



Junior Parent Night



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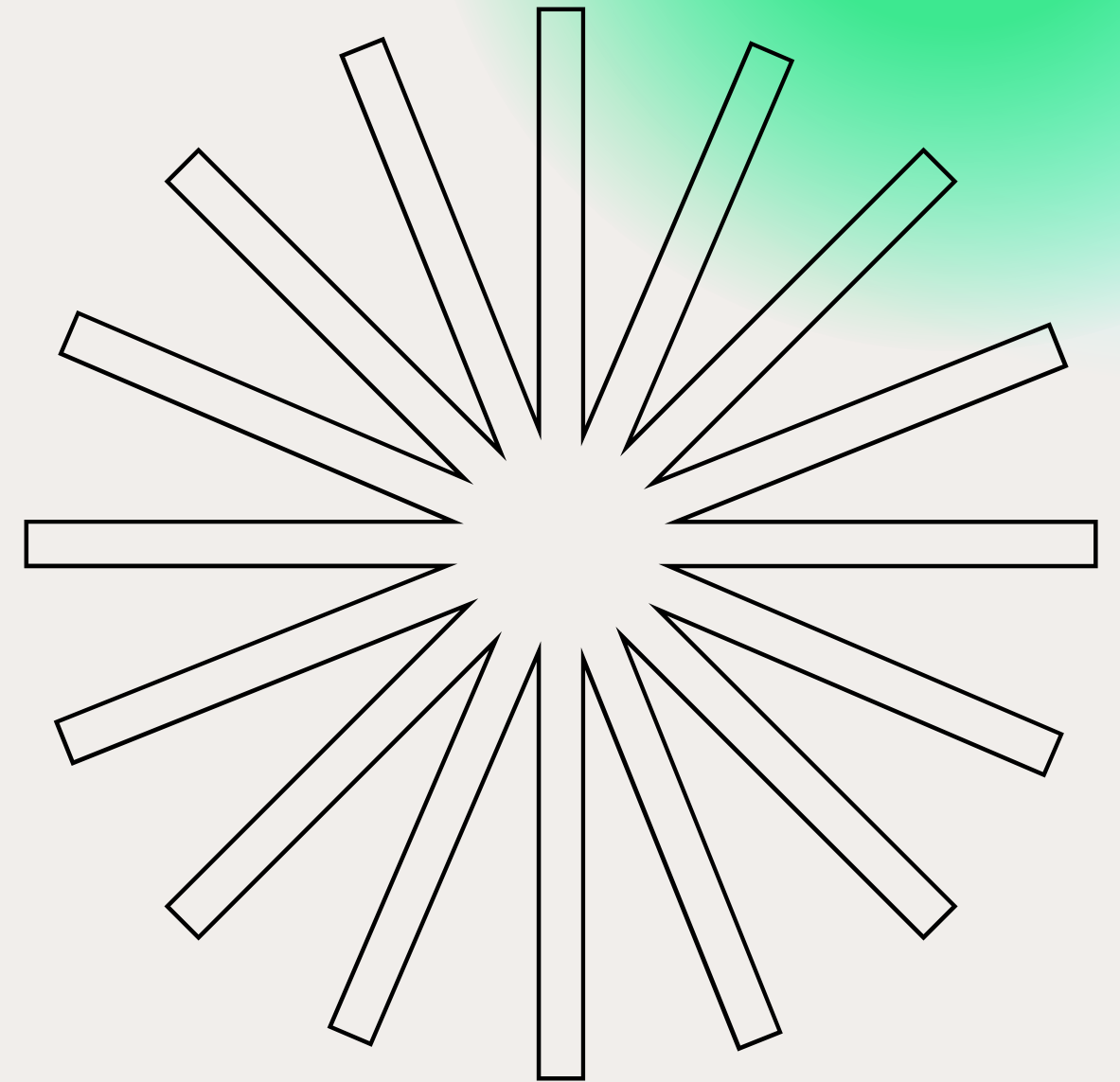
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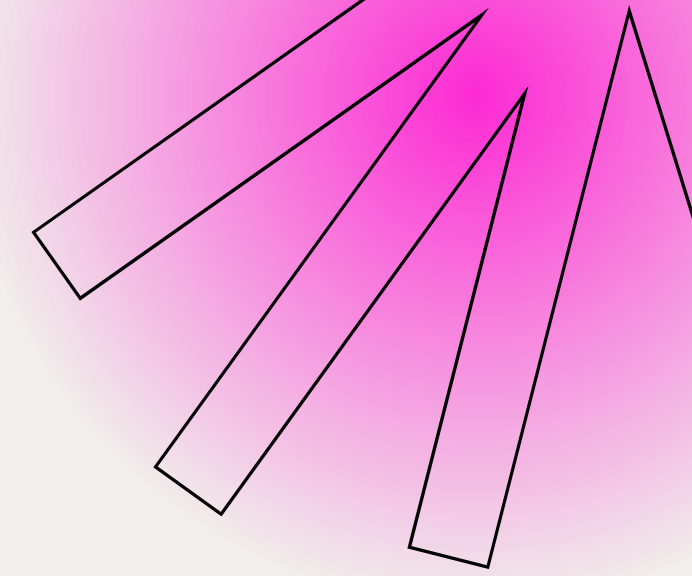
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Welcome

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- * Post-Secondary Options
- * Your Student's Pathway
- * College Admissions
- * College Athletics
- * Paying for College





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Your Presenters

Presentation Objectives

EXPECTATIONS AND OUTCOMES

Objectives

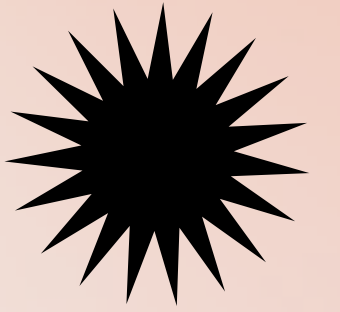
- To help inform you about post-secondary processes for your son or daughter.



Expectations

- Please keep your microphone off
- We will have periodic question breaks
- If you have a question, please type it in the chat box
- Someone will answer questions throughout the presentation





Career Exploration & Post-Secondary Options

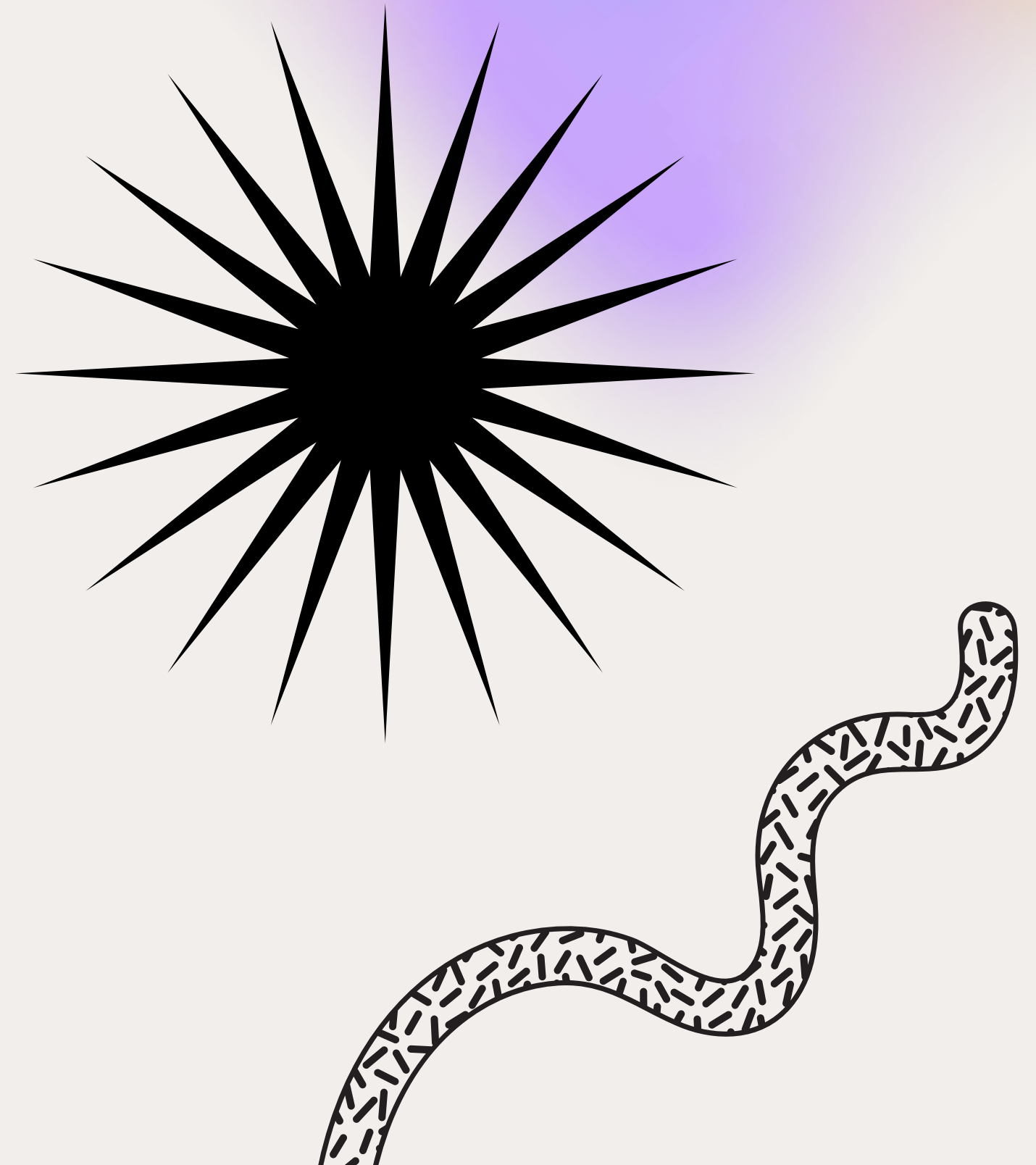
BRIEF INTRODUCTION

There is not one right way to think about
life after high school.

Career Exploration

OPPORTUNITIES

- Xello
- Lunch & Learns
- Job Shadowing
- Workplace Experience Internships

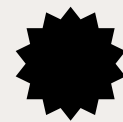
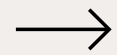


West High Graduates



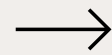
4-Year Schools

- 59% go to a 4-Year school
- Public v. private
- In-state v. out-of-state
- Bachelor's Degree



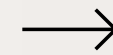
2-Year & Tech Schools

- 5% go to a 2-Year school
- Trade school, career colleges, community colleges,
- Associate's Degree



Other

- Certificate Programs
- Apprenticeships
- The Military
- Workforce



Why?

- The economy is changing
- Job-ready skills
- Elimination of college debt
- Completion of general requirements

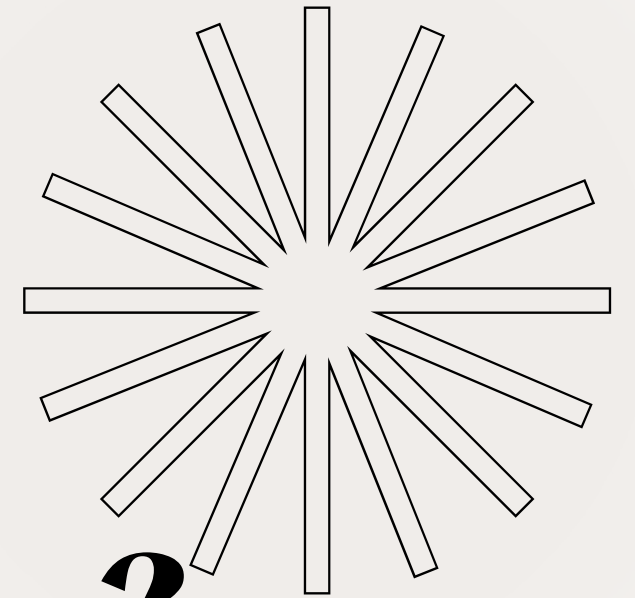


Who?

- Hands-on-learners
- Money conscious families
- Transitional
- Flexibility
- Smaller classes



Why Alternatives?



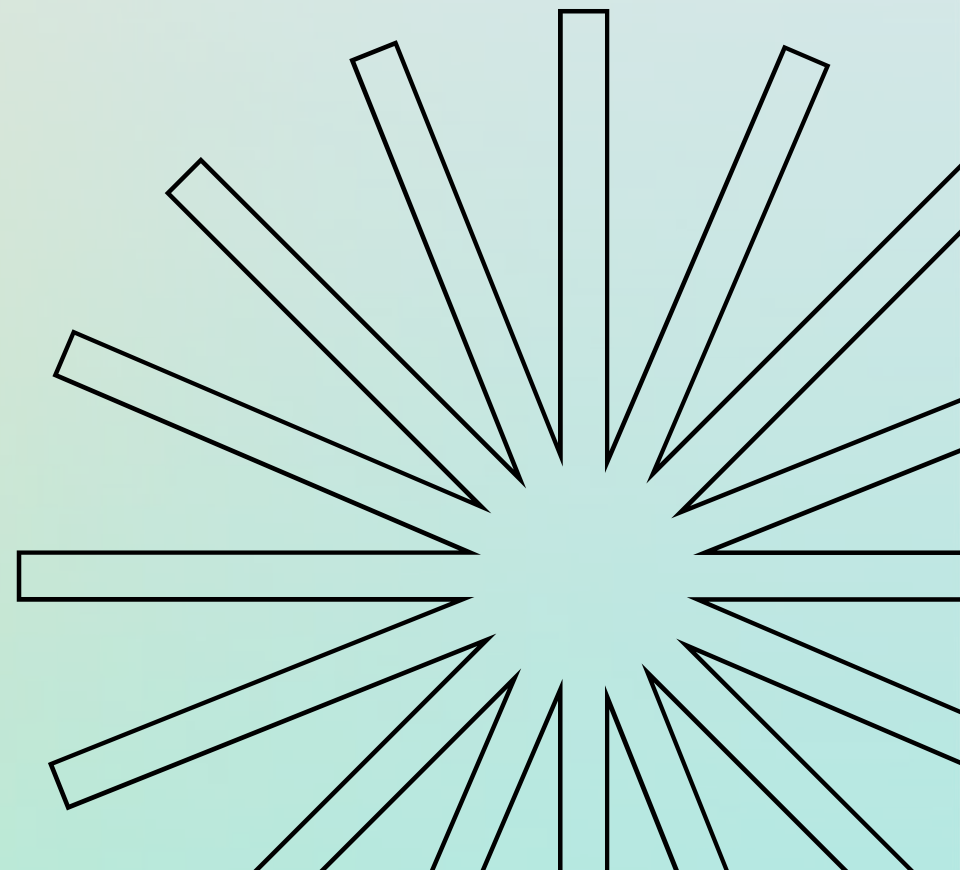
TAKING A NON-TRADITIONAL
PATH AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

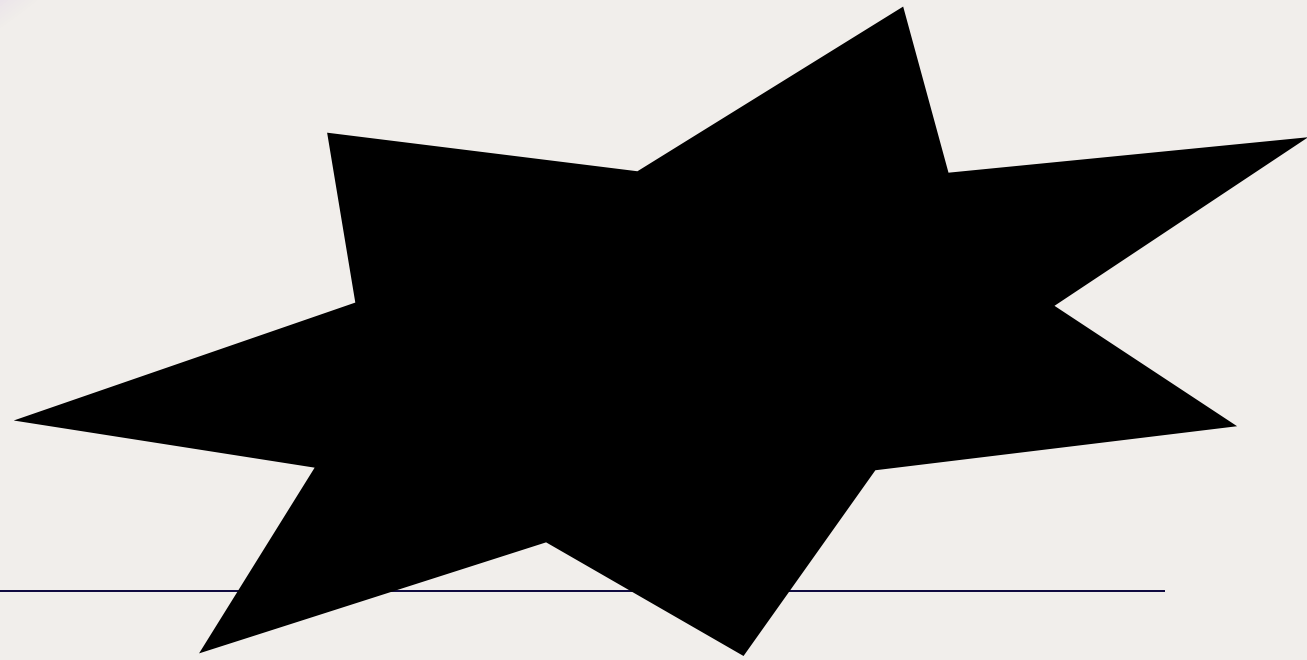


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**Any questions
so far?**





Research

Campus Reps

Kids need to take advantage of the college representatives who are coming into our building. They are a valuable resource.

Campus Visits

If you are able, take your child to visit college campuses. Nothing can replicated the energy and experience of being on the premises.

The Internet!

The internet is your best friend! Refer to the end of the presentation for some of our favorite sites.

High School Timeline

BENCHMARKS FOR THOSE WHO
ARE COLLEGE BOUND

Junior Summer

- Visit colleges you are seriously considering
- Start working on college application
- Take summer classes
- Chat with college kids home for the summer
- Get familiar with Common Application

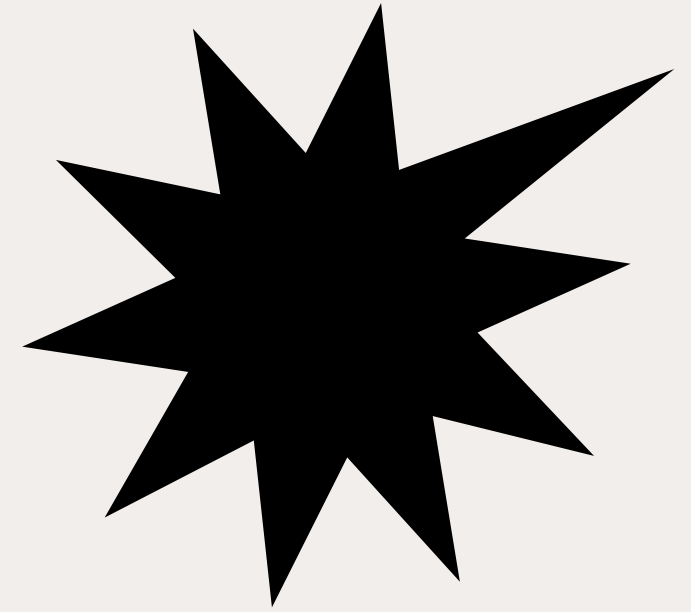
Senior Fall

- Complete your college essays
- Think about application deadline options
- Re-take the ACT/SAT if necessary
- Gather letters of recommendation
- Apply for FAFSA
- Complete and submit early action & early decision applications

Senior Winter/Spring

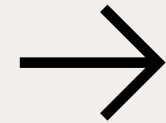
- Take the SAT II Subject tests (if required)
- Apply for local scholarships
- Make your final decision
 - Finish enrollment papers
 - Notify school you won't be attending

College Application Portfolio



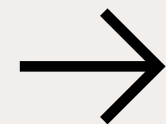
Transcript

The academic record is important to the admissions process.



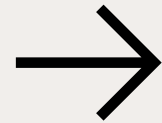
Essays

This is a chance for kids to show how they are different from other applicants. Show off your colors and be sincere!



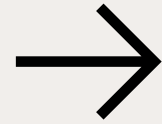
Testing

Most colleges require either the ACT or SAT for admittance.



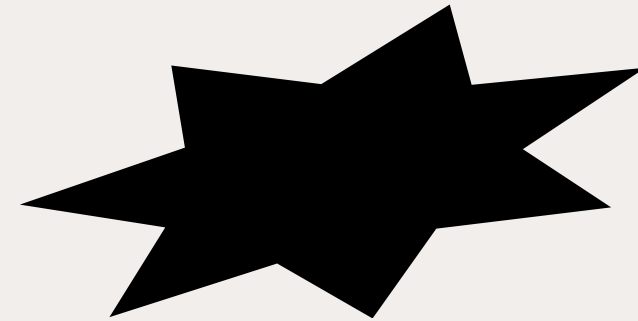
Letters of Recommendation

Give those who know you a chance to brag. Just make sure you give them enough time.

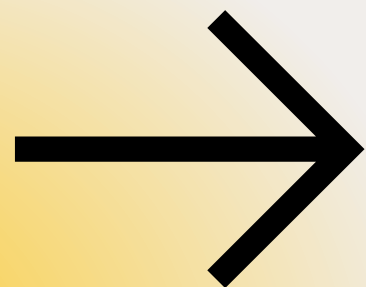




Subject	Course	Mark	Credit	Abs	Work In Progress	Entry	Exit	Mark	Meaning		
2017-2018 Grd 9 S1 Billings West High School					NC113 Activity	12/15/2020	06/05/2021		(A+ Honors Only until 2014-2015)		
02052	MA *ALGEBRA 1 GR 8	A*	0.50	0	MA430B >PRE CALCULUS H	01/19/2021	06/05/2021	A+	Exemplary Performance		
2017-2018 Grd 9 S2 Billings West High School					SC250B >CHEMISTRY H	01/19/2021	06/05/2021	A	Excellent		
02052	MA *ALGEBRA 1 GR 8	A*	0.50	0	PE313B WEIGHT TRAINING	01/19/2021	06/05/2021	B	Above Average		
2018-2019 Grd 9 S1 Billings West High School					EN310B ENGLISH 3	01/19/2021	06/05/2021	C	Average		
03001	PS >EARTH SCI H	B'	0.50	8	SS350B AP US HISTORY	01/19/2021	06/05/2021	D	Below Average		
02072	MA >GEOMETRY H	B'	0.50	8	FL311B GERMAN 3	01/19/2021	06/05/2021	F	Failure		
01001	EN ENGLISH 1	C	0.50	8	Graduation Requirements				IN	Incomplete	
08005	HH FITNESS/COND	A	0.50	9	EN English	4.00	2.50	1.50	N	No Credit	
08051	HH HLTH ENHANCE 1	A	0.50	8	MA Math	2.00	2.00	0.00	P	Pass/Credit	
19262	CTE PERS FINANCE	A	0.50	9	WH World History	1.00	1.00	0.00	U	Unsatisfactory	
2018-2019 Grd 9 S2 Billings West High School					AH American History	1.00	0.50	0.50	S	Satisfactory	
03001	PS >EARTH SCI H	B'	0.50	7	GO Government	0.50	0.00	0.50	*	Not included in GPA	
02072	MA >GEOMETRY H	B'	0.50	7	SS Senior Social Studies	0.50	0.00	0.50	'	Grade includes added value (Started in 2015-2016)	
05154	AR ART 1	B	0.50	7	BS Biological Science	1.00	1.00	0.00	Vaccine Date		
01001	EN ENGLISH 1	B	0.50	7	PS Physical Science	1.00	1.00	0.00	DTP	06/18/2004	
08051	HH HLTH ENHANCE 1	A	0.50	8	HH Health Enhancement	1.00	1.00	0.00	DTP	08/30/2004	
08009	HH WEIGHT TRAINING	A	0.50	7	AR Visual and Performing Arts	1.00	0.50	0.50	DTP	11/03/2004	
2019-2020 Grd 10 S1 Billings West High School					CTE Career and Technical Ed	1.00	0.50	0.50	DTP	09/12/2005	
02056	MA >ALGEBRA 2H	B'	0.50	1	EL Elective	7.00	6.00	1.00	DTP	08/29/2009	
03051	BS >BIOLOGY 1H	B'	0.50	0	Total	21.00	16.00	5.00	Hib	06/18/2004	
01002	EN >ENGLISH 2H	A'	0.50	3	Unweighted GPA				Hib	08/30/2004	
04057	WH AP WORLD HISTORY	B'	0.50	2	3.47					Hib	05/06/2005
08005	HH FITNESS/COND	A	0.50	3	Weighted GPA		Weighted Class Rank		Percent		
24252	EL GERMAN 1	A	0.50	1	3.97	105 out of 495		Top 22%			
2019-2020 Grd 10 S2 Billings West High School					Notice						
02056	MA >ALGEBRA 2H	B'	0.50	4	Our district transitioned to a weighted grading system at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year. We did not retroactively change (weight) grades for AP and honors classes, so students graduating 2016, 2017, or 2018 will have a mix of weighted and unweighted grades on their transcripts.						
03051	BS >BIOLOGY 1H	A'	0.50	4	BPS School Enrollments		Grade	Entry	Exit	IPV/OPV	06/18/2004
01002	EN >ENGLISH 2H	A'	0.50	4	Billings West High School	9	08/23/2018	05/31/2019	IPV/OPV	08/30/2004	
04057	WH AP WORLD HISTORY	A'	0.50	4	Billings West High School	10	08/22/2019	05/29/2020	IPV/OPV	11/03/2004	
24252	EL GERMAN 1	A	0.50	4	Billings West High School	11	08/24/2020	08/04/2021	IPV/OPV	06/29/2009	
08009	HH WEIGHT TRAINING	A	0.50	3	Test Scores		Test	SubTest	Score	MMR	05/06/2005
2020-2021 Grd 11 S1 Billings West High School											
03101	PS >CHEMISTRY H	B'	0.50	6							
02110	MA >PRE CALCULUS H	B'	0.50	9							
04104	AH AP US HISTORY	B'	0.50	7							
01003	EN ENGLISH 3	B	0.50	8							
08005	HH FITNESS/COND	A	0.50	5							
24253	EL GERMAN 2	A	0.50	10							



Requesting a Transcript



Billings West High

- Go to the "Frequently Used" tab and select "Transcripts"
- Either the counseling secretary or the registrar will send the transcript

West High Counseling.

- From the Counseling page, click "Request a transcript"
- Either the counseling secretary or the registrar will send the transcript

Stop by the Counseling Office

- Come see your counselor
- If your counselor is unavailable, ask the counseling secretary

College Entrance Exams

THE ACT & SAT

ACT

- You don't need to take both!
- Five sections
- 36 is the highest score
- Rewards good science students
- Math questions include trigonometry concepts
- West High students do better than the average Montana & US student on the ACTs



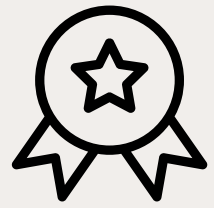
SAT

- Broken into two categories, but each category is broken into smaller tests
- 1600 is a perfect score
- Rewards good English students with a strong vocabulary
- West High students do better than the average Montana & US student on the SATs



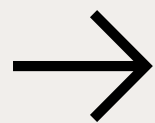
Essays





Letters of Recommendation

MANY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
AND SCHOLARSHIPS WILL ASK
FOR LETTERS OF
RECOMMENDATION



Junior Year Teacher

Choose a teacher from
junior or senior year

Favorable Opinion

Ask someone to write for
you who knows you well.

Time!

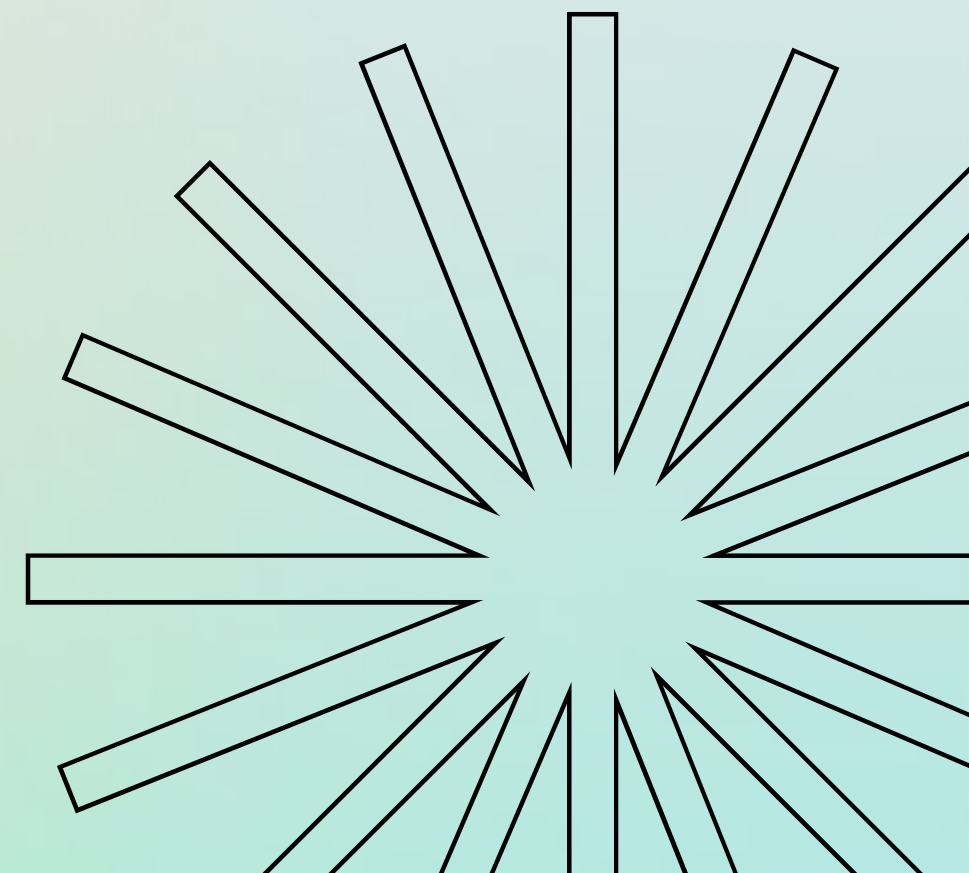
Make sure that you give
your recommenders
enough time.

Resume

Your recommender
needs a resume to write
a letter

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NCAA Div. I

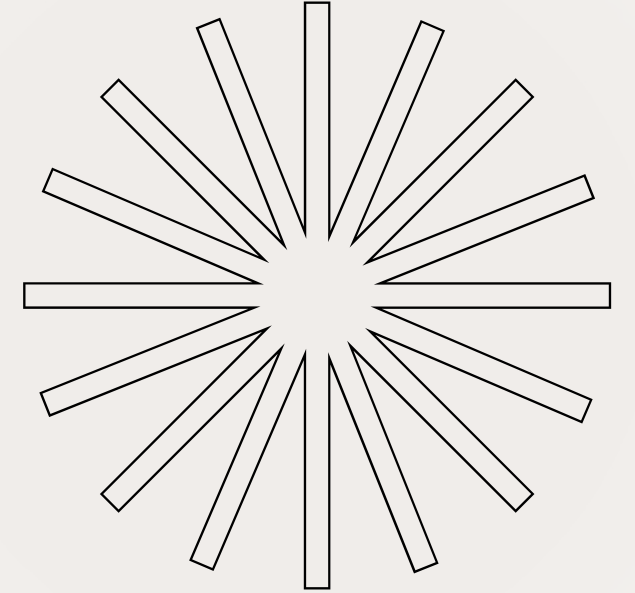
- Complete 16 Core Courses
- Earn a 2.3 GPA in core courses
- Send ACT or SAT scores directly from the testing company (9999)

NCAA Div. II

- Complete 16 Core Courses
- Earn a 2.0 GPA in core courses
- Send ACT or SAT scores directly from the testing company (9999)

NAIA

- Meet two of these three requirements:
 - a. Achieve a minimum 18 on the ACT or 860 on the SAT (critical reading and math)
 - b. Achieve a minimum overall GPA of 2.0
 - c. Graduate in the top half of your class
- Send ACT or SAT directly from the testing company (9876)

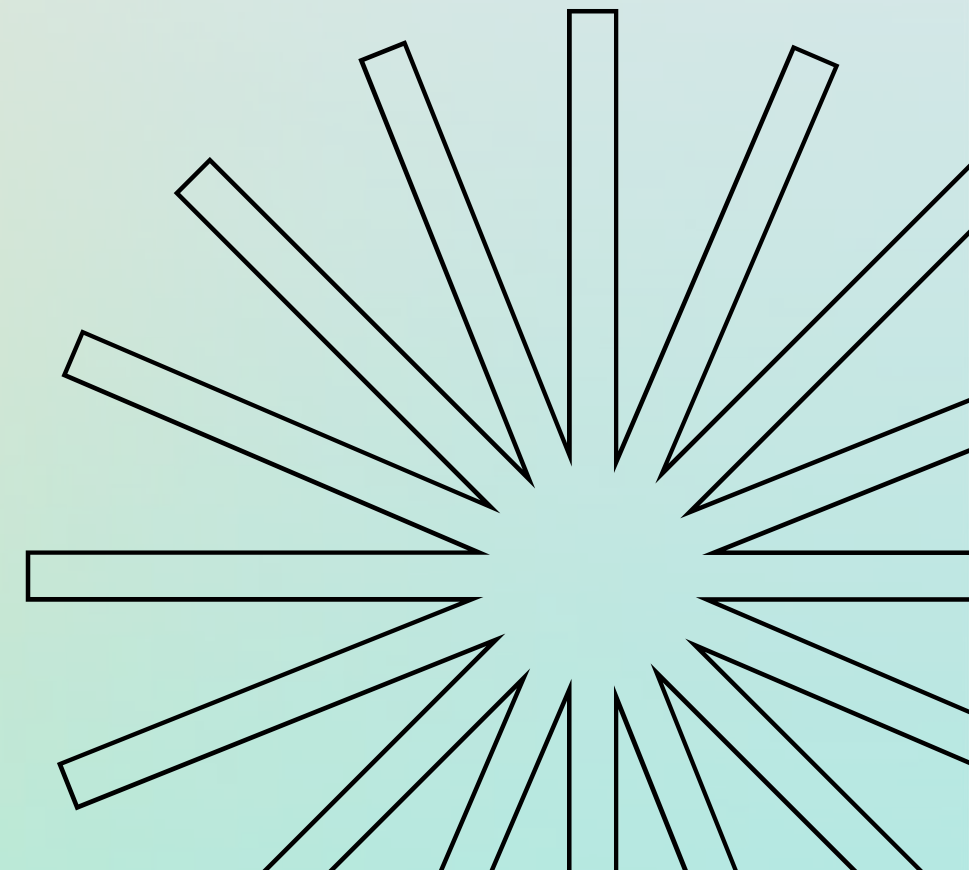


College Athletics

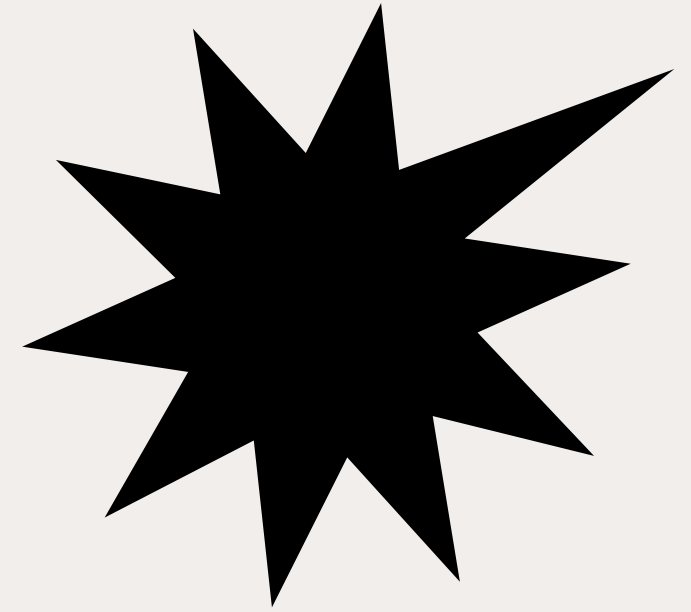
YOUR COACHES ARE YOUR
BEST RECRUITING RESOURCE!

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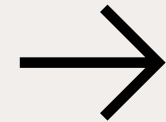


Paying for College



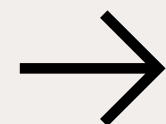
Early College

- University Connections
- Dual Enrollment



Scholarships

- BWHS Counseling Website
- Xello
- College Websites
- Reach Higher Montana



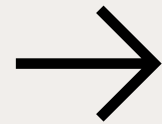
FAFSA

- Based on Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Pell Grant
 - \$6,895 for full-time students



Savings

- Summer Jobs
- College Savings Accounts



FAFSA

- FSA ID
 - OPENS 10/01/22
 - BASED ON PRIOR YEAR'S INCOME
 - Apply for the 2023-2024 year using 2021 return
 - MONTANA PRIORITY DEADLINE: 12/1/22
 - MUST APPLY YEARLY
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Grants

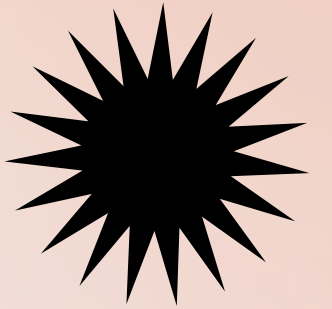
- Do not have to be repaid
- Available in a variety of forms
- Awarded to students with financial need

Loans

- Borrowing money that must be repaid
 - Direct Subsidized
 - Direct Unsubsidized
 - Direct PLUS
 - Direct Consolidation
- Repay loan and accrued interest

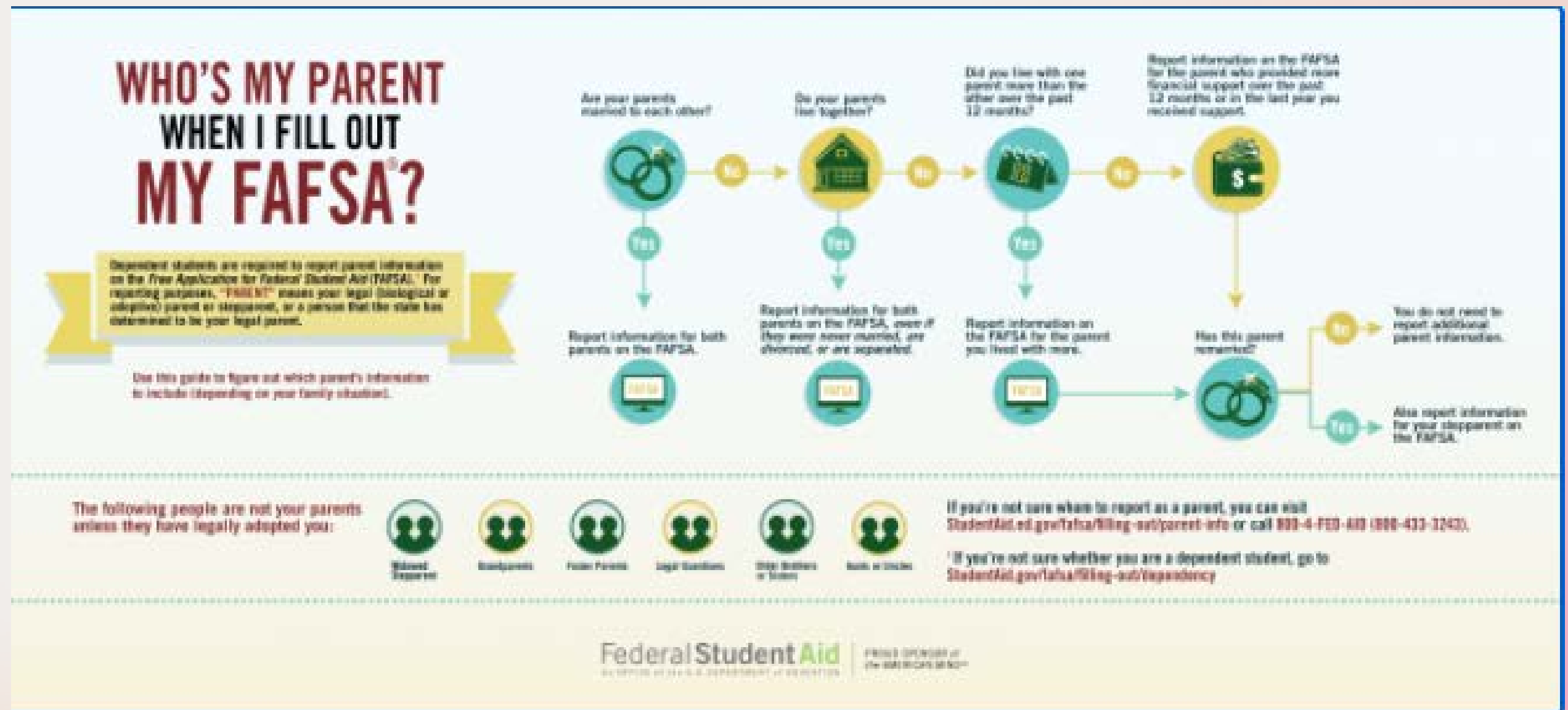
Work Study

- Part-Time Employment while enrolled
- Administered by schools
- Emphasize employment in civic education & jobs within course of study

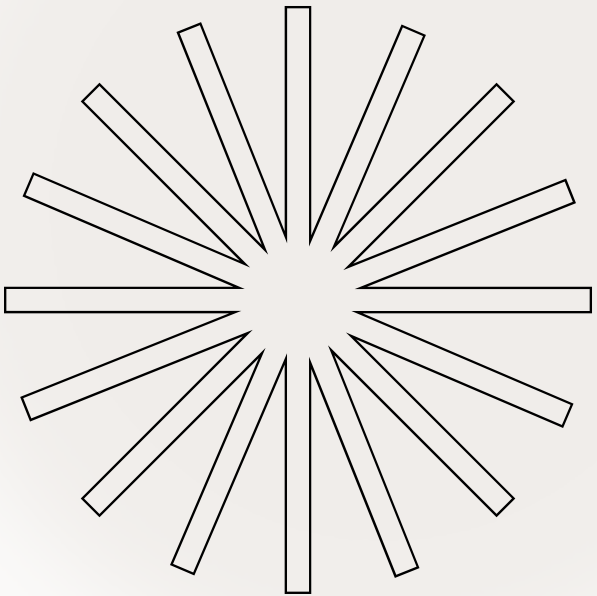


FAFSA: Parent Information

MAKE SURE TO USE THE CORRECT
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION



Cost of Attendance



Cost of Attendance	Cost
Tuition & Fees	\$7,770
Room & Board	\$10,400
Books & Supplies	\$1,450
Loan Fee	\$70
Transportation/Miscellaneous	\$3,838
Total	\$23,128

Cost Comparison

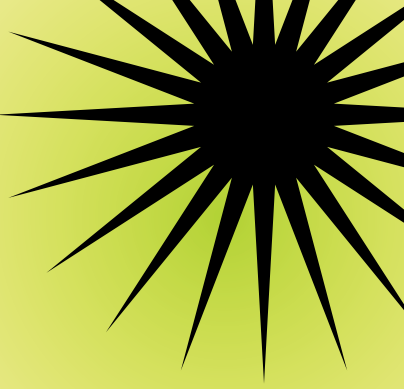
(Without EFC)

Type of Financing	Four-Year Private	Four-Year Public	Two-Year Public
Cost of Attendance (COA)	\$47,000	\$23,000	\$17,000
EFC	0	0	0
Need	\$47,000	\$23,000	\$17,000
Pell	6,895	6,895	6,895
Scholarships	13,000	2,000	2,000
Work Study	2,500	2,500	2,500
Subsidized Loan	3,500	3,500	3,500
Unsubsidized Loan	2,000	2,000	2,000
Unmet Need	19,505	6,505	505
Parent PLUS Loan	19,505	6,505	505

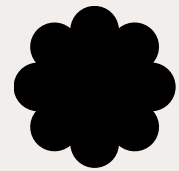
Cost Comparison

(With EFC)

Type of Financing	Four-Year Private	Four-Year Public	Two-Year Public
Cost of Attendance (COA)	\$47,000	\$23,000	\$17,000
EFC	6000	6000	6000
Need	\$47,000	\$23,000	\$17,000
Pell	0	0	0
Scholarships	13,000	2,000	2,000
Work Study	2,500	2,500	2,500
Subsidized Loan	3,500	3,500	3,500
Unsubsidized Loan	2,000	2,000	2,000
Unmet Need	26,000	13,000	7,000
Parent PLUS Loan	26,000	13,000	7,000

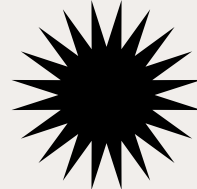


Scholarships



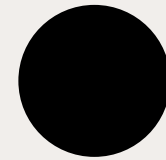
Activity Specific

- Athletic Scholarships
- Music Scholarships
- Academic Scholarships
- Freshmen Scholarships
- Volunteer Scholarships
- General Scholarships



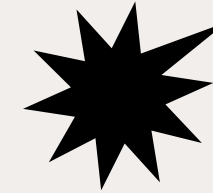
Local

- Found on Xello and the [BWHS Guidance Page](#)
 - Local Non-Profits
 - Memorial Scholarships
 - Volunteer
- Smaller candidate pool



Montana University System

- MUS
 - Given to the top 200 students in Montana
 - Based on their GPA and ACT/SAT scores
 - Must maintain a rigorous core while in high school
- MUS STEM Scholarship
 - Can be used for anything
 - Goal to keep Montana kids in Montana

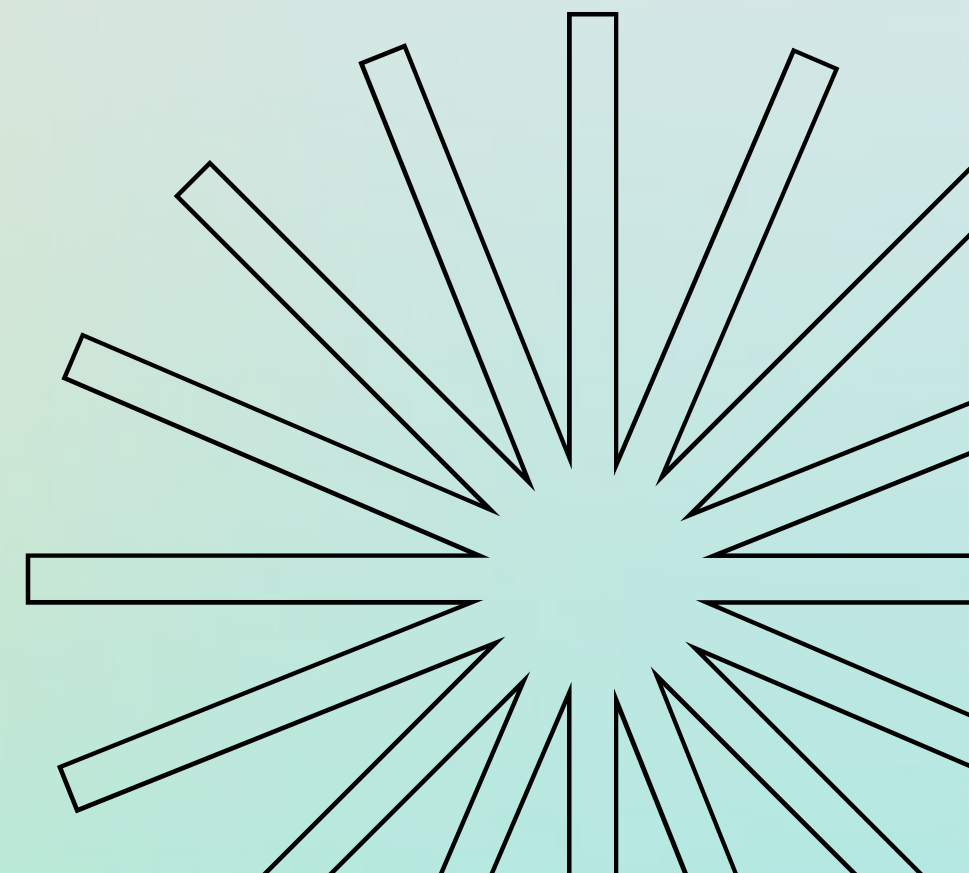


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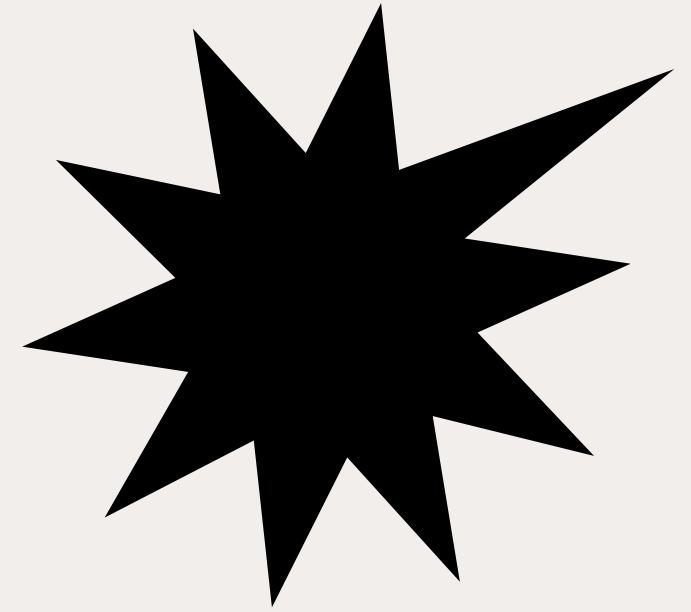
- 16 member states
- Public and private colleges & universities
- Pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition
- Not all schools in each state participate

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Helpful Resources



Big Future

- Planning for your future
- College focused



Common App

- Consortium of college
- One stop applications



ACT

- Register for future tests
- Test prep resources



Guidance Dept. Website

- Local scholarships
- Financial aid information



College Vine

- Expert college guidance
- Finding the right college



College Board

- SAT test registration
- AP testing resource





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