - Common Application Schools – link your Common App account to your *Naviance* account to simplify the process. Louisiana public schools do not accept the Common App at this time.
 - Recommendation Letters – not required for Louisiana public universities. They are usually required for more selective schools. Make sure you know if they are required.

MISCELLANEOUS - COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- College Application Process cont.
 - Transcripts – must be requested using *Naviance*. Give counselors 2 weeks to complete your request.
 - Resume – keep a detailed list using *Naviance*. Most selective colleges will require some type of resume.
 - Essays – most selective colleges require an essay. Please read your application materials carefully so that you know if an essay is required. Many scholarships require an essay.

MISCELLANEOUS - FINANCIAL AID

- FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is the application for all federal and state aid (including TOPS). It will open in October of your son's senior year. It will be based on 2017 taxes that will have been filed in April of his junior year.
- FAFSA4Caster – designed to estimate your FAFSA awards. Use while investigating schools.
- CSS Profile – College Scholarship Service Profile. Many private colleges also require the CSS Profile when awarding scholarships and grant money from the university (not federal aid).

MISCELLANEOUS - FINANCIAL AID

- Scholarships (merit/need/performance)
 - Institutional – be aware of scholarship requirements for all schools to which your son is applying. Also, be aware of deadlines (which can be before application deadlines).
 - Others
- Grants
- Loans
- Financial Aid Package

Websites for scholarships and financial aid will be listed in the College Handbook for Juniors that will be distributed in October.

MISCELLANEOUS - COLLEGE ATHLETICS

- NCAA , NAIA, NJCAA
- Only NCAA Division I and II programs and NAIA programs can offer athletic scholarships. There are very few awards for full tuition, room, and board.
- NCAA Division III must find other sources for money. There are no athletic scholarships.
- Make sure you register with the appropriate Clearinghouse or agency for eligibility. This should be done at the end of this school year.