



Class of 2024

Senior Year Information



Counselors

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A-H Grades 9-12

Mrs. Jennifer White
I-S Grades 9-12

Mr. Josh Kern
T-Z Grades 9-12

Graduation



Requirements...

one more time!

What do I need to graduate from high school?



1. The Basics
2. Prove Competency
3. Show Readiness



1. The Basics Are....

The right classes and credits needed to graduate:

- English - 4 Credits
- Math - 4 Credits
- Science - 3 Credits
- Social St. - 3 Credits
- 2 sem of P.E. **or** waiver
- 1 Fine Art Credit **or** waiver
- .50 Health Credit
- .50 Financial Lit. Credit
- 4.5 Elective Credits



2. Prove Competency

Students must earn a score of 684 or higher on the following End of Course (EOC)/AIR Tests

- Algebra I
- English II

Or...



Prove Competency Continued....

- Earn credit for one CCP Math and/or English course

Or...

- Enlist in the Military

Or...

- Demonstrate two of the following Career-Focused Activities

one of the two must be a foundational activity

Foundational:

- Score proficient on your CTE WebXams
- Earn a 12 point CTE Industry Credential
- Be accepted into an approved apprenticeship program

Supporting:

- Complete a work-based learning experience
- Earn the required WorkKeys scores
- Earn the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal

3. Show Readiness

Students must earn **2** diploma seals to show readiness.

A diploma seal is a sticker on your diploma that is awarded by the state to demonstrate your academic, technical, and professional skills and knowledge.



Show Readiness continued....

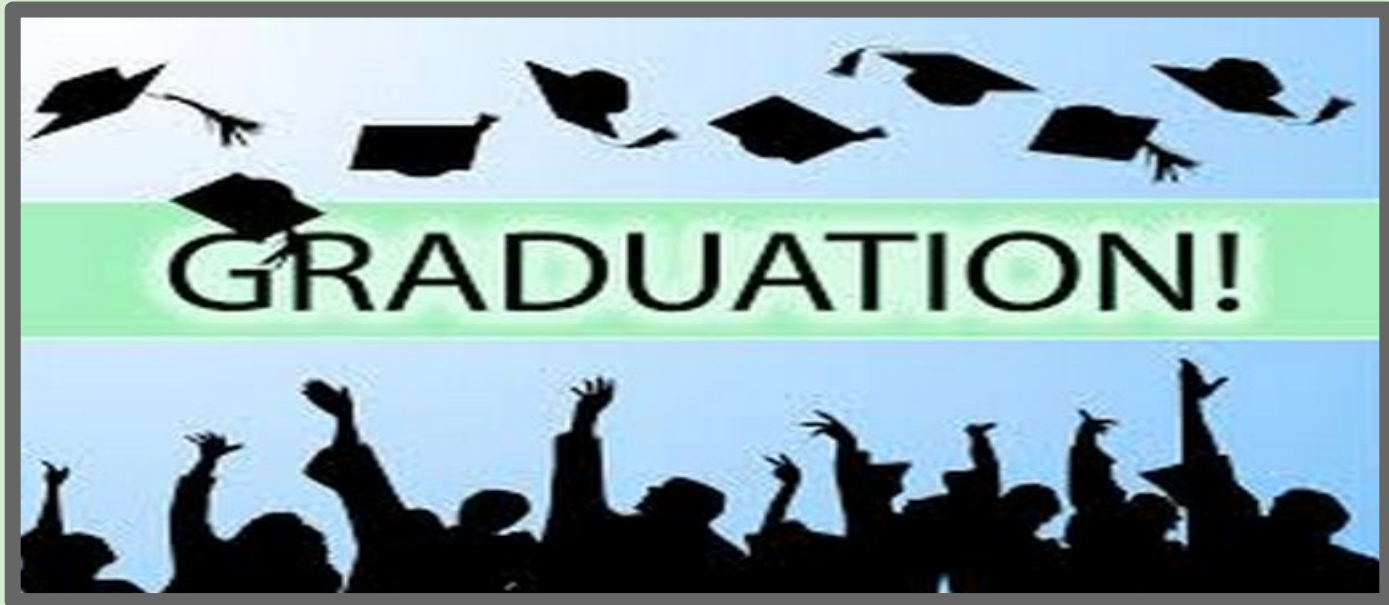
Click [here](#) for
seal details

You must earn 2 of
these seal options.

- | | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| A. Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal | G. Honors Diploma Seal |
| B. Industry-Recognized Credential Seal | H. Seal of Biliteracy |
| C. College-Ready Seal | I. Technology Seal |
| D. Military Enlistment Seal | J. Community Service Seal |
| E. Citizenship Seal | K. Fine and Performing Arts Seal |
| F. Science Seal | L. Student Engagement Seal |

*****One of the two seals earned must be option A-I*****

All graduation requirements must be met in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.





5 Honors Diploma Options

- ★ Students have five pathways to earn an Honors Diploma
- ★ Students will receive one Honors Diploma cord regardless of the number of Honors Diploma pathways completed
- ★ Diplomas will only have one “Honors Diploma” sticker regardless of the number of Honors Diplomas pathways completed

Academic Honors Diploma



- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 4 Social Studies
- 3 Foreign Language
- 1 Fine Art (*fine art waiver cannot be applied*)
- 3.5 GPA
- 27+ACT/1280+SAT

Must earn 7 of the 8 criteria

Career-Tech Honors Diploma



- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 4 Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language
- 4 Career Tech units
- 3.5 GPA
- 27+ACT/1280+SAT/WorkKeys Reading 6+ & Math 6+
- Field Experience/Portfolio
- Achieve CTE competency benchmark

Must earn 7 of the 8 criteria

Arts Honors Diploma



- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 3 Foreign Language
- 4 Fine Arts
- 2 Electives w/Fine Arts Focus
- 3.5 GPA
- 27+ACT/1280+SAT
- Field Experience/Portfolio

Must earn 7 of the 8 criteria

STEM Honors Diploma



- 4 English
- 5 Math
- 5 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 3 Foreign Language
- 1 Fine Art (*fine art waiver cannot be applied*)
- 2 Stem-Focused Courses
- 3.5 GPA
- 27+ACT/1280+SAT
- Field Experience/Portfolio

Must earn 7 of the 8 criteria

Social Sciences Honors Diploma



- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 3 Science
- 5 Social Studies
- 3 Foreign Language
- 1 Fine Art (*fine art waiver cannot be applied*)
- 3 Electives w/ Social Studies Focus
- 3.5 GPA
- 27+ACT/1280+SAT
- Field Experience/Portfolio

Must earn 7 of the 8 criteria

Honors Diploma GPA Requirement

The Ohio Department of Education has clarified that the GPA requirement for an Honors Diploma must be calculated on an **UNWEIGHTED** GPA scale.

Field Experience Requirement

- 15 hours, in one or more locations related to the specific honors diploma pathway
- Required log signed off by site supervisor

Log [Form](#)

Portfolio Requirement

If student uses field experience as their exemption:

- Collection of ten work samples related to student's honor diploma area of focus. Can include: projects, essays, presentations, documentation of performance, videos, photos of project, art work, etc.
- Short presentation to school personnel and professionals in the field.

Portfolio Requirement

with field experience:

- Electronic or hard copy
- Company profile/thorough description of company (i.e. products, services, marketing strategies, size, image, etc.)
- Log of 15 hours: time, activities completed, signed off by placement supervisor

Portfolio Requirement

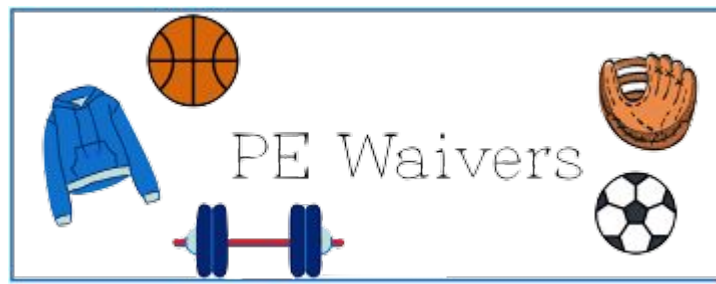
with field experience continued....

- Job shadowing reflection (2 page typed, double spaced, 12 pt font, 1" margin):
 - *Describe your experience*
 - *What did you learn from your experience?*
 - *How did this contribute to your thinking about life after high school?*
 - *What else would you like to learn about this or related fields?*
- Provide two artifacts from their placement/work samples/pictures/video. If you are unable to obtain artifacts from your site, you must provide two work samples in your honors diploma pathway.
- Short presentation to school personnel and professionals in the field

**If pursuing a CTE, STEM, Civics, or
Arts honors diploma, field
experience and portfolio information
is due by**

Click [here](#) for
more field
experience/
portfolio
information





TURN IN THOSE PE WAIVER FORMS!

It is your responsibility to get your
coach's/parents' signatures
and return the forms to your counselor.

*You will be scheduled into PE classes if you
do not turn in your forms.*



- 5 classes each semester is required for all students
 - 6 credits is recommended for athletes
- Keep strong grades and good attendance
 - Reflects on transcripts
 - Info sent to colleges/scholarship committees/military/prospective employers

Every senior will meet with his/her counselor for a senior interview.

- Review the student's progress towards graduation - Basics, Competency, and Readiness
- Discuss post-high school plans
- Answer any questions or concerns you have
- Parents/guardians are welcome to attend the meeting

The counselors are available to meet with you before school starts.

Click [here](#) to schedule
your senior interview
with Mrs. Boyd.
(A-H)

Click [here](#) to schedule
your senior interview
with Mrs. White.
(I-S)

Click [here](#) to schedule
your senior interview
with Mr. Kern.
(T-Z)

You may also
call or email
your counselor
to schedule a
meeting.

*If you are not able
to meet in
August, your
counselor will
meet with you
after the start of
the school year.*

Senior Privilege - Late Arrival/Early Dismissal

- Come to school 1 or 2 periods late or leave 1 or 2 periods early or come 1 period late and leave one period early
- Completed and signed [form](#) required
- Must meet requirements:
 - All credit -recovery courses must be completed
 - Passing grades
- Must attend scheduled study hall until given notice
- Privilege can be revoked per administrators' discretion

Discuss with your counselor

School Fees

We don't want you to miss out on senior year activities due to unpaid fees.

See Mrs. Stevens with any fee questions.

*You can pay with a credit card now, online only -
Pay Schools Central*

Senior Year can be costly....

ACT/
SAT

Prom

College
Applications

School
Fees

College/
Housing
Deposit

Yearbook

Senior
Pictures

Cap & Gown/
Grad
Announcements

Wildcat of the Month



Staff panel will review “2024 Senior Survey” if student requests to be eligible. The “2024 Senior Survey” will be emailed to you and must be completed by Sept 6th to be considered for Wildcat of the Month for the entire school year.



Yearbook Info

Lifetouch will come to CSHS to take your senior picture for the Yearbook (no charge) but you will need to make an appointment, link to be emailed soon.

Thursday, August 30th - 10:00 - 4:00 PAC

Friday, August 31st - 8:00 - 2:00 PAC

Make-Up Day - Wednesday, August 25th 8:30 - 2:00

Email baby pictures to brittany.myers@cantonlocal.org



Selective Service System (SSS) Registration:
Males are required to register with SSS within
30 days of their 18th birthday.

Visit www.sss.gov

Scholastic Recognition

- ★ Summa Cum Laude 4.0+
- ★ Magna Cum Laude 3.75+
- ★ Cum Laude 3.5+

Scholastic Recognition for graduation is based off of cumulative GPA at the end of the 1st semester of senior year.

**CSHS does not report class rank*

Senior Scholars Recognition

- Any student with a cumulative gpa of 3.75 or greater at the end of the 1st semester of senior year is invited.
- The invited seniors get to honor an educator who has made a lasting impact on their lives or made an impact on their education.

Senior Awards Program

Seniors are honored for various awards:

- Summa Cum Laude/Magna Cume Laude/Cum Laude
- Honors Diplomas
- National Honors Society
- National Technical Honors Society
- Tri-M/International Thespians
- Senior Scholars
- Military Enlistment
- Various Athletic Awards
- CSHS Class of '24 scholarship winners
- Wildcats of the Month /Year



CCP courses and end of year awards...

If all of your courses are CCP courses, you will be disqualified from honor/merit roll status.



CCP courses only report final grade;
9 weeks' grades are not documented.



Meningococcal Shot



The Ohio Department of Health has the following immunization requirements for students who will be entering the 12th grade in the 2023-2024 school year:

Two doses of Meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) are required prior to entry into 12th grade. If the first dose was administered on or after the 16th birthday, a second dose is NOT required.



Communication....

- **Monthly Newsletter** - emailed to school email on the 1st of every month. Parents can also sign up for the newsletters.
- **School email** - scholarship info, surveys, etc.
- **Text Messaging System:** text 81010 and message @CSHS2024

Watch for
communication/
announcement
changes soon!



How often do you check your email?



Check your school email at least once a week, even during the summer. We may contact you about schedules, Class of 2024 Senior Survey, or other important information.



- ✓ **September 9th** - ACT (registration deadline is August 4th)
- ✓ **September 20th** - Senior meeting to order cap and gowns from Herff Jones
- ✓ **Mid-September** (date TBD) - College visit, more details to follow soon
- ✓ **September 28th** - Find Your E event (*tentative*) - military/college/employer fair
- ✓ **October 28th** - ACT (registration deadline is September 22nd)
- ✓ **November 2nd** - ASVAB Test



- ✓ **December 9th** - ACT (registration deadline is November 3rd)
- ✓ **December 20th** - CSHS Class of 2024 Scholarship Packet becomes available for students to apply for 20+ CS scholarships
- ✓ **February 10th** - ACT (registration deadline is January 5th)
- ✓ **February 15th** - Financial Aid Presentation
- ✓ **March 1st** - CSHS Class of 2024 Scholarship application packets due to the Student Services Office by 2:40 p.m.



- ✓ **Mid-March** - Caps and gowns delivered
- ✓ **April 4th** - Honors diplomas field experience/portfolios due
- ✓ **April 13th** - ACT (registration deadline is March 8th)
- ✓ **May 21st** - Senior Scholars Recognition (by invitation)
- ✓ **May 23rd** - Senior Awards (by invitation)
- ✓ **May 24th** -
 - Graduation practice - 9:30 a.m. (mandatory)
 - Graduation parades at FMES and CSMS - 11:30 a.m. (voluntary)
 - Graduation - 7:00 p.m.

Planning for your future....



Enlisting in the Military?



1. Do your homework before enlisting. Talk to different recruiters from different branches – every branch has different incentives and different jobs available.
2. Take the ASVAB
3. Start preparing for the physical fitness test
4. Enlist and share proof of enlistment with your counselor
5. Consider ROTC programs with scholarship money attached
6. Academies – requires a lot of diligent effort that you would need to start this summer

Military

ASVAB @ CSHS - November 2nd (*tentative*)

Look for test registration information in October



Representatives will be set up in the cafeteria all year. Make sure to ask them about possible scholarship opportunities.

Going into the workforce?



1. Create a resume
2. Research career options/take interest inventories
3. Practice interviewing skills
4. Buy dress clothes
5. Create a reference sheet (inform your references first)
6. Does your career choice require special certification?
7. Check job board websites

All this info can be found on Ohiomeansjobs.com

Apprenticeships

- Great opportunities to gain experience and knowledge while working hands on
- Most offer a competitive wage with health insurance
- Evening classes that can transfer into an associates program
- Can help you find a job
- Become part of local unions

Going to college?



1. Research campuses online
 - a. Programs of interest
 - b. Admission requirements
2. Visit campuses - get the admission counselors contact info, start asking questions. Schedule visits online
3. Build your resume - get busy/involved
4. Start applications
 - a. Ask your counselor to send transcripts after you apply
 - b. Tweak your essays
5. Sign up for SAT/ACT tests and study/practice!

Personal College/Military Visits

- We encourage you to go on college and/or military visits this year.
- You are permitted two excused college visit days, just make sure to turn in verification from the college to CSHS's Attendance Office.
- Ask a lot of questions during your visit. Make a list of questions to ask before your visit.



Applying to colleges....



- ★ Pick 4 to 5 schools that interest you
- ★ Apply online
- ★ Submit your application with all required documentation
- ★ Are you applying for Early Action/Decision?
Strict deadlines!

Applying to colleges continued....

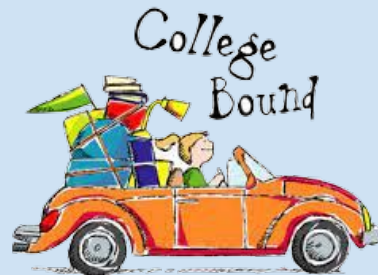
- ★ Ask your counselor to send an official transcript to the school
- ★ Get a housing application if you're living on campus
- ★ Find out what tests (ACT/SAT/SAT II Subject Tests) are required and the deadlines for submitting your official score report
- ★ If you have questions ask your parents/guardians, guidance counselor, or an admissions director

College Representative Visits

- College representatives will visit CSHS throughout the year during lunch periods
- Be sure to go talk with reps. They may be on the decision panel for acceptance
- Check the scrolling announcements/monthly newsletters for upcoming visits

Where can I start the college search process?

- ★ [Nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/](https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/)
- ★ [Ohiomeansjobs.com](https://ohiomeansjobs.com)
- ★ [Colleges.niche.com](https://colleges.niche.com)





Over 900 colleges are using the “Common App.” Students complete the application once and it gets shared with their selected Common App colleges.

www.commonapp.org

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION....

Two weeks notice please!



Essays...you got this!



- Start your essays now
- 3 essays (one page each)
 - Past experiences - how you became who you are
 - High school experiences
 - Future plans - what and why
- Have a teacher/a strong writer proofread your essays

Helpful Tip....

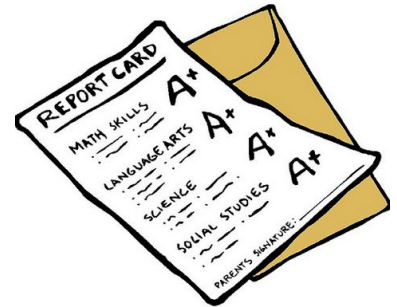
Plan to have all college applications submitted by Winter Break!

*It is your responsibility to know all your chosen college's deadlines/requirements.
(Ex. Early Decision/Action dates/SAT Subject Tests requirements, etc.)



Acceptance Is Preliminary

Colleges/NCAA/NAIA care about
senior coursework and grades.





Interested in playing sports in college?

NCAA (Division I/II/III)/NAIA - determine eligibility to play competitive college sports.

NCAA eligibility [worksheet](#)

- *Must have 16 core credits (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language)*
- *Must have a minimum GPA/ACT/SAT score (varies by division)*

Need to register ASAP!
See your counselor for additional information.

Additional info about college sports....



- If you hope to play college sports, you must meet NCAA/NAIA academic eligibility requirements
- Credit recovery classes are **not** accepted
- NCAA/NAIA will need an official copy of your transcript.
- Register with the Clearinghouse to begin the process - \$80 fee



SAT *vs.* ACT

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



SAT VS ACT

What is the difference between the SAT and ACT? Although both gauge a student's readiness for university, there are many differences between the two.

1600

TOP SCORE

Scaled score 400 - 1600.



READING

The SAT has 5 reading passages.



MATH

Formulas provided. Calculator allowed for some questions.



SCIENCE

No Science based section.



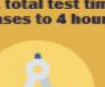
TIME

Excluding the optional essay, the SAT is 3 hours long. With the optional essay, total test time increases to 3 hours and 50 minutes.



TIME

Excluding the optional essay, the ACT is 3 hours and 30 minutes. With the optional essay, total test time increases to 4 hours.



36

TOP SCORE

Scaled score 1 - 36.



READING

The ACT has 4 reading passages.



MATH

Formulas not provided. Calculator allowed for all questions.



SCIENCE

Be prepared to look up data and trends, make predictions and synthesize information.



ESSAY

The ACT essay focuses more on evaluation and analysis of complex issues.

TAKE THE SAT IF YOU:

DO WELL WITH VOCABULARY
NEED MORE TIME TO TAKE TESTS
PREFER HANDWRITTEN TESTS
HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH CHARTS



TAKE THE ACT IF YOU:

STRUGGLE WITH VOCABULARY
DO WELL AT TIMED TESTS
PREFER COMPUTER-BASED TESTS
ARE GOOD WITH CHARTS

SOURCE: EDUCATIONUSA CANADA (2019)

SAT vs. ACT

	SAT	ACT
WHICH COLLEGES ACCEPT IT?	All colleges.	All colleges.
TEST FORMAT	1. Reading 2. Writing/Language 3. Math - Without calculator - With calculator 4. Essay	1. English/Grammar 2. Math 3. Reading 4. Science 5. Essay
TOTAL LENGTH	3 hours (+50 min essay)	2 hours 55 min (+40 min essay)
ENGLISH/LANGUAGE	44 questions (35 min)	75 questions (45 min)
READING	5 passages with 52 total questions (65 min)	4 passages with 40 total questions (35 min)
MATH	1 section <i>without calculator</i> with 20 questions (25 min) 1 section <i>with calculator</i> with 38 questions (55 min) Covers: - Arithmetic - Algebra I & II - Geometry & Trigonometry - Data Analysis	60 questions (60 min) Covers: - Arithmetic - Algebra I & II - Geometry & Trigonometry <i>Calculator allowed on all questions.</i>
SCIENCE	None	7 passages with 40 total questions (35 min) Test critical thinking skills and ability to read graphs (no scientific knowledge required).
ESSAY	(50 minutes) Students must read a piece of writing and write an essay analyzing the argument and language used in the passage.	(40 minutes) Students must take a position on a complex issue and write an argumentative essay supporting their views.
SCORE RANGE	400-1600	1-36
GUESSING PENALTY	None	None

A few things about the ^{The}ACT....

- The Class of 2024 took the ACT in February.
- Recommend taking “Plus Writing” once if you are not sure which college you’re going to attend.
- Can have scores sent to 4 colleges free of charge; additional charge for extra colleges.
(Many colleges require scores sent directly from ACT.)
- F & R Lunch: qualify for 4 fee waivers, see your counselor for a waiver.

A few things about the cont....

- All of the national testing dates are offered to CSHS students. Testing locations vary on different dates but there are always sessions held in Stark County. You will select your testing location when you register.
- There is a [cost](#) to National Test Date ACT
- Free test prep on actstudent.org and ohiomeansjobs.com

Register for the **ACT** at www.actstudent.org

Register for the **SAT** at www.collegeboard.com

Some schools require SAT II's, or subject tests - check with your selected schools.

- ◆ CSHS CEB Code:360-760
- ◆ Have scores sent to colleges of interest



See your counselor if you receive free or reduced lunch for the 2032-24 school year.

You may be eligible for a fee waiver for ACT/SAT, NCAA and college application fees.

Searching for Scholarships



POPULAR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH WEBSITES

fastweb!

CollegeNET

 **PETERSON'S**
StudentEdge

bigfuture
by The College Board

my**CollegeOptions**[®]

Local Scholarships

Stark Community [Foundation](#) manages more than 100 scholarship funds that support hundreds of students each year from Stark and Carroll counties.

Paul and Carol David [Foundation](#)

Local Scholarships

CSHS Class of 2024 Scholarship Packet - 20+ scholarship opportunities available to CSHS seniors. The packet will be emailed out to seniors before winter break.

Also, some local companies (i.e. Timken, Aultman, etc.) may have scholarship opportunities available to their employees' children.

- Create a separate email account

- No valid scholarship search engine requires credit card info/money

- Create three basic essays and tweak as needed



Student Services Quarter Auction



Saturday, November 11th

- Scholarships
- Senior Graduation Yard Signs
- Various Academic Initiatives



KEEP
CALM
AND

Countdown to
Graduation