



*Class of 2027 Presentation*



# *Freshman Focus*



*Cactus Shadows High School*





# Learning Objectives



- Who is my counselor?
- I know the skills to reach my goal grades.
- I understand the graduation requirements and credits.
- I know the programs and courses offered in order to create my 4-year plan and post high school objectives.
- I can complete my four year Education Career Action Plan (ECAP).

# Hello and Welcome!

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School Social Worker



# We are here to help.....



- Social/Emotional, Academic, Career, Post-Grad.
- Appointments?
  - Scan QR Code
  - Email
- Support Groups: Ms. Udisky
- Anonymous Tip Line
- Check out the counseling webpage on the district website.





# GRADES



- Semester Grades vs Quarter Grades
  - Only semester grades go on your transcript
  - 1st semester (August - December) 6 classes
  - 2nd semester (January - May) 6 Classes
- A,B,C,D earn 0.5 credits per semester
- D's = DEFICIENCY for college
- Failing grades earn NO credit
- Re-do in summer school



# GPA



## Standard

- A = 4.0
- B = 3.0
- C = 2.0
- D = 1.0
- F = 0.0

## Weighted

- A = 5.0
- B = 4.0
- C = 3.0
- D = 1.0
- F = 0.0








*Weighted =  
Honors  
IB*

*Advanced Placement*





# CSHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



COURSE	Total Credits to Graduate
English	4
Math	4
Science	3
Fine Art/CTE	1
PE/Health	1
Social Studies	3
Electives	6

# CSHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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- Semester = 0.5 credits
  - One year = 1.0 credit
  - Need 18 credits by end of Junior year for half-day
  - Need 22 TOTAL credits to graduate from CSHS
  - Need a 3.0 or higher in the 16 CORE classes in high school for most in-state universities
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# University Requirements



- English: 4 credits
- Math: 4 credits
- Social Studies: 2 credits (World History/Geography, American/Arizona History )
- Science: 3 credits (Lab sciences)
- World Language: 2 credits (same language)
- Fine Art: 1 credit
- 3.0 in your **CORE** classes







# University Requirements

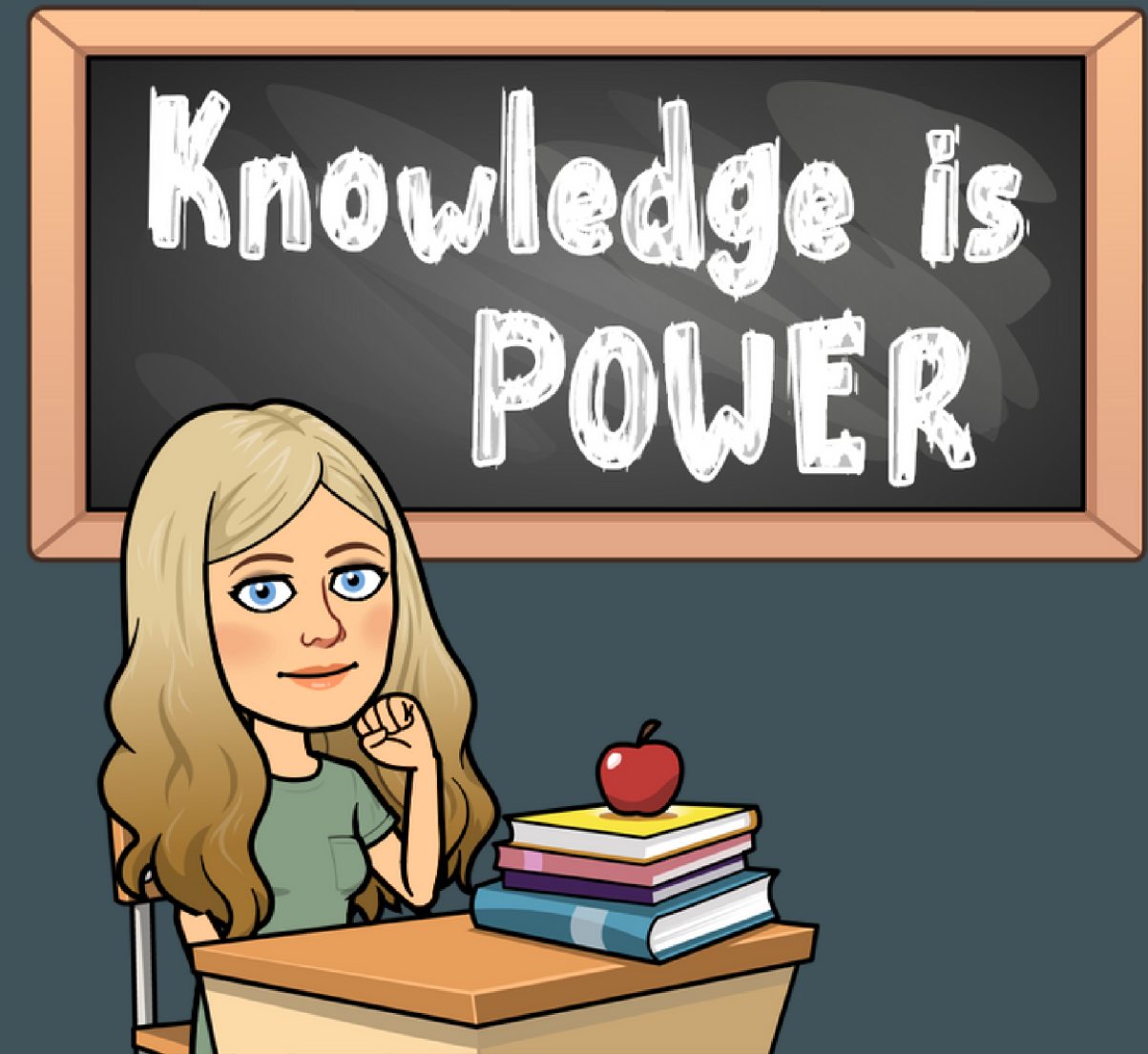


- Four years of high school English
- Four years of high school math
- Three years of high school lab science
- Two years of high school social studies
- One year of high school fine arts/Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- A minimum of a 2.75 in your CORE classes



# Out of State Universities

- Approximately 5,300 colleges and universities in the United States.
  - EACH has different admission requirements.
- Start looking at schools you might possibly be interested in to see their various requirements.
- Each calculates your GPA differently.



# University of California at San Diego (UCSD)

2 years of History

4 years of English

3 years of Mathematics

2 years of Science

2 years of (the same) World Language

1 Fine Art credit

1 Additional College-Prep Elective

A minimum of a 3.4 GPA



Now, get out your phones to test your  
knowledge

# Tips for SUCCESS



- **Be Proactive**
  - Attend office hours for classes that tend to be a struggle or need extra support at least twice a week.
- **Attendance**
  - Be here on time and ready to learn.
- **Use an Agenda**
  - Record assignments daily and create a consistent routine.
- **Check Grades Online**
  - Check grades on a weekly basis.
- **Build Relationships**
  - Get to know your teachers and your School Counselor. Also, have contact information of a peer for homework.



# Academic Programs at CSHS



- On-track courses
- Dual Enrollment/Early College
- EVIT and CTE Certificates
- Honors
- Advanced Placement
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, IB Certificate





# Getting Involved...

IS HIGH SCHOOL MORE THAN ACADEMICS?

yes!

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- Athletics
  - Community Service
  - Clubs
  - Drama/Theatre
  - Music
  - Dance
  - Yearbook

CHECK OUT  
THE CLUBS  
LINK ON THE  
CSHS  
WEBSITE!

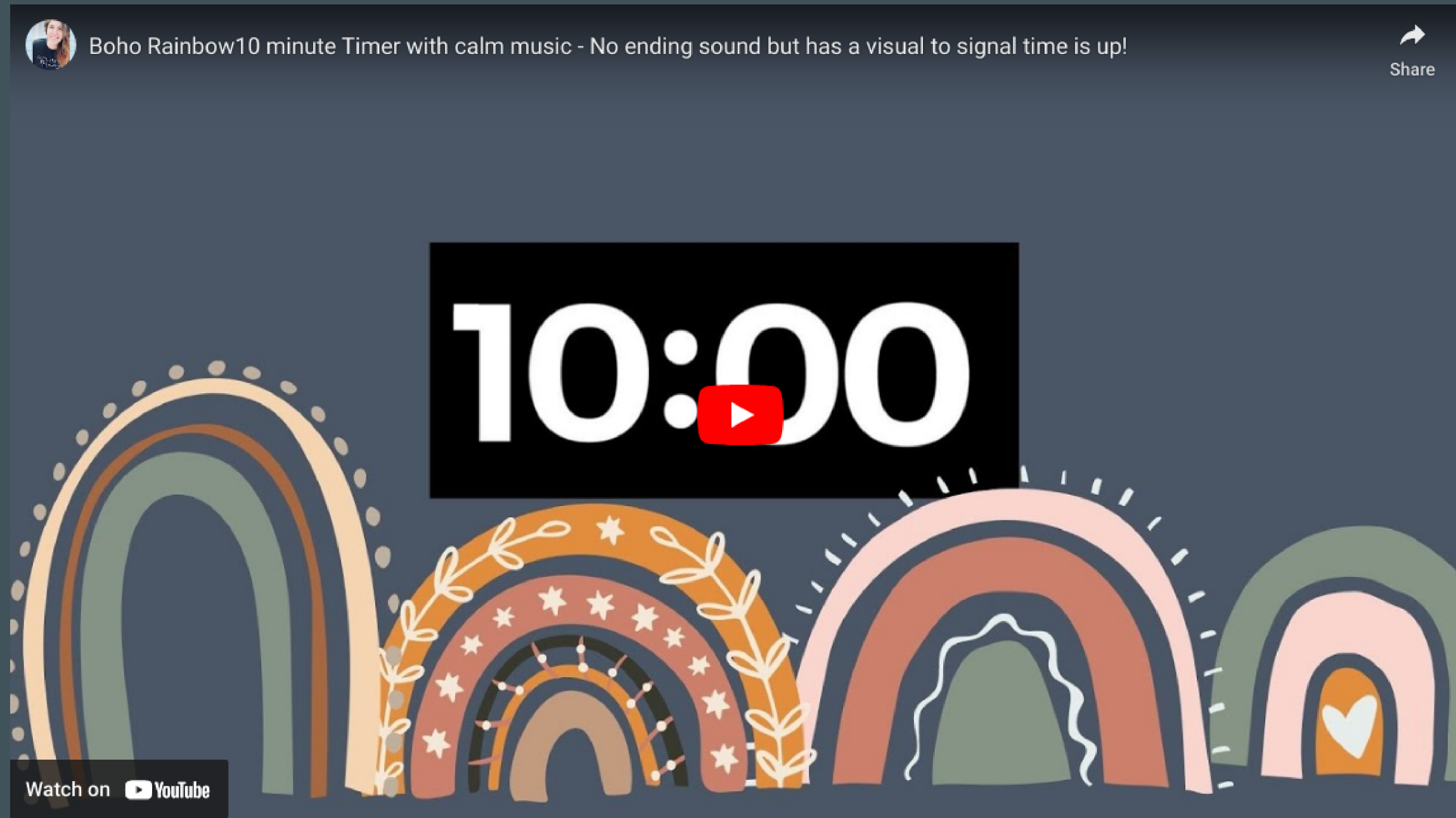


# FRESHMAN ECAP REQUIREMENT

- Introduce 4-year plan in Major Clarity.
- Task to be completed with counselors during follow-up session on September 26th in English class.



1. Go to Clever and find Major Clarity
2. Begin Personality Assessment



# ENGLISH

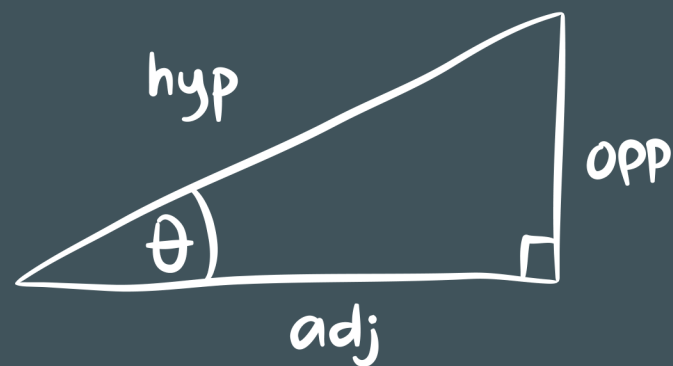
- 9th Grade (9 , 9H)
- 10th Grade (10, 10H)
- 11th Grade (11, AP, IB)
- 12th Grade (Sr. Eng, 101/102, AP, IB)





# MATH

- Algebra 1, or Algebra 1 H
- Geometry, or Geometry H
- Algebra 2 or Algebra 2 H
- College Math, Pre-Calc, Pre-Calc H
- Elements of Calculus, AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC, or AP Statistics
- IB Options ( IB Math SL)



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# SCIENCE

- Biology (Lab), or Bio H
- Chemistry (Lab) or Chem H
- Physics (Lab) or AP Physics Year 1
- Zoology/Animal Behavior (check with out of state/major or program of study)
- Anatomy & Physiology or Anatomy & Physiology H
- Geology 101/102 (Lab and College Credit)
- AP Options: AP Bio, AP Chem, or AP Physics year 2, or AP Environmental Science
- IB Options (2 year commitment): IB Bio or IB Physics



# SOCIAL STUDIES

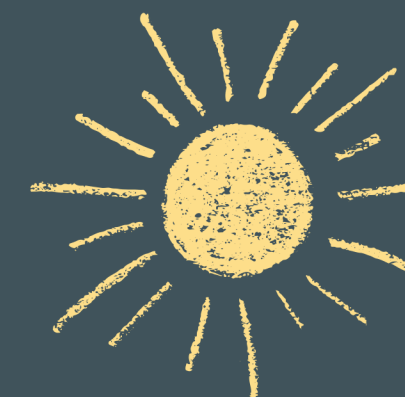
- 9th or 10th - World History/Geography or AP World History
- 10th AP Government/AP Econ
- 11th - AM/AZ History, US Military History, or AP US History
- 12th - AM/AZ Government/Econ or AP
- IB Options
  - IB Economics
  - IB History of Americas
  - IB 20th Century History



# ELECTIVES

- Any course that has not already fulfilled a core requirement
- Check out your options...
- Consider World Language, Fine Art, or a CTE Certificate
- EVIT





# QUESTIONS







*Thank you!*

To schedule an appointment, email your



counselor or scan the QR code on

Mrs. Minneci's desk

