



**Set sail. Dream. Explore.
Discover.**

Post-Secondary Planning

**Scituate High School
School Counseling Department
December 2024**



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There is a path for everyone!

Part-time schooling

Two year colleges

Four year colleges

GAP Year

Employment

Internships

Military Options

Trades

Community Involvement

Travel



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4 - Year College Acceptances

This list is a partial sampling from recent graduating SHS classes.

U of Alabama	Colgate	Marquette	Quinnipiac
American	Cornell University	U of Maryland	URI
Amherst	U of Delaware	U Mass	U of San Francisco
Babson	Elon	U of MI	Skidmore
Bates	Emerson	UNH	U of SC
Bentley	Fairfield	NYU	Tufts
Boston College	Fordham	Northeastern	Bryant
Brown U	George Washington	Penn State	U of Vermont
Boston U	Harvard	U of Penn	Villanova
U of CA – San Diego	High Point	Providence	U of Virginia
Charleston	Holy Cross	Purdue	Williams
Clemson	Ithaca	U of Richmond	U of Wisconsin
Bridgewater State University	Cal Tech	MIT	WPI

Factors to Consider

- **College Characteristics**
- **Academics**
- **Academic and Wellness Support**
- **Student Population**
- **Social Life**
- **Admissions Requirements**
- **Cost of Attendance**
- **Financial Aid**



College Characteristics

Type - public, private,
co-ed, religious affiliations

Urban, suburban,
rural

Distance from home



Clubs, sports, or
activities

Learning support

Specific major

Specialized
programs

Student Diversity

Large lecture style classes or
small group interaction

Climate



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And Colleges...What they look at...

High School Transcript - Strength of curriculum

Overall grade point average*

Standardized test scores

Personal Essay(s)

Recommendations

Well-rounded student

Demonstrated interest in the school

Class rank (optional)



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Scituate High School

606 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy .
Scituate, MA 02066
781.545.8750
School Code: 221890

Accredited by
The New England Association of
Secondary Schools and Colleges

IS EMBOSSED

Sailor, Samuel

Address: 111 Front Street, Scituate, MA 02068
DOB: April 1, 2007
Parent/Guardian: P. and O. Sailor
Gender: M

SASID: 100000000
Expected Graduation Date: June 2025

2021-2022, Grade 09				
COURSE	COURSE #	LEV	FINAL	CREDIT
H English 1	102.SHS	Honors	A	4.00
H Geometry	210.SHS	Honors	A	4.00
H Spanish 2	430.SHS	Honors	A	4.00
H World History	641.SHS	Honors	A	4.00
Honors Biology 9	718.SHS	Honors	A	4.00
Introduction to Art	802.SHS	Colleg	A	2.00
PE 09/10	900.SHS	Colleg	A	1.00
Health Education	950.SHS	Colleg	A	1.00
CREDITS EARNED:				24.00
2022-2023, Grade 10				
COURSE	COURSE #	LEV	FINAL	CREDIT
H English Language	104.SHS	Honors	A	4.00
H Algebra 2	229.SHS	Honors	B	4.00
H Spanish 4	441.SHS	Honors	A	4.00
H US History 1	616.SHS	Honors	B+	4.00
AP Human Geography	650.SHS	AP	B+	4.00
H Chemistry	731.SHS	Honors	B+	4.00
3D Art I	820.SHS	Colleg	A	2.00
PE 09/10	900.SHS	Colleg	A	1.00
Health Education	950.SHS	Colleg	A	1.00
CREDITS EARNED:				28.00
2023-2024, Grade 11				
COURSE	COURSE #	LEV	FINAL	CREDIT
AP English Language &	107.SHS	AP	A	4.00
H Precalculus	230.SHS	Honors	B+	4.00
AP Spanish 5	445.SHS	AP	A	4.00
AP US History 2	620.SHS	AP	B	4.00
AP Biology	710.SHS	AP	B	4.00
H Anatomy &	740.SHS	Honors	A	4.00
Personal Fitness &	907.SHS	Colleg	A	1.00
Stress Management	932.SHS	Colleg	A	1.00
CREDITS EARNED:				26.00

2024-2025, Grade 12				
COURSE	COURSE #	LEV	FINAL	CREDIT
AP English Literature &	110.SHS	AP		
Advanced Journalism	196.SHS	Honors		
H International Affairs	658.SHS	Honors		
Statistics and Probability	234.SHS	Colleg		
Sociology	662.SHS	Colleg		
AP Environmental	774.SHS	AP		
Adventure	906.SHS	Colleg		
Self, Society and	924.SHS	Colleg		
CREDITS EARNED:				

Academic Standing		
Total Credits Earned:	78.00	GPA: 4.27
As of: 06/20/2024		

Marking System
A=93-100; A- = 90-92; B+ = 87-89; B= 83-86; B- = 80-82;
C+ = 77-79; C = 73-76; C- = 70-72; D+ = 67-69; D = 63-66;
D- = 60-62; F = <60; RC = Received Credit; NC = Did Not
Receive Credit
Unless otherwise noted, all classes are college preparatory.



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Recent SHS GPAs - MASS state schools

MA College/University	Average GPAs of accepted students
U Mass Amherst	4.06
Bridgewater	3.38
U Mass Lowell	3.72
U Mass Dartmouth	3.34
Westfield	3.21
Mass Maritime	3.46
Salem	3.24
Massasoit	(open enrollment)
Framingham	3.44
U Mass Boston	3.46
Fitchburg	3.56

A Note about Tuition Breaks and Mass State Colleges...

- Allows New England students to attend out-of-state colleges in New England at a discounted rate
- Over 2,500 degree programs
- Applies to two-year and four-year state colleges within New England
- Tuition Break



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Mass Transfer

Students complete their associate degree at a Massachusetts community college and transfer to a participating four-year independent college in the state

2.5 min GPA



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Common Admissions Types

Early Decision - binding

Early Action - not binding

Restrictive Early Action

Regular Decision

Rolling



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College Admissions Testing

SAT and/or ACT test

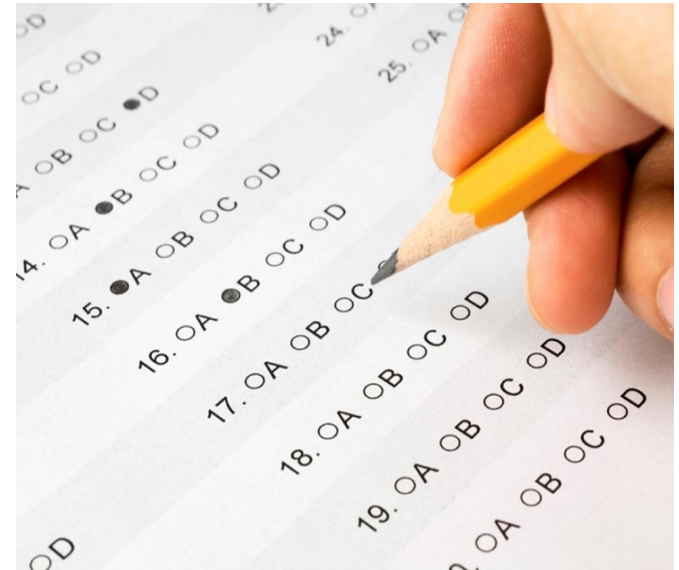
Outline a plan of test dates with counselor.

www.fairtest.org

Note: Students send scores directly to colleges...



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College Admissions Testing

Register for SAT
@
collegeboard.org

Practice for SAT
@

<https://signup.collegeboard.org/official-sat-practice/>

Khan Academy - test prep



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Register for ACT
@
ACTstudent.org

Practice for ACT
@

ACT Practice Test

**REGISTER
EARLY!!!!!!**

College Visits

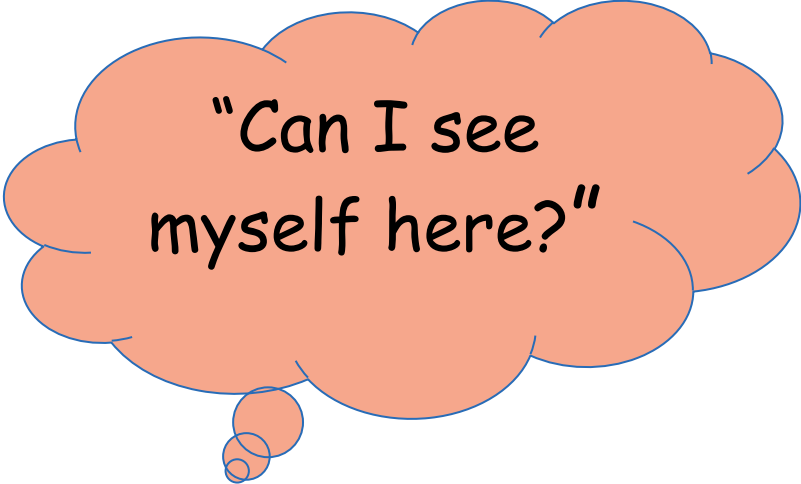
**2 excused absences per term
with documentation**

**Visit college websites to
schedule tours, class sit-ins,
overnights**

Virtual tours



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"Can I see
myself here?"

Questions to Consider:

- What percentage of students live on campus?
- What do students do on the weekend?
- Do you and other students like the food?
- How many students go abroad?
- When do you have to declare a major?
- How easy is it to change your major?
- Where can I get help with financial aid?
- What resources are there for counseling and stress management?
- What is the professor to student ratio?
- What career services are offered?



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Populating a College List

Reach

Target

Safety - \$\$

Don't be afraid to look at unfamiliar schools.

"Brand Name" schools may sound good – but may not be the right fit for your student.



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Students Next Steps

- Make a testing plan (preparation and registration)
- Begin generating potential schools and check college requirements.
- Ensure all graduation requirements are being met, including community service hours
- Schedule college visits
- Register w/ NCAA (Div I or II)



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A Look Ahead...

- **Post-Secondary Workshops 12/19/24**
- **Individual student planning meetings**
- **Securing Teacher Recommendations**
- **Securing Counselor Recommendations**
- **Drafting personal essay - workshop with admissions counselors**
- **Introduction to the Common Application**
- **June - Summer Send Off**



A Look Ahead - August-November

College Rep Visits

College Application Workshops

Individual student planning meetings

College Application Caregiver Event

Financial Aid Workshop - Caregiver



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Did you know? Military options....

Top Employers in the United States

1. Walmart

2. Amazon

3. United States Military

- Employ 1,400,000 US Citizens**

- Only 10% Ever See Combat**

- So, that leaves 1,260,000 other CAREERS**



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Did you know? Military options....

US Military Academies

Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC)

Reserves

Officer Candidate School

Military Prep Schools

Active Enlistment



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Interested in Trades?

Consider School to Career
Internship Course!

[Local Unions](#)



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Online Resources

[SHS School Counseling Webpage](#)

[College Scorecard](#) - Comparison tool on costs, graduation rates, post-college earnings, etc.

[Commonapp.org](#) - Common application site

[MEFA.org](#) - Financial education resources

[www.Fafsa.org](#) - Federal Student Aid application



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