



Arcadia High School Senior Information 2023-2024

Compiled by the Arcadia Guidance Team



H.S. Graduation & College Admission Requirements

Arcadia HS/ Community College	In-State University	Out-of-State University
English - 4 Credits	English - 4 Credits	English - 4 Credits
Math - 4 Credits	Math - 4 Credits Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and any advanced math course for which Algebra II is a pre-requisite. Personal Finance is not accepted.	Math - 4 Credits Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and any advanced math course for which Algebra II is a pre-requisite. Personal Finance is not accepted.
Science - 3 Credits	Lab Science - 3 Credits	Lab Science - 3 Credits *Recommended to take 4 years
Social Studies - 3 Credits All students must take the following: - World History/World Geography (2 semesters) - American & AZ History (2 semesters, JR year) - American & AZ Government (1 semester, SR year) - Economics/Free Enterprise (1 semester, SR year)	Social Studies - 2 Credits Including American History	Social Studies - 2 Credits Including American History
World Language - 0 Credits	World Language - 2 Credits 2 years of the same language (i.e. Spanish I and Spanish II)	World Language - 3 Credits 3 years of the same language recommended and/or required.
Fine Arts or CTE - 1 Credit	Fine Arts or CTE- 1 Credit	Fine Arts - 1 Credit
PE - 1 Credit Electives – 6 Credits TOTAL = 22 CREDITS	3.0 unweighted GPA in the 16 required credits SAT or ACT not required (they are required for merit scholarships and certain programs)	3.5+ unweighted GPA in the required credits SAT or ACT required *Out-of-State Schools may have additional requirements. Check specific college websites for <u>exact</u> requirements.

Civics Test Graduation Requirement

- All AZ students are required to take and pass the AZ Civics Test.
- Most students from SUSD Middle Schools have taken this test in 8th grade.
- Students from outside of our district must pass this test for graduation. If a student transferred from a different high school and passed the test, we can review their previous transcript to verify.
- Testing will take place through Sara Johnson's office (sarajohnson@susd.org)
- Upcoming Test Dates:
 - Every Early Release Day 1st semester: 9/27, 11/8, more to follow
 - 11:40 or after your last class of the day
 - Room 6264
 - If these days or times do not work email Ms. Hochstatter at khochstatter@susd.org

To Apply To An In-State University

1) Application: Go online directly to the University's web site

- www.arizona.edu
- www.asu.edu
- www.nau.edu



- Fill out the online application. Submit with the application fee. **Use the Self-Report** option for classes and grades- your admission status will be sent sooner. If you are applying to an Honors program, be sure to check Honors college requirements and deadlines.

2) **Transcript:** See Transcript Slide for directions

3) **Test Scores:** Go online to www.collegeboard.org (for the SAT) and/or www.act.org (for the ACT) to send your official test scores to the school(s) you are applying to. If you requested to have your scores sent at the time of the test, you do not need to do this again.

*Check your colleges' websites to see if scores are required.

To Apply To An Out-of-State College

You will follow a similar process- fill out an online application using the system that each college allows. Options include:

- Common Application: Click [Here](#)
- Coalition Application with Scoir: Click [Here](#)
- SendEdu Application: Click [Here](#)



Some colleges use other application options (i.e., Apply Texas, UC Application, Cal State Application)

Transcripts: During the school year, you will use Major Clarity to send official transcripts to schools that do not use Common Application, Coalition Application or SENDedu (See Transcript Slide). You do not need to send an official transcript to the in-states unless they request one for scholarship consideration. If you use the Common Application, Coalition Application or SENDedu, your counselor will upload your initial and mid-year transcript for you, but you will still need to send your final transcript in June through [Parchment.com](https://parchment.com)

It is imperative that you go to each of your colleges' admission sites to check for requirements, such as test scores (SAT or ACT), letters of recommendation, essays, scholarship criteria and any additional materials.

WATCH COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES CAREFULLY!

Recommendation Letters

- You must check each college website to see if you need recommendation letter(s) and if so, what type of letter(s), academic or counselor.
- If given the choice between an academic or counselor letter of recommendation, we encourage you to request an academic letter. College reps prefer to hear how you perform in class.
- If you require a counselor recommendation letter, first request a rec letter interview questionnaire from your counselor via email. You will need to complete the questionnaire thoroughly.
- If you need a counselor recommendation letter, please submit your interview questionnaire **at least 3 weeks** before your application deadline. Be aware of the due dates on your applications and remember teachers and counselors do not work or write letters over school breaks. **Please plan ahead!**
- Please Note that in the Common App the Counselor Recommendation Section does not necessarily mean students need a full letter of recommendation.

Recommendation Letter Deadlines

Application Deadline

- October 15th
- November 1st
- November 15th
- December 1st
- December 15th
- January 1st

Counselor Questionnaire Deadline

- September 18th
- October 6th
- October 25th
- November 8th
- November 17th
- November 27th



Maricopa Community College Admission

- Check out www.maricopa.edu as well as the College and Career Google classroom
 - View the college catalog, academic programs, registration dates, tuition, financial aid, and more.
- Complete the **FAFSA** in December. – Get your FSA ID's now though
- Attend the field trip to Scottsdale Community College if offered, attend open houses, or tour campuses on your own.
- **Set up your Online Student Center Account (Student ID, MEID & Password) and complete enrollment.**
- Determine Placement: Maricopa utilizes two processes to determine course placement H.S. transcripts and/or Placement test (if needed).
- Attend Orientation and register for classes in the spring.
- Apply for scholarships.



CCC 2 NAU Coconino Community College and NAU



Benefits of joining CCC2NAU:

- ✚ Friendly cross-trained advisors
- ✚ Tuition savings at the community college tuition rate
- ✚ Affordable path to an associate and a bachelor degree
- ✚ Smaller class sizes
- ✚ Over 100 transfer pathways identify courses to be taken at CCC
- ✚ Option to live on NAU's campus
- ✚ Free NAU JacksCard (\$25)
- ✚ Ability to purchase access to NAU campus events, Health and Learning Center, NAU Dining Services, and join NAU clubs
- ✚ Option to enroll part-time at NAU every semester
- ✚ Assistance transitioning to the university
- ✚ Early enrollment appointment when starting at NAU
- ✚ Waived NAU application fee (\$25)
- ✚ Free transcript exchange
- ✚ Reverse transfer of credits to complete associate degree
- ✚ Scholarships dedicated to 2NAU students at both schools

1,163 students are in the pipeline at CCC

911 students have graduated from NAU

89% retention rate
(for the past 4 cohorts)

NAU Institutional Research and Analysis

CCC2NAU works! Participants are statistically more likely to persist and graduate at both CCC and NAU as compared to students who have not participated in the program.

(Carol Haden, Ed.D. Senior Researcher and Evaluator Magnolia Consulting, Inc)

Military

- **ASVAB** – Armed services vocational aptitude battery
- Career exploration test that helps students link their skills with related occupations.
- Required for entrance to the military, but **ANYONE** can take it for career identification purposes without obligation to the armed services.
- 2023 Test was administered in September.
 - Students can also take the test at military recruitment centers
 - Test is administered annually here on campus
- If you are interested in a specific branch, please reach out to the College & Career Center, to connect with our military recruiters.

SAT and ACT Information

- Traditionally the ACT and the SAT were part of the college admissions process and considered in merit-based scholarships. Many colleges and universities are relying less on test scores.
- For the most current information on admission and merit-based scholarship requirements please visit university webpages.
- For testing updates or to sign up or send scores, please access the testing websites.
- • SAT INFORMATION: CLICK [HERE](#)
- • ACT INFORMATION: CLICK [HERE](#)
- • What's the difference between the two exams? Click [HERE](#)

SAT & ACT (Terms used)

- Current Testing Requirements:
 - **Test Optional** – Test optional means you can choose whether to send your test scores. We would encourage that you look at your colleges' websites to see their guidance on submitting test scores.
 - **Test-Blind/Free** – Some schools are completely test-blind/free this year meaning they will not even look at test scores or factor them into the admissions process. Please do not spend money to send score reports to test-blind/free schools.
 - **Test Required** – Some schools are still asking for scores to be sent either for admissions, specific majors or for merit-based scholarship consideration. See links on previous slide for testing sites and information.

SAT & Act In-State Universities

- ASU, U of A, and NAU are all test optional for general admission. Scores can be used to remove deficiencies if the student does not have required 3.0 unweighted GPA in the 16 required classes. We have been told that test scores can only help not hurt a student's chance of being admitted.
- Test scores are not required to determine merit-based scholarships at ASU, U of A or NAU. Scores can be sent to ASU and NAU for consideration and could help a student receive a higher merit scholarship.
- ASU Barrett Honors and U of A Honors Colleges are completely **TEST-BLIND**. They will not consider test scores. NAU Honors will consider test scores.
- Grand Canyon requires test scores for admission for students with an unweighted GPA of 2.5-2.99.

Test Prep Information

-----Online Resources-----

- College Board SAT practice tests and resources: Click [HERE](#)
- ACT practice tests and resources: Click [HERE](#)
- Princeton Review Test Prep: [SAT](#) help/[ACT](#) help
- Kaplan Test Prep: Click [HERE](#)

-----Tutoring Resources-----

- Check with College and Career for test prep options.



Financial Aid Information

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid/FAFSA
 - Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form allows you to be considered for federal student aid (Pell Grant, loans, and work study funds). In addition, colleges use FAFSA information to award grants and scholarships.
 - <https://studentaid.gov>
 - Request FSA ID now. This ID number is required of parents and students to complete the FAFSA.
 - You will need your Social Security Number, Full and Correct Name, and Date of Birth
 - FAFSA opens in December. It is recommended that students apply early.
 - We will be hosting evening FAFSA workshops the week of Dec 4th – 8th. Information presented will be useful for all college-bound students. You will need all relevant family members FSA ID numbers and tax information.
- Overview of Financial Aid Process Video
- How to Fill Out the FAFSA Video
- FAFSA “What to Expect”
- Financial Aid Support



Scholarship Information

- **Below are resources for students to explore as they begin researching the cost of college. While it is the student's responsibility to navigate potential scholarships, the resources below will help start the process.**
 - **ASU Scholarship Estimator**: ASU awards scholarships to incoming first year students with outstanding academic ability upon admission to ASU in the fall semester. This scholarship estimator can help determine the amount of scholarship money that students may be eligible to receive. **Updated in November to reflect 2023-24 scholarships.**
 - **Net Price calculator**: Net price calculators are available on a college or university's website and allow prospective students to enter information about themselves to find out what students like them paid to attend the institution in the previous year, after taking grants and scholarship aid into account.
 - **CSS Profile**: (College Scholarship Service Profile): The form, administered and maintained by the College Board, opens the door to nonfederal [scholarships](#) and other kinds of institutional aid that can make a big difference when it comes time to pay for college. The CSS Profile offers opportunities for families to describe any unique or extenuating circumstances affecting their ability to pay. Additional details about the CCS profile can be found [HERE](#)
 - **AZ529**: The Arizona Family College Savings Plan is a state-sponsored 529 plan designed to provide a parent, grandparent or future student an opportunity to save for educational expenses in a tax-deferred manner. You can open an account today for \$25 or less.

◦ **SCHOLARSHIP DATABASES:**

[Raise Me](#) [Fastweb](#) [Niche.com](#) [Going Merry](#) [Scholarships.com](#) [Collegeboard.com](#) [Cappex](#) [Studentscholarship.org](#)

College and Career Google Classroom

College Depot

ASU – Merit Scholarships

Arizona State University awards scholarships to incoming first-year students with outstanding academic ability upon admission to ASU each fall semester. Students are evaluated for ASU merit scholarships through **May 1st**.



- The actual scholarship award will be based upon **your official academic credentials** at the time of your admission to ASU.
- Test scores will be accepted for upgraded award consideration. ASU must receive test scores by **May 1** for you to be considered.
- ***Information and criteria currently posted are for the Fall 2023 term. Future students, you can use this tool to estimate your awards. We will share updated information about the Fall 2024 application cycle very soon.**

U of A Merit-Based Scholarships

Based on your core unweighted GPA through 6th semester

Core GPA Range	Resident Wildcat Awards
4.0	\$12,500
3.90 - 3.999	\$10,000
3.75-3.899	\$8,000
3.50 - 3.749	\$5,000
3.25 - 3.499	\$3,000
3.0 - 3.249	\$2,000
2.75 - 2.999	\$750

NAU Merit-Based Scholarships–Arizona Residents Only

Lumberjack Scholars Award

Amount: Covers **100 percent of NAU Flagstaff Mountain Campus tuition** (fall and spring); does not cover fees or other expenses.

Selection: 3.75-4.0 unweighted core high school GPA

President's

Award Amount: **\$9,000** per academic year (fall and spring)

Selection: 3.5-3.74 GPA unweighted core high school GPA

Dean's with Distinction

Award Amount: **\$6,500** per academic year (fall and spring)

Selection: 3.4-3.49 unweighted core high school GPA



NAU Merit-Based Scholarships–Arizona Residents Only

Dean's

Award Amount: \$5,000 per academic year (fall and spring)

Selection: 3.0-3.39 unweighted core high school GPA.

Opportunity

Award Amount: \$2,500 per academic year (fall and spring)

Selection: Admitted-2.99 unweighted core high school GPA



- What is WUE: A tuition savings program that makes attending out of state colleges more affordable.
- WUE is a partnership between 16 regional states and territories (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, several Pacific U.S. Territories, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming).
- Agrees to charge out of state students no more than 150% of in-state tuition.
- The details vary by school, so you should take a few minutes to explore the WUE website to learn more. After visiting the homepage you can click on "WUE Savings Finder" and start searching for different schools and programs.
- Review specific programs/majors. Many WUE schools offer discounts for some programs and not others or offer varying levels of discounts.

NCAA Requirements

- STUDENT ATHLETES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING THAT THEY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETICS.
- IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS FOLLOW THE 4 - YEAR OUT-OF STATE UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS.
- ALL INFORMATION FOR DIVISION 1 OR DIVISION 2 REQUIREMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE [NCAA WEBSITE](#).
- FOR A HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE FROM NCAA CLICK [HERE](#)



Major Clarity

- **What is Major Clarity:** MC is our online portfolio system adopted by SUSd for students to complete their Educational Career Action Plan (ECAP). Major Clarity is utilized to create 4-year course plans, college and scholarship searches, signing up for college visits as well as investigating a variety of careers/majors beyond high school.
1. For all grade levels: students go to Single Sign On and click on the Major Clarity icon. Students will click continue with Google and then select their gapps account.
 2. **For seniors:** under the “Application Center” tab, students completing their applications using Common App, will need to connect their Common App accounts to Major Clarity. They will need to assign their counselor, create their teacher list, and assign teachers to be recommenders for their particular schools.
 3. Students can also request transcripts for non-common app schools.

Transcripts

Transcript Requests for All Non-Common App Schools

- Go to Single Sign On and Click on Major Clarity - Click on continue with google.
- Once in Major Clarity - Click on Application Center.
- Request Transcripts by clicking the Request New Transcript button.
- Enter the destination school then select from the list of schools and check the box confirming that the transcript is not intended to fulfill a requirement for Common App. Then click the Save button.
- At the end of the year regardless of how you applied or what system you used to send transcripts, you will send your **FINAL TRANSCRIPT** through Parchment. [Parchment Exchange - Leader in eTranscript Exchange](#)

In-State Universities	Self-Report in initial application- Final transcript sent through Parchment.
In-State Honors Colleges	After applying to the university, official transcript required for Honors application - request through Major Clarity.
Community College	Send official final transcript through Parchment after graduation
Out of State Common App Schools	Counselor will submit initial & mid-year (if required) through Major Clarity. Final transcript needs to be requested by student through Parchment.
Out of State Non-Common App Schools	Check each college's admissions website to see if initial and mid-year transcripts are required. If so, request through Major Clarity. Final transcripts need to be requested by student through Parchment.

College Visits

(RSVP through the 2024 C & C Google Classroom)

Step 1: Log into the Google classroom.

Step 2: Click on the “Classwork” at the top of the page, scroll down to “College Visits to AHS”, click on “College Visit Calendar”.

Step 3: Click on the google form sign in to see all visits, choose the visit you want to attend and then submit the form.

Step 4: Parents can see what colleges are coming to visit by going to the AHS website and looking under the College and Career tab.

[Join College and Career Google Classroom for up to date information on upcoming visits.](#)

Glossary of Terms

EdReady: A placement test used by community colleges to determine a student's skill set in reading, writing, and math.

Common Application: A standard application form accepted by colleges that are members of the Common Application association designed to streamline the application process for students. Students can fill out this application once and submit it to one or several of the nearly 900 colleges that accept it.

Coalition Application/SCOIR: An application form accepted by certain colleges. Some colleges only accept the Coalition App and others will give students a choice between Common and Coalition App. We always recommend Common App if there is a choice between the two because Common App is more user-friendly. Students can fill out this application once and submit it to multiple colleges.

Deferred Admission: Permission from a college that has accepted you to postpone enrolling in the college. The postponement is usually for up to one year.

Early Action (EA): An option to submit your applications before the regular deadlines. When you apply early action, you get admission decisions from colleges earlier than usual. Early action plans are not binding, which means that you do not have to enroll in a college if you are accepted early action. Some colleges have an early action option called EA II, which has a later application deadline than their regular EA plan. Check college websites for information about their application deadlines.

Restrictive Early Action (REA): Similar to Early Decision but non-binding. Check college websites for guidelines.

Early Decision (ED): An option to apply to your first-choice college before the regular deadline. When you apply early decision, you get an admission decision earlier than usual. Early decision plans are binding. You agree to enroll in the college immediately if you are admitted and offered a financial aid package that meets your needs, and you must withdraw your applications from any other colleges. Some colleges have an early decision option called ED II, which has a later application deadline than their regular ED plan.

Priority Date or Deadline: The date by which your application — whether it's for college admission, student housing or financial aid — must be received to be given the strongest consideration.

Rolling Admission: Each application is considered as soon as all required information (such as high school records and test scores) has been received. Colleges that use a rolling admission policy usually notify applicants of admission decisions quickly. ASU, UofA and NAU use rolling admission.

SENDEDu: Document sending service.



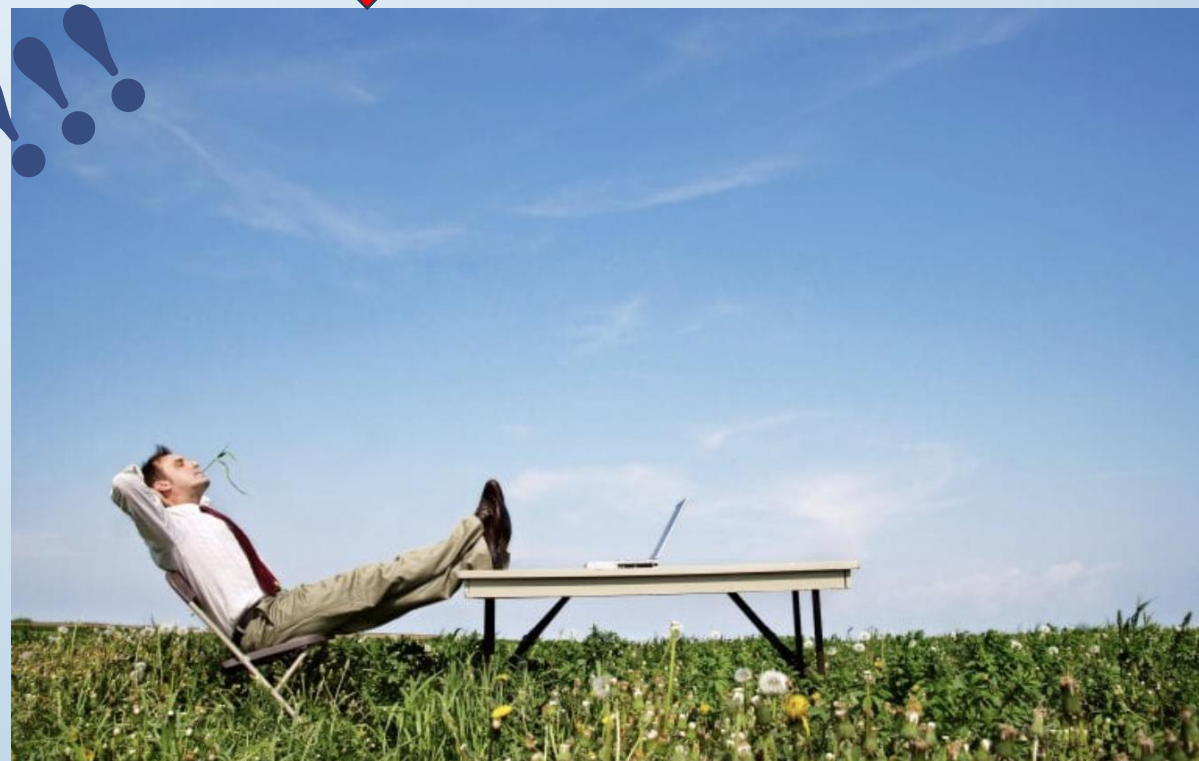
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ccc GOALS!!!!

Google Classroom

Senior College and Career Classroom is live.

Senior Classroom join code is **ONWQNV7**.

The purpose of this resource is to help bring you information when and where you need it.

AHS CCC Services

- We help students with post-high school planning
- Our current focus is on college-going seniors, but after fall break will expand to career planning for seniors and programming for underclassmen
- We offer drop-in hours, one-on-one appointments, lunchtime programming, application workshops, and college rep visits
- We also are pushing information out to students through our google classroom

Questions?

Contact us via email (arcadiacollegeandcareer@susd.org)

Save the Date .

ASU will present “Paying for College”

Informative for all college-going student families, not just
Sun Devils!

October 24, 2023 6:00 pm in Mt. Olympus
Spanish interpreters will be here