

GPS Plan Timeline - College Bound Checklist 2025-2026

To have your GPS Plan approved, work with your College and Career Counselor and complete tasks by the deadlines.

Task and Resources	Timeline
Career Goal Review and Confirmation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have an in-depth conversation with your career counselor to discuss your career goal What is your career goal? What do you see yourself doing with your career goal? What training or schooling is required for you to pursue your career goal and make your dream a reality? Where do you qualify on the GPS Plan Qualification Process chart? 	August - September
Virtual College and/or Post-Secondary Program Visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in virtual college and/or post-secondary program visits to the school(s) you are considering attending. 	August – September
Colleges or Post-Secondary Programs that align with your career goals, that you would like to apply to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the college and/or post-secondary programs, that have a major aligned with your career goal, you are interested in applying to in Naviance. All plans must include GPS Partner Schools, be <u>financially feasible</u>, and meet GPS Plan Required Components. Students should develop multiple plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan A – first choice which aligns with GPS qualifications and accrued CES Plan B – back up plan if GPS qualifications and/or accrued CES do not align Plan C – if applicable, non-degree/certification plan (world of work or military) 	August 19 - September 9
Select Your Fall College and/or Post-Secondary Program Visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss your career goal & potential post-secondary plans with your career counselor to finalize your college and/or post-secondary program visit list Submit the Career Goal and Post-Secondary Plan Survey 	August 26 - September 5
SAT Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors should use the resources below to review & take practice tests. <p><i>Test Prep Assistance:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Board - https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat Khan Academy - https://www.khanacademy.org/sat 	August - October
SAT Testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAT Testing will take place at MHS 	October 8
Campus Outreach – College Visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk with college career counselor about visit dates for GPS Partner Schools Attend an in-person visit Meet with representatives from the college and/or post-secondary programs you are considering attending 	September - November
Create FSA ID <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create your FSA ID here: https://fsaid.ed.gov 	October

Complete FAFSA Worksheet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Application for Free Student Aid (FAFSA) Worksheet to be completed by you and parent/sponsors <p><i>*This information is required for College and Career Counselors to assist you in completing the financial aid (FAFSA) process!</i></p>	September - October
College and/or Post-Secondary Program Application Deadline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit all applications for a Fall 2026 semester start date by this date All plans must include GPS Partner Schools, be <u>financially feasible</u>, and meet GPS Plan Required Components. Students should develop multiple plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan A – first choice which aligns with GPS qualifications and accrued CES Plan B – back up plan if GPS qualifications and/or accrued CES do not align Plan C – if applicable, non-degree/certification plan (world of work or military) 	November 14
College and/or Post-Secondary Program Acceptance Letters Uploaded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a copy of your acceptance letter(s) from your college or post-secondary program to the GPS file-drop <p>https://www.mhsalum.org/graduate-resources/deadlines-forms/</p>	November - March
Complete Your 2026-2027 FAFSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To avoid unnecessary errors, complete college and/or post-secondary program applications and check-in with your College and Career Counselor <u>before</u> submitting your FAFSA Parent participation is <u>required</u> <p>https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</p>	November – January
Continuity of Healthcare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide copy of Health Insurance card (front and back) to senior social work office Sign & Submit the Authorization for Release of Healthcare Records 	January
College or Post-Secondary Program Financial Aid Letters Uploaded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the financial aid section of your chosen college and/or post-secondary program portal for any missing documents Submit a copy of your financial aid award letter(s) from your college and/or post-secondary program to the GPS file-drop <p>https://www.mhsalum.org/graduate-resources/deadlines-forms/</p>	January - February
GPS Plan Meeting with your Career Counselor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with your College and Career Counselor to decide which college and/or post-secondary program you have chosen for your Plan A & Plan B Complete FA Analysis with your counselor to be reviewed <p><i>*All plans must be financially feasible & meet GPS Plan Required Components</i></p>	February – April 11
GPS Plan Submitted for Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your career counselor will submit your finalized GPS Plan for review by GPS supervisors and ensure all required documents are in the students eFile. 	February – April 11
Complete and Submit College Medical Forms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete required medical forms for your college or post-secondary program that require signature by the MHS Health Center. You must complete your portion of the form before turning it in to your counselor for health center signatures. 	April - May
College Deposit Deadline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with your College and Career Counselor to submit the deposit for your APPROVED GPS Plan for a Fall 2026 start Review the financial aid section of your chosen college or post-secondary program portal for any missing documents 	Prior to May 1

Complete and Submit the Following Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CES Application • CES Release Form • CES Overview & Responsibilities Form • Disclosure Consent Form 	May
State Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete & submit state grant forms • Check the status of your PHEAA or state Grant. <i>For PA residents - https://www.pheaa.org/grants/state-grant-program/</i>	May
Loan Counseling/Master Promissory Note (MPN) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Entrance Loan Counseling (Undergraduate Student) https://studentaid.gov/entrance-counseling/ • Complete the Master Promissory Note (Undergraduate Student) https://studentaid.gov/mpn/ 	May
Approved GPS Plan Finalized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPS Plan final approval following graduation & CES accrual confirmation 	June 14

If the above deadlines are NOT met, your GPS Plan will NOT be approved for the Fall 2026 semester.

Student Acknowledgement

I have read the aforementioned information regarding deadlines for the 2025–2026 year college and/or post-secondary program application, financial aid and CES process at the Milton Hershey School. I acknowledge that I understand the information outlined and it is my responsibility to meet the established deadlines.

Student Signature: _____

Student Name(printed): _____

Date: _____