

[Diana Hicke](#), School Counselor for  
the Class of 2025, Class of 2026 A-F

[Wes Andrews](#), School Counselor for  
the Class of 2023, Class of 2026 G-O

[Charlene Jakich](#), Chair, School Counselor for  
the Class of 2024, Class of 2026 P-Z

[Renaef Bafus](#), College & Career Center

[Dee Bishop](#), Counseling Secretary

[Jen Wilson](#), Registrar



## Moscow High School Counseling Center Update February 21, 2023

Beginning in March, MHS counselors will be meeting with classes to **pre-register students for the 2023-2024 school-year**. This is a great opportunity for parents to discuss plans with students as they prepare for what's next. Students can consult the [Academic Guide](#) for an idea of classes that they may want to take next year.

### PALOUSE EMPIRE TRADES FAIR

**MARCH 24, 2023**

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
(students and families)

**MARCH 25, 2023**

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
(all community members)

Join us at the Latah County Fairgrounds for A FREE Skilled  
Trades Career Fair, featuring a variety of trades in and around  
Latah County.



### Find a Career in Construction

- ★ 1.2 trillion federal infrastructure plan will create 1.5 million construction jobs per year.
- ★ Median wages for construction jobs are higher than for all jobs - Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- ★ On-the-job training to earn journeyman and/or certifications.
- ★ Shuttle bus will run throughout the day.
- ★ Sign up with Mrs. Bafus by March 10 to attend.
- ★ Latah County Fairgrounds

MHS students and their families are invited to attend the **Palouse Empire Trades Fair on Friday, March 24**. Saturday, March 25th will be open for the public. Students who wish to attend can sign up with Mrs. Bafus. Learn about construction careers, find a job or identify a contractor for your next project!



## Idaho Opportunity Scholarship

The Idaho Opportunity Scholarship program is a state-managed scholarship program established in recognition that Idaho benefits from an educated citizenry and to provide access to postsecondary education opportunities for economically disadvantaged students.

Max Award Amount in 2022:  
**\$3,500**

3,093  
new awards  
in 2022

6,273  
total awards  
in 2022

3,180  
renewal  
awards in  
2022



**Myth:** Only students eligible for a Federal Pell Grant get an award.



**Fact:** Anyone who has graduated (or will graduate) from an eligible Idaho high school and has a high school (or college) GPA of at least a 2.7 can apply and will be eligible **as long as they complete the FAFSA.**

42%

of 1st round recipients in 2022 were **not Pell-eligible** (had no financial need)

58%

of 1st round recipients in 2022 were **Pell-eligible** (had "high" or "some" financial need)

42%  
No Need

31%  
Some Need

27%  
High Need

**Seniors**, the deadline for students to submit the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship is rapidly approaching. The Idaho Opportunity Scholarship awards up to \$3,500 to eligible students and is renewable for up to four years. To apply, students need a 2.7 GPA and they must apply for the scholarship and submit a [2023-24 FAFSA](#) by **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Information about additional Idaho scholarships can be found at [Scholarship Idaho](#).

Keep in mind that there are a variety of scholarships available to **MHS students only**, including the Moscow Education Foundation Scholarship, the Hamilton Family Scholarship, the Irene Gustafson Scholarship, the Theodore H. Correll Memorial Scholarship, and the Nicole Ann Katsilometes Memorial Scholarship. New to the list this year is the John Joseph Musseau Memorial Scholarship, which is available to any MHS student who played high school football for at least one season. Applications to each of these are available in the Counseling Center. An extensive list can be found [here on the MHS scholarship website](#).



## Making Sense of your Financial Aid Award (and what do next)

Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Seniors who have already completed their FAFSA are invited to attend [this online event](#) Wednesday, February 22nd sponsored by Palouse Pathways.



Friday, April 14

### **Sophomores and Juniors:**

During Sneak Peek, you and your family will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about residence halls and other living options
- Meet academic and career support teams
- Chat with staff and faculty about academic programs
- Explore ways to get active and involved on campus

<https://www.uidaho.edu/events/sneak-peek/sign-up>



Saturday, March 25  
Friday, April 7

### **Seniors who have been admitted to UI:**

- Complete the majority of your new student to-do list in one day
- Learn about your major and college
- Set up your student accounts with Information Technology Support
- Discover clubs and campus resources
- Review your financial aid awards with financial aid counselors
- Family and friends are welcome

<https://futurevandals.uidaho.edu/portal/uidaho-bound>



# Junior Spring Exams



## English ISAT - Week of March 20 following break

- ☐ Students required to test will be notified
- ☐ 2 exams
- ☐ Career Center

## Math ISAT - Thursday March 23

- ☐ Students required to test will be notified
- ☐ 2 one hour tests
- ☐ P2→Access→P3 (3 hours time)
- ☐ Auditorium

## Science ISAT - Thursday March 30

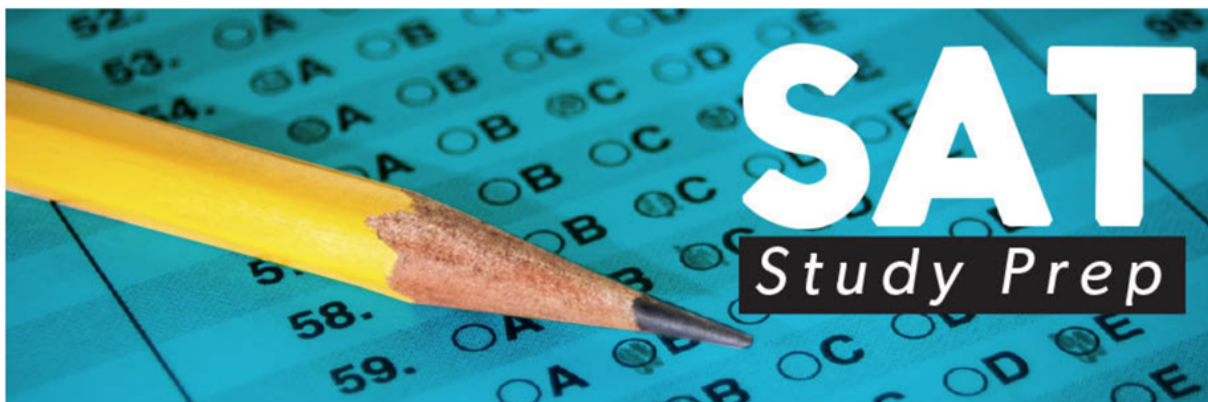
- ☐ All juniors will test
- ☐ One exam, 1.5 hours average time
- ☐ Last names A-K a.m. session (Access→P3)
- ☐ Last names L-Z p.m. session (P7→P6)

## SAT - Wednesday April 12

- ☐ 8:10 a.m. start, done by lunch
- ☐ All juniors are registered
- ☐ Gym unless otherwise informed

The Idaho State Department of Education has moved the spring ISAT exams for math and English from sophomore year to **junior year**. No change was made to the grade level for the junior Science ISAT.

**Juniors** will take the **SAT** at MHS on **Wednesday, April 12th, 2023**. Taking a college-entrance exam like the SAT or ACT is a requirement for graduation in the Moscow School District. Over 1,800 universities are now [test-optional](#), but a good score can still help admission chances and improve one's course placement for English and Math. Students who wish to take the SAT again or to take the ACT can do so by registering for one of the national test dates (see below). The [ACT](#) is the other nationally recognized exam accepted by all colleges and universities. Between the SAT and ACT, many students do better on one than the other, and we can help students learn the differences. The cost of the first time taking the ACT can be reimbursed for Idaho students through Advanced Opportunities.



MHS teachers **Mr. Gravel** and **Ms. Lyon** will be offering **SAT study sessions** for both Math and English during Access:

- March 2 – Auditorium – basic test overview
- March 9 – Math prep with Gravel; English prep with Lyon
- March 23 – Math prep with Gravel; English prep with Lyon (same sessions as 3/9)
- March 30 – Specialized help for at-risk students in either subject
- April 6 – Bonus session for students who have specific needs/questions.

<a href="#"><u>ACT</u></a> (MHS code 130415)	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	July 7, 2023

<a href="#"><u>SAT</u></a> (MHS code 130415)	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023
August 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	August 15, 2023





An **Idaho Food Bank School Pantry** is conveniently located in the Moscow High School basement to help you get food for your family at no charge. We are thankful for our partnership with the Idaho Food Bank and local donors. To access the Food Pantry by appointment or for more information, contact [Diana Hicke](#).



The Idaho Foodbank is committed to ensuring all Idahoans have access to nutritious food, regardless of their situation and background.

The Moscow distribution will be held on **Monday, February 27, 2023**, at the Latah County Fairgrounds starting at 10am until the last box is handed out.

The distributions provide a variety of fresh produce, frozen meats, dairy and dry goods to help meet a family's needs.

This food is free – no documentation or eligibility is required.

**How do I meet with my MHS Counselor?** We can meet with **students** during non-core classes or during an available class period. You can use our online scheduler <http://go.oncehub.com/MHSCounselors> to schedule appointments in order to discuss individual planning, academic and college advising, or personal concerns. We welcome meetings with **parents** as well and ask that you schedule your appointment through the Counseling Center Secretary, Dee Bishop, by calling (208) 882-2591.



**Question from an MHS student:** What are the typical GPA/SAT scores needed to qualify for WUE?

**Answer:** Each institution sets their own requirements for the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), which offers tuition at many western-state colleges at 150% of the in-state rate. Check the [WUE Savings Finder](#) for more information. Here are some examples:

School	GPA for WUE	SAT/ACT for WUE
Washington State University	3.0	n/a
Arizona State University	3.0	1180 / 24
University of Montana	3.9	n/a
Western Washington University	3.95	n/a
Eastern Washington University	n/a	n/a
Utah State University	n/a	n/a
University of Utah	3.3	n/a
Montana State University	n/a	n/a
University of Alaska Anchorage	n/a	n/a

*If a friend or loved one is in crisis, there is help available.*

*Call **911** if there is an imminent danger to self or others.*

*Idaho Crisis & Suicide Hotline / National Suicide Prevention Lifeline : **988** [Call or Text]*

*The Crisis Text Line [Text 741741] can receive texts about any number of issues, including isolation, anxiety, depression, self-harm, stress, abuse, grief, etc.*