

How to Talk about MHS Parent/Sponsor to Child

Conversation Starters



Let's research the school and take the first step together.

Let's explore what MHS might have to offer you.

I love you so much and I want what is best for you.

We are all going to take care of you.

This is a long-term investment in your future. I know you have the ability to go far in life, and I want to support that.

MHS is a new beginning—a fresh start. You can be who you want to be.

It's okay if you are feeling scared or nervous. Trust me that I am doing what's best for you and your future.



Focus on the Big Picture and Long-Term Rewards

- ✓ Communicate how much you love them and that you are always looking to provide them with the best in life. MHS is one of those opportunities.
- ✓ Deliver the news in a way that lets the child know you are in this process together.
- ✓ Explain how your child will have everything he/she needs to be successful: clothes, hot meals, school supplies, emotional support, educational opportunities, travel opportunities, internship opportunities, etc.
- ✓ Let the child know that they are not being abandoned and that you will be there every step of the way.
- ✓ Focus on what a unique and wonderful opportunity this is.
- ✓ Let them know that they will still stay connected with you while at MHS and that you are excited to join them in this journey.
- ✓ Some students have reported feeling truly special to even have MHS as an option.
- ✓ MHS is a highly selective school and space is limited.
- ✓ What NOT to say to your child:
 - Never use MHS as a threat to "send child away."
 - Never talk about MHS after a behavioral incident occurs.

Have Resources at Your Side and Ready to Show Your Child

Review and research MHS via the website
mhskids.org/fast-facts

See a day in the life of a student
mhskids.org/day-in-the-life

Watch a video about what it means to be enrolled
mhskids.org/every-milt-has-their-day-video

Share Application Journey Map
mhskids.org/application-journey-map

Take a virtual tour
mhskids.org/virtual-tour

