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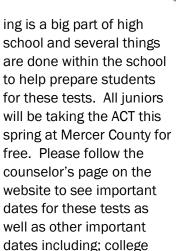
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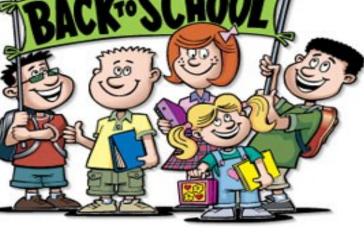
Welcome Back MCHS!!!

Welcome to the High golden eagles School Counselor's page!! As the counse-Catherine, Ashley & I look forward to getting to know and working with the students. In our office, we work frequently with student's schedules and transcripts, making sure they are on target to graduate as well as taking the necessary classes that may be required or recommended at colleges they are interested in. Our office has an open door policy to any student that is having issues or difficulties in or out of school. Catherine, Ashley, and I hope that every student will feel comfortable enough to come in to discuss these issues. Standardized test-



visits, recruiters, deadlines, & scholarship opportunities. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year here at Mercer County High School!!!

Tami Hainds. Catherine Staker, & Ashley Clark



College Representatives at MCHS

College representatives meet with interested students September through December. Dates are announced on the daily announcements and in the monthly bulletin. Students must get a pass from the counselor's office at least one day prior to the visit & report to their class before leaving to meet with a representative. The following representatives will be at Mercer County High School:

Stay tuned!

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Senior Jump Start



Senior Jump Start and Financial Aid Night will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 27th, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. We will highlight applying to colleges, writing for scholarships, college visits, deadlines, retaking the ACT, and touch base on Financial Aid. A FAFSA completion will be held in October or November.

College Fall Preview Days/Open Houses

Seniors should be visiting to finalize their college selection by mid December. Juniors should try to visit 3 to 4 colleges before the end of the school year. Here are a FEW visit days that we found.....

Please stop by the counselor's office with any questions or concerns you may have about Post-Secondary plans.



Coe College
St. Ambrose University
Iowa State University
Illinois Wesleyan
Western IL -Macomb
Black Hawk College—QC
Eastern IL University
University of IL—Urbana
University of Iowa
Drake University
Augustana College

Sept. 2-6; 15-20
Sept. 2-5; 8-12; 15-19; 22-26
Sept. 2-5; 8-12; 15-19
Sept. 2-6; 8-13; 15-20
Sept. 4; 5; 8; 11-12; 15; 19
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Sept. 8-12; 15-20; 22; 26
Oct. 10; 13; 17; 24; 31
Oct. 10; Nov. 7

Oct. 11

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SAT Test Dates—SAT.org

SAT No Essay—\$68

(late fee required—\$34)

The following SAT test dates are available for all high school students who wish to take the test.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	
October 4, 2025	September 19, 2025	
November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025	
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025	
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026	
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026	
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	



ACT Test Dates <u>ACT Plus Writing</u>

*Please note the ACT will be given here at the high school in April to all Juniors.

ACT No Writing-\$68

ACT Plus Writing—\$93

Test option change - \$48

(late fee required-\$40)

TheACT

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Secretary Ashley Clark

The following ACT test dates are available for all high school students who wish to take the test:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Deadline
October 18, 2025	September 12	October 10
December 13, 2025	November 7	November 24
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29
July 11, 2026	June 5	June 24

Students may register on-line at www.act.org and use a credit card for payment. REMEMBER to include Mercer County High School's code 140008 on the registration information so the school has your ACT scores for your transcript. Keep in mind that the ACT can be taken multiple times & colleges do not care if scores go down on retakes. Colleges will not pull the highest scores from multiple dates but do take the highest scores from one single test date regardless of the number of times the test has been taken. **Fee waivers are available if you qualify.



^{*}Fee waivers are available if you qualify. See the Counseling office with questions