

WELCOME
SENIOR
PARENTS



CLASS OF
2027

A TEAM EFFORT

We need your help!



1. THERE ARE A LOT OF DEADLINES THIS YEAR

College apps, FAFSA, scholarships, transcripts—we help you understand what needs to happen and when.

2. STAY UP TO DATE ON THEIR GRADUATION STATUS

Check in with us if you are worried about their credits, required courses, GPA, etc.

3. EVERY STUDENT'S PATH LOOKS DIFFERENT

We can help explore options—there is not just one right path.



They may be growing up, but that doesn't mean they stop needing us.



As our children grow, our role changes—but our presence still matters. Keep checking in. Keep listening. Keep showing up.

Next year can be a hard year. Don't miss the signs:

- Pulling away
- Big changes in mood
- Losing interest
- Academic/work changes
- Substance use
- Negative self-talk
- Feeling overwhelmed
- Talking about hopelessness

MY CHILD DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANT TO DO NEXT YEAR!



1

Reduce Pressure

It's okay to not have everything figured out at 18 years old.

2

Don't Compare to Others

Many people change majors, careers, or paths multiple times in life.

3

Show Support—Provide Clarity

The goal is a next step—not a lifelong commitment. If they know they have your support, they are in a good place.

2025 Graduate Information

4 Year College/University	51%
2 Year College/University	30%
Workforce	11%
Non-College	5%
Military	3%



There is a Pathway for Everyone



4 Year College

- Best for careers requiring degrees (teaching, nursing, engineering, etc.)
- Consider cost, student motivation, and academic readiness
- Community college first can save money



Community College

- Affordable
- Can explore interests before transferring
- Great for certifications and associate degrees



Trade & Technical Programs

- Skilled trades are in high demand (welding, HVAC, electrical, cosmetology, etc.)
- Often shorter programs with strong earning potential
- Less student debt



Workforce

- Immediate income
- Can pursue certifications or college later
- Apprenticeships are excellent earn-while-you-learn options

FALL OF SENIOR YEAR

COLLEGE BOUND

- ✓ Senior Visit with counselor
- ✓ Submit college applications early
- ✓ Request your transcript to be sent
- ✓ Fill out the FAFSA
- ✓ Retake the ACT or Accuplacer for admission



CAREER BOUND

- ✓ Start building your resume
- ✓ Job Shadow
- ✓ Explore apprenticeships
- ✓ Apply for jobs

Priority deadlines are approaching in Nov. and Dec.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



State of Missouri Graduation Requirements	
Curricular Areas	Credits
English	4
Math	3
Social Studies	3
Science	3
Physical Education	1
Fine Arts	1
Practical Art	0.5
Health	0.5
Personal Finance ¹	0.5
Electives ²	8.5
Total Credits	25
¹ Can be 0.5 units of Practical Art	
² 2 credits in the same World Language in the elective area is usually required for college admission.	

- Must pass these tests in Government:
 - US Constitution
 - MO Constitution
 - Citizenship
- Must earn **1.0** credit of US History and a minimum of **0.5** credit of Government
- Must pass **CPR** instruction (embedded in their health class)
- Must take their required **EOC** exams
 - Alg. I or Alg II
 - Eng II
 - Bio
 - Government
 - CCR Exam
 - ACT, Accuplacer, or ASVAB

18 credits needed to be considered a Senior

CCR EXAMS

1. ACT

2. Accuplacer

3. ASVAB



Advanced Placement

JCHS Course

AP Biology
AP Calc AB
AP Calc BC
AP Comp Gov't and Politics
AP European History
AP English Lang and Comp
AP English Literature
AP Graphic Design
AP Human Geography
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics A
AP Physics B
AP Chemistry
AP Pre Calc
AP Psychology
AP Statistics
AP U.S. History
AP U.S Gov't & Politics
AP Music Theory
AP Senior Studio
AP Seminar

AP Exam

Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Gov't & Politics
European History
English Language
English Literature
2D Art
Human Geography
Environmental Science
Physics 1
Physics 2
Chemistry
Pre-Calculus
Psychology
Statistics
U.S. History
Gov't and Politics: US
Music Theory
Drawing
Seminar



COURSE EQUIVALENCY

1. Course equivalence is how a college decides whether a class you took at another school counts at their institution when you transfer.
2. If considered equivalent, your transferred class will replace or fulfill that specific course requirement at the new college.
3. If not equivalent, it may still transfer as general elective credit, but it might not satisfy a required class.



AP Credit Policy Search - AP Students | College Board

Many students check the AP credit policies of colleges they plan to apply to before deciding which AP course to take.

collegeboard.org

CORE 42

1. Core 42 is a standardized set of core college classes that makes transferring between Public Missouri colleges easier.

2. If a student completes CORE 42 at one Missouri public college, those credits transfer and count as general education requirements at any other public college in Missouri

https://access.myzou.missouri.edu/psp/prdpa/EMPLOYEE/SA/c/UM_SELF_SERVICE.UM_TRNSFR_EQUIV.GBL?&AITS_HDR_CODE=2

Dual Credit Opportunities

<u>ICHS Course</u>	<u>University Course Name</u>	<u>University</u>	<u>Credit Cost</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Civil Leadership	LDST 260 Fundamentals of LDRSHP	Drury	\$70 per hour	3
Legislative Seminar	GSTU 107 Legislative Seminar	Drury	\$70 per hour	3
AP European History	HIST 230 Modern Europe	Drury	\$70 per hour	3
AP English Literature	ENG 200	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	3
English 101/102	ENG 101/102	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	6
College Algebra	MAT 113 College Algebra	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	3
Pre-Calculus	MAT 121 Pre Calc	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	5
AP Statistics	MAT 117 Elem Statistics	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	3
AP Calc AB	MAT 123 Calculus I	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	5
AP Calc BC	MAT 203 Calculus II	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	5
AP Physics A	PHY 101/101L College Physics I	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	4
AP Physics B	PHY 102/102L College Physics II	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	4
AP Biology	BIO 103/103L Princ. Of Biology	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	4
AP Gov't & Politics	PSC 203 Am. National Gov't	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	3
AP US History	HIS 205 Am. Hist I	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	3
	HIS 206 Am. Hist II	Lincoln	\$75 per hour	3
Military Leadership	ELEC 2416 Military Leadership	Lincoln	Free	3

How are we going to afford College?

- **Grants**

- Do not typically need to be repaid
- Pell grant, state grants, college grants

- **Work-Study**

- Eligible students can work a part-time job to help pay for school

- **Loans**

- Money borrowed
- Must be repaid—usually with interest

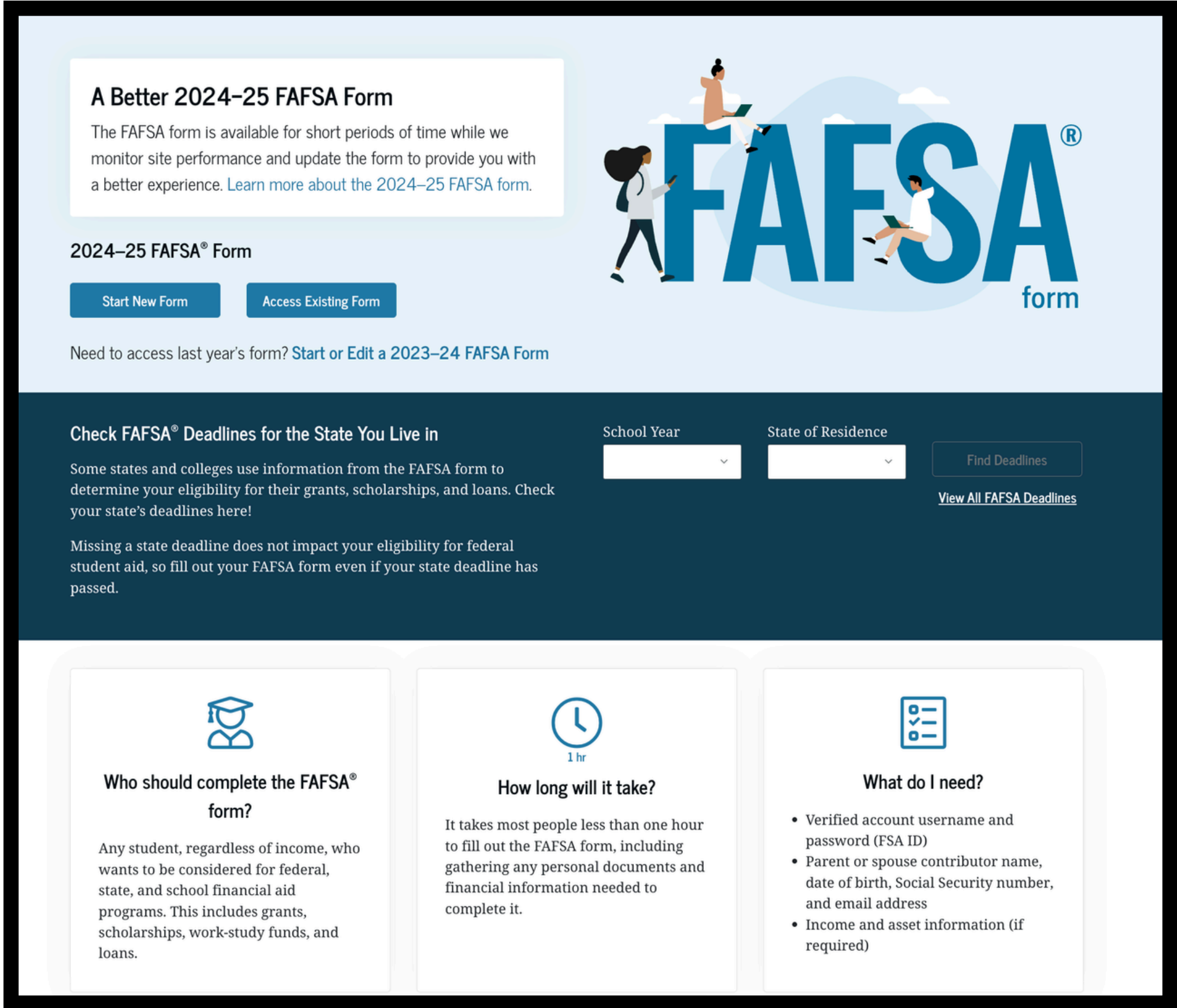
- **Scholarships**

- Awards based on academics, activities, talents, etc.



What is the FAFSA

- FAFSA is the main way students apply for money to help pay for college
- When you complete the FAFSA, it evaluates your family's financial information to determine eligibility for aid
- Students should complete it as early as possible, because some aid is first-come, first-served



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website interface. At the top, there's a header with the FAFSA logo and the text 'A Better 2024-25 FAFSA Form'. Below this, there's a section for '2024-25 FAFSA® Form' with buttons for 'Start New Form' and 'Access Existing Form'. To the right, there's an illustration of three people interacting with the large 'FAFSA' text. Below the header, there's a section for 'Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live in' with dropdown menus for 'School Year' and 'State of Residence', and a 'Find Deadlines' button. Below this, there's a section for 'Who should complete the FAFSA® form?' with a graduation cap icon. To the right, there's a section for 'How long will it take?' with a clock icon and '1 hr' text. To the right of that, there's a section for 'What do I need?' with a checklist icon. The bottom section contains three columns of information: 'Who should complete the FAFSA® form?' (Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs. This includes grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.), 'How long will it take?' (It takes most people less than one hour to fill out the FAFSA form, including gathering any personal documents and financial information needed to complete it.), and 'What do I need?' (Verified account username and password (FSA ID), Parent or spouse contributor name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address, and Income and asset information (if required)).

A Better 2024-25 FAFSA Form

The FAFSA form is available for short periods of time while we monitor site performance and update the form to provide you with a better experience. [Learn more about the 2024-25 FAFSA form.](#)

2024-25 FAFSA® Form

[Start New Form](#) [Access Existing Form](#)

Need to access last year's form? [Start or Edit a 2023-24 FAFSA Form](#)

Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live in

Some states and colleges use information from the FAFSA form to determine your eligibility for their grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines here!

Missing a state deadline does not impact your eligibility for federal student aid, so fill out your FAFSA form even if your state deadline has passed.

School Year State of Residence [Find Deadlines](#)

[View All FAFSA Deadlines](#)

Who should complete the FAFSA® form?

Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs. This includes grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.

How long will it take?

It takes most people less than one hour to fill out the FAFSA form, including gathering any personal documents and financial information needed to complete it.

What do I need?

- Verified account username and password (FSA ID)
- Parent or spouse contributor name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address
- Income and asset information (if required)

Opens October 1st

FAFSA FRENZY HELP NIGHT

Wed. Oct. 7th

JCHS Cafeteria



5:00–5:45 pm

Financial Aid Workshop hosted
by Westminster College

5:45–7:00 pm

FAFSA Frenzy



JCHS Scholarships

Mayer Scholarship

- **6** scholarships will be awarded in the amount of **\$2,500** per semester—renewable for 7 additional semesters for an approximate total scholarship award of **\$20,000** over a four-year period.
- Additional scholarships will also be awarded at the Common Scholarship banquet in the amount **\$625** per semester—renewable for 7 additional semesters for an approximate total scholarship award of **\$5,000** over a four-year period.

Opens Oct. 5

Common Scholarship

- The common scholarship is a long-standing tradition at JCHS.
- During the 2025–2026 school year **69** local scholarships, some with multiple recipients, were awarded to **105** students totaling approximately **\$630,150** dollars.
- Seniors are only eligible as long as they are a full-time student the second semester of their senior year. Early grad juniors are not eligible.

Opens Dec. 7

NCAA / NAIA Eligibility

- If you plan to compete at a Division I or II school, register for an account on the NCAA eligibility center website
- 2.3 Core GPA is required for Division I
- Not all of our classes are NCAA approved



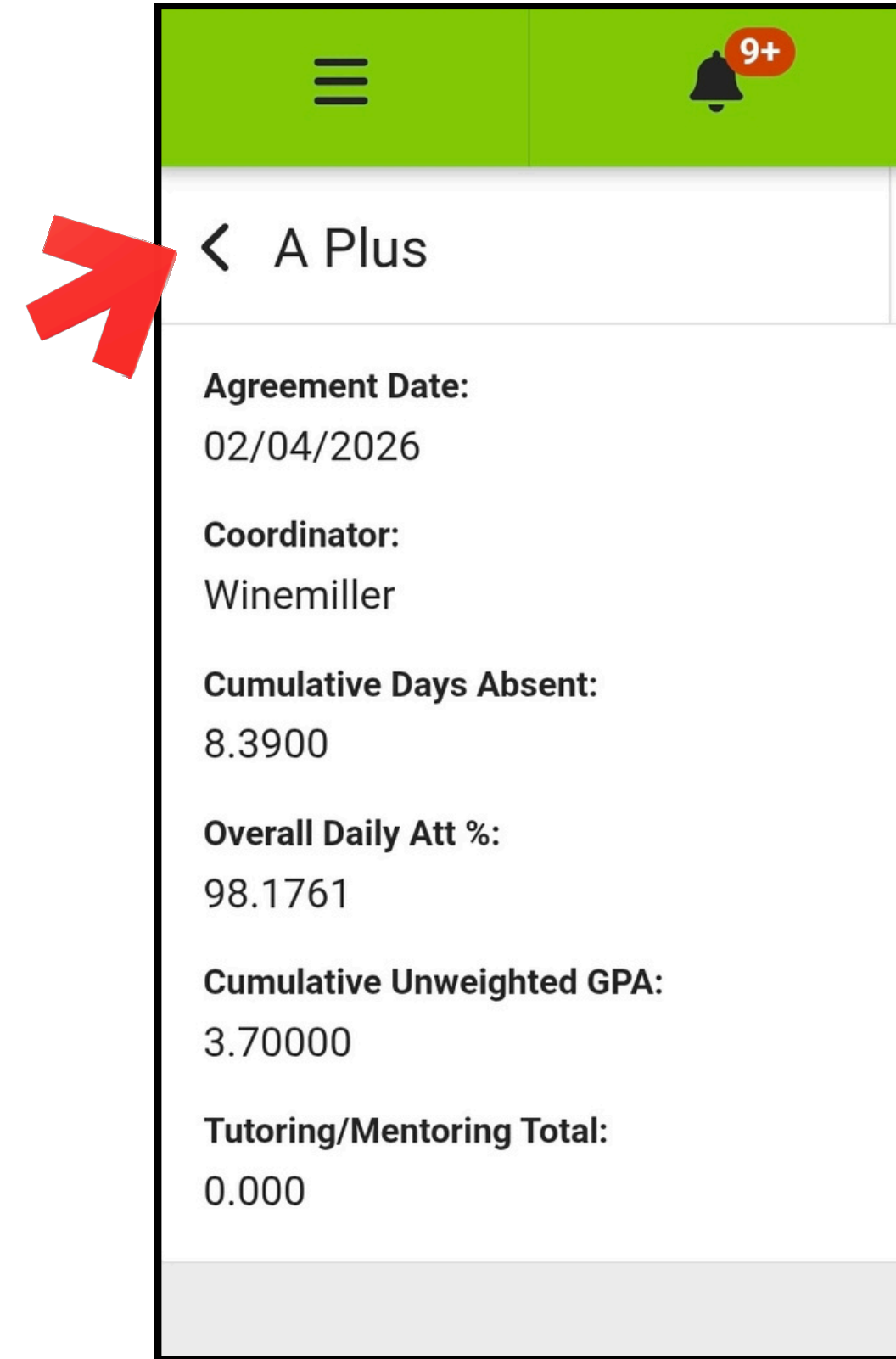
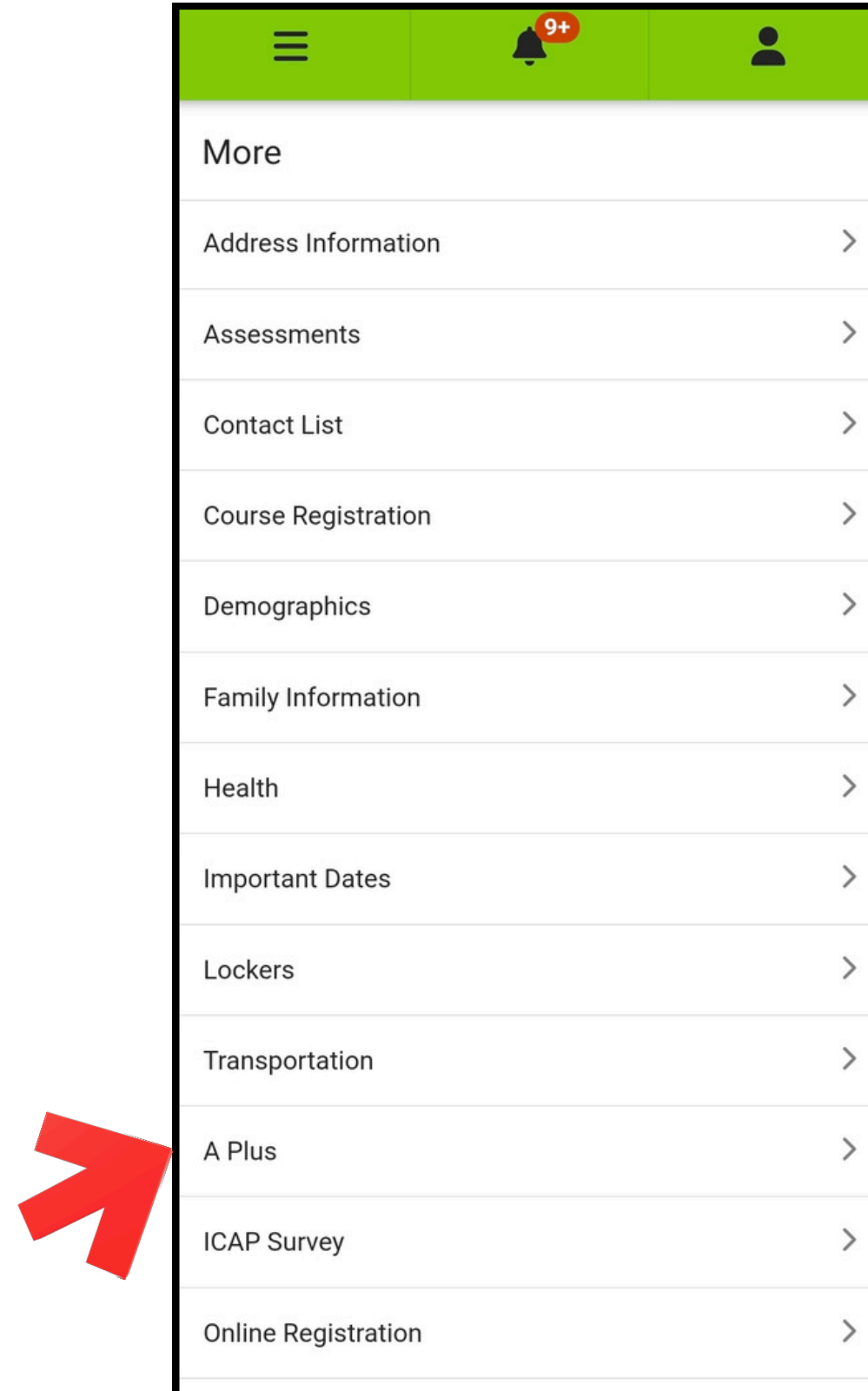
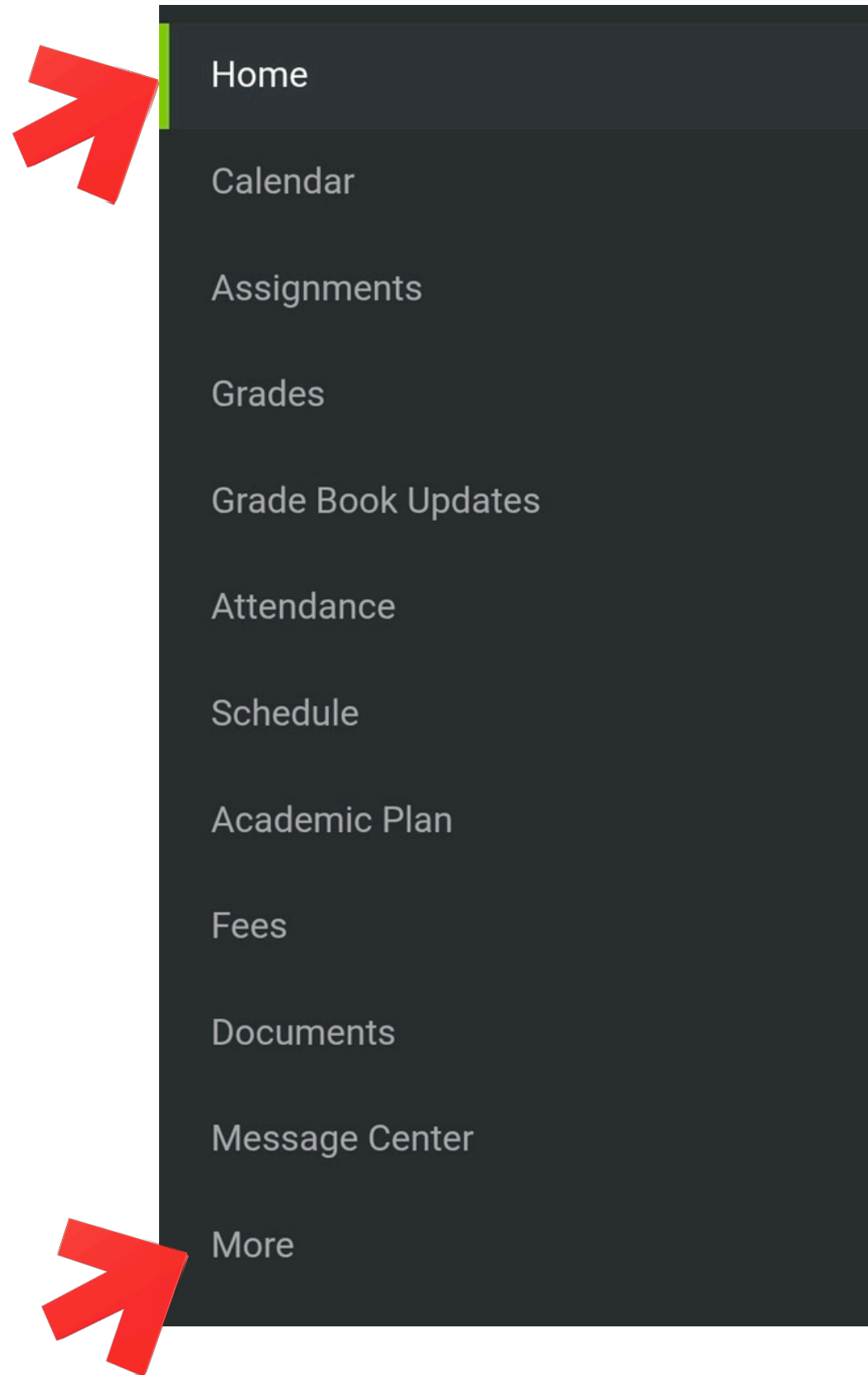
A+ PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ 2.5 GPA
- ✓ 95% ATTENDANCE
- ✓ 50 HOURS OF TUTORING
- ✓ GOOD CITIZENSHIP
- ✓ ALGEBRA 1 EOC REQUIREMENT



The Missouri A+ Program offers qualifying high school graduates up to two years of free tuition at Missouri community colleges or technical schools.

Checking Your A+ Eligibility



- Waiting too long to apply
- Missing FAFSA
- Not checking email
- Decline in GPA
- Not advocating for yourself
- Not researching the prerequisites for the program they plan to study
- Missing out on FREE money

Common Senior Year Mishaps



What Can I do as a Parent?



- Monthly Jaybird Journal
- Periodically check the counseling website
- Stay on top of your student's grades
- Communicate with your student's teachers
- Coffee with Counselors
- Go visit schools and careers
- Ask an expert at the college your student is attending
- Encourage good attendance

Check out our Counseling Website



<https://jchs.jcschools.us/counseling>

Jefferson City High School
We are a District of Champions. Build a Champion. Be a Champion.

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Counseling

 **2025-26**

JCHS COUNSELING STAFF



UPCOMING COLLEGE AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

At Jefferson City High School
Semester I

Tuesday, September 29th

Walking tour to Lincoln University Health Sciences Program

Tuesday, October 6th

Ameren Presentation on careers in gas, electric, utility service trucks, and HR

Thursday, October 8th

MO State Highway Patrol Career Expo at MSHP Headquarters

Wednesday, October 21st

Build My Future at Fairgrounds in Jefferson City

Friday, October 23rd

MOACAC Regional College and Career Fair at Rock Bridge High School

Friday, October 30th

Mini College Fair at JCHS featuring University of Arkansas, Memphis, Mississippi, and Louisville

Wednesday, November 4th

Mizzou Fall Campus Visit for College of Education

**Pick this list up
before you go!**

IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES

- **Thurs. Oct. 1**
 - FAFSA opens
- **Mon. Oct. 5**
 - Mayer Scholarship opens
- **Wed. Oct. 7**
 - FAFSA night at JCHS
- **Mon. Dec. 7**
 - Common Scholarship Opens
- **May 3–14**
 - AP Testing
- **Thurs. May 13**
 - **GRADUATION**

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Project Graduation