

Junior Parent & ACT Information Night

January 29, 2025



Our Presenters



Mr. Hollabaugh, Principal



Mrs. Luque, Lead Counselor



Mrs. Smalley, Assistant Principal



ACT[®]

AzSci
ARIZONA SCIENCE TEST

Aspire[™]

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 1st & 2nd, 2025

Juniors Complete the ACT and AZ Science Test

Freshmen Complete the ACT Aspire Test

Tuesday, April 1st
(7:20am-12:35pm)

ACT for Grade 11

Aspire for Grade 9, Part I

**Grades 10 and 12 Asynchronous
Virtual Learning**

Wednesday, April 2nd
(7:20-10:45am)

AZ Science Test for Grade 11

Aspire for Grade 9, Part II

**Grades 10 and 12 Asynchronous
Virtual Learning**

Mr. Hollabaugh's Goals for This Evening

What is the
ACT?

Why does it
matter?

How can I
prepare to do
well?

Which
resources
exist?

Confidence
on April 1st

To You, Your
Family, Your
Future

To Centennial

What is the ACT?

- National standardized test required by most colleges and universities
- Usually taken in the spring of Junior Year
- Comprised of five subtests: English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing

- Assesses your potential to succeed in a college setting.













State of Arizona

Seals of Biliteracy

Students earn this distinction by demonstrating intermediate to mid-proficiency in a second language, in addition to achieving proficiency on a statewide or dual enrollment English assessment and registering at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA in required English courses.



Shelsy Furlong
Spanish



Kevin Isordia Villa
Spanish



Anna Lugo Ortecho
Spanish



Kali Setka
French



Xavier Gonzalez
Spanish



Aspen Kramer
Spanish



Stepan Munoz
Spanish



Anthony Tarantino
French



State of Arizona

Seals of Arts Proficiency

Students earn this distinction by completing an arts pathway, earning a final GPA of 3.0 or 4.0 in each of a minimum four qualifying courses, completing 80 hours of arts-related extracurricular activities and working alongside a faculty mentor to design and deliver a capstone project.



Chris Brown
Theater



Shelsy Furlong
Visual Art



Kylie Gaboriault
Music



Devon Kramer
Dance



Elizabeth Medina
Music



Alicia Mendonca Rhymes
Visual Art



Lian Mitchell
Music



Te'Ana Moore
Theater



Toney Moreno
Dance



Madison Norris
Theater



Max Perez
Music



Presley Poole
Dance



Amanda Raber
Visual Art



Madeline Rowlette
Music



Kali Setka
Music



Chevlenn Smith
Music



Leah Taylor
Dance



Career & Technical Education

Mastery of Subject Area

Students earn this distinction by completing an arts pathway, earning a final GPA of 3.0 or 4.0 in each of a minimum four qualifying courses, completing 80 hours of arts-related extracurricular activities and working alongside a faculty mentor to design and deliver a capstone project.



Tanner Abshire
Culinary



Muhaimen Al Mousall
Medical Assisting



Andrew Beck
Film & TV



Jackson Bernal
ARJOTC



Zane Brady
Global Business



Alexandria Bray
Culinary



Chloe Carlson
Sports Medicine



William Cariveau
Education



Coen Curry
Culinary



Elayna Elyas
Medical Assisting



Mariah Felder
Education



Isaac Fraire
Film & TV



Caden Gabbard
Business



Kylie Gaboriault
Early Childhood Education



Alyssa Granado
Early Childhood Education



Layla Haase
Culinary



Lilliana Haase
Fashion



Selma Hamzabegovic
Medical Assisting



Maraim Jawdat
Medical Assisting



Ethan Lemka
MET Engineering



Brian Liang
Business & Marketing



Zackery Livermore
MET Engineering



Emmanuel Lopez
Engineering



Sarah Mack
Construction



Ryder Marple
ARJOTC



Hannah Marquis
Law Enforcement



Te'Ana Moore
Education



Natalia Noah
Education & Medical Assisting



Lauren Norton
Education



Brenna O'Kane
Sports Medicine



Valerie Ortiz
Law Enforcement



Andrew Charles Pahlis
Law Enforcement



Amyah Ramsey
Early Childhood Education



Conor Raper
Culinary



Alexander Resendez
Automotives



Tanner Richardson
Construction



Eliana Rivera
Culinary



Archie Robinson
Education



Nathaniel Roelant
Early Childhood



Teagan Rudders
Education



Jonathan Runger
Fluoride ARJOTC



Landon Shadley
Law Enforcement



Aryanna Sotelo
Early Childhood Education



Kamila Sotelo
Early Childhood Education



Andrew Swichtenberg
Law Enforcement



Kameron Turnibo
Film & TV



Na'Tasia Tyson
Early Childhood Education



Abigail Vazquez
Medical Assisting



Anthony Vidal
Automotives



Anh Vo
Medical Assisting



Kalei Waltman
Early Childhood Education



Tyler White
Culinary



Kalei Young
Medical Assisting



Donna Zheng
Medical Assisting



Junior Year

ACT[®]

Two Keys for College Admission and
Scholarships:

ACT[®]

Excellence

The ACT is a nationally-recognized test that assesses a student's likelihood of succeeding in college-level courses. If you intend to go to a college or university, the ACT may be the most important test you will take as a high school student.

Students who perform well on the ACT are more likely to be admitted into selective universities and more likely to receive significant scholarship money in Arizona and nationwide.

All Centennial juniors take the ACT for free in April!

The below students earned composite ACT scores within the Top 6% of all students nationally:



Scott
Branam



Joel
Calhoun



Siena "Max"
Cates



Gavin
Eikanas



Joash Benjamin
Esmas



Josiah
Estle



Brendon
Gacusan



Abigail
Harris



Nafeesa
Hassanin



Xander
Johnson



Leo
Lopez



Jaxon
Reese



Gunnar
Sammons



Sarah
Stakland



Tanner
Trembly



Jacob
Sajan
'26

Arizona University Admission Requirements



Course competency requirements

To be admitted to ASU, you need the following coursework:

- 4 years math
- 4 years English (non-ESL/ELL courses)
- 3 years lab sciences (1 year each from biology, chemistry, earth science, integrated sciences or physics)
- 2 years social sciences (including 1 year American history)
- 2 years same second language
- 1 year fine arts or 1 year career and technical education

To be admitted, you will need ONE of the following:

- Top 25% in your high school graduating class
OR
- 3.0 GPA in competency courses
OR
- **ACT score of 22 or higher** (24 for nonresidents)
OR
- SAT score of 1120 or higher (1180 for nonresidents)

Why is the ACT Important?

TEST OUT

- POSSIBLY Test out of College Courses!
- Many universities use the ACT scores to determine which classes students should be placed in.

OVERCOME A LOW G.P.A.

A High ACT score can help offset a lower GPA.

A lower GPA can be problematic when applying for different programs and scholarships. The sliding scale will help with this process.

While College-Going Rates are Declining...

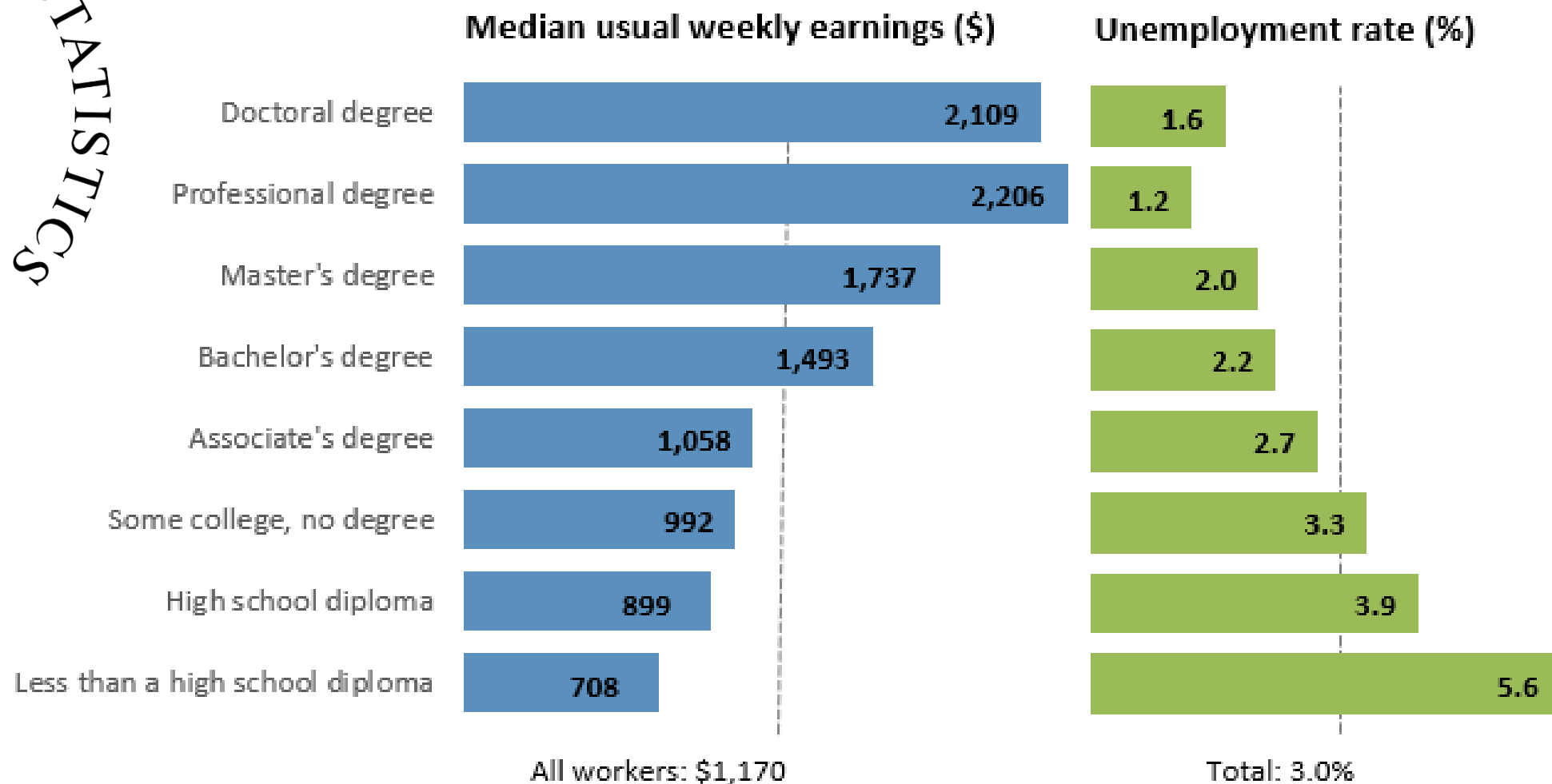
Historically, Coyotes Attend College

- 54% of Coyotes graduating in the Class of 2024 enrolled in college right after high school.
- College degrees can have significant impacts on a number of life outcomes, including earnings:
- Many others start college later. As of last year, **72% of the Class of 2018 had gone to college.**



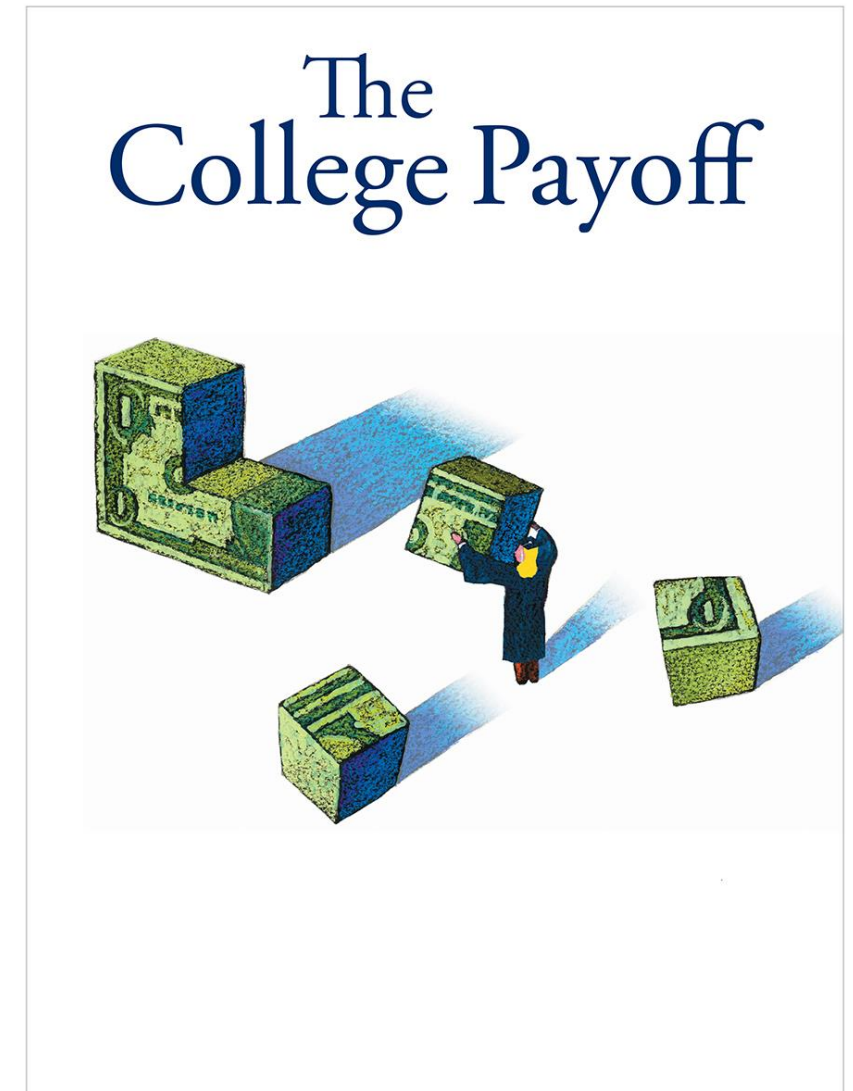
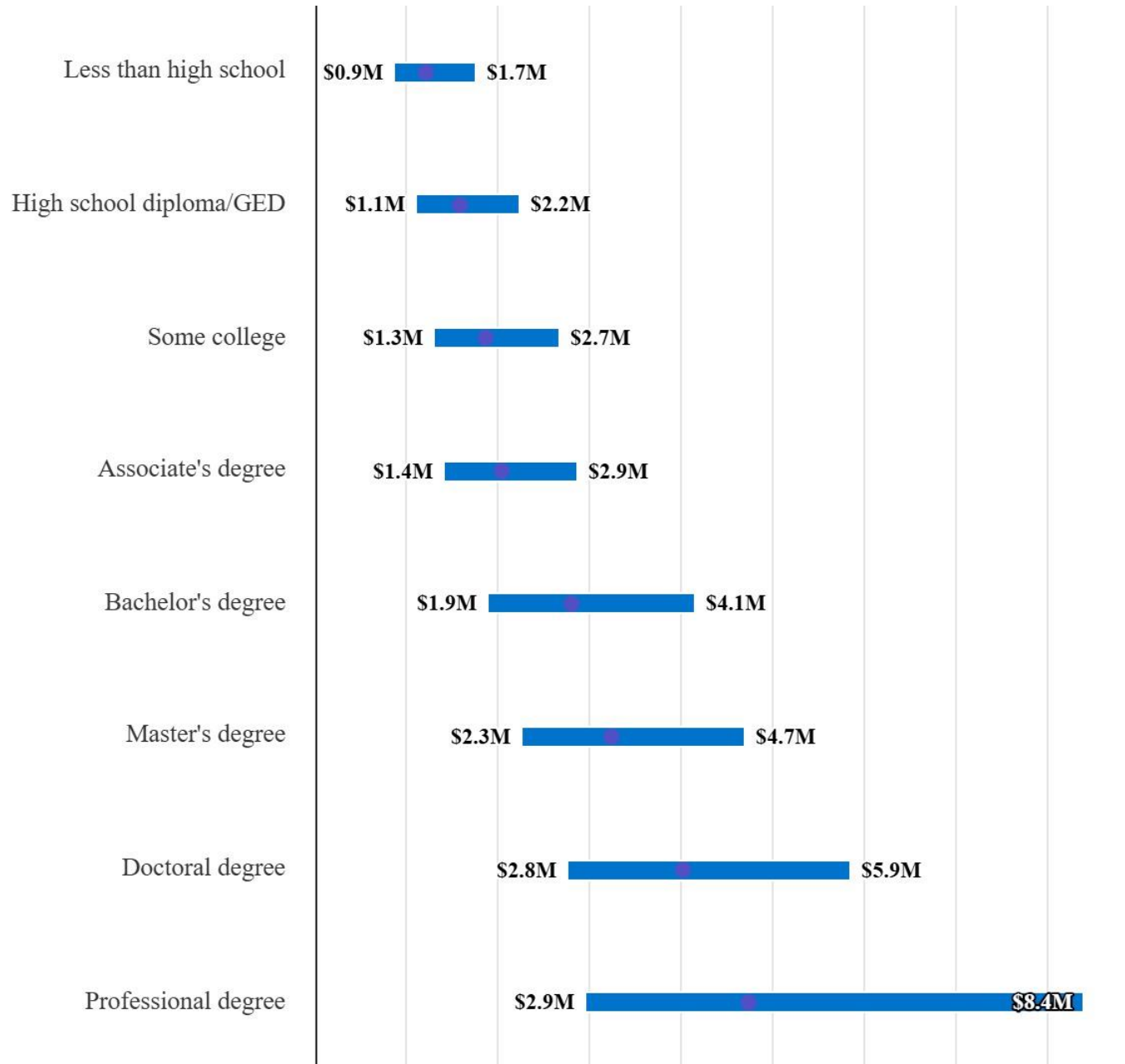
April 2024

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2023



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.

Lifetime earnings by highest educational attainment



American Community Survey (ACS), 2009–2019.
Note: The figure is based on data for 25- to 64-year-olds working full-time, full-year.

It's a FACT that...

- Many universities require that you demonstrate certain ACT or SAT scores in order to gain admission
 - Our district offers the \$90.00 ACT for free, thanks to a state grant.
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- The ACT will be administered at Centennial on the morning of Tuesday, April 1st, 2025
 - It's a challenging 3 hour, 30 minute test
 - "Students benefit from taking at least one full-length, timed practice ACT test so they become familiar with the content and pacing of the exam."

The Most Important Test We Take at CeHS

- Measures both knowledge gained in high school and potential to succeed in a college setting. The higher the score, the more likely a student will excel in college.
- There are more college opportunities (money and college admission) attached to ACT than any other assessment.
- Relatively small improvements in ACT can result in significant monetary gains.



ENGLISH

75 Questions
45 Minutes



MATHEMATICS

60 Questions
60 Minutes

TEN MINUTE BREAK



READING

40 Questions
35 Minutes



SCIENCE

40 Questions
35 Minutes

END OF EXAM OR FIVE MINUTE BREAK



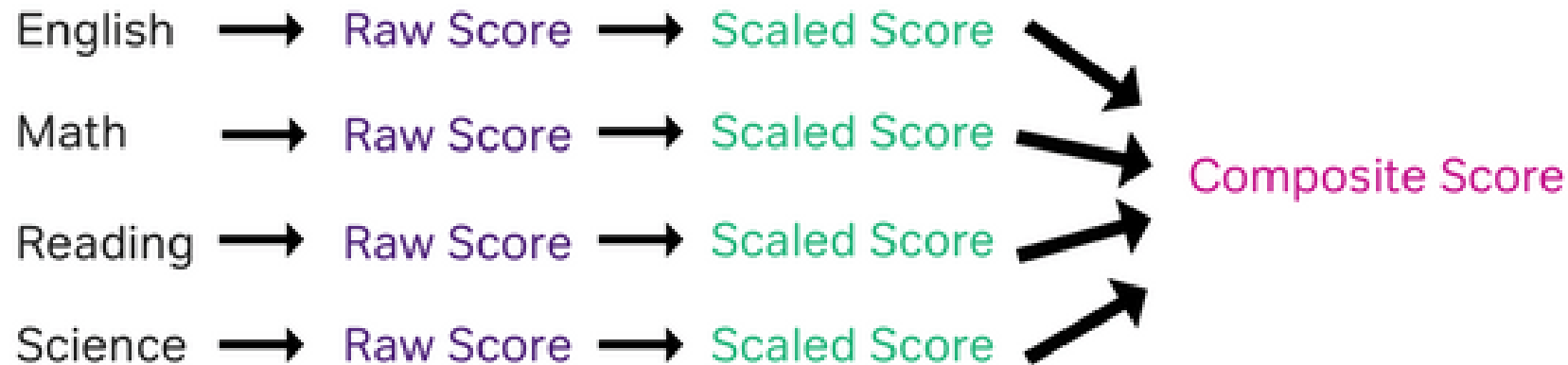
WRITING

1 Essay Question
40 Minutes

Four Tests:	English	Math	Reading	Science	Writing
Time Limit	45 Minutes	60 Minutes	35 Minutes	35 Minutes	40 Minutes
Questions	75 Questions	60 Questions	40 Questions	40 Questions	1 Prompt
College Ready Percentage	55% or Higher	54% or Higher	60% or Higher	60% or Higher	50% or Higher
College Ready Correct Answers	41 or More Correct Answers	32 or More Correct Answers	24 or More Correct Answers	24 or More Correct Answers	6 or 7 out of 12 possible points
College Ready Scale Score	18 / 36	22 / 36	22 / 36	23 / 36	6 or 7 out of 12 possible points

ACT Score Range

Flow Chart



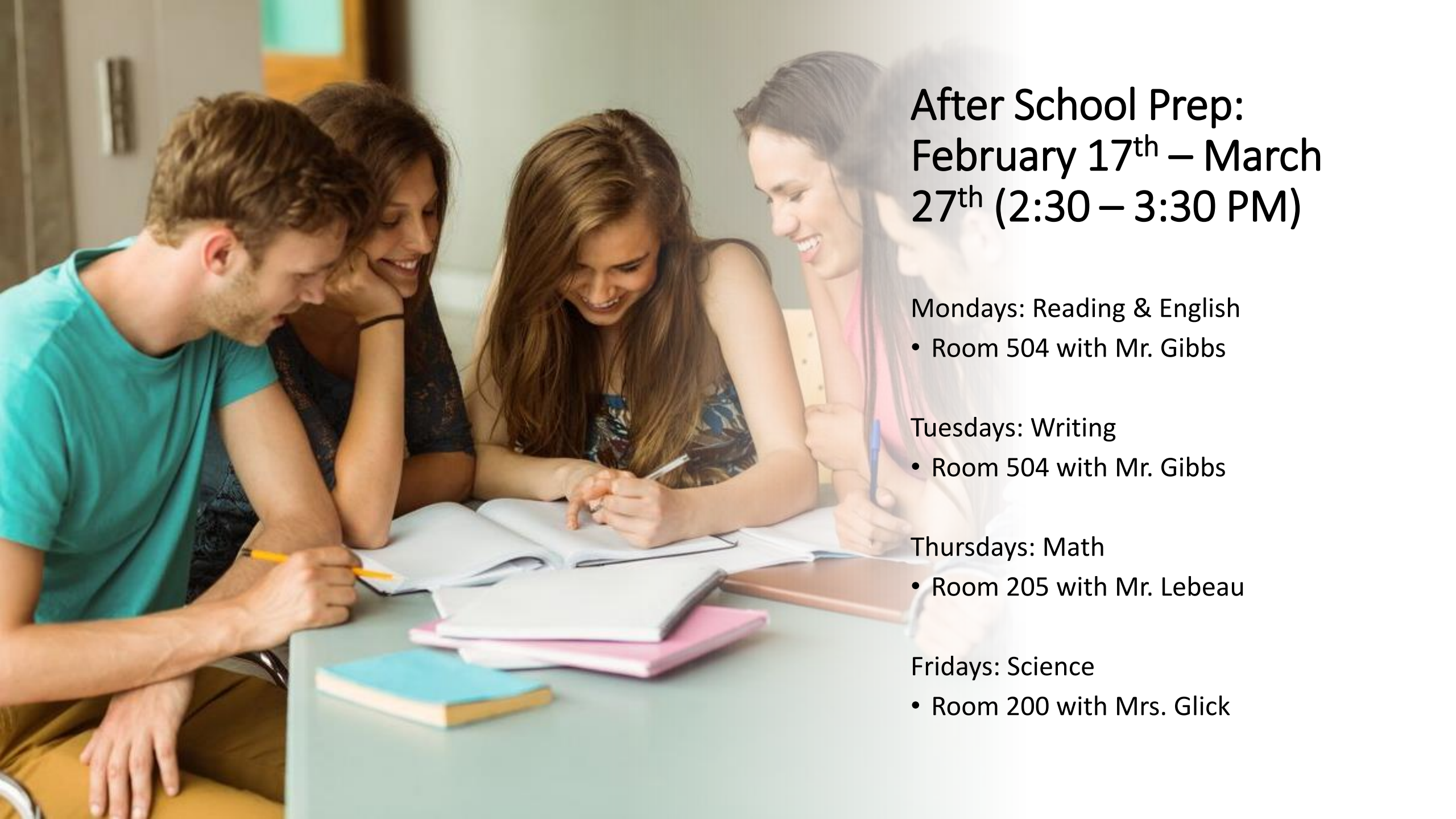
of questions
you answered
correctly

range from 1-36

range from 1-36

Determining Your Overall ACT Score

Four Tests:	English	Math	Reading	Science
Scale Score:	18	22	22	23
SUM OF ALL SCALE SCORES				
85 Total Points				
DIVIDE TOTAL POINTS BY <u>FOUR</u> TESTS				
$85 / 4 = 21.25$ Composite				



After School Prep: February 17th – March 27th (2:30 – 3:30 PM)

Mondays: Reading & English

- Room 504 with Mr. Gibbs

Tuesdays: Writing

- Room 504 with Mr. Gibbs

Thursdays: Math

- Room 205 with Mr. Lebeau

Fridays: Science

- Room 200 with Mrs. Glick



Full-Length Practice Test

**JUNIORS:
Full-Length
Practice Test:
Saturday,
February
22nd**

**9:00 AM –
12:30 PM**

**Centennial
Cafeteria**

JUNIORS: Full-Length Practice Test: Saturday, February 22nd



- Bring your charged computer.
- Bring your ACT Study Guide and two pencils
- Complete the entire test, like you will on April 1st.
- We will grade your practice test together
- Understand your strengths and the areas that you need to improve
- Spend the remaining month preparing for April 1st!

Sign Up to Join Us for the Practice Test

[www.tinyurl.com/](http://www.tinyurl.com/CoyotesACT)
CoyotesACT



Two Keys for College Admission and Scholarships:

WE LOVE OUR COYOTE FAMILY

we love our coyote family





WE HONOR
EACH OTHER BY
DOING OUR
BEST

- Yourself and your family
- Your teachers and their hard work preparing you for the last twelve years.
- Your school and your graduating class.



Each of Us Can Achieve and Contribute Excellence to Centennial

How Does Your and Your Class's Performance Affect our School's Letter Grade?



Many Ways for You to Achieve (and Contribute to Centennial's Achievement)

The ACT (50%)

- Your Growth from Aspire to ACT
- Your Proficiency on the ACT



Everything Else (50%)

- Our Graduation Rate (10%)
- Our English Learners Proficiency (10%)
- Your College and Career Readiness (20%)
 - CTE Industry Credentials
 - CTE Masters of Subject Area
 - Advanced Placement Tests Passed
 - Art Seals
 - Seals of Biliteracy

This Week, All Juniors Received:



Dear Coyotes,

All juniors will take the ACT on Tuesday, April 1st. The ACT is a nationally-recognized test that assesses a student's likelihood of succeeding in college-level courses. If you intend to go to a college or university, the ACT may be the most important test you will take as a high school student.

Students who perform well on the ACT are more likely to be admitted into selective universities and more likely to receive significant scholarship money in Arizona and nationwide. While students typically choose whether to pay \$90 to take the ACT, the Peoria Unified School District and Centennial High School require all juniors to take the ACT. Fortunately, there will be no cost. **The ACT is free for you!**

Today, you'll receive a booklet called "Preparing for the ACT Test." It features a full-length practice test, strategies for success, and information about what to expect on Tuesday, April 1st, the day of the test. We care about your success because we know **your ACT test results matter to colleges and universities nationwide**. Therefore, we have arranged for opportunities to help you understand the importance of the ACT and to prepare to do your best!

ACT Family Night
Wednesday, January 29th
6:00 PM (Library)

Mr. Hollabaugh and Mrs. Luque will offer Centennial families information about the ACT: why it's important, how it's scored, and how it impacts college admission and scholarship opportunities.

ACT Prep After School
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
February 24 – March 27
2:30 – 3:30 PM

<u>Mondays: Math</u> Mr. Lebeau (Room 205)	<u>Tuesdays: English & Reading</u> Mr. Gibbs (Room 504)
<u>Thursdays: Writing</u> Mr. Gibbs (Room 504)	<u>Fridays: Science</u> Mrs. Glick (Room 200)

Full ACT Practice Test
Saturday, February 22nd
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM in the Cafeteria
You Must RSVP Online at
www.tinyurl.com/CoyotesACT
so we know you're coming.
(PUSD Login and Password Required)

Bring your **charged computer** as well as your copy of the "Preparing for the ACT" booklet. We will offer you a quiet environment to complete the entire practice test, just like you will on April 2nd. We will grade your practice test together so that you leave understanding your strengths and the areas that you need to work on ahead of the real test on April 2nd!

Turn the Page for More Details about the April 1st ACT



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Preparing for the ACT® Test

What's Inside

- Full-length practice ACT test, including the optional writing test
- Information about the multiple-choice and writing sections
- Test-taking strategies
- What to expect on test day

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The **ACT**® www.act.org



Sophomores

Pre**ACT**[®]



9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Centennial

SOPHOMORES:
Saturday,
February 22nd

PreACT[®]

- **Bring your charged computer.**
- Bring sharpened pencils and a calculator.
- Complete the test
- Wait four weeks
- Understand your strengths and the areas that you need to improve
- Spend the next year preparing for the actual ACT
- \$20 fee for grading

SOPHOMORES:
Saturday,
February 22nd

Sign Up to Take the Pre-ACT

[www.tinyurl.com/](http://www.tinyurl.com/CenPreACT)
CenPreACT

Recap of Important Dates

Juniors

After-School ACT Prep
Full Practice ACT
ACT Test

February 24th – March 27th
Saturday, February 22nd
Tuesday, April 1st

Sophomores Pre-ACT

Saturday, February 22nd

Freshmen ACT Aspire

Tuesday, 1st – 2nd

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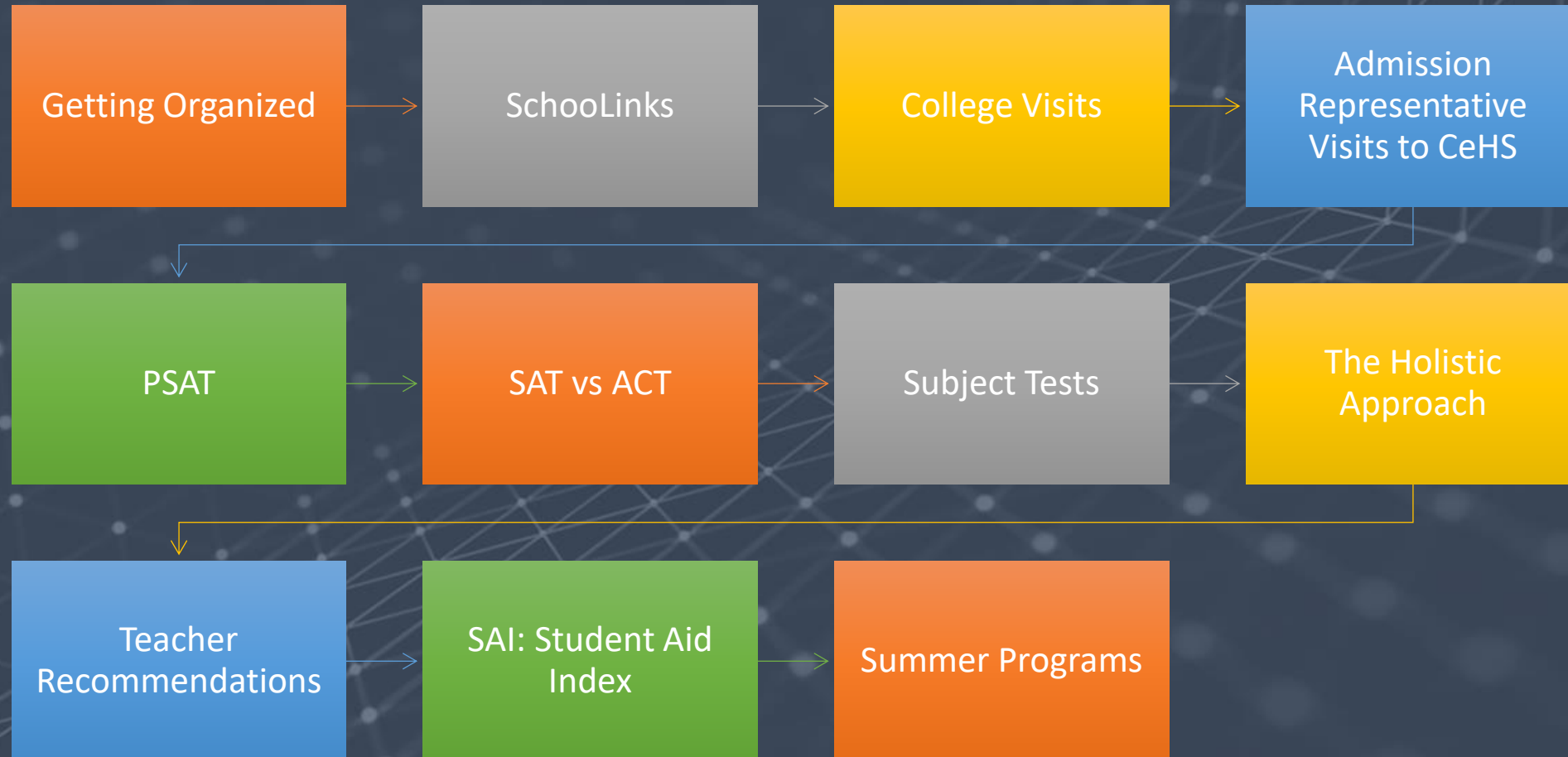
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To Centennial

Mrs. Luque's Goals for This Evening



Getting Organized

- E-mail address for your college search
- Electronic folder
- Paper file folder for land mail correspondence
- Create a college list of 10-15 schools that you are interested in researching
- Update your resume





SchoolLinks Is Here! Parents Have Access!

A Powerful Tool for Students and Parents



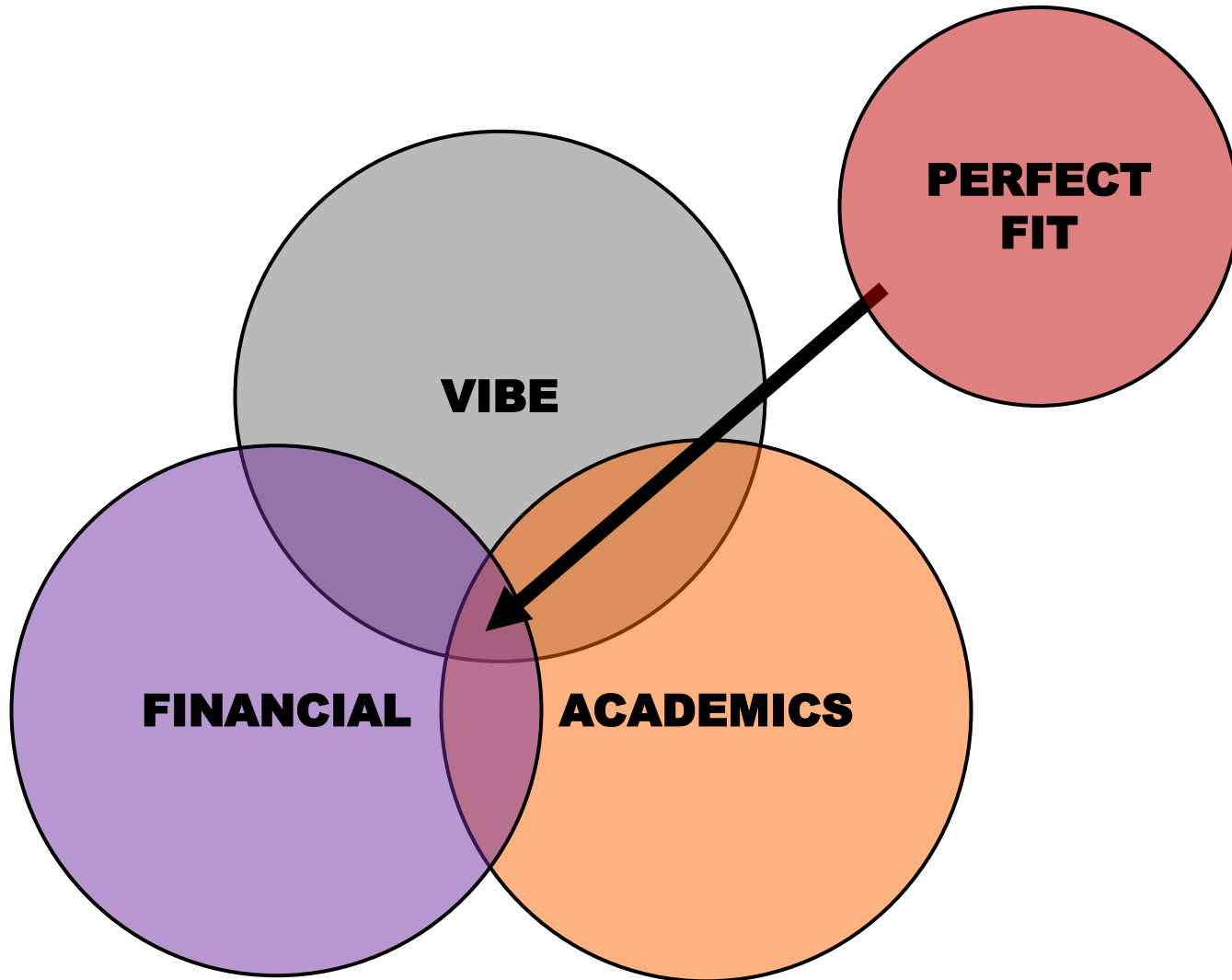
- ✓ A modern college, career and military readiness platform.
- ✓ Learn more about your student's career interests and what career pathways might be right for them.
- ✓ See which colleges and careers your student has favorited and set as goals.
- ✓ View local and national job market data statistics so you can have informed conversations with your student.
- ✓ Compare colleges, costs, and explore expected financial aid, scholarships, and out-of-pocket expenses

Parent Access to SchooLinks

[Click Here for Instructions to
Access SchooLinks](#)



Determine Your Post Secondary Fit



The Value of College Visits



- Help determine if it's the right place for you
- Connect with interesting and helpful people
- Show demonstrated interest
- See how you relate to campus and students
- Help answer why you want to attend
- Identify type/location of school
 - Large, medium, small
 - Private, public, liberal arts, etc.
 - Urban, suburban, rural

Preparation is Key

1

Do your homework

- Have background knowledge before visiting
- Website, publications, blogs, social media
- Prepare questions

2

Schedule your visit – no more than 2/day

- At least two weeks in advance
- Try to visit while in session
- Fall break and spring break

3

Know your Regional Admissions Rep

- Name
- E-mail
- This is who will first review your application

The Visit

Dress appropriately

- Only one first impression
- Wear comfortable shoes
- Plan for weather – umbrella, jacket

Be on time

- Plan for parking and traffic
- Anticipate an extra 10 minutes from parking to appointment



The Visit

- Be attentive and interact with those you meet
- Take pictures and notes
 - The schools will begin to blur together
 - Keep records on every visit
 - Makes writing thank you notes easier
- Talk to students
 - Tour guides are paid to help sell the school
 - Ask open ended questions
- Observe how students interact with one another
- Look at the student newspaper

What to do when I cannot visit campus

- Virtual Tours – Unigo
- Chat with current students or admission reps online
- Follow schools on social media platforms
- Attend College Fairs
- Attend local information sessions



Admissions Representatives Visits To Centennial



- Get to know our Career Center Specialist & your Counselor
- Check the calendar regularly
- Let Counselors know you are interested
- Attend the visits
- Be prepared with questions
- Introduce yourself after the presentation
- Follow-up with a thank you e-mail or handwritten note



What is the



- Standardized test similar to the SAT
- Measures skills in three academic areas
- Improves Teaching and learning
- Was Administered on campus in October of 2024
- Great Prep for the SAT & ACT
- National Merit Scholarship Program
 - Top 1% Top 10 % National Recognition

SAT VS ACT

Both Predict College Readiness

- Many universities accept both tests.
- Many students achieve different results on the SAT vs. the ACT
- Princeton Review and Kaplan offer “free” SAT tests
 - Self-proctor your own practice
 - Stick to time limits
- Focus on the one you score best
- ACT given to all PUSD juniors in April of 2023
- Free ACT Tests Available at [ACT.org](https://act.org)

SAT vs. ACT: When and How

Juniors
should take
their first
test
between
November
and March

The SAT is
not offered
at
Centennial,
but...

- Register at collegeboard.org for the SAT

The ACT Is
Free For
Juniors on
April 1st

- During the school day on campus
- Register for re-takes at ACT.ORG

SAT

VS

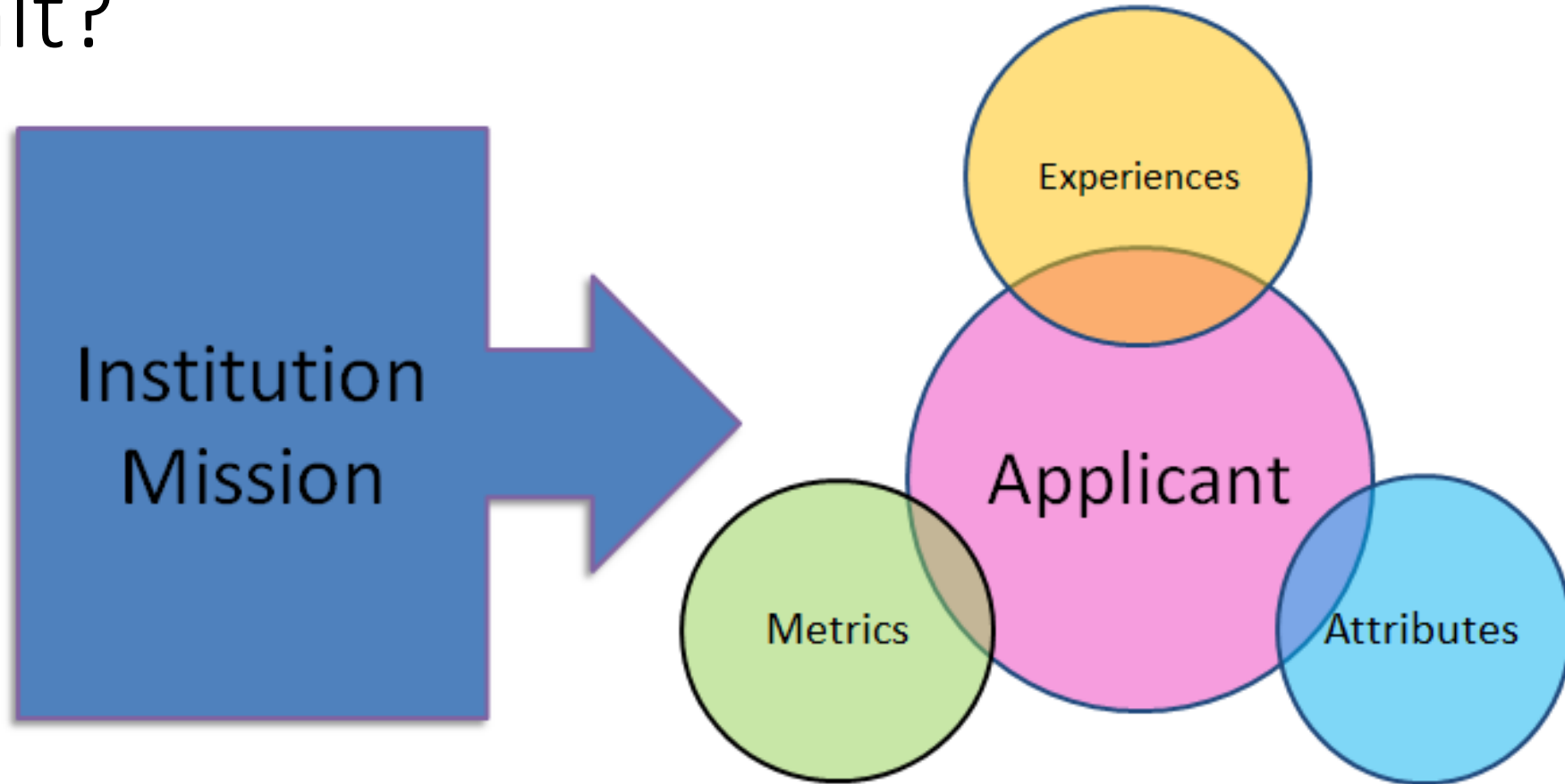
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How Will Your University Treat the ACT?

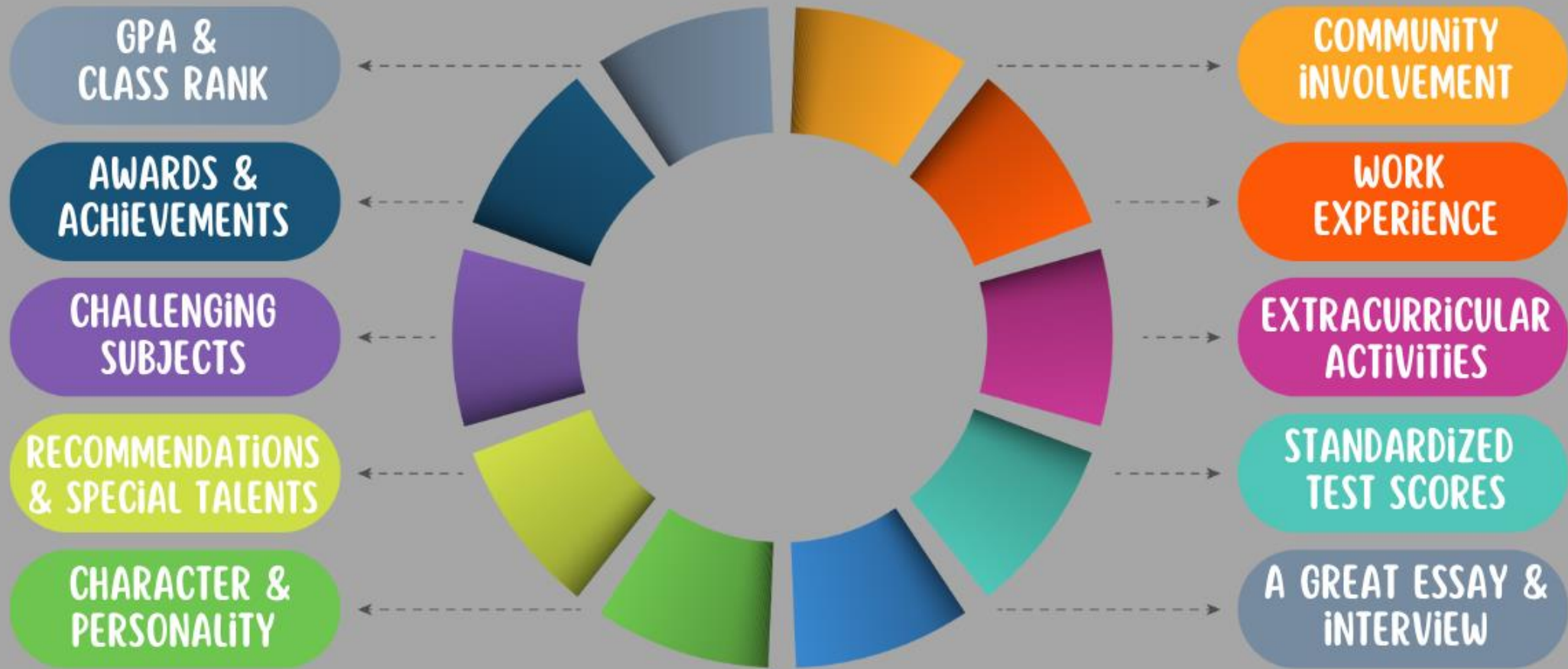
- Discover if the University you want to attend is
 - Test Neutral
 - Test Aware
 - Test Preferred
 - Test Blind

How do Universities Choose Students to Admit?



HOLISTIC ADMISSIONS

10 FACTORS THAT UNIVERSITIES CONSIDER



Continue to Pursue Opportunities for Growth



- It's not only about grades!
- Pursue leadership.
- Stick with your sport or club.
- Continue studying your instrument.
- Stay committed to the organizations you are passionate about
- Get involved and volunteer.

Teacher/Counselor Recommendations

Not all colleges require teacher recommendations

- Common Application DOES / Highly selective college's do as well
- ASU, and NAU DO, U of A DOES NOT
- Honors Colleges Do

Give Teachers/Counselors enough time to write

- 3 weeks notice

Important to build strong relationships

Teacher/Counselor will write a recommendation based on interactions with the student

Complete Student Profile Sheet for Letters Of Recommendation

- Located on the website or in the office
- Take your time

SAI (Standard Aid Index)

- What is an SAI?
 - The amount the federal government believes you can contribute to your child's education
 - Determines need-based federal student aid
- Do you know your SAI?
- If yes, great!
- If no, now is the time to determine what it is
 - Financial advisor can provide this information
 - Contact HEFAR 602-396-7840
 - Go to <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>



www.
studentaid.gov/
aid-estimator



Summer Programs

- Now is the time to start thinking about how to best utilize your time this coming summer:
 - Participate in a summer program
 - Work
 - Get a job or internship
 - Find an interesting summer camp
 - Volunteer
 - Travel
 - Take a summer school class at a Community College
- Talk to seniors and ask them what they did this past summer



Questions