

# CHS Senior Parent Night



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# What you need to know

- Graduation Requirements
- Post High School Options
- College Admissions
- Scholarship Information
- FAFSA Information

# High School Graduation

## Graduation Requirements

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Four years of English                       | 4        |
| One year Social Studies (World cultures)    | 1        |
| One year of American Government             | 1        |
| One year of American History                | 1        |
| Two years of Science                        | 2        |
| Three years of Math                         | 3        |
| One and one half years of Human Performance | 1.5      |
| One half year of Health                     | 0.5      |
| One year of Fine Arts                       | 1        |
| One year of CTE (Career and Tech Ed)        | 1        |
| <u>Seven Electives</u>                      | <u>7</u> |
| Total                                       | 23       |

# High School Transcript

Classes  
Are  
Coded  
to  
Match  
Grad  
Req's

| Subj                                     | Course Title             | Mark: | S1 Cr | Mark: | S2 Cr | Subj                                                                       | Course Title | Mark: | S1 Cr | Mark: | S2 Cr | Academic Summary        |                                                     |                            |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>15-16 C.R. Anderson Middle School</b> |                          |       |       |       |       | <div>Credits Earned</div> <div>Classes are graded for Semesters only</div> |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Total GPA:4.000                                     | Class rank is 1 of 322     |
| MTH                                      | Algebra                  | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Earned Credit Hours: 21.00                          | Req. For Graduation: 23.00 |
| ELE                                      | Spanish I                | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | <b>Test Scores</b>                                  |                            |
| <b>16-17 Capital High School</b>         |                          |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | <b>ACT</b>                                          |                            |
| ENG                                      | English 1 Honors         | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | 4/30/2019                                           | Date:04/30/2019            |
| SST                                      | World Cultures           | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Composite: 36                                       | Composite: 36              |
| MTH                                      | Math 1 Honors            | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | English:36                                          | English:36                 |
| SCI                                      | Earth Science Hon        | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Math:34                                             | Math:34                    |
| ELE                                      | Spanish 2                | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Reading:36                                          | Reading:36                 |
| HP                                       | Personal Wellness S1     | A     | 0.50  |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Writing Sub:09                                      | Writing Sub:09             |
| HP                                       | Personal Wellness S2     |       |       | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Writing Combined:                                   | Writing Combined:          |
| <b>17-18 Capital High School</b>         |                          |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Science:36                                          | Science:36                 |
| ENG                                      | English 2 Honors         | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | ELA:32                                              | ELA:32                     |
| MTH                                      | Math 2 Honors            | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | STEM:35                                             | STEM:35                    |
| SCI                                      | Biology 1 Honors         | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | <b>SAT</b>                                          |                            |
| SCI                                      | Chemistry 1              | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Date:00/00/0000                                     | Date:00/00/0000            |
| ELE                                      | Spanish 3                | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Total:                                              | Total:                     |
| VOC                                      | Money Management         | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Critical Reading:                                   | Critical Reading:          |
| HP                                       | Soph HP PE               | A     | 0.50  |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Math:                                               | Math:                      |
| HE                                       | Health Enhancmt          |       |       | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Writing:                                            | Writing:                   |
| <b>18-19 Capital High School</b>         |                          |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | <b>Montana University System Writing Assessment</b> |                            |
| ENG                                      | English 3 AP             | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         | Date:00/00/0000                                     | Writing:0.0                |
| USH                                      | Amer History AP          | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| MTH                                      | Pre Calc Honors          | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| SCI                                      | Biology AP               | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| ELE                                      | Spanish 4                | A     | 0.50  | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| FA                                       | Photo 1 Sem 1            | A     | 0.50  |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| FA                                       | Photo 2 Sem 2            |       |       | A     | 0.50  |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
|                                          |                          |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       | <b>Work In Progress</b> |                                                     |                            |
| Subj                                     | Course Title             |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       | Credits                 |                                                     |                            |
| <b>19-20 Capital High School</b>         |                          |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| AMG                                      | Amer Govt AP             |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| AMG                                      | Amer Govt AP             |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| Mth                                      | AP Calculus AB           |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| Mth                                      | AP Calculus AB           |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| SCI                                      | AP Environmental Science |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| SCI                                      | AP Environmental Science |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
|                                          | Assistant Sci            |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
|                                          | Assistant Sci            |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| ENG                                      | Eng IV/Colleg            |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| ENG                                      | Eng Lit 110              |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| ELE                                      | Spanish 5 AP             |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |
| ELE                                      | Spanish 5 AP             |       |       |       |       |                                                                            |              |       |       |       |       |                         |                                                     |                            |

Credits  
Earned

Classes are  
graded for  
Semesters  
only

Class  
Rank  
and  
GPA

ACT/SAT  
Scores

AP=Adv Placement WF=Withdraw Fail WM=Withdraw Medical \*\*=Mod Grade

|      |            |            |            |            |            |
|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| DTP  | 03/08/2002 | 04/08/2002 | 07/12/2002 | 06/23/2003 | 07/27/2007 |
| DTTD |            |            |            |            |            |
| HIB  | 03/08/2002 | 04/18/2002 | 01/17/2003 | 06/23/2003 |            |
| HPA  | 07/27/2007 | 07/22/2008 |            |            |            |
| HPB  | 02/04/2002 | 05/20/2002 | 07/12/2002 |            |            |
| HPV  | 07/09/2014 | 09/09/2014 |            |            |            |
| IPV  | 03/08/2002 | 04/08/2002 | 01/17/2003 | 06/23/2003 | 07/27/2007 |
| MCV  | 07/09/2014 |            |            |            |            |
| MENB |            |            |            |            |            |
| MMP  |            |            |            |            |            |
| MMR  | 03/27/2003 | 07/27/2007 |            |            |            |
| MSL  |            |            |            |            |            |
| PCV  | 05/20/2002 |            |            |            |            |
| ROT  |            |            |            |            |            |
| RUB  |            |            |            |            |            |
| TDP  | 07/09/2014 |            |            |            |            |
| VAR  | 03/27/2003 | 07/27/2007 |            |            |            |

Transcript is official if signed by school and imprinted with seal.

School

Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 9/17/19

Immunization  
Record

All seniors were given a copy of their transcript last week

# B.E.A.R. Award

With the changes to the graduation requirements, the Full Boar award was rebranded to the Bruin Educational Achievement Recognition or B.E.A.R. for short.

To be eligible for the recognition, students must complete the following

- 10 or more Honors, Advanced Placement, or Accelerated courses
- Earn a B or better in all 10 courses
- 7 of the 10 courses must be from core academic areas (English, Math, Social Studies, Science, or Foreign Language)
- Graduate with a minimum of 26 credits
- Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above
- No outstanding disciplinary issues
- Be involved in 2 school related activities
- Complete an application senior year.

Students who were eligible were given a copy of the application last week.

**APPLICATION IS DUE MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>**

# Graduation

- New School Board Policy- Students must earn all required credits prior to commencement to be able to participate in the ceremony

Graduation will take place

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
@Carroll College

2 pm



# Dual Credit

## CHS/Helena College Dual Credit Offerings

| Helena College Course |                          | Credits | CRN  | CHS Course                 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------|------|----------------------------|
| WRIT 101              | College Writing          | 3       | 1457 | College Writing            |
| LIT 110               | Intro to Lit             | 3       | 1458 | College Lit                |
| WRIT 111              | Technical Writing        | 3       | 1459 | Intro to Technical Writing |
| COMM 111              | Intro to Public Speaking | 3       | 1422 | Speech                     |
| M105                  | Contemporary Math        | 3       | 3302 | Contemporary Math          |
| M111                  | Technical Math           | 3       | 3356 | Technical Math             |
| M121                  | College Algebra          | 3       | 3440 | College Algebra            |
| M151                  | Pre- Calculus            | 4       | 3400 | Pre-Calculus               |
| M151                  | Pre- Calculus            | 4       | 3301 | Pre-Calculus Honors        |
| M171                  | Calculus I               | 4       | 3402 | AP Calculus AB             |
| M172                  | Calculus II              | 4       | 3405 | AP Calculus BC             |
| STAT 216              | Intro to Statistics      | 3       | 3441 | Statistics                 |
| ACTG 101              | Accounting Procedures    | 3       | 7370 | Accounting 1               |
| CAPP 154              | MS Word                  | 3       | 7360 | MS Word/Access             |
| CAPP 156              | MS Excel                 | 3       | 7361 | MS Excel/PowerPoint        |
| MCH 234               | CNC Milling Operations 1 | 4       | 7250 | Machining 3                |
| WLDG 112              | Cutting Processes        | 1       | 7250 | Welding 3                  |
| AUTO 104              | Automotive Mechanics     | 3       | 7203 | Auto 3                     |

# One-Two Free Initiative

The Montana University System is offering qualifying students 2 dual enrollment courses for free (up to 6 credits)

The hope is to eliminate cost barriers for students to get a running start towards higher education

An estimated savings of \$1,190

\* Scholarships available for students with financial need to get more for free.

Data suggests it

- Promotes Student Retention and Completion
- Reduces Remediation Rates
- Allows Students to Experience College Rigor
- Promotes College/Workforce Readiness

**ONE  
TWO  
FREE.**

ONE SYSTEM.  
TWO COURSES.  
FREE ACCESS TO  
HIGHER EDUCATION.

# Helena College Test Score Requirements

| <b><u>MATH - Placement</u></b>                                     |            |                     |                                                                                                                          |                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                    | <b>ACT</b> | <b>SAT</b>          | <b>ACCUPLACER</b><br>Quantitative, Algebra,<br>Statistics                                                                | <b>ACCUPLACER</b><br>Advanced Algebra<br>Function |
| M111T Technical Math                                               | 19 & below | Needs<br>ACCUPLACER | 200-0                                                                                                                    | 200-219                                           |
| M105 Contemporary Math                                             | 20         | 490                 | QRAS does not<br>determine M093<br>placement. With a<br>score higher than<br>263, tester will take<br>AAF for placement. | 220-249                                           |
| <b>M121</b> College Algebra<br>*STAT216 Introduction to Statistics | 22         | 530                 |                                                                                                                          | 250-262                                           |
| <b>M151</b> Pre-Calculus                                           | 24         | 570                 |                                                                                                                          | 263-270                                           |
| <b>M171</b> Calculus I                                             | 27         | 610                 |                                                                                                                          | 271-300                                           |

| <b><u>Writing (English) Placement</u></b>                            |                  |                        |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                      | <b>ACT</b>       | <b>SAT</b>             | <b>ACCUPLACER</b> |
| <b>WRIT 101</b><br>College Writing<br>WRIT 121T<br>Technical Writing | 18 ELA or Higher | 7 Essay<br>440 Writing | 250-300           |

# Helena College Dual Credit Process

The CHS Counseling Department presented dual credit opportunities to all students last February. At that time we asked all students who were requesting a dual credit course to fill out a free Helena College application.

In April we again reached out to students who signed up for a dual credit eligible course to ask them to fill out a dual credit application.

On September 3rd, teachers presented on dual credit and offered class sign ups, those who didn't fill out the applications in Feb. were given a third opportunity to also apply to Helena College for free.

Helena College representatives were at CHS on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and processed all the applications that students had ready. Some students at that time were reminded of the test score requirements for courses and encouraged to sign up for the Accuplacer at Helena College. Students had until the 23<sup>rd</sup> to take the test.

For students who will be above the free 6 credits, bills should be coming in the mail next month and the cost is 51.63 per credit, so a 3 credit course would be \$154.89

# Carroll College Early Access Program

Early Access is an On-Campus Program

- Students get to attend classes with regular Carroll students and get a jump start on college.
- Replaced their dual credit program.
- This is a Tuition Free program but does have a \$60 student fee and required book rental or purchase.
- Eligible for Junior and Senior students with a minimum 3.25 GPA
- May take up to 2 classes per semester.
- Students in this program must be able to make the Carroll class fit around their high school courses. They are not dual credit and don't count towards high school graduation.



-For more information

<https://www.carroll.edu/apply/carroll-early-access>

# Advanced Placement (AP)

AP courses are rigorous courses offered at CHS that offer an opportunity for students to earn college credit by passing AP Exams in May.

Students will opt into taking the test in October by paying for their AP exams.

AP exams must be paid for (by October 30th through the book keeper at a cost of \$100 per exam).

Canceling an AP exam or signing up after November 15<sup>th</sup> will require an additional \$40 fee (School Activity rescheduling does not count).

## AP Courses offered at CHS

AP American Government

AP American History

AP Art History (HHS)

AP Art Studio (HHS)

AP Biology

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Chemistry

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Economics

AP English 3 (Lang & Comp)

AP English 4 (Lit & Comp)

AP Environmental Science

AP European History

AP Human Geography

AP Physics

AP Spanish

AP Statistics

# AP Exam Dates

## May Exam Test Dates

|       |                                 |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| 4--   | AP Government Test (AM)         |
| 5--   | AP Calc AB, BC (AM)             |
| 5--   | AP Human Geography (PM)         |
| 6--   | AP English Lit (AM)             |
| 6--   | AP European History (PM)        |
| 7--   | AP Chemistry (AM)               |
| 7--   | AP Physics (PM)                 |
| 8--   | AP US History (AM)              |
| 8--   | AP Computer Science (PM)        |
| 11-   | AP Biology (AM)                 |
| 11--  | AP Environmental Sci (PM)       |
| 12--  | AP Spanish Language (AM)        |
| 12--  | AP Psychology (PM)              |
| 13--  | AP English Language (AM)        |
| 14--  | No AP Tests                     |
| 15-   | AP Computer Sci Principles (AM) |
| 15--  | AP Statistics (PM)              |
| 20-22 | AP Make Up Exams                |



It's no longer k-12, it's k-14

## **A diploma is not enough.....**

Graduates with an associates degree enjoy an average of **\$145 more per week** than full-time wage and salary workers holding a high school diploma.

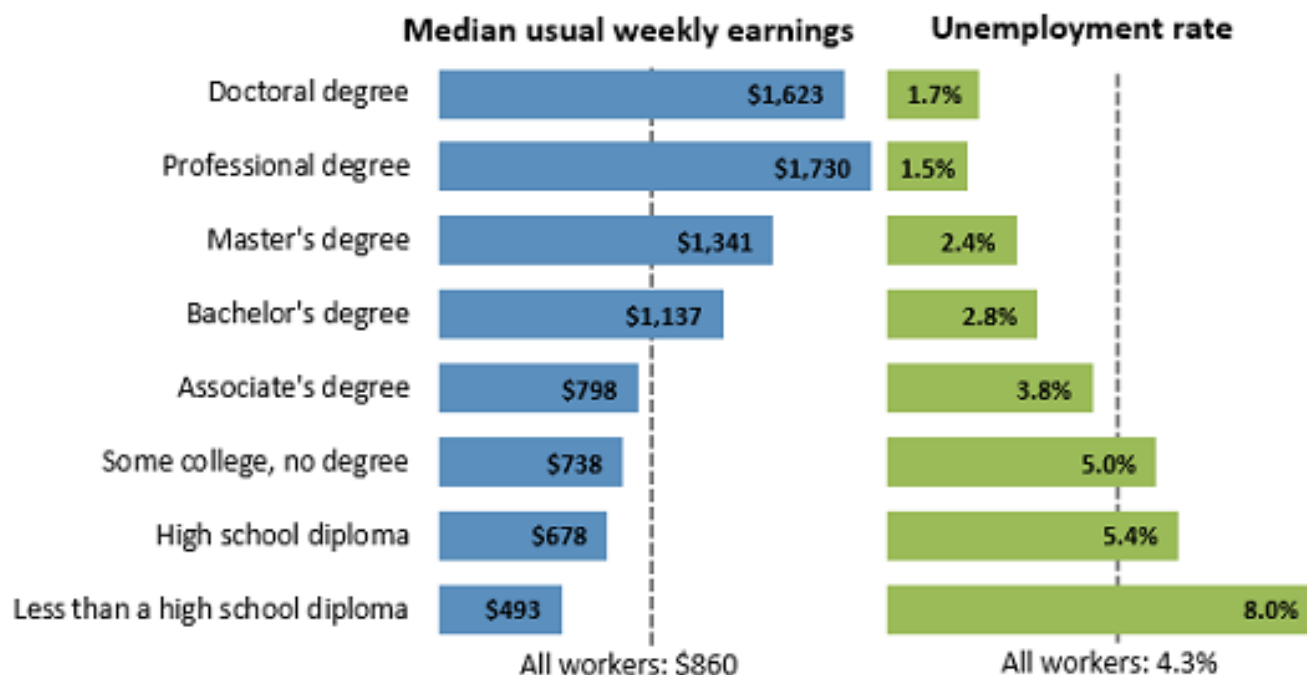
<http://www.guidetocareereducation.com/articles/getting-started/education-degrees>

**U.S. Census Bureau data proving the substantial value of a college education in the United States. Workers 18 and over sporting bachelors degrees earn an average of \$51,206 a year, while those with a high school diploma earn \$27,915. But wait, there's more. Workers with an advanced degree make an average of \$74,602, and those without a high school diploma average \$18,734.**

<http://usgovinfo.about.com/od/censusandstatistics/a/collegepays.htm>

# Data on Higher Ed Earnings

## Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2015



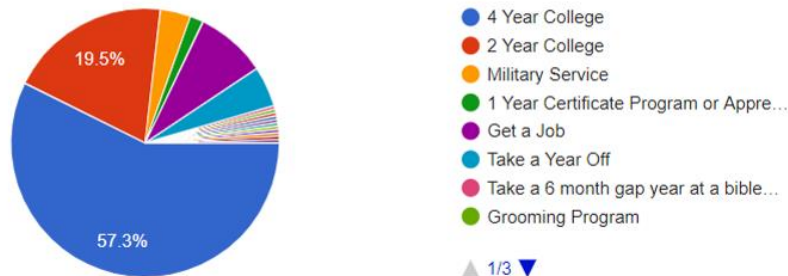
Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

# Class of 2019 End of Year Survey Results

What is your plan for the Fall of 2019?

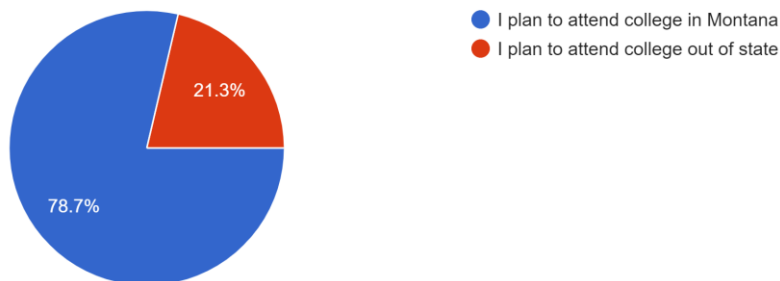
246 responses



Last Year's class continued the increasing trend of more students starting at 2 year schools and the majority who attend 4 year schools to choose to stay in state

If you are planning to attend college (2 or 4 year)- Is that college in Montana or Out of State?

225 responses

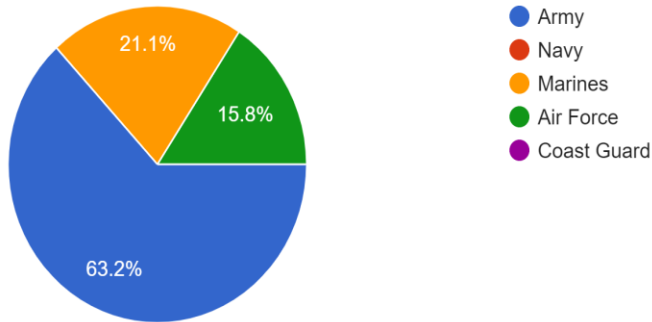


Students are being more aware of debt and costs of attendance when making decisions

# Class of 2019 End of Year Survey Results

If you are joining the Military, which branch?

19 responses



We are also seeing an increase in students committing to serving in the military, especially through the Guard and ROTC programs.



# New Program for Service Members

Starting the fall of 2020

Qualifying members of the Montana National Guard and the Montana Air National Guard have been approved for full tuition waivers to all public Montana Colleges in the Montana University System

According to the policy, “This new mandatory tuition waiver will augment existing G.I. Bill and Tuition Assistance entitlements for Montana National Guard members, allowing them to receive financial aid packages that cover 100 percent of the cost of tuition in the Montana University System.”

This supplementary benefit is a tuition specific waiver and does not include fees associated with coursework or programming.

# Montana University System (MUS)

To be enrolled in a 4yr. Montana Public University you must have 1 of the following

2.5 GPA or

Rank in top  $\frac{1}{2}$  of class or

Test scores

•MSUB, MSU, UM, Tech, Western      ACT 22

•MSUN      ACT 20

And

College Prep curriculum

**Rigorous Core = 3 years of math through Algebra II, an additional lab science, 3 years of concentrated electives**

([http://mus.edu/Prepare/Pay/Scholarships/MUS\\_Honor\\_Scholarship.asp](http://mus.edu/Prepare/Pay/Scholarships/MUS_Honor_Scholarship.asp))

# MUS PROFICIENCY STANDARDS

## MATH PROFICIENCY

ACT 22 or SAT 27  
.5 Math subtest or

3 or above on AP Calc or

Grades of C or higher in 4 yrs HS  
Math (beginning with Algebra I)

## WRITING PROFICIENCY

ACT ELA Score if 18 or

ACT Writing score of 19 or

SAT writing and language  
score of 25

\* If you do not meet these you will be offered a provisional admission

-We are hearing that the MUS system schools are encouraging students who are not meeting the benchmarks in either math or English are being asked to retake the ACT exam before they discuss remediation



#### Rigorous Core College Prep Program

The *rigorous core* is an alternative to the Regents' college prep program. Students who successfully complete the rigorous core are eligible for the MUS Honors Scholarship.

In addition to the Regents' college prep courses required for entrance to 4-year universities, the rigorous core adds one additional year of math (4 yrs.), science (3 yrs.), and college-prep electives (3 yrs.).

#### Provisional Admission

Students who do not meet the writing and math proficiency standards are admitted to 4-year universities on a provisional basis.

Students who are provisionally admitted can gain full admittance by

- earning a "C" or better in developmental course work (must be done within the first three semesters); or
- earning the required score on one or more of the math or writing assessment tests, including the ACT or SAT, required for admissions; or
- completing an associate of arts or associate of science degree; or
- submitting a letter to the admissions office documenting a disability that prevented the student from adequately demonstrating proficiency in a test setting if no accommodation was provided at the time of the test.

## Montana University System Admission Standards

### Entrance Requirements

In order to be fully admitted to a 4-year university in the MUS, entering high school graduates are required to meet the following standards:

- **Complete the Regents' college preparatory program:** mathematics (3 years), English (4 years), science (2 years), social studies (3 years), and electives (2 years) – includes languages, computer science, visual/performing arts, speech, or vocational education.
- **Demonstrate Mathematics Proficiency:** earn an ACT math score of 22, SAT math test score of 27.5, or complete the Rigorous Core.
- **Demonstrate Writing Proficiency:** earn an ACT ELA score of 18 (average of the English, reading, and writing scores) or score 19 on the ACT essay; or earn an SAT writing and language test score of 25 or higher.
- **Achieve one of the following requirements:**
  1. Earn at least a 2.5 high school GPA; or
  2. Rank in the top half of the school's graduating class; or
  3. Earn an ACT composite score of 22 or higher, or SAT total score of 1120 or higher (except MSU-Northern: ACT score of 20, SAT score of 1050).

### Provisional Admission

Students who do not demonstrate the ability to meet the mathematics and/or writing proficiency standards may be admitted provisionally to a four-year degree program on any campus of the MUS and without condition to a two year degree program.

### Exemptions

Entrance requirements do NOT apply to the following groups:

- Non-traditional students (those who do not enter college for a period of at least three years following high school graduation);
- Summer-only students; and
- Part-time students taking seven or fewer credits per semester.

In addition, institutions may exempt up to 15% of first-time, full-time undergraduates from the entrance requirements listed above. This exemption is reserved for students with special talents, minorities, and others who demonstrate special needs.

### Open Admission

Two-year colleges in the MUS offer open admissions that do not require the academic standards listed above. However, certain programs within the college (such as nursing) may have admission standards.

A high school degree or GED is required for admission to all degree programs.

# ACT BENCHMARK DATA

| ACT College Readiness Benchmarks |                       |               |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| College Course                   | ACT Subject Area Test | ACT Benchmark |
| College Writing                  | English               | 18            |
| College Algebra                  | Math                  | 22            |
| Social Sciences                  | Reading               | 22            |
| Biology                          | Science               | 23            |

ACT Data shows that students who meet or exceed these benchmarks have a 50% chance to get a B in their college course and a 75% chance to pass with a C (must obtain a C in college courses to be awarded credit)

# Provisional Admission

Provisional admission is granted to students scoring 18-21 on ACT and 440-510 on SAT mathematics tests. A 5-6 on ACT or SAT essays is also accepted.

Students who don't meet the writing and math proficiency standards are admitted to 4-year universities on a provisional basis. Students who are provisionally admitted can gain full admittance by:

- \*Earning a "C" or better in developmental courses preparing students for college level course work (must be done within the first three semesters);  
or

- \*Earning satisfactory scores on individual campus math placement exams;

or

- \*Completion of an associate of arts or associate of science degree.

# Private Colleges

Private colleges can also be a viable option over traditional 4 year public colleges.

While many of them have higher tuition rates, they also often offer many more scholarship opportunities that can often make them a better financial decision.

Additionally they are often smaller, which allows students to have more time with professors and not TA's, so as far as bang for your buck, you get more experts teaching your children.

We have 3 wonderful Private colleges in Montana, Rocky Mountain College, University of Providence Great Falls, and our own Carroll College, which is typically ranked as the #1 best college in the west and #2 in best value by US News.



# Other Options- 2 Yr. Schools to start

## **Open Admission**

Two-year colleges in the MUS offer open admissions that do not require the academic standards listed above. However, certain programs (such as nursing) have admission standards.

A high school degree or HiSet (GED) is required for admission to all degree programs.

# Helena College

No longer the Vo-Tech

Helena College offers students a great way to get a jump start on their college education at an affordable price.

\$6,500 per year vs. (\$17,400 UM), (\$18,660 MSU), (\$43,473 Carroll)

They offer several Pre- Professional programs that can allow students to get a look at what they want to do in a smaller class environment

Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Criminology, Associates of Arts Transfer,  
Associate of Science Transfer, AS- Registered Nursing

They also offer several 2 year programs that have a higher return in investment than several 4 year programs.

College Athletics

**NAIA Athletes**

[www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)

**NCAA Athletes**

[www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org](http://www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org)

NCAA eligibility requires 16 core classes from

Eng/SS/Math/Sci/FL

# Out of State Colleges

- Each out of state institution has different admission requirements and prices.
- We can help your student research various schools and career cruising offers a handy school comparison tool that allows you to compare 3 schools at a time
- If you are planning on going out of state in the western US, we recommend checking into the WICHE Western undergraduate exchange program.
  - It allows students to attend an out of state program for 150% of instate tuition (usual \$10,000 or more less then the out of state tuition)
  - Check out <http://www.wiche.edu/wue> for more information

Many out of state schools require different high school course work requirements, for example 2 years of a foreign language. Make sure you check that before you apply!

# College Visits/ Recruiters

Each CHS Student is allowed 2 excused absences of college visits each year

1. Parent excuse student prior to absence.
2. Obtain written verification from college official and give to CHS attendance. Absence will be changed to School Related.

College Reps are also visiting CHS often in the Career Center

1. Listen to the announcements, check the facebook/twitter pages or the board outside the career center or check--  
<https://chs.helenaschools.org/about/counseling-career-center/collegemilitary-recruiter-visits/>
2. Sign-up ahead of time in counseling office.
3. Counseling office will send pass to attend.

# CHS COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> -Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**

MUS institutions have agreed to DEFER or WAIVE the fee for ONE application during College Application Week. Campuses may also waive the application fee for low income students at the time of enrollment.

The CHS Counseling Department will be working with Seniors in their English 4 courses during the week to talk about application essays, the application process and submitting the free application to the MUS institution of choice.

# Scholarships

There are thousands of scholarships out there for your students to apply for, some ranging from several hundreds to several thousands of dollars.

Don't just focus on the full ride scholarships, some of the smaller ones are easier to get and can add up quickly.

Mrs. Doran in the career center can help you find scholarships that fit your needs.

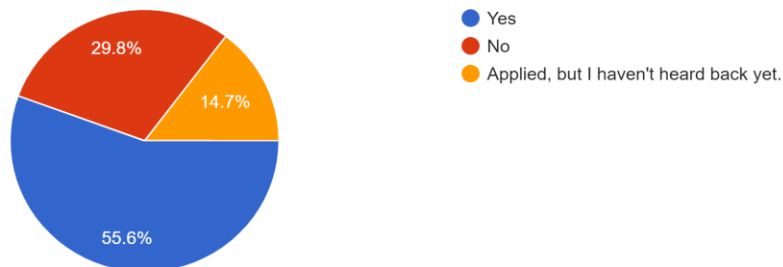
Also keep up with the website or facebook pages. Our career center website lists scholarships by deadline date.

You don't need to have a 4.0 or make no money to qualify, there are scholarships for each and everyone of you.

# Class of 2019 End of Year Survey

Have you recieved any scholarships for college?

225 responses



Our students are typically very successful when applying for scholarships

We have great resources available, but they don't work if the students don't access them. We have showed them where they are at least 2 times already this fall

## Keep up to date with the Counseling Department and Career Center

[facebook.com/BruinCounseling](https://facebook.com/BruinCounseling)

[twitter.com/BruinCounseling](https://twitter.com/BruinCounseling)

[instagram.com/bruincounseling/](https://instagram.com/bruincounseling/)

### What you can expect from your Capital High School Counselors . . .

- POST-SECONDARY PLANNING/COLLEGE, CAREER & LIFE SKILLS!
- Course Selections & preparing for High School.
- INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL SUPPORT
- FAMILY SUPPORT

### We use a systematic approach to accomplish these goals with all students and families. . .

- YEARLY PRESENTATIONS —
  - Class registration and information night
- OPEN OFFICE/WALK IN TIMES —
  - Counselors keep "open office" time during both lunches for general walk-

### ACT/SAT Information

[PLAN & PSAT Information](#)

### College/Military Recruiter Visits & Other Activities

[College Fair](#)

### College Application Week

### Financial Aid Information (FAFSA)

### Job Opportunities

[Summer Opportunities](#)

### Post Secondary Planning Handbooks

### NCAA & NAIA Clearing House

### Scholarship Opportunities

[Montana Colleges Scholarships](#)  
[Scholarship Search Engines](#)

Lots of local scholarships here

# FSA ID

Step 1 in completing the FAFSA is creating a FSA ID  
The student and at least 1 parent must create an ID

Will be something you will use for the entirety of your work with Financial Aid, from start of college all the way through finishing paying off your loans.

For that reason, use an email address you will keep and not your @helenastudent.org one.

To speed up the FAFSA process, its best to create the FSA ID now.

To create your ID go to  
[fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)

# FAFSA Information

The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

You can start filling out the FAFSA starting on October 1<sup>st</sup>

- You now use what they call prior prior tax information, so for the 2020 school year, you need your 2018 tax information.

When you create your FSA ID, for most of you, your tax information can be automatically imported from the IRS through a data retrieval tool. The data is secure and masked and by using the tool you are less likely to be flagged for income verification from the college financial aid office.

All schools in Montana have a December 1<sup>st</sup> Priority deadline.

- They start giving out grant and work study money at this time and once those types of aid are gone, they are gone. So it is in your best interest to file early.
- You can choose multiple schools if you are unsure where you are going and each will put together an aid package for you (which helps you be a better consumer).

# FAFSA- Types of Aid

## **Federal Pell Grant**

- Maximum 6,195, minimum 657. Limited to 12 semesters. Based on income and EFC (Expected Family Contribution) If offered, take. Its money you don't have to pay back.

## **Federal Subsidized Loans**

- The government pays the interest while you are in school, if you have to take a loan, take this one first

## **Unsubsidized Loans**

- The interest accrues while you are in school, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice if you need a loan

## **Parent PLUS Loans**

- Taken out in the parent's name, based on credit score. About double interest rate, take only if necessary.

## **Work Study**

- Subsidized jobs, typically on campus. Students earn a paycheck working up to 20 hours a week. It is calculated in the Aid package, but paid out during the semester so its better to cover living expenses instead of tuition.

# FAFSA WORKSHOP

The HHS and CHS Counseling Departments will be hosting a FAFSA Workshop, with help from Carroll College, Helena College, and Reach Higher Montana

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5-7**  
**Helena HS Computer Lab**

Bring your 2018 tax documents and get help from FAFSA professionals filling out the forms.  
Great help for first timers!

# Senior Awards Recognition

We are in the process of revamping our Senior Awards night.

We will be sending out additional information in the spring.

Stay Tuned.....

# Other information

## Josten's Rep

(if you need to order cap/gown, announcements, etc.)

**Travis Belcher**

**443-3844**

## Senior Pic's, Baby Pic's, Yearbooks

**Mrs. Selch**

**[hselch@helenaschools.org](mailto:hselch@helenaschools.org)**

**<http://chs.helenaschools.org/extracurricular/clubs-activities/capital-dome-yearbook/>**

# Thank You for Attending Parents

