FRESHMAN REGISTRATION

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WHAT IS NEW FOR FRESHMAN YEAR?



- Your high school transcript and official GPA starts now. Make it a fresh start!
- Your grades matter!
- College and Universities are going to be looking at your grades starting Freshman year.
- Strive to maintain high grades and challenge yourself in honors or AP courses when possible.
- Student athletes: NCAA will calculate your weighted GPA in the 16 NCAA approved core course credits.
- Get involved in clubs, sports, or community service.

CORE GPA

4 English
4 Math
2 Social Studies
3 Lab Science
2 World Language
1 Fine Art or CTE
(16 total)

Your core GPA is comprised of the grade points associated with your core classes. Your core classes are those that are reviewed for college admissions, scholarships and placement into most universities.

How do you calculate your "CORE" GPA?
CORE GPA CALCULATOR

HONORS

- Grades in Honors classes are weighted.
- Honors classes help better prepare you for the rigors of college.
- Honors classes are often taken in preparation for the transition to Advanced Placement (AP) courses in junior and senior years.
- Some honors classes are prerequisites for Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

- These accelerated courses prepare students to take the national AP exams given in the spring of each year.
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses better prepare you for the rigors of college.
- Improve chances to receive scholarships. Grades in AP courses are weighted.
- If students score well on the AP exam, they might be granted advanced placement status and/or college credit.
- Complete college in a shorter time frame.

AP SCHOLAR AWARDS

Distinction	Requirements
AP Scholar	Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams
AP Scholar with Honor	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, **AND** scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
AP Scholar with Distinction	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, **AND** scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams
AP International Diploma (APID)	Visit APID to see the criteria for this award.

Note: The AP Capstone Diploma™ and AP Seminar and Research Certificate™ are reported to colleges and universities as AP Scholar Awards and appear in Scholar Roster reports.

CCHS OFFERS AP CAPSTONE

AP Capstone™ is a diploma program from College Board based on two year-long AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research.

Why is it different?

Rather than teaching subject-specific content, these courses develop students' skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting. **Students who complete the two-year program can earn one of two different AP Capstone awards, which are valued by colleges across the United States and around the World.**

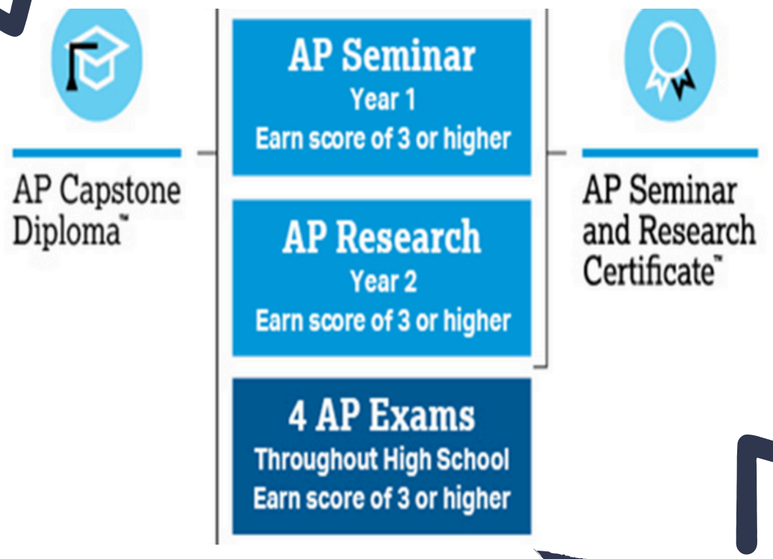
What is the benefit of AP Capstone for students?

Participating in AP Capstone can help students **stand out to colleges, become independent thinkers, develop key academic skills, and more.**

AP Capstone™
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HOW AP CAPSTONE WORKS

AP Capstone Awards are listed on AP score reports, and students who earn the diploma or certificate can view and print their award certificate from their online account. Awards are also included on any AP score report sent to colleges. Here are the requirements to earn an AP Capstone award:



This diagram illustrates the requirements of each award.

- **The AP Capstone Diploma is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on 4 additional AP Exams of their choosing.**
- **The AP Seminar and Research Certificate is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research.**

CUM LAUDE RECOGNITION

Cum Laude - meaning "with praise". To qualify a student must achieve a 3.75 - 4.24 weighted grade point average.

Magna Cum Laude - meaning "with great praise". To qualify a student must achieve a 4.25 - 4.49 weighted grade point average.

Summa Cum Laude - meaning "with the highest praise". To qualify a student must achieve a 4.5 - 5.0 weighted grade point average.

This honor is based upon the 7th SEMESTER grade point average.

DIPLOMA SEALS

The Arizona State Board of Education has approved two seals for social studies, one for world languages, and one for arts education. These seals recognize high school students that achieve proficiency in related coursework and complete additional examinations along with extracurricular tasks. Students are recognized with a seal on their diploma and a notation on their transcripts.

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DUAL ENROLLMENT

CHANDLER-GILBERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Earn college credit while attending high school classes.
- Taught by high school instructors who are college certified.
- Classes are taught at the college level.
- Credits transfer to in-state colleges; Students will need to look up transferability to other schools.
- Need-based tuition assistance available.
- Courses that could be offered for dual enrollment next year are noted on the registration form.

BENEFITS OF DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Credit is based on the grade received in the class, not on one test taken at the end of the year.
- Books are provided by the high school.
- Community college tuition rates are much lower than state universities' tuition rates.
- Students can start college with several credits already completed, with a semester or even a whole year of credits completed before even starting their freshman year.
- Since the college credit from Dual Enrollment comes with a grade, students can start college with an already well-established GPA.
- These challenging courses enhance high-level thinking skills, which prepare students for college classes.

ACCOLADES

Accolade	Cord	Medal	Diploma	Transcript	Certificate	Plaque
AP Scholars	X					X
AP Seminar and Research Certificate					X	
AP Capstone			X			X
Clubs	X					
CTE Completer	X	X				
Cum Laude Recognition	X					
Impact Scholar	X					
Military	X					X
National Merit Finalist	X					X
Seals (Fine Arts, Biliteracy, Civics, Economics)	X		X	X		

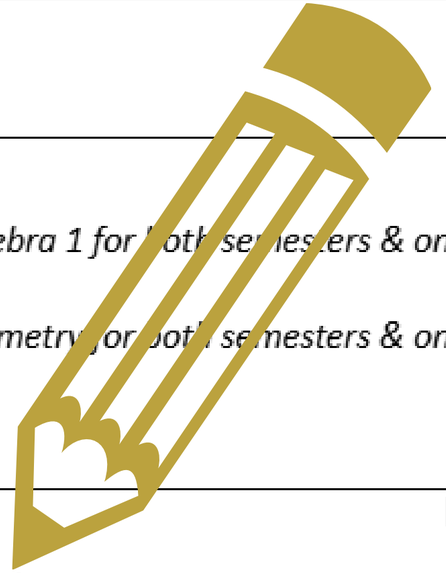
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Curriculum Area	CUSD Graduation Requirements	Arizona University Entrance
English	4 credits	4 credits
Math	4 credits	4 credits
Science	3 credits	3 lab science credits
Social Studies	3 credits	2 credits
Career and Technical Education or Fine Arts	1 credit	1 Fine Arts credit OR CTE credit
World Language	0 credit	2 credits (or a level 2 of a language completed)
Physical Education	1 credit	0 credit
Comprehensive Health	½ credit	0 credit
Required Courses	16 ½ credits	16 credits
Elective Courses	5 ½ credits	0 credits
Total Required Credits	22 credits	16 credits

Some out of state universities require a Fine Arts credit.

FILLING OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM

COURSE NAME/NUMBER	
ENGLISH	• ENG100A/B **ENGLISH 9** • ENG105A/B **HONORS ENGLISH 9**
MATH	• MAT100A/B **ALGEBRA 1** • MAT205A/B **HONORS GEOMETRY** **Must have B or higher in Honors Algebra 1 for both semesters & on both semester finals.* • MAT305A/B **HONORS ALGEBRA 2** **Must have B or higher in Honors Geometry for both semesters & on both semester finals.* • Other Math Course _____
SCIENCE	• SCI200A/B **BIOLOGY** • SCI205A/B **HONORS BIOLOGY** ☐Interested in taking for Dual Enrollment
SOCIAL STUDIES	• SOC100A/B **WORLD HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY** • SOC115A/B **AP WORLD HISTORY: MODERN** • SSE205A/B **AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY (not a SS credit, must take AP World History Sophomore Year)**



ENGLISH

You have two choices for your English Class:

- **English 9**
- **Honors English 9**
  - Full year commitment



Discuss your placement with your current English teacher.

MATH



We have many different levels of math.

Your current math teacher can help you decide which math class is appropriate for you.

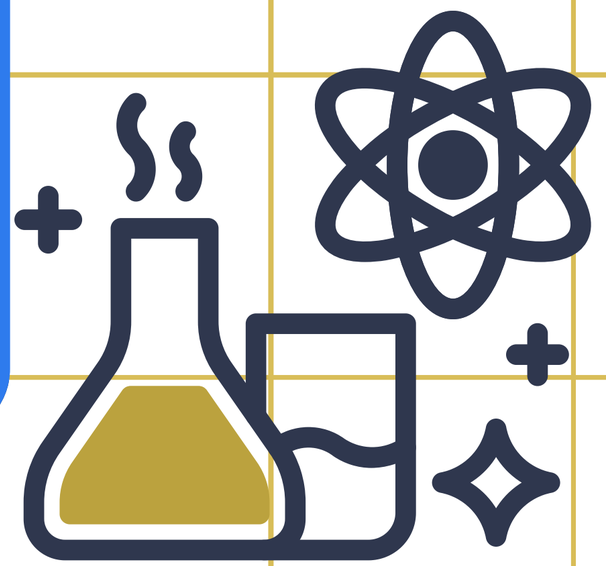
Please check with your current math teacher for placement.

SCIENCE

You have two choices for your Science class:

- **Biology**
- **Honors Biology**

(you do not need to be in honors math to take honors science)



SOCIAL STUDIES

<u>You have two choices for your Social Studies Class:</u>



- World History & Geography
- AP World History: Modern
  - Full year commitment

Some students may opt to take AP Human Geography which is a great introduction to AP level courses. This course is an elective credit and students who choose this must take AP World History their Sophomore Year.

HONORS AND AP COURSES

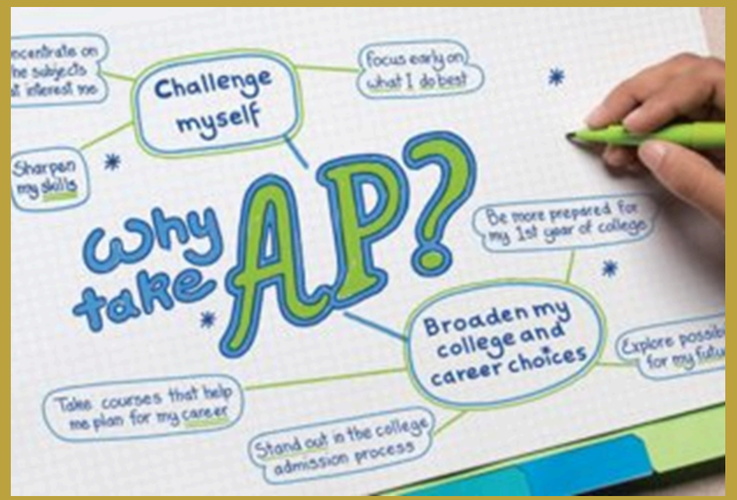
If you are signing up for an honors or AP class, please understand that you are signing up to take the class for the **entire year**.

Please discuss with your current teacher to ensure proper placement.

If you are not passing the class at progress report or at semester, you can drop to an on level class ONLY if there is a class that is equivalent AND there is room. We will not exceed class size maximums.

If you are signing up for an AP class, you are expected to take the AP exam at the end of the year.

Please choose carefully!!



ELECTIVES

How do I know what electives to take?

- Once you have taken your PE, CTE or Fine Art elective, the rest is up to you!

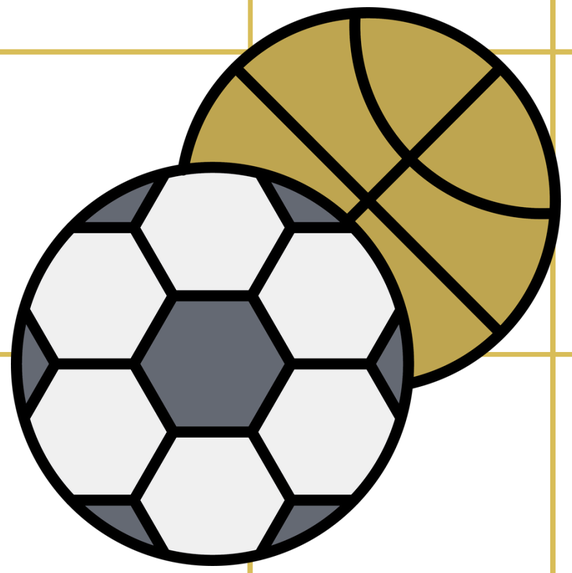
- Use this opportunity to explore new things you might be interested in!

- Some electives require try outs, teacher approval or may have an application process. Be sure you have permission to be in a class before you sign up for it.

A list of elective courses can be found by scanning the QR Code at the bottom of your Registration Form.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE is NOT required your Freshman year, but you will need one full credit in PE to graduate.



Options for PE credit:

- Co-Ed General PE
- Dance
- Partner PE
- Sports Academy

- 2 semesters of Marching Band
- 2 semesters of Color Guard
- 2 semesters of JROTC

WORLD LANGUAGE



World Language is not a graduation requirement; however, **most 4-year universities require completion of a level 2 of a language.** Some out-of-state universities require completion of a level 3 or higher.

If you completed a World Language in junior high, you should register for the next level your freshman year.

If you took Spanish 1 in 8th grade and completed Spanish 2 in 9th grade, you will meet the 2 years of World Language university admission requirement because you have completed the 2nd level.

Heritage Speakers – if you are fluent in a second language, you can start at an advanced level. Please speak to your counselor about options available.

Please note that language classes taken in Junior High DO NOT count towards credit for NCAA eligibility in CUSD. If you are planning to play sports in college, you will need to take 2 language classes or other NCAA approved elective classes in High School to fulfill the NCAA eligibility requirements.

ASL
French
German
Spanish

SEMINARY (RELEASE TIME)

Students in need of Off Campus Release Time to attend Seminary must indicate so by adding it as one of their electives.

This will replace one elective and yield no credit toward graduation.

Students will need to sign up for a zero hour or online class as it is mandatory to be enrolled in six (6) credit earning classes each semester of your Freshman year.

Placement in zero hour classes is not guaranteed.

If signing up for Release Time, please indicate if you are attending the LDS or Rock Point on your registration form.

Zero hour offerings are listed on the back of your registration form.

EVIT

If interested in EVIT, you will apply during your Sophomore year so that you can start the program at the beginning of your Junior year.

½ day at Casteel High and ½ day at EVIT. Transportation provided by CUSD to and from EVIT from CCHS.

TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED FOR 4 HOUR PROGRAMS

If you plan on attending EVIT make sure you have your PE, Health and possible World Language credits completed.

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COLLEGE AND CAREER

SELECT ELECTIVES



ELECTIVE #1	1st Semester: _____ 2nd Semester: _____	**ALTERNATE #1**	1st Semester: _____ 2nd Semester: _____
ELECTIVE #2	1st Semester: _____ 2nd Semester: _____	**ALTERNATE #2**	1st Semester: _____ 2nd Semester: _____

Don’t forget to select alternatives, and if necessary, zero hour classes.

REMEMBER!



- Students must select classes to fill at least six (6) periods.
- Students must provide at least two (2) different alternate choices for electives.
- Students must get a parent signature.
- Students may select optional zero hour classes in addition to the required six (6).
  - Zero hour will only be offered if there is adequate enrollment and/or teaching personnel available.
  - Zero hour classes are not guaranteed.
  - You must provide your own transportation for zero hour classes.

Please give careful consideration to your selections, as we will be unable to accommodate elective changes after schedules have been created.

OPTIONAL: COA



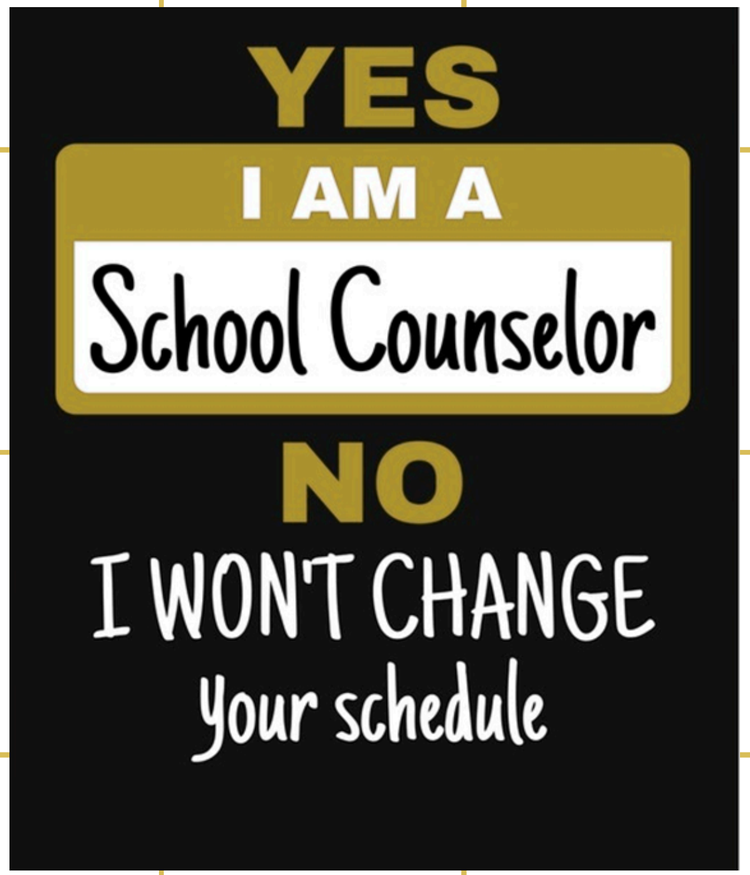
If you are signing up for an online class with COA, please write it on your registration form.

Your counselor will enter your COA course when you meet to finalize your schedule. You will receive an email from COA confirming your course selection.

If you are a seminary student who is not taking a zero hour class, you MUST take a COA course.

WHEN CHOOSING YOUR CLASSES,
PLEASE CHOOSE CAREFULLY.

CHANGES TO YOUR REQUESTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR



IN JANUARY, COUNSELORS WILL BE MEETING WITH EACH STUDENT INDIVIDUALLY TO FINALIZE YOUR SCHEDULE REQUESTS.

COURSE REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE TO YOUR ENGLISH TEACHER BY JANUARY 12, 2026

THANK YOU

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