SAGUARO HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION, COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING INFORMATION



SAGUARO COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



Mrs. Katy Gerken
(Seniors A-Ga)
kgerken@susd.org



Ms. Stacey Flores
(Seniors Gb-H)
staceyflores@susd.org



Mrs. Sara Simus
(I-PK Senior)
ssimus@susd.org



Mrs. Donna Wittwer
(Seniors Pl-Z)
dwittwer@susd.org

SAGUARO COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

- College Visits
- School Specific resources
- Upcoming events for Career / Military
- Scholarship Info
- Employment/ job openings
- Internship / summer opportunities
- Test prep info and materials



Contact: Mrs. Chan – bchan@susd.org

SCHOOLINKS

COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION

What is SchooLinks?

SchooLinks is an online platform used by SUSD for students to complete their **Educational Career Action Plan (ECAP)**. Students can enter the courses they are taking, complete personality and learning style inventories, explore careers and colleges, apply to colleges or request transcripts. This information, along with other School Links activities, will be utilized to guide students in planning their academic and career pathways.

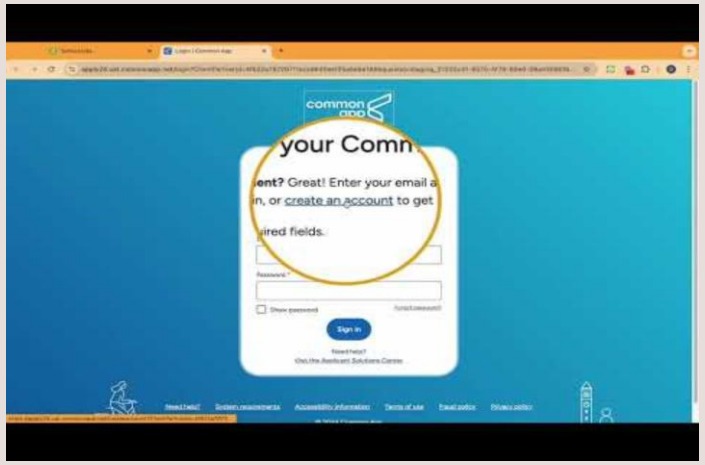
How Do Students Access SchooLinks?

- Log in to SUSD Single SignOn and log in to Clever.
- Click on the 'SchooLinks' Icon. You will be automatically taken to your SchooLinks landing page from your Single SignOn account.

SCHOOLINKS

COMMON APP INSTRUCTIONS

- **Step 1: Initiate Connection in SchooLinks**
- Log in to SchooLinks.
- Go to the side navigation bar, click Colleges, and select College Applications.
- Find the Common App section on your dashboard and click the blue Connect button.
- Click the green Link Common App Account button in the pop-up window.
- **Step 2: Authenticate with Common App**
- A new tab will open directing you to the Common App website. Log in (or create an account).
- Check the box to agree to share your data with SchooLinks, then click Connect and Continue.
- Once redirected back to SchooLinks, your status will update to Connected.
- **Step 3: Complete Required Steps in Common App**
- To finalize the sync, you must complete these three actions inside your Common App account:
- Add a College: Go to College Search and add at least one college to your list.
- Add Your High School: Go to the Education section of your profile and select your current high school.
- Complete FERPA Authorization: Go to My Colleges, select any college, click Recommenders & FERPA, and complete the release authorization.
- **Step 4: Sync Your Data**
- Return to SchooLinks and refresh the page.
- Your Common App colleges will now populate in your SchooLinks College Application Manager.
- **Note:** Any colleges you add to Common App in the future will automatically sync to SchooLinks overnight.



Watch this quick video to learn how to set up your Common App Account, add schools, and complete your FERPA waiver (click here for full screen)

What Are the Requirements For Graduation?

Students also need to pass the Civics test to meet graduation requirements.

- **In order to graduate, the 22 credits must be distributed in the following manner**:

	CREDITS:
ENGLISH	4
MATH	4
SCIENCE	3
SOCIAL STUDIES	3
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1
FINE ARTS OR CAREER TECH	1
*ELECTIVES	6
	Total: 22 credits

For In-State Colleges: 2 consecutive years of the same World Language
For Out of State Colleges: 3 consecutive years of the same World Language recommended

TRANSCRIPTS

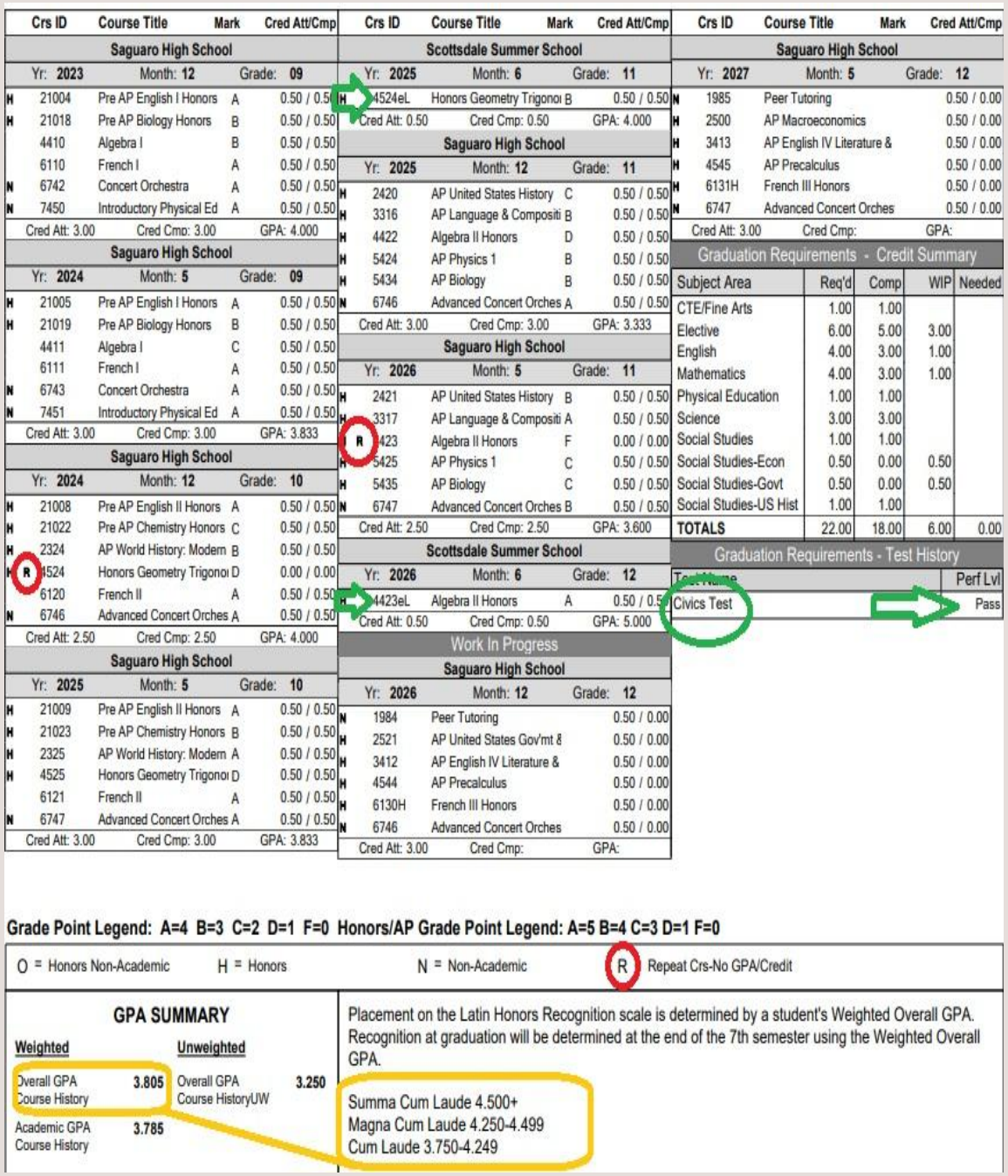
TRANSCRIPT/SCORE REQUESTS:

1. Send test scores from ACT/ College Board (SAT / AP)
2. Request official transcripts through Schoolinks

***To Download your unofficial transcript using ParentVue or Student Vue:

- Go to Course History
- Click TWICE on the blue 'Unofficial Transcript' button at the top of the page.***

www.aztransfer.com Find out how DE classes / AP Scores can transfer to Universities/Colleges in Arizona



Crs ID	Course Title	Mark	Cred Att/Cmp
Saguaro High School			
Yr: 2023	Month: 12	Grade: 09	
H 21004	Pre AP English I Honors	A	0.50 / 0.50
H 21018	Pre AP Biology Honors	B	0.50 / 0.50
4410	Algebra I	B	0.50 / 0.50
6110	French I	A	0.50 / 0.50
N 6742	Concert Orchestra	A	0.50 / 0.50
N 7450	Introductory Physical Ed	A	0.50 / 0.50
Cred Att: 3.00	Cred Cmp: 3.00	GPA: 4.000	
Saguaro High School			
Yr: 2024	Month: 5	Grade: 09	
H 21005	Pre AP English I Honors	A	0.50 / 0.50
H 21019	Pre AP Biology Honors	B	0.50 / 0.50
4411	Algebra I	C	0.50 / 0.50
6111	French I	A	0.50 / 0.50
N 6743	Concert Orchestra	A	0.50 / 0.50
N 7451	Introductory Physical Ed	A	0.50 / 0.50
Cred Att: 3.00	Cred Cmp: 3.00	GPA: 3.833	
Saguaro High School			
Yr: 2024	Month: 12	Grade: 10	
H 21008	Pre AP English II Honors	A	0.50 / 0.50
H 21022	Pre AP Chemistry Honors	C	0.50 / 0.50
H 2324	AP World History: Modern	B	0.50 / 0.50
H R 4524	Honors Geometry Trigonor	D	0.00 / 0.00
6120	French II	A	0.50 / 0.50
N 6746	Advanced Concert Orches	A	0.50 / 0.50
Cred Att: 2.50	Cred Cmp: 2.50	GPA: 4.000	
Saguaro High School			
Yr: 2025	Month: 5	Grade: 10	
H 21009	Pre AP English II Honors	A	0.50 / 0.50
H 21023	Pre AP Chemistry Honors	B	0.50 / 0.50
H 2325	AP World History: Modern	A	0.50 / 0.50
H 4525	Honors Geometry Trigonor	D	0.50 / 0.50
6121	French II	A	0.50 / 0.50
N 6747	Advanced Concert Orches	A	0.50 / 0.50
Cred Att: 3.00	Cred Cmp: 3.00	GPA: 3.833	

Crs ID	Course Title	Mark	Cred Att/Cmp
Scottsdale Summer School			
Yr: 2025	Month: 6	Grade: 11	
H 4524eL	Honors Geometry Trigonor	B	0.50 / 0.50
Cred Att: 0.50	Cred Cmp: 0.50	GPA: 4.000	
Saguaro High School			
Yr: 2025	Month: 12	Grade: 11	
H 2420	AP United States History	C	0.50 / 0.50
H 3316	AP Language & Compositi	B	0.50 / 0.50
H 4422	Algebra II Honors	D	0.50 / 0.50
H 5424	AP Physics 1	B	0.50 / 0.50
H 5434	AP Biology	B	0.50 / 0.50
N 6746	Advanced Concert Orches	A	0.50 / 0.50
Cred Att: 3.00	Cred Cmp: 3.00	GPA: 3.333	
Saguaro High School			
Yr: 2026	Month: 5	Grade: 11	
H 2421	AP United States History	B	0.50 / 0.50
H 3317	AP Language & Compositi	A	0.50 / 0.50
R 4423	Algebra II Honors	F	0.00 / 0.00
H 5425	AP Physics 1	C	0.50 / 0.50
H 5435	AP Biology	C	0.50 / 0.50
N 6747	Advanced Concert Orches	B	0.50 / 0.50
Cred Att: 2.50	Cred Cmp: 2.50	GPA: 3.600	
Scottsdale Summer School			
Yr: 2026	Month: 6	Grade: 12	
H 4423eL	Algebra II Honors	A	0.50 / 0.50
Cred Att: 0.50	Cred Cmp: 0.50	GPA: 5.000	
Work In Progress			
Saguaro High School			
Yr: 2026	Month: 12	Grade: 12	
N 1984	Peer Tutoring		0.50 / 0.00
H 2521	AP United States Gov'mt &		0.50 / 0.00
H 3412	AP English IV Literature &		0.50 / 0.00
H 4544	AP Precalculus		0.50 / 0.00
H 6130H	French III Honors		0.50 / 0.00
N 6746	Advanced Concert Orches		0.50 / 0.00
Cred Att: 3.00	Cred Cmp:	GPA:	

Crs ID	Course Title	Mark	Cred Att/Cmp
Saguaro High School			
Yr: 2027	Month: 5	Grade: 12	
N 1985	Peer Tutoring		0.50 / 0.00
H 2500	AP Macroeconomics		0.50 / 0.00
H 3413	AP English IV Literature &		0.50 / 0.00
H 4545	AP Precalculus		0.50 / 0.00
H 6131H	French III Honors		0.50 / 0.00
N 6747	Advanced Concert Orches		0.50 / 0.00
Cred Att: 3.00	Cred Cmp:	GPA:	

Graduation Requirements - Credit Summary

Subject Area	Req'd	Comp	WIP	Needed
CTE/Fine Arts	1.00	1.00		
Elective	6.00	5.00	3.00	
English	4.00	3.00	1.00	
Mathematics	4.00	3.00	1.00	
Physical Education	1.00	1.00		
Science	3.00	3.00		
Social Studies	1.00	1.00		
Social Studies-Econ	0.50	0.00	0.50	
Social Studies-Govt	0.50	0.00	0.50	
Social Studies-US Hist	1.00	1.00		
TOTALS	22.00	18.00	6.00	0.00

Graduation Requirements - Test History

Test Name	Perf Lvl
Civics Test	Pass

Grade Point Legend: A=4 B=3 C=2 D=1 F=0 Honors/AP Grade Point Legend: A=5 B=4 C=3 D=1 F=0

O = Honors Non-Academic H = Honors N = Non-Academic R Repeat Crs-No GPA/Credit

GPA SUMMARY

Weighted		Unweighted	
Overall GPA Course History	3.805	Overall GPA Course HistoryUW	3.250
Academic GPA Course History	3.785		

Placement on the Latin Honors Recognition scale is determined by a student's Weighted Overall GPA. Recognition at graduation will be determined at the end of the 7th semester using the Weighted Overall GPA.

Summa Cum Laude 4.500+
Magna Cum Laude 4.250-4.499
Cum Laude 3.750-4.249

LATIN HONORS SYSTEM OF ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Latin Honors Distinction will be used (based on Overall Weighted GPA):

Summa Cum Laude: Students with a GPA of 4.500+
Magna Cum Laude: Students with a GPA of 4.250-4.499
Cum Laude: Students with a GPA of 3.750-4.249



Additional types of recognition:
Seal of Fine Arts Proficiency
Seal of Biliteracy
Seal of Civics Literacy
Seal of Personal Finance

Math and Science Academy Recognition (Distinguished/Commended)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPTIONS

Maricopa Community Colleges – 10 campuses throughout the Phoenix Metro Area

- All students who earn a high school diploma or GED admitted
- Low tuition, scholarships available, honors programs available
- Option to transfer to a 4-year university to complete your degree after 1-2 years at the CC
- Trade programs available
- Bachelor's degrees available in select majors, varies by campus

Coconino Community College - CCC2NAU program, allows students to attend CCC and pay CCC tuition, but also take advantage of many of the perks of being an NAU student, ex: NAU housing, dining, and activities. Seamless transfer from CCC to NAU once CCC coursework is complete.



4-YEAR IN-STATE UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

4 years of English
2 years of Social Studies (must include American/AZ History or equivalent)
4 years of Math (Algebra 1, Geo, Algebra 2 & 1 additional that requires Algebra 2 as the pre-requisite)
3 years of Lab Science
2 years of World Language (same language/consecutive years)
1 year of Fine Arts or Career Tech Ed

3.0 Unweighted GPA in 16 core classes or 22 ACT / 1120 SAT

***UofA- Essay optional but highly recommended.**
***NAU – 2.5 Unweighted GPA, world language not required.**

IN-STATE HONORS COLLEGES

- ASU Barrett, W.A. Franke Honors, and NAU Honors
- Competitive admissions
- Need rigor – Honors and AP classes
- Separate application required AFTER admission to university
- Essay is very important!
- Letters of Recommendation needed for Franke and Barrett
- ASU Barrett – November 1 Priority Deadline

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
W.A. Franke Honors College

ASU Barrett The Honors College
Arizona State University

NAU NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY
Honors College

APPLYING TO IN-STATE UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES

1) **Application:**

Apply directly through the university's website.

Arizona State University – www.asu.edu

Northern Arizona University – www.nau.edu

University of Arizona – www.Arizona.edu

Submit fee if required. No fee for NAU app.

2) Self-Report option for classes and grades- it will save you money and your admission status will be sent sooner. You can use your unofficial transcript from Synergy (DO NOT use course history for self-reporting of grades). If you are applying to an Honors program, you will need to have an official transcript sent. Be sure to check Honors College requirements and deadlines.

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

Arizona State University | NAU Northern Arizona University | The University of Arizona

APPLYING TO OUT OF STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

TO APPLY TO AN OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGE, you'll follow a similar process for most colleges:

Complete your application through the Common App
This is your main "one-stop shop" for applying to many colleges.

Send official test scores (if required)
This may include SAT, ACT, and/or AP scores.

If a college is *not* on Common App, apply directly through that university's website.

IF YOU NEED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A COUNSELOR:
1) Email your counselor to request a letter of rec form / brag sheet.
2) Allow a minimum of at least 3 WEEKS for the letters to be completed. The counseling office is closed over Fall Break and Winter Break, so please plan ahead.

WUE- Western Undergraduate Exchange- reduced out of state tuition rates at participating schools.

- **WUE link HERE**
- **List of participating WUE schools HERE**

MILITARY SERVICES ACADEMIES

- United States Air Force Academy – www.usafa.af.mil
- United States Naval Academy – https://www.usna.edu/homepage.php
- Merchant Marine Academy – www.usmma.edu
- United States Military Academy – www.usma.edu
- United States Coast Guard Academy – https://www.uscga.edu/aboutcga/

THE FIVE MILITARY ACADEMIES RANK AMONG THE MOST SELECTIVE COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY.

Four years of college education leading to a bachelor of science degree.

Tuition and housing are completely free, some academies provide a stipend.

Graduates receive regular commissions and must serve on active duty for at least 5 years

Students are evaluated on academic, extracurricular and physical fitness criteria.

Each academy has its own specific requirements, however the recommendations here are a safe guide to follow

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR A MILITARY ACADEMY, YOU ARE ADVISED TO START THE PROCESS DURING YOUR JUNIOR YEAR.

ACADEMICS:

- English – 4 years
- Math - 4 years including Algebra I through Trigonometry
- Science - 4 years including Chemistry and Physics
- Social Studies – 3 years
- Computer Science or similar class highly recommended
- World Language, minimum of 2 years, highly recommended

- **PHYSICAL FITNESS:**
- Strenuous physical fitness test is required
- **QUALIFICATIONS:**
- Students must meet the academic course requirements listed above.
- Rank in the upper fourth of their graduating class.
- SAT/ACT test score minimum – see academy websites.
- All military academies utilize a **NOMINATION** procedure wherein a student must apply through and be nominated by their State's Federal Representatives and/or Congressperson. The Coast Guard Academy does not use the nomination procedure. Rather, it has competitive admissions just like any other college.

ARIZONA SENATORS & CONGRESSMEN

Senators
Ruben Gallego (Democrat)
Senator for Arizona
https://www.gallego.senate.gov/
602-598-7327

Mark Kelly (Democrat)
Senator for Arizona
www.kelly.senate.gov
602-671-7901

Congressional Representative for Arizona's 1st District
Seat currently unfilled

If you live outside of Saguaro boundaries, your Congressional Representative may be different, as they are based on your home address. Please confirm your Representative before contacting them.
You can use this site to determine who your Representative is.
https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/AZ#representatives

****Application Deadlines in Early Fall of Senior Year****

COLLEGE VISITS & FAIRS

College Visits at Saguaro

Admissions representatives from many schools will be visiting our College & Career Center. Stop by the College & Career Center in the Saguaro Library, email Mrs. Chan at bchan@susd.org, or check Schoolinks for dates and times. Information on visits and dates will also be sent through Student/Parent Square.

College Fairs

Every Fall, out of state colleges and universities will visit Arizona and SUSD for national and local college fairs.

SUSD College & Career Fair- Saturday, Sept. 26th @ Scottsdale Civic Library 10am-2pm

NACAC College Fair- Sunday, Sept. 27th @ Phoenix Convention Center 11am-3pm
https://www.nacacnet.org/event_detail/nacac-national-college-fair-greater-phoenix/
(Attendees Need To Register Prior To Attending)

SAT & ACT TESTING

- College admissions tests, may be used for admissions and scholarships
- Can retake to improve score
- SAT INFORMATION: CLICK HERE
- ACT INFORMATION: CLICK HERE
- What's the difference between the two exams? Click HERE
- Consult college websites for testing requirements related to admissions and merit-based scholarships.

Any Special Education or 504 accommodations must be made through College Board or ACT directly, several months before the student plans to test. If you feel the school can assist, for Special Education contact Karen Glenn at 480-484-7100 ext. 7213 or email karen.glenn@susd.org. For 504's, contact Brandee Chan at 480-484-7162 or email bchan@susd.org.

SAT & ACT TEST PREP



Online Resources

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

ACT & SAT Test Prep: www.prepfactory.com



Tutoring Resources

Vogel Prep

Linda Edgar Tutoring

Scottsdale Education Center

Revolution Prep

*Private Tutors: You can check with the College & Career Coordinator, Mrs. Chan, or your counselor for recommendations.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

3 Buckets of Money

- Merit
- Financial Aid

  FAFSA-Opens October 1st

  CSS Profile
- Scholarships
  - College specific –
    - Scholarship Universe (ASU, UofA, NAU)
  - Scholarship Websites
  - SchooLinks



FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

- 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. In addition, states and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans.
  Application opens October 1st, and it is recommended that ALL students apply.
- Overview of Financial Aid Process Video
- FAFSA "What to Expect"
- CSS Profile (Register for the CSS Profile only if your college requires it)

Types of Financial Aid

- **Pell Grants:** Money provided by the Federal government to college students who demonstrate significant financial need. These do not need to be paid back. Students must complete the FAFSA for consideration.
- **Work Study:** Federally sponsored program that provides students with part-time employment (often on campus) during college. Eligibility is based on need. Students must complete the FAFSA for consideration.
- **Scholarships:** Financial awards for a wide variety of activities, including academic achievement, community service, athletic achievement and more. These do not need to be paid back. Most scholarships require an application, and dollar amounts vary. Many require a FAFSA to be filed.
- **Loans:** Money that needs to be paid back with interest. (Subsidized vs. Unsubsidized)

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

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. Mrs. Brandee Chan in the College and Career Center can also help students navigate scholarship opportunities.

- 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.
- Net Price calculator: Net price calculators are available on a college's 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. For more information click HERE
  - **SCHOLARSHIP DATABASES:**
  - Arizona Community Foundation (ACF)
- RaiseMe
- College Depot
- Appily
- Fastweb
- Scholarships.com
- StudentScholarship.org
- TheDream.US
- TFS
- AccessScholarships

INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES

Please go to www.ncaa.org – National Collegiate Athletic Association if you are planning to participate in sports – Division 1 or 2. You are responsible for checking to see that you are meeting the requirements for athletics. Following the 4-year university requirements for out of state colleges is strongly recommended.

*****10/7 rule applies where 10 core classes must be completed by the start of Senior year (7 must be in English, Math, and Science) GPA minimum of 2.3 required in all 16 core areas for D1 and D2 *eligibility*)*****

HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE FOR ATHLETES:



Grade 9:

*Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades you can.
*Ask your school counselor for a list of your high school's NCAA core classes to make sure you take the right classes. Or, find your high school's list of NCAA core courses at www.eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.



Grade 10:

*Register for a Certification Account or Profile Page with the NCAA eligibility center at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
*If you fall behind on courses, don't take shortcuts to catch up. Ask your counselor for help with finding approved courses or programs you can take. Any repeated courses must be completed before the beginning of your senior year.

INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES

Grade 11:

*Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate on time.
*Make sure you have a plan for any repeat courses you want to take to better your grades prior to the start of senior year.

Grade 12:

*Request your final amateurism certification after April 1.
*After you graduate, use www.parchment.com to upload your **final official transcript with proof of graduation.**

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **STUDENT ATHLETES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING THAT THEY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETICS.**
- **PASSING GRADES SHOWING AS A (P) ON A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE COUNTED AS A LETTER GRADE OF (D) BY NCAA FOR ELIGIBILITY PURPOSES.**
- **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**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.NCAA.ORG

FOLLOW ON TWITTER: @NCAAEC

EAST VALLEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TRADE PROGRAMS

- EVIT provides technical training programs post graduation called I-DIF

- **For more information, please visit the EVIT website at www.evit.com or call 480-461-4000.**

evit
COLLEGE AND CAREER

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.

Saguaro has opportunities to take the ASVAB at least once a year.
Sign up in the Career Center in the Library with Mrs. Chan or email
Mrs. Chan at bchan@susd.org.



ASVAB
CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Glossary of College Terms

ACT
A standardized college admission test. It features four main sections: English, math, reading and science — and an optional essay section. For more information click HERE

Admission Tests
Also known as college entrance exams, these are tests designed to measure students' skills and help colleges evaluate how ready students are for college-level work. The ACT and the College Board's SAT are two common standardized admission tests used in the United States. Please review college admission requirements to determine if SAT or ACT scores are required for admission.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery/ASVAB:
A multiple-choice test that helps students identify which Army career (Military Occupational Specialties) would be best suited for their skill set. For more information click HERE

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 700 colleges that accept it. For more information click HERE

Glossary of College Terms

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. Learn more about applying early.

Early Decision (ED)
An option to submit an application 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. Some colleges have an early decision option called ED II, which has a later application deadline than their regular ED plan. Learn more about applying early.

Federal Student Aid/FASFA
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form you fill out to get any financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college. Information on how to fill out the FASFA can be found HERE.

Glossary of College Terms

Financial Aid
Financial aid is money to help pay for college or career school. Grants, work-study programs, loans, and scholarships help make college or career school affordable.. For an overview of financial aid **click HERE**

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
An admission policy of considering each application as soon as all required information (such as high school records and test scores) has been received, rather than setting an application deadline and reviewing applications in a batch. Colleges that use a rolling admission policy usually notify applicants of admission decisions quickly.

Transcript
The official record of your course work at a school or college. Your high school transcript is required for college admission and for some financial aid packages.

SAT
The College Board's standardized college admission test. It features two main sections: math and reading and writing (combined), which can include a written essay. For more information click HERE