

Welcome Class of 2025

Senior Information Night



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Agenda

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- Where to find information
- Beginning of the year review
 - Graduation requirements, transcripts, and credit recovery
- Post-secondary planning
- When to apply
- Scholarships and FAFSA
- Timelines and guides
- Important dates



WHERE TO FIND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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1. CHS website



**Senior Year & Graduation
Info**

2. CHS Counseling website & newsletter



**Schedule a Meeting with
Counselors**



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BEGINNING OF THE YEAR REVIEW

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- Senior ECAP lesson completed on 9/3
 - Reviewed logging into [Major Clarity](#) (beginning at 1:10 minute), searching for colleges and requesting transcripts
- Senior Minute Meetings this week
 - Meeting with seniors 1:1, transcript review and future plans
- Deficiency or non-grad letters will be sent out at the end of this month
 - If you have any questions, please contact your student's school counselor



BEGINNING OF THE YEAR REVIEW CONT...

Graduation Requirements - Credit Summary				
Subject Area	Req'd	Comp	WIP	Needed
Elective	6.00	6.13	1.00	
English	4.00	3.00	1.00	
Fine Arts/Career Tech	1.00	1.00		
Health	0.50	0.50		
Math	4.00	3.00	1.00	
Phys Ed	0.50	0.50		
Science	3.00	3.00		
Economics	0.50	0.00	0.50	
Government	0.50	0.00	0.50	
US History	1.00	1.00		
World History	1.00	1.00		
TOTALS	22.00	19.13	4.00	0.00

Transcripts

- All seniors were given a copy of their current transcript
- Needed column should say 0
- If credits are still needed, student should be in credit recovery



ROLES FOR SENIOR YEAR

Student's

- ★ Plan
- ★ Research
- ★ **Communicate**
- ★ Use Resources
- ★ Time Management
- ★ Be Action Oriented
- ★ Ask for Help

Parent's

- ★ Communicate
- ★ Support
- ★ **Encourage**
- ★ Engage

Counselor's

- ★ Guide
- ★ **Support**
- ★ Encourage
- ★ Letters of Recommendations
- ★ Counselor Reports
- ★ Communicate



Post-Secondary Planning



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MILITARY CAREERS & GAP YEARS

Military

- Careers within each branch of the Military
- Provide training and educational opportunities for selected career
- Military representatives will be in the South Commons during lunch
- Both students and parents need to be involved in the process
- Recommend taking ASVAB in November

Gap Year

- Gap years can provide opportunities for individual growth
- Can explore careers, humanitarian & mission service, travel, caring for others
- Add experiences to resume

*If taking a Gap for other reasons beside mission service, please talk to your school counselor.



COLLEGE OPTIONS

Universities

- Public & Private universities
- Each location is unique
- In-state offers affordable tuition & competitive merit aid
- Out-of-State options, such as size and environment, along with merit aid

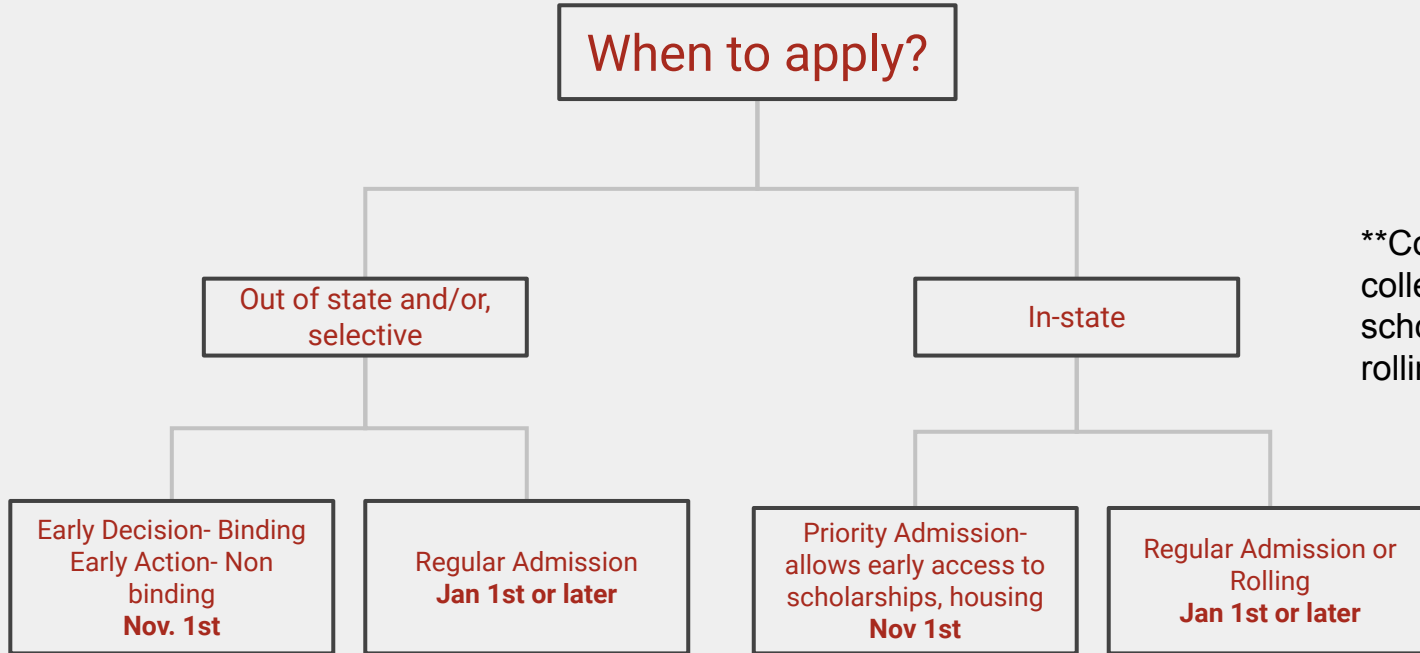
Community/Junior Colleges

- Local & nationwide options
- Affordable
- Some offer on-campus housing
- Seamless transition to universities (CCC2NAU)
- Open to all students
- Offer certificates and Associate's degrees

Trade/Technical Colleges

- Vary in size, cost, program length/availability & location
- Many are private
- Can be financial aid/FAFSA eligible
- Some offer housing
- Tuition partnerships with employers





****Community colleges, trade/tech schools have rolling admission.**



APPLYING In-State COLLEGES

NAU is free to apply!
Self-report...No transcript!
Apply directly...No common app!

Application open for: **ASU, NAU, UA**

- Apply on Colleges website
- Self report** (transcript not required)
- Honors College? Separate application
- When application is submitted, automatically considered for admission & merit scholarship
- ACT or SAT not needed, but may aid in scholarships or admissions

****Self-report grade**** admissions and scholarships based on “Sweet 16 or CORE credits & GPA (except NAU*)

4 years of English
4 years of Math
2 years of Social Studies (1 year of US History)
2 years of Lab Science
1 year of Fine Art/CTE
2 years of Modern Language

Attend a Tri-University event to hear updates! Sunday 9/22 @ 2pm-4pm, NAU DuBois

Register here:

<https://collegereadyaz.com/tri-university-events/>

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ASU Arizona State University

NAU NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Tri-University Events

APPLYING Out-of-State COLLEGES



- **Directly to the institution**
 - Application on college website
 - First year, apply button
- ONE application
 - Sent to multiple schools
- Please inform school counselor
- Link Common App to Major Clarity
- Here's the link for 1st time guide:

<https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-time-students>



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What do you need to apply?

- ❑ Copy of transcript or StudentVUE Course History, to self-report grades
- ❑ Test scores (optional depending on score)
- ❑ Demographic information (DOB, SS#, Address)
- ❑ Payment for application
 - ❑ Fee waiver for students who qualify for Free Reduced Lunch (FRL).

Some colleges have additional requirements:

- ❑ Letters of recommendations (2-3 from teachers & counselor)
- ❑ Essays
- ❑ List of activities, work, community service
- ❑ Academic Honors and Achievements

Request official transcripts on Major Clarity.

AP scores- send directly from College Board.

DE classes- transcript must be requested from CCC.



That was a lot of information!

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Take a minute and type into the chat one thing that will help you and your student.

Or...what is one thing that you and your student need more information.



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How do I pay for college?



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Scholarships

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Merit based

- Determined by core GPA (Sweet 16)
- Varies from each school

Need based (qualify for Pell grant)

- Arizona Promise Program (unmet need for tuition)



Other Scholarships

- Universities have foundation and school specific scholarships
- Local scholarships- will announce in StudentVue email or newsletter
- Regional scholarships- newsletter
- Scholarship search engines such as:
 - [Unigo](#)
 - [Fastweb](#)
 - [Going Merry](#)
 - [Scholarships.com](#)
- Personal Favorite
 - [College Depot](#)

Scholarships that are now open

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[Questbridge](#)- full ride scholarship for highly selective colleges, need based

[Flinn](#)- Arizona's prestigious full ride scholarship

[Elks Most Valuable](#)- Award amounts 1,000-7,500

[Dorrance](#) (opens October 1st)- \$12,000 per year for 1st gen students who demonstrate financial need (3.0 GPA minimum)



W.U.E. Western Undergraduate Exchange

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The Western Undergraduate Exchange is a program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).

Offers reduced tuition

Specific to schools and programs. To check eligibility-

<https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/wue-savings-finder/>



Financial Aid– FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Application requires guardian/parent(s) tax information and student (if applicable)
- Determines if student qualifies for federal money for Grants, Work Study and Federal Loans.
- All roles must have a FSA ID
- Filled out every year

Important changes to FAFSA

- Opens in December
- The terms Roles and Contributors (Parents) will be used
- Must use IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- All sections must be signed

*We will host a FAFSA completion night on
December 4th starting at 5:30pm*



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Timelines and Guide



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College Planning Timeline

Schedule Senior Meeting with Counselor-
[CLICK HERE](#)

SAT/ ACT testing- Register to take

Check if colleges require Official Transcripts-
if so, request on Major Clarity

Letter of Recommendation Worksheet/
Resume- [CLICK HERE](#)

Research and finalize list of colleges to apply
to

Organize college
information/paperwork/deadlines

Begin submitting applications if haven't
already

Scholarships- research and apply [CLICK
HERE](#)

Clean up social media accounts

11/1 Priority deadline NAU and ASU

December

September

October

November

Curious about College? Attend the College and
Career Expo @SMS on Oct. 2nd at 5pm

Work on College essays

Contact adults for Letters of Recommendation-
give deadline of when needed

Request Letters of Recommendation in Major
Clarity

Start FAFSA (Free Application for Federal
Student Aid)

Follow up if needed with adults on Letters of
Recommendation

Send official test scores from testing agency
to colleges

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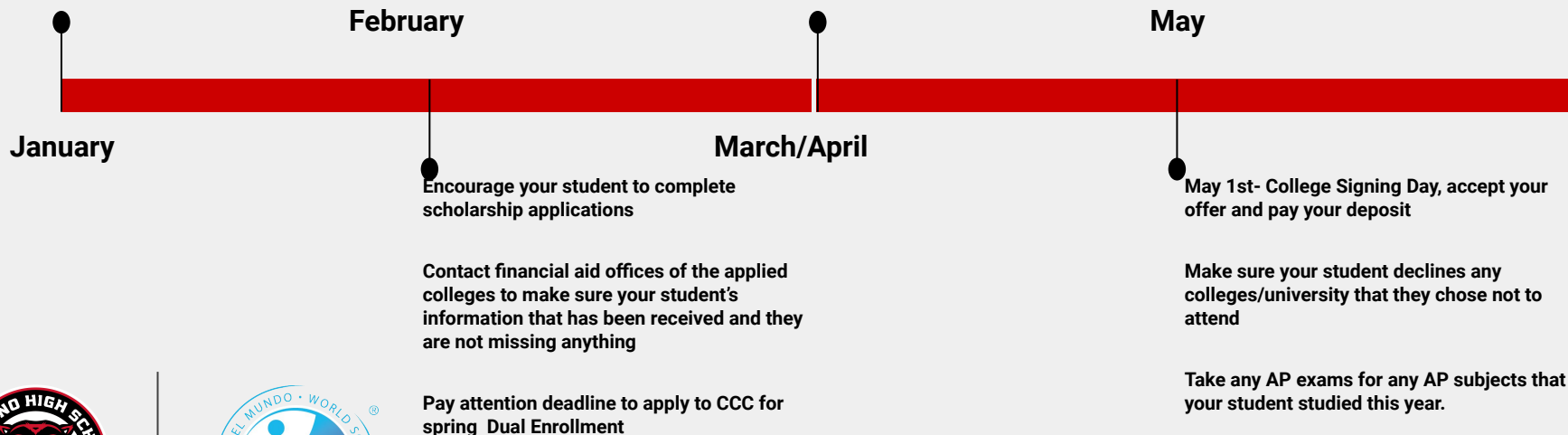
Make sure transcripts have been requested and sent to colleges/universities your student is applying to (if required)

Contact admissions offices to make sure they have everything they need

Your student will probably have heard from the colleges/university as to whether or not they have been accepted by April 15th

Compare acceptance letters, financial aid packages and scholarship offers and **MAKE THE DECISION!**

04/28 Deadline to withdraw from spring Dual Enrollment with 'W'



College Planning Guide

[Link to comprehensive college planning guide](#)



CHS- College Planning Guide

12th grade

This guide includes helpful links for college planning during your senior year.

FALL

- Research colleges, you can use Major Clarity *Postsecondary Exploration* to help you. Click on comparison tool to help you narrow down your choices.
- Create your list of Colleges that you are applying to. You can use this [College Application Checklist](#) from CollegeBoard to help you keep track of deadlines and tasks.
- If needed, retake the ACT and/or SAT. Some colleges are still test optional, however, some may require test scores for admissions and/or merit based scholarships.
- If applying to in-state schools, apply directly to the institution. If applying to multiple and highly selective colleges, you may need to use the Common App. Please see your school counselor if using Common App.
- Keep track of deadlines- Early decision/early action applications are due as soon as possible or by November 1st.
- Letters of recommendations- some colleges/universities require letters of recommendations, please ask your teachers and school counselor 2-3 weeks in advance to write a letter. Please provide a resume and/or brag sheet. Non-Common App users, use Major Clarity to request letters of recommendations for colleges.

ACT

REGISTER HERE:

SAT

CollegeBoard

REGISTER HERE:

common app

APPLYING TO



Log in here:

[https://
app.paper.co/
majorclarity](https://app.paper.co/majorclarity)



Apply here:

[https://nau.edu/
how-to-apply/
apply-now/](https://nau.edu/how-to-apply/apply-now/)



Apply here:

Whew! We have covered a lot of material!

Type in the chat number 1-5 how prepared you and your student are feeling.

1= Not at all prepared

5= We got this!



Testing



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ACT and SAT Testing

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If your student needs to retake the ACT and/or SAT, register on the following websites:

ACT

Next testing date: October 26th

Cost: \$68 no writing, \$93 w/ writing

SAT

Next testing date: October 5th, late registration Sept. 24th

Cost: \$60



Making Senior Year Count



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Watch out for Senioritis!

- Maintain attendance
- Maintain performance/grades
- Connect with College Access Member and Earn to Learn Advisor for support
- Get/remain active and involved
- Learn time management skills and study skills
- Ask for help
- Organize your college applications and scholarships in a binder or folder.



Upcoming Events



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EVENTS

- **NACAC College Fair in Phoenix** September 16th
- **NCAA/NAIA Parent Night webinar** September 28th
- **Post-Secondary Pathways Campaign Day** October 25 at CHS
 - Workshops to address different pathways (job, trade school, community college, university, next steps for college)
- **College & Career Expo** October 2nd at Sinagua Middle School



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