

Graduating Survey

Student Survey Consent Form

Tennessee law requires schools to obtain consent from parents/legal guardians and eligible students before administering surveys.

Memphis-Shelby County Schools (MSCS) plans to administer a survey to graduating students. The purpose of this survey is to gather information about your post-graduation plans and to understand how well you feel MSCS prepared you for those plans. The District will use your feedback to identify successes and areas for improvement in the educational experience.

Your responses will be confidential. Only school counselors and the MSCS Department of Research and Performance Management will have access to individual responses. Any reports of survey responses will use summarized responses only; your name will not be shared. Additionally, your participation is voluntary. You may choose to skip questions you do not wish to answer.

- ☐ **I am under 18 years old and have my parent/guardian's consent to participate in the survey.**
- ☐ **I am 18 years or older and consent to participate in the survey.**
- ☐ **I do NOT consent to participate in the survey.**

1. What are your current plans after high school graduation?
 - a. Attend a 4-year college or university.
 - b. Attend a 2-year community college.
 - c. Attend a technical college, TCAT, or trade school.
 - d. Attend a military academy.
 - e. Attend job training.
 - f. Enlist in the military.
 - g. Work full-time.
 - h. Take a gap year.
 - i. Undecided

4-year, 2-year, and Technical Students

1. Please select the college/university/trade school you plan to attend [dropdown].
2. Please select the area you plan to study [dropdown].

Military/Military Academy Students

1. Which branch of the military do you plan to join?
 - a. Army
 - b. Navy
 - c. Marines
 - d. National Guard
 - e. Coast Guard
 - f. Air Force
 - g. Unsure
 - h. Other (please specify)

Workforce /Job Training/Gap Year Students

1. If you plan to enter the workforce, what kind of job or industry are you pursuing [dropdown]?
2. If you do not plan to pursue further education within a year of your high school graduation, what is your primary reason?
 - a. Financial (e.g., can't afford to attend school, need income from working, etc.)
 - b. Academic (e.g., grades/test scores aren't high enough, don't feel academically prepared for college, etc.)
 - c. Personal obligations (e.g., childcare or family responsibilities)
 - d. Personal preference (e.g., mixed feelings about college, don't believe career goals require college, etc.)
 - e. Gap year (i.e., will take some time off from school and plan to enroll in college after a year)

- f. Other (please specify)

Undecided Students

1. What are the biggest reasons you're unsure about your plans after high school?
(Check all that apply)
 - a. I don't know what options are out there.
 - b. I don't know what I'm good at or interested in
 - c. I feel overwhelmed by too many choices.
 - d. I don't feel ready to make a big decision.
 - e. I'm worried about money or paying for school.
 - f. I haven't had a chance to explore careers or talk to people in different jobs.
 - g. I would like to travel or otherwise gain non-academic, non-trade experience.
 - h. Other (please explain): _____
2. What types of support would help you feel more confident about your next steps?
(Check all that apply)
 - a. Talking to a school counselor or career advisor.
 - b. Learning about different jobs or career paths.
 - c. Taking a career interest quiz or personality assessment.
 - d. Help applying to college, trade school, or other training programs.
 - e. Help finding a job or learning how to apply for one.
 - f. Opportunities to talk to adults working in different careers.
 - g. Job shadowing, internships, or volunteer opportunities.
 - h. Learning how to manage money or plan for the future.
 - i. Support with stress, anxiety, or feeling overwhelmed.
 - j. Other (please explain): _____

CTE Questions (All Students)

1. Have you taken any Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses in high school?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Not sure
2. If yes, have you taken two or more courses in the same CTE area (are you a CTE concentrator)?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Not sure
3. What is your CTE area of concentration, if applicable?
 - 1) Accounting
 - 2) Advanced STEM Applications
 - 3) Agricultural Engineering, Industrial, and Mechanical Systems
 - 4) Audio/Visual Production

- 5) Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair
- 6) Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair w/ Diesel Focus
- 7) Aviation Flight
- 8) Banking and Finance
- 9) Barbering
- 10) BioSTEM
- 11) Business Management and Administration
- 12) Coding
- 13) Cosmetology
- 14) Criminal Justice and Correction Services
- 15) Culinary Arts
- 16) Cybersecurity
- 17) Diagnostic Services
- 18) Dietetics and Nutrition
- 19) Digital Arts & Design
- 20) Early Childhood Education Careers
- 21) Emergency Services
- 22) Engineering
- 23) Entrepreneurship
- 24) Fashion Merchandising
- 25) Fire Management Services
- 26) Food Science
- 27) Horticulture Science
- 28) Machining Technology
- 29) Marketing Management
- 30) Mechanical, Electrical, & Plumbing (MEP) Systems
- 31) Nursing Services
- 32) Residential & Commercial Construction
- 33) Robotics & Technology
- 34) Sport and Human Performance
- 35) Structural Systems
- 36) Supply Chain Management
- 37) Teaching as a Profession (PK-12)
- 38) Therapeutic Services
- 39) Veterinary and Animal Science
- 40) Welding

4. Do you plan to continue studying or working in this area after graduation?

- a. Yes, I plan to study it in college or trade school.
- b. Yes, I plan to work in this field.
- c. Maybe, I'm still thinking about it.

- d. No, I plan to pursue something different.
- e. Not sure

ALL STUDENTS

1. What factors influenced your post-graduation plans the most? (select all that apply.)
 - a. Financial considerations (e.g., cost of college, need to earn income)
 - b. Family responsibilities or expectations
 - c. Personal interests or passions
 - d. Academic performance or preparedness
 - e. Job market or employment opportunities
 - f. Advice from counselors/teachers
 - g. Influence from friends or peers
 - h. Desire for independence or travel
 - i. Other
2. Do you think receiving a TN Direct Admissions letter will affect your postsecondary plans? If so, how?
 - a. Yes – I will be more likely to attend college.
 - b. Yes – I will be more likely to attend a Tennessee college or university.
 - c. Yes – I will consider colleges I hadn't thought about before.
 - d. No – It will not affect my plans.
 - e. I'm not sure yet.
3. Can we follow up with you after graduation to learn more about your progress?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
4. If yes, please provide your non-MSCS email address.
5. If yes, please provide your phone number.