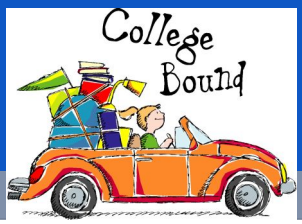
CLASS OF 2027

WHAT'S THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOU?



- 4- Year College
- 2-Year Community College
- Vocational or Trade School
- Military
- World of Work
  - On the job training









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IS COLLEGE THE PLAN

Bachelor's Degree

4 years in a college/university

Associate's Degree

2 years in a community college

Option to transfer and finish 2 additional years at college/university to earn a bachelor's degree

4 Year College

If you are choosing to begin at a 4 year college/university you need to start the process **now**.

Here we go….



Create A Balanced College List:

- "**Likely**" likelihood of getting into that school seems fairly certain: GPA & SAT/ACT are above or high above the average admit rate for that school
- "**Target**" likelihood of getting into that school seems probable: GPA & SAT/ACT on par with the average admit rate for that school
- "**Reach**" likelihood of getting into that school are uncertain: GPA .2 or further below school's average admit. ACT 2 points below average admit (SAT?). ANY school with admit rate below 20%

Admission Rating Guide

Not an absolute set of requirements, only a guide

Name of College or University	AVG GPA	SAT AVG or Range	ACT AVG or Range	ACCEPTANCE RATE
Albion College	3.43	N/A	N/A	83
Alma College	3.50	1000-1188	18-25	57
Andrews University	3.64	1080-1320	20-26	9
Aquinas College	3.50	920-1130	20-26	91
Calvin College	3.80	1090-1328	24-30	71
Central Michigan University	3.51	1088	24	91
College for Creative Studies	3.41	N/A	N/A	49
Concordia University	3.19	1010-1180	19-22	72
Cornerstone University	3.56	990-1222	21-28	90
Davenport University	3.30	1160	18-24	97
Eastern Michigan University	3.43	1050	18-26	81
Ferris State University	3.27	1011	21	91
Grand Valley State University	3.46	1069	22-30	86
Hillsdale College	3.95	1340-1470	30-33	21
Hope College	3.83	1090-1330	24-31	76
Kalamazoo College	3.75	1050-1360	28	79
Lake Superior State University	3.20	920-1150	25-29	100
Lawrence Technological Institute	3.47	1010-1220	20-26	81
Madonna University	3.45	910-1140	20-25	93
Michigan State University	3.80	1100-1310	24-30	84
Michigan Tech	3.80	1234	25-31	75
Northern Michigan University	3.40	N/A	N/A	70
Northwood University	3.41	980-1160	20-26	84
Oakland University	3.50	1040	24	85
Olivet College	3.18	910-1120	18-23	85
Rochester College	3.86	880-1090	15-22	40
Saginaw Valley State University	3.56	1050	23	76
Spring Arbor University	3.61	935-1165	20-26	37
University of Detroit Mercy	3.60	1145	22-28	80
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	3.90	1360-1530	31-34	18
University of Michigan - Dearborn	3.67	1050-1300	22-28	59
University of Michigan - Flint	3.48	1076	24	68
Wayne State University	3.43	1163	26	82
Western Michigan University	3.53	990-1220	19-27	85

Community Colleges do not require a minimum GPA, nor do they require SAT/ACT scores.

Applying to College

- Typically students apply to 3-5 schools
- Most importantly, apply to schools that are a good fit for YOU!
- What do you value? Size of school, location, programs of study, cost, campus environment.
- Visit BigFuture.CollegeBoard.org to get started on your college search

WHAT DO COLLEGES LOOK FOR IN AN APPLICANT?

TOP CRITERIA

GPA	SAT/ACT *Many schools will be test optional	CHALLENGING COURSES

SECONDARY CRITERIA

Extra Curricular Activities	Volunteer Service	Leadership Experiences	Work Experience	Letters of Recommendation

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

COMPLETE ALL APPLICATIONS / SEND ALL TRANSCRIPTS BY **October 30th at 1 PM**!

November 1st (Early Action deadline) falls on a Sunday.

All Parchment requests (transcripts) must be submitted by
Friday, October 30th at 1:00 pm
to meet the early action deadline.



OCTOBER - Michigan College Month

- Fee waiver month for several colleges in Michigan
- When applying to several colleges it can add up
- Do not confuse “Application Fee Waiver” with the “Fee Waiver” referred to in Common App
- Common App Fee Waiver qualification
  - student receives free or reduced lunch in 2026/27

Applying Test Optional

Many colleges are allowing for students to apply without a standardized test score.

This means your acceptance will not be impacted if you do not submit an SAT or ACT score.

Search on the college's website or speak with an admissions rep to find out if a school is "test optional".

In addition, does my student need a standardized test score (ACT, SAT) to qualify for merit scholarship opportunities?

3 STEPS TO COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

1. **Complete the college admission application on the college's website.**

2. **Send a transcript to every college to which you applied through Parchment**

3. **Send your SAT or ACT score to the college**
   - **You indicated colleges when you took the test**
   - **Go into your College Board account and request scores sent to each college.**
   - **IF APPLYING TEST OPTIONAL, SKIP THIS STEP.**

Complete these steps by Friday - 1:00 PM on October 30th.
This gives you the best opportunity for admission.
The early action deadline is November 1st!

Who should consider using the Common App?

Use Common App only when necessary.

If you are a student who is applying to a college that requires you use the Common App; no other option available (example = University of Michigan, Western Michigan University).

If you are applying to multiple schools who are members of the Common App.

Many students can apply directly through a college's individual application. Colleges are familiar with their own application.

Sample Application – Central Michigan University



College Applications

- Applications will take you 30 minutes – 1 hour
- Most will request…
  - Personal identification information
  - Education
  - Clubs/activities, work experience, volunteer service, leadership roles
  - Short response questions
  - Personal statement
  - Application fee (Free - $75)

- Many do **not** require essay or letter or recommendation.
  - LOR Counselor – Google form completed / 2 weeks notice
  - LOR Teacher – Select academic teacher from junior year
  - **If school does not request a letter, do not send one.** This means admissions will not be using letters as part of their evaluation

Admission Decision Timeline

Give colleges 4-6 weeks to review your application and render a decision.

Check your online portal or contact the college admissions office if you have specific questions about your application.

Early Action Timelines (MSU & U of M)

Michigan State = Apply by Nov. 1 / Decision by Jan. 15
University of Michigan = Apply by Nov. 1 / Decision by Jan. 24

***Reminder Early Action and Early Decision are not the same!*

Fee Waivers: College vs. Common App

College Application Fee Waiver: Colleges will sometimes offer a promo code to allow ANY student to waive the application fee. You enter the promo code at the end of the application instead of entering a payment (credit card).

Examples:

- October - Many schools put out codes in October to encourage students to apply by Nov. 1.
- MSU - Typically puts out a code you can use 1st week of October

Common App Fee Waiver: When you complete the Common App, you will be asked if you qualify for a fee waiver. This is not the same as a promo code. This is for a student who receives free or reduced lunch and qualifies for all college application fee to be waived due to financial hardship.

SENDING TRANSCRIPTS

Step One: Create an account at Parchment.com

Step Two: Request a self copy of your transcript

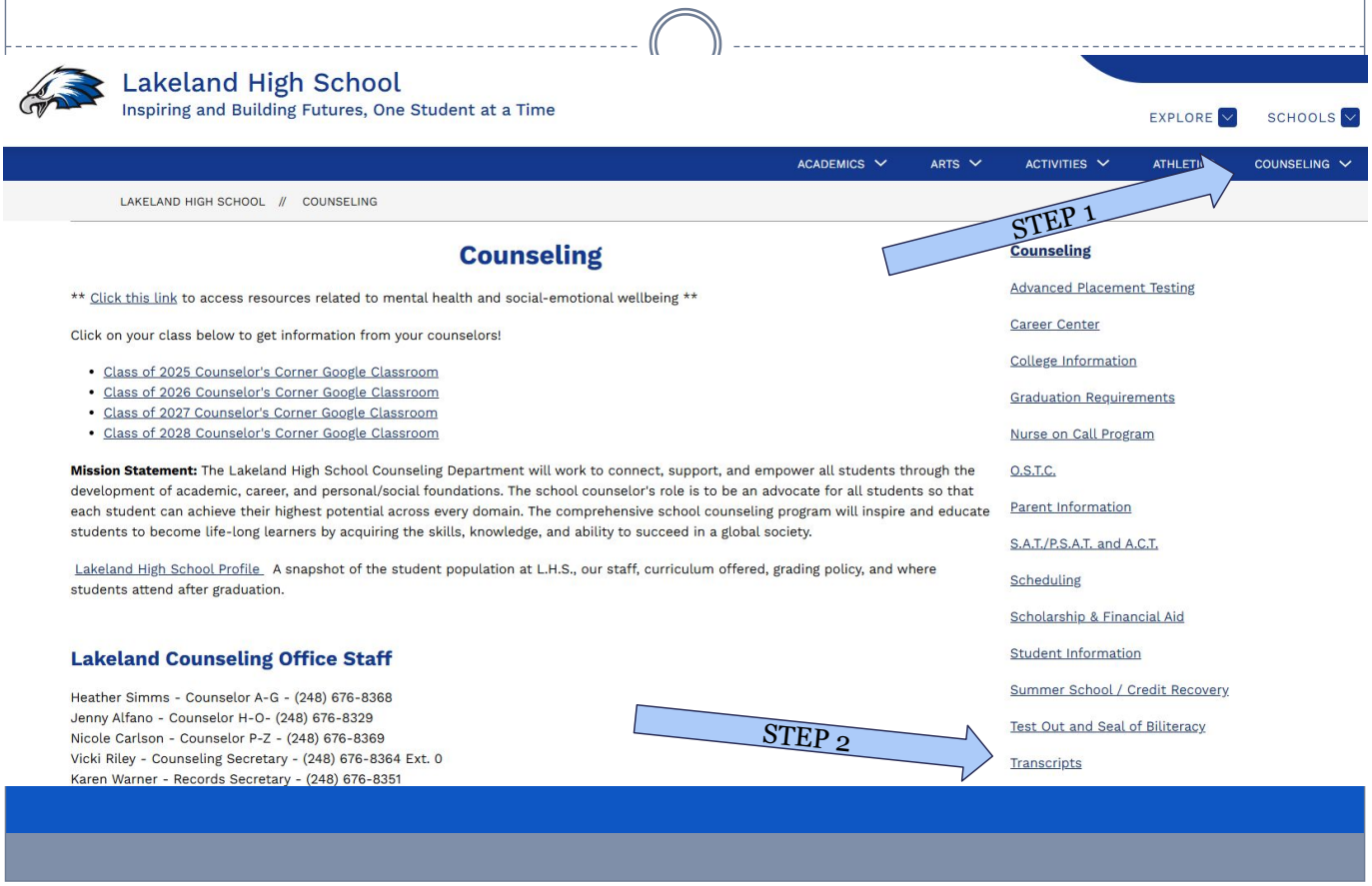
- Review for errors.
- GPA and class rank are located at the bottom of your transcript.

Step Three: Send a copy of your transcript to each college you applied to

- Log into your Parchment account and search for individual colleges.
- This electronic order goes to Mrs. Riley, who then sends it to the college.
- You can track the order within your Parchment account.

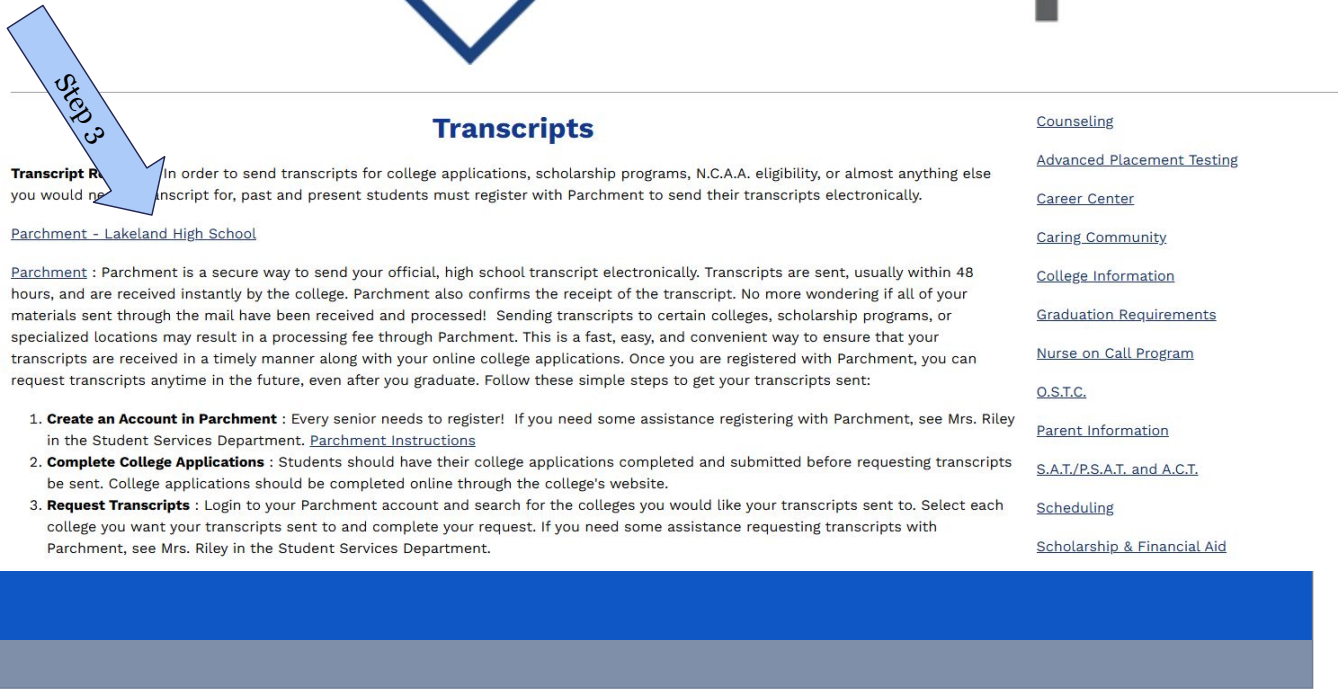
All requests for transcripts must go through your individual Parchment account.

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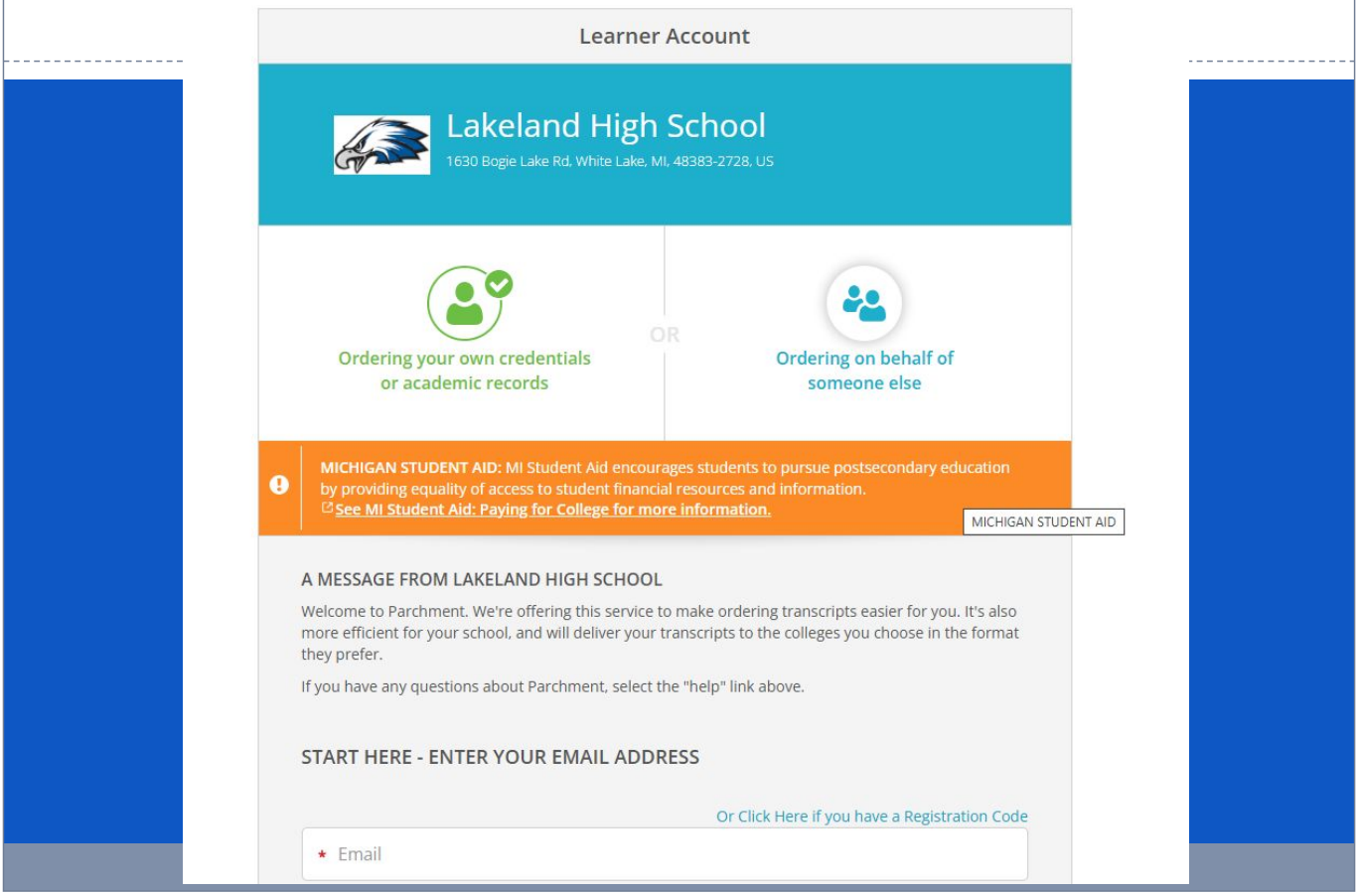


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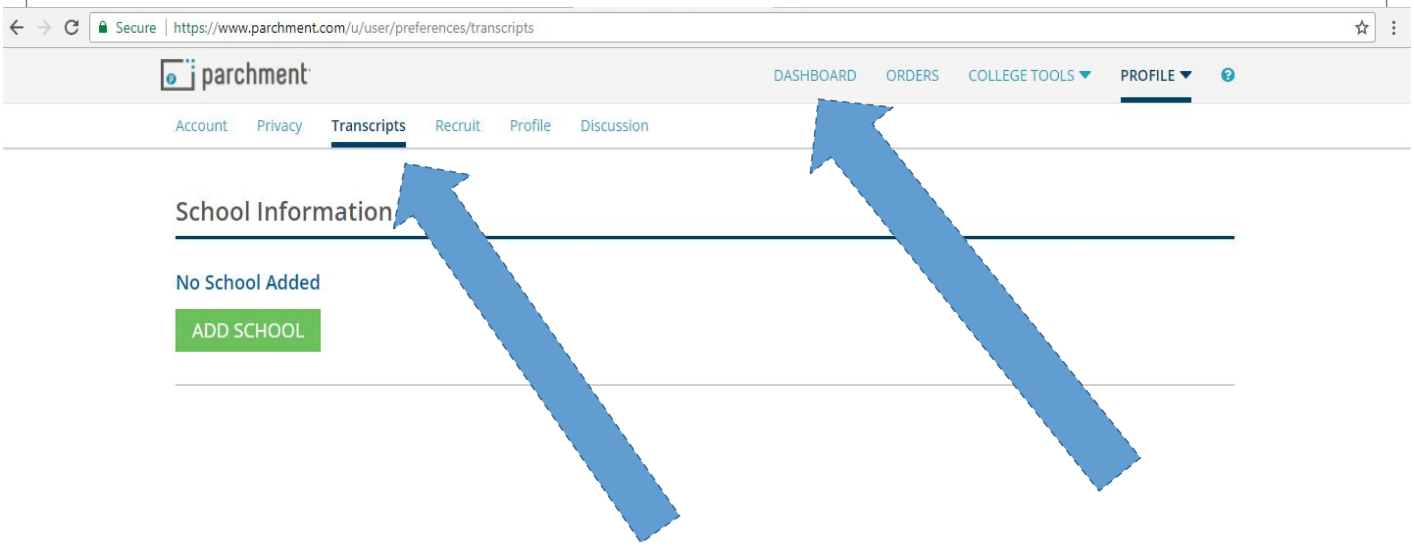




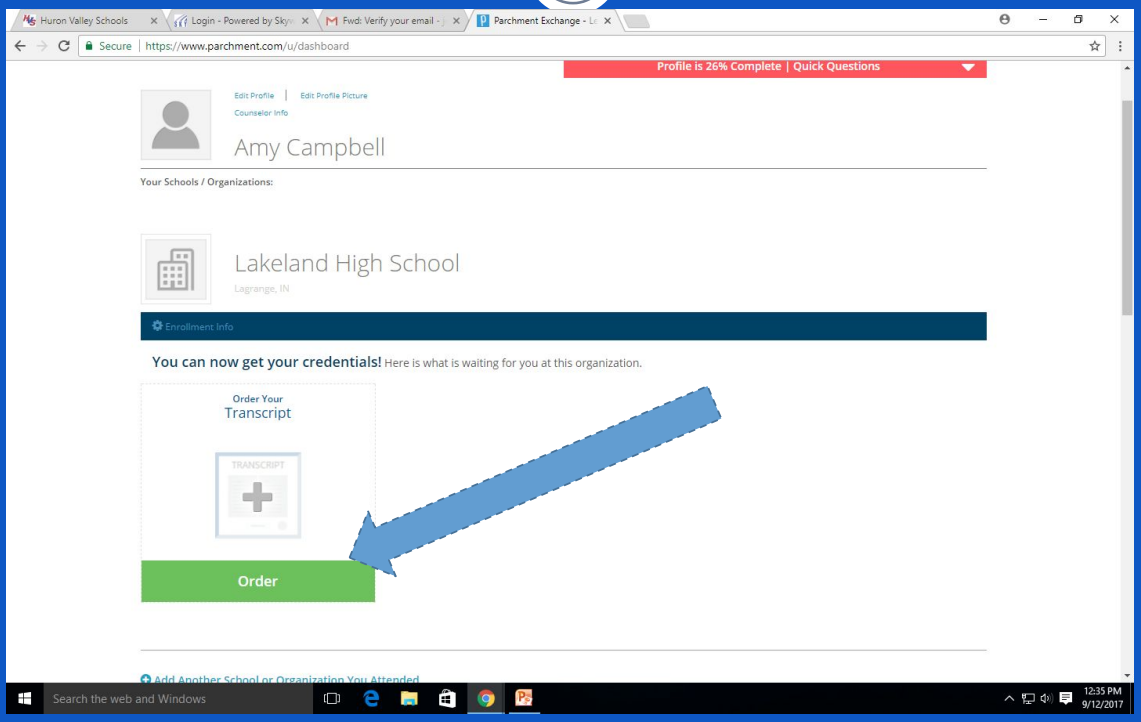
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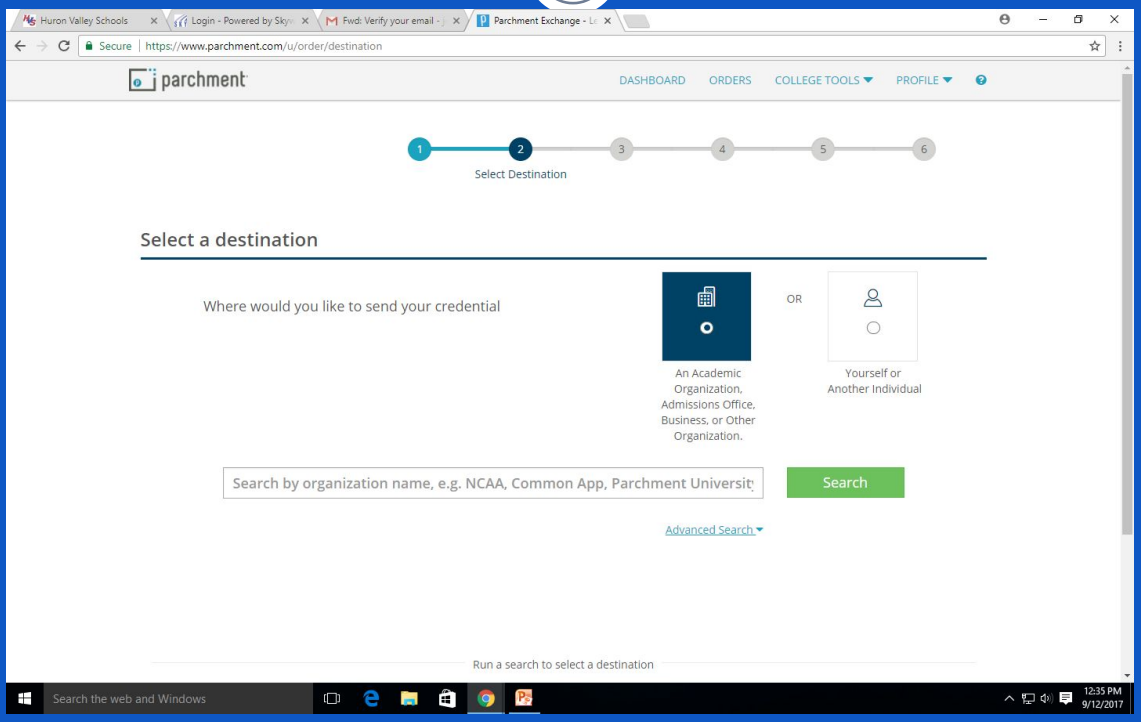
Parchment – Search for Lakeland HS



Parchment – Sending Transcripts



Request for yourself or college



HOW TO REGISTER ON PARCHMENT

Parchment.com

- Do **NOT** use your HVS email account (Register with a personal email account)
- Contact: victoria.riley@hvs.org

NEED HELP?
See Mrs. Riley in Student Services



Sending SAT /ACT Scores to Colleges

Have your SAT or ACT scores sent directly to the college(s).

Did you request for your test scores to be sent directly to specific colleges when you registered for the test?

If so, they will receive your scores. If not, you will have to request it through College Board or ACT.

www.actstudent.org

www.collegeboard.org

College Board

achieve more™

SAT®

- Reasons to retake your SAT or ACT exam:

1. My SAT score does not fall into the middle 50th or above admission range, for the school I want to attend.

2. I want to qualify for more merit scholarship money.

Registration, test dates, payment information found at:
collegeboard.org (SAT)
act.org (ACT)

Definitions of Admission Options

*Definitions provided by NACAC

Regular Decision	Students submit an application by a specified date & receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.	Non-Binding	Example: Michigan State University Apply by Feb. 1- Decision by Mar. 31
Rolling Admission	Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.	Non-Binding	Example: Oakland Community College
Early Action (EA)	Students apply early (Nov. 1); and receive a decision well in advance of the institutions regular response date.	Non-Binding	Example: Michigan State University Apply by Nov 1- Decision by Jan 15 University of Michigan Apply by Nov 1 - Decision by January 24
Early Decision (ED)	Students make a commitment to a 1st choice institution where if admitted they definitely will enroll & withdraw all other applications.	Binding *Student can only apply to 1 school as ED	Example: University of Michigan Apply by Nov 1 - Decision by December 24

Senioritis… OUCH

[redacted]

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Recently we received your final grades for the senior year and regret to note the serious decline in your academic performance. When we granted you admission, our expectation was that you would maintain the quality of your academic work throughout your senior year. This is stated on the back of the folder that accompanied your letter of admission under the heading "Read the Fine Print." It can also be referenced on our website at http://www.admissions.umich.edu/admitted/freshmen/informed.php.

This serious matter has been brought before the Grade Review Committee for a decision regarding the possibility of revoking your admission. It is incumbent on your part to write an explanation of the events that caused the decline in your performance. Please provide supporting documentation from a physician, counselor, principal, teacher, or any other person who can support your letter of explanation. This information must reach us by 07/15/2009. Please note that any contact with our office should be directed to the Grade Review Committee. We recommend that you send your explanation by email to um.grade.review@umich.edu; please include your U-M identification number: [redacted]. Lack of response could negatively impact the outcome. Therefore, we strongly encourage your prompt reply. You will be notified of our final decision.

Please note that because we consider this request so important, you may be receiving this correspondence from multiple email or mailing addresses. We trust that you understand our sincere concern to promote and ensure your educational success.

Grade Review Committee

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHICH COLLEGE?

- Visit the Career Center
- Attend college rep visits
- Tour the college campus
- Visit a college's website
- Explore your Xello account
- Use free college search websites
  - bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
  - collegeboard.com
  - collegeprowler.com

College Rep Visits @ Lakeland

The presentation schedule can be found on Lakeland's website under **Counseling > Career Center > Click "College Visits" to register**

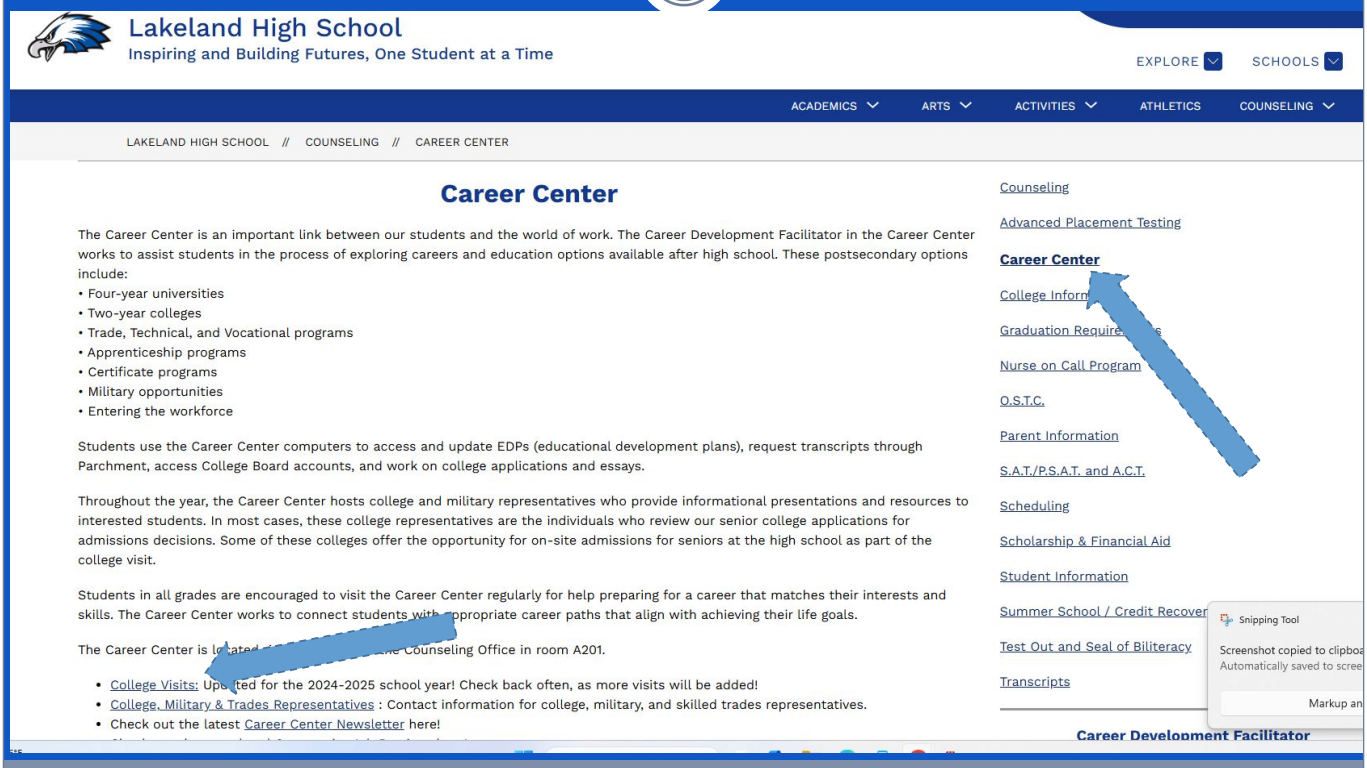
These presentations are wonderful opportunities to listen to college representatives discuss information specific to their university.

Presentation topics:

- ★ Programs of study (major, minor)
- ★ Campus life
- ★ Scholarship opportunities
- ★ Cost
- ★ Admission criteria
- ★ Ways to connect with the university
- ★ Q & A session

Visits take place in the months of September & October so act now!

College Rep Visits @ Lakeland



Registering for a College Representative Visit

Option 1: QR Codes posted outside of Career Center
Option 2: Link on Career Center website

- Fill out the Google Form
- Write down the date/time
- Look for Smart Pass day of event
- Show pass to your teacher

College Representative Visits @ Lakeland HS

Date	College or University	Location	Time	Sign Up Link
9/16/26	Michigan Technological Institute	Career Center	9:30	Michigan Tech
9/21/26	Future Pathways	Milford High School	6:00-7:30pm	
9/23/26	Lake Forest College	Career Center	9:30	Lake Forest College
9/24/26	Saginaw Valley University	Career Center	10:00	Saginaw Valley
9/30/26	Adrian College	Career Center	9:30	Adrian College
10/1/26	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	Career Center	10:00	University of Michigan
10/1/26	Hope College	Career Center	10:00	Hope College
10/2/26	Manufacturing Day Field Trip	TBD	TBD	see Mrs. Beer in Career Center
10/7/26	Central Michigan University	Career Center	9:30	CMU
10/22/26	Western Michigan University	Career Center	10:00	WMU
10/28/26	Lawrence Technological University	Career Center	9:30	Lawrence Tech
10/29/26	Schoolcraft College	Career Center	10:00	Schoolcraft College
10/29/26	University of Michigan-Flint	Career Center	10:00	U of M -Flint
11/11/26	University of Michigan - Dearborn	Career Center	9:30	University of Michigan - Dearborn
11/17/26	MiCareer Quest Field Trip	Vibe Credit Union Showplace	TBD	see Mrs. Beer in Career Center
12/10/26	ASVAB Test	Career Center	10:00	see Mrs. Beer in Career Center

Career Development Facilitator

Mrs. Beer
rory.beer@hvs.org



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Work on college applications

Request transcripts

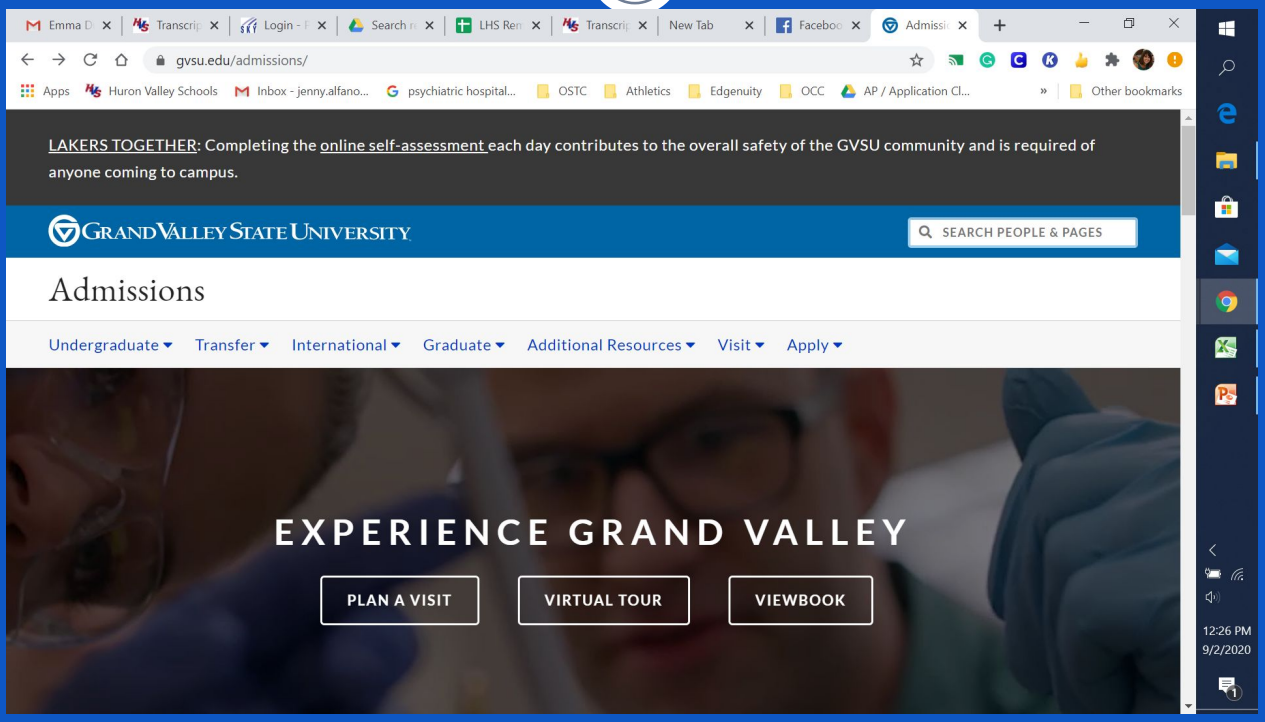
Research careers/colleges

Sign up for college rep visits

Find out about ASVAB testing
(military determination test)

Virtual Tours

Found on a college's website or at campustours.com



FUTURE PATHWAYS EVENT @ MILFORD HS

4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES - COMMUNITY COLLEGES - VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS - MILITARY BRANCHES - EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Save the Date!

Monday, September 21st
6:00 - 7:30 pm



HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS

Future Pathways Expo

Parents and students 9 - 12th grades

Please join us to learn about post secondary programs !

September 21st, 2026
Event Time: 6-7:30pm
Milford High School

Meet reps from: Colleges Universities | Skilled Trade Professionals & Vocational Schools | Military Branches

- **BEFORE ARRIVAL: Scan the QR code to register**
- **Select 9/21/2025 Huron Valley Schools @ Milford High School**

For more information: Jill Lanham
College & Career Center Coordinator ~ Milford High School
248.684.8098 ~ jill.lanham@hvs.org

College Application Goals!

Complete college applications

AND

Request your transcript is sent to each college

by October 30th by 1:00 PM

This will ensure you are applying by the early action deadline of November 1st and giving yourself the best chance of receiving an acceptance decision.

IS THE MILITARY THE PLAN

- Conduct online research at…
  www.defense.gov/Our-Story/Our-Forces/

- Schedule & take the ASVAB exam
  - practice tests available at officialasvab.com
  - ASVAB Testing at LHS on December 10th, 2026.

- Visit the Career Center website:
  - scheduled military rep visits at Lakeland
  - contact information for recruiters
  - ASVAB test at Lakeland

ARE THE TRADES THE PLAN

- Carpenter
- Machinist
- Electrician
- Welder
- Plumber
- Pipefitter
- Tool & Die Maker
- Nurse Aid
- Butcher
- Tree Trimmer
- HVAC (Heating, Ventilation)
- Boilermaker
- Bricklayer/Restoration
- Cement Mason
- Drywall Finisher
- Iron Worker
- Millwright
- Operating Engineer
- Painter
- Roofer

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Check it out, across from the Aux gym
- Or, go to oakgov.com



Scholarships: Where should I look?

Online

- ★ fastweb.com
- ★ goingmerry.com
- ★ Michigan.gov/mistudentaid
- ★ www.hvs.org/lhs>counseling>scholarships>financial aid
- ★ College website
  - Search under scholarships or financial aid
  - Does the college offer merit scholarships (based on GPA, SAT/ACT)

Google Classroom

Class of 2027 Counselor Corner

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FAFSA



Need help? ***See Mrs. Carlson-Rossi in the Career Center***

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

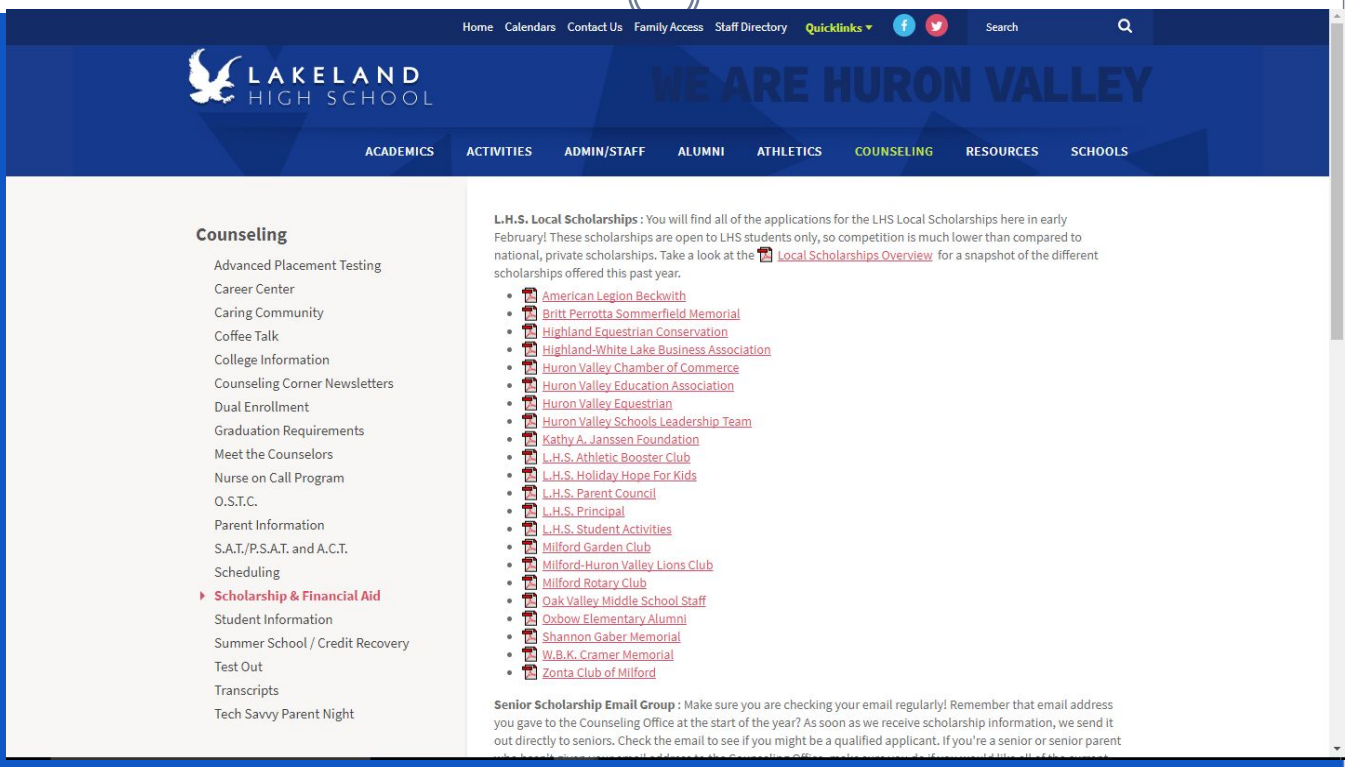
Application must be completed

October 1, 2026 - March 1st, 2027

Request parent/student FSA ID a few days prior to completing application

***Parent and student each have their own individual FSA ID*

Counseling Website: Local Scholarships



ATTENTION ATHLETES

If you will play a sport in college pay attention….

- **Division 1**= You must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse NOW to see if you meet the criteria to play at a D1 college.
- **Division II** = You must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse NOW to see if you meet the criteria to play at a D2 college.

Division III schools do not require NCAA registration.

- **NAIA** = You must register with the NAIA NOW to see if you meet the criteria to play.

How do I stayed informed??

Lakeland Counseling Website

Google Classroom: Class of 2027 Counselor Corner

Code: **xfobap3**

Watch for email updates from Mrs. Riley

Counseling Newsletter

Skyward Message Center

QUESTIONS???

Email your **COUNSELOR** for questions regarding:

- How to apply to college
- Narrowing down options
- Scholarship opportunities
- Letters of recommendation

Email **rory.beer@hvs.org** for questions regarding:

- Virtual college visits
- ASVAB registration for the military
- Computer lab availability for exploring options, completing applications

Email **victoria.riley@hvs.org** for questions regarding:

- Creating your Parchment account
- Requesting transcripts

