

# WELCOME CLASS OF 2026



# BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

- Credit check over summer
- Grade replacement - credit deficiency
- Deficiency letters within the month
- Create Parchment Account via [Transcripts and Student Records](#) account to order official transcripts
  - CUSD does not send official transcripts for students
  - Students must request official transcripts via Parchment account
  - **Students - Use your own personal email, not your CUSD student email**

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.cusd80.com/parents-students/transcripts-and-student-records>. The page header includes the Chandler Unified School District logo, a menu icon, and the word "Schools". The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: HOME / PARENTS & STUDENTS / TRANSCRIPTS AND STUDENT RECORDS. On the left, there is a vertical navigation menu with the following items: Overview, Enroll With Us, Parent Resources, Safety and Security, Parent and Student Portal - Online Grades, Transcripts and Student Records (highlighted), and Chandler CARE Center. The main heading is "Transcripts and Student Records". Below this, the text reads "STUDENT RECORDS AND TRANSCRIPTS" followed by the Parchment logo and a button labeled "ORDER MY Transcript". A paragraph states: "Chandler Unified School District uses Parchment for all transcript requests." Below this, another paragraph says: "Chandler Unified is pleased to provide 24/7 access to student records and transcripts through Parchment.com. All students, past and present, can access their records by clicking on the link to their school below:" followed by a bulleted list of school links: Arizona College Prep High School, Basha High School, Casteel High School, Chandler High School, Chandler Online Academy, Hamilton High School, Hill Learning Academy, and Perry High School.

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

## CLASS OF 2026

CURRICULUM AREA	CUSD CREDITS	IN-STATE UNIVERSITY CREDITS
English	4	4
Math	4	4
Laboratory Science	3	3
Social Studies	3	2
Career & Technical Edu/Fine Arts	1	1
World Language	0	2 (Two years of same language)
Physical Education	1	0
Comprehensive Health	.50	0
Required Courses	16.5	16
Elective Courses	5.5	0
TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS	22 CREDITS	16 Credits

*And Must Pass Civics Test*

# CREDIT RECOVERY/ GRADE REPLACEMENT

- Plan should be in place SOON
- In schedule (including zero hour)
- Lift Lab
- Chandler Online Academy
- NCAA Athletes – **Make appointment with Fred Mann**
- Communicate with your Counselor



# LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- Required for many universities and scholarships
  - NOT required for in-state applications
- Follow the Process
- Forms in Counseling, Career Center & on-line
- Appointment with the counselor is recommended
- **Proactive** (some programs require letters before fall break e.g. Common App, Quest Bridge, Flinn, Military Academy - Teacher input)
- What makes student stand apart
- Track your request
- **Allow your recommender 2 weeks to complete the letter** (Letters will not be written over breaks or holidays and does not count as the two-week notice.)

# COLLEGE OPTIONS

## Universities

- ▶ Public and private universities
- ▶ Each location is unique
- ▶ In-state offers **affordable** tuition and competitive merit aid
  - ▶ Closer to home, family/friends support, and comfort
- ▶ Out-of-State offers more variety of colleges, sizes, and environments, as well as competitive merit aid
  - ▶ Builds independence, meet new people, and gain new experiences
  - ▶ More options: faith based, engineering based, fashion, small, large, etc
- ▶ Variety of **housing and commuting options** (varies by college, if available)

## Community/Junior Colleges

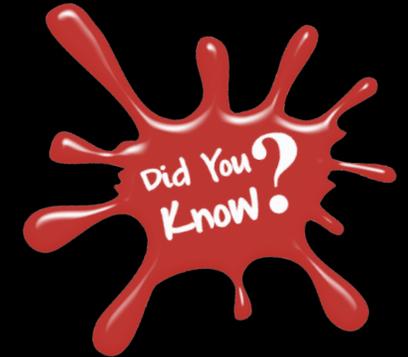
- ▶ Local and nationwide options
- ▶ **Affordable**
- ▶ Some offer on-campus housing
- ▶ Some offer **bridge programs** right into the universities (i.e. CCC to NAU)
- ▶ **Open to all** students and many do not require ACT or SAT to be admitted
- ▶ **Scholarships, merit aid, and grants** available

## Trade/Technical Colleges

- ▶ Vary in size, cost, program length/availability, and location
- ▶ Often private
- ▶ Many are financial aid/FAFSA eligible
- ▶ Some offer housing
- ▶ Tuition partnerships with employers (program specific)

Be sure to research, Research, RESEARCH your schools!  
The right fit is important for your success.

# THINGS TO KNOW...



Admissions now OPEN for  
ASU (Now), GCU, NAU (8/4) & UA  
(Now)

- ✓ Apply Now
- ✓ Self-Report \*
- ✓ Honors applications separate
- ✓ Each school application applies to admission and merit scholarship
- ✓ ACT or SAT not needed, but may increase amount considered for merit scholarships

## WHAT IS "CORE" GPA?

*Unweighted Core GPA is comprised of the grade points associated with your core classes, not the weighted point value. These core classes are reviewed for admissions, scholarships, and placement into most universities. Core GPA is not on your transcript.*

\*English                      \*Math                      \*Social Studies

\*Lab Sciences   \*World Languages

\*Fine Art or CTE

## How do you calculate your "Core" GPA?

**Visit:** [CUSD College & Career Exploration and Resources](#), scroll right to Transcript Requests -> Calculating Core GPA.

# W.U.E. WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE

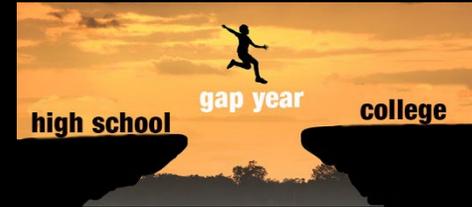
- ▶ The Western Undergraduate Exchange is a program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).
- ▶ Students in western states may enroll in more than 140 two-year and four-year college in WUE schools/programs at a reduced tuition level
- ▶ Apply through the school, some schools require additional WUE app.
- ▶ Several School in the following states participate:  
Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.



# MILITARY CAREERS & GAP YEARS



- ▶ Career options through each service branch
- ▶ Military representatives visit Perry regularly and in F219
  - ▶ Army & National Guard
  - ▶ Marines & Navy
- ▶ Both students and parents need to be involved in the process



- ▶ Explore careers, humanitarian/mission service, travel, caring for others, etc.
- ▶ Potential benefits: network, exposure, improve skills, mature, and gain experience
- ▶ Gain and add experiences to resume

# WHAT & WHEN TO APPLY

## COLLEGE

- ▶ Admission applications open in July and August
- ▶ Honors typically requires additional application
- ▶ Request letters of recs, draft resumes, personal statements **early**
- ▶ Track deadlines
  - ▶ Early action/Early decision, or regular
- ▶ Have an in-state backup plan



## SCHOLARSHIPS

- ▶ Merit
- ▶ Donor/Private
- ▶ Financial Need
- ▶ Apply often

## FINANCIAL AID

- ▶ October 1<sup>st</sup>
- ▶ Apply and verify/validate with selected schools by deadlines
- ▶ Annual renewal required
- ▶ Application assistance through colleges/universities are FREE
  - ▶ **CUSD Parent/Student District College Fair Night is September 17, 5:30 - 8 PM @ Hamilton High School**

# SCHOLARSHIPS

- Check out Colleges with full ride scholarships
  - 80 Colleges With Full-Ride Scholarships ([prepscholar.com](http://prepscholar.com))
- Create accounts with separate email & get started on college prep & scholarships – never too early
  - <https://www.goingmerry.com/>
  - <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- Apply for Chandler Education Foundation (CEF) Scholarships – opens Dec 17th!
- Check out College & Career Padlet 
- Subscribe to PHS College & Career GC & IG
  - ovxpd3z
  - perry\_college\_career

## In State Universities: Merit Scholarships

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

#### CORE CLASSES CONSIST OF:

- 4 YRS ENGLISH
- 4 YRS MATH
- 3 YRS LAB SCIENCE
- 2 YRS SOCIAL STUDIES
- 2 YRS FOREIGN LANGUAGE (NOT NAU/GCU)
- 1 YR FINE ART OR CTE

\*\*OR AN ACT/SAT SCORE THAT MEETS ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS  
\*\*OR 2.5+GPA FOR POSSIBLE ADMISSION THROUGH "INDIVIDUAL REVIEW"

ANNUAL  
RESIDENT  
ATTENDANCE  
COST

#### 3.0+ UNWEIGHTED GPA IN CORE CLASSES

### ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

TUITION & FEES: \$14,215	GPA	AWARD
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$37,282	4.0	\$9,000
	3.81-3.99	\$8,000
	3.41-3.80	\$5,000
	3.01-3.40	\$3,000



\*\*ACT/SAT SCORES MAY HELP BOOST MERIT AMOUNT  
VISIT [HTTPS://SCHOLARSHIPS.ASU.EDU/ESTIMATOR](https://scholarships.asu.edu/estimator)  
VISIT [HTTPS://ADMISSION.ASU.EDU/COST-AID/RESIDENT-FIRST-YEAR](https://admission.asu.edu/cost-aid/resident-first-year)

### UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

TUITION & FEES: \$13,900	GPA	AWARD
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$36,700	4.0	\$11,000
	3.75-3.99	\$8,000
	3.50-3.74	\$5,000
	3.25-3.49	\$3,000
	3.00-3.24	\$2,000



VISIT [HTTPS://FINANCIALAID.ARIZONA.EDU/COST/INCOMING](https://financialaid.arizona.edu/cost/incoming)

### 2.50 UNWEIGHTED GPA IN CORE CLASSES NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

TUITION & FEES: \$13,440	GPA	AWARD
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$30,912	3.75-4.0	\$11,000
	3.50-3.74	\$9,000
	3.40-3.49	\$6,500
	3.00-3.39	\$5,000
	ADMITTED-2.99	\$2,500



\*\*ACT/SAT SCORES MAY HELP BOOST MERIT AMOUNT  
VISIT [HTTPS://NAU.EDU/PAYING-FOR-COLLEGE/TUITION-AND-FEES/](https://nau.edu/paying-for-college/tuition-and-fees/)

### 2.8+ UNWEIGHTED CUMULATIVE GPA GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

TUITION & FEES: \$16,500	GPA	AWARD
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$33,674	4.0	\$8,500
	3.9-3.99	\$6,500
	3.7-3.89	\$5,500
	3.3-3.69	\$4,500
	3.0-3.29	\$3,500
	2.8-2.99	\$2,000



\*\*ACT/SAT SCORES MAY HELP BOOST MERIT AMOUNT  
CUSD STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR ADDITIONAL \$1000 PLUS \$800 IF APPLYING EARLY  
[HTTPS://WWW.GCU.EDU/TUITION/COST-ATTENDANCE](https://www.gcu.edu/tuition/cost-attendance)

*ACT!* Seniors Only - Apply for FAFSA (Federal Student Aid)!  
**STUDENTAID.GOV**

### MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CHANDLER GILBERT	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA	ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN
MESA	TUITION: \$97/CREDIT + \$30 REGISTRATION FEE/YR (\$2358/YR FOR 12 CREDITS)	PARADISE VALLEY
SCOTTSDALE	<b>3.25+ CUMULATIVE, UNWEIGHTED GPA</b>	PHOENIX
GATEWAY	<b>FULL TUITION COVERED FOR 2 YEARS</b>	GLENDALE
RIO SALADO	<b>(PRESIDENT'S HONOR SCHOLARSHIP)</b>	SOUTH MOUNTAIN
	VISIT <a href="https://www.maricopa.edu/">HTTPS://WWW.MARICOPA.EDU/</a>	

Disclaimer: This serves as an estimation reference only. Students/families are responsible for working directly with the college(s) to obtain final attendance cost.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- In State College Visitors @ Perry in F219 during Conference Period
  - NAU – July 30th
  - ASU – Aug 13th
  - UofA – Aug 14th
- CUSD District Wide College Fair – Sept 17<sup>th</sup> @ Hamilton High 5:30-8 pm
  - 80+ colleges gathered to talk to you! Bring your family!
- Perry High College Week – Oct 20-23rd
  - Explore your options
- ASVAB test in Perry auditorium 10/28/25 – Free for all high school seniors!
  - Looking for a major? Determine your strengths & interests!
  - Register now using link or QR code: <https://forms.gle/nSb3PShmLQXPqXDH8>
- Additional Events - Subscribe to PHS College & Career GC & IG
  - ovxpd3z
  - perry\_college\_career

