

Senior FAQ Sheet

SUNRISE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANGS

CLASS OF 2025

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| What do I do if I am behind on credits for graduation? | <i>Students behind on credits should meet with their counselor ASAP to make a Graduation Plan. Counselors work with students and parents to map out a plan for recovery.</i> |
| By what date do I need to take my senior yearbook picture? | <i>Contact Grads Photography to get your headshot taken for the yearbook. You must do this by December 18th. You do <u>not</u> have to do your senior pictures through them, just the headshot for the yearbook.</i> |
| What are the 16 core university admission requirements? | <i>Students must have C's or better in their core classes to attend our in-state universities. This includes: 4 English credits, 4 math, 3 Science, 2 Social Studies, 2 World Language credits, and 1 CTE/Fine Art. Students planning on going out-of-state OR to a private college (like GCU) should check the admission requirements with the university directly.</i> |
| Should I re-take the ACT/SAT? | <i>Only students planning to go straight to a 4-year university after graduation generally need an ACT/SAT score for admission. Our in-state schools recommend a 22 on the ACT or a 1040 on the SAT. Students planning to go to a community college first do <u>not</u> need an ACT/SAT score to attend, although they are required to have a high school diploma.</i> |
| When should I apply to colleges? | <i>The earlier the better so you and your family can start planning. See senior year calendar for more information.</i> |
| Am I eligible for a waiver for the university application fee? | <i>Students who are on the free/reduced lunch program do qualify for the fee waiver. See your counselor for more information.</i> |
| How do I know what college classes to take? | <i>Check the university website to find a Program of Study for your major. You will meet with a college advisor to help with the selection of classes. Make an appointment to meet with our Career center Specialist.</i> |
| I am interested in playing college sports; what do I need to do next? | <i>Talk to your coaches. If you are planning to play at a Division I or II school, you must be "registered and cleared" before you can talk to college coaches or go on visits. See the NCAA website and make an appt. with your counselor for questions.</i> |
| How do I find scholarships? When do I apply? | <i>There is a plethora of scholarships available for which students may apply. Students should be actively researching and applying for scholarships ALL year. Meet with the Career Center specialist for additional information.</i> |
| How do I request transcripts? | <i>login to your SchoolLinks account and request a transcript. This is a free, electronic transcript, accepted by over 900 colleges and universities. Student Portal Education Resources - choose SchoolLinks, go to colleges, then College Applications. Add the school(s) to make the request. You may also go to the Records Clerk and request that your official transcript be sent to the college to which you are applying. Make sure you provide the name and address of each college you would like your transcript sent.</i> |
| How do I order cap & gown? | <i>Jostens will be visiting our campus to give students information about ordering cap, gown, invitations, and more. Check your senior timeline for dates they will be on campus. You may also contact them at www.jostens.com.</i> |
| How can I access the PUSD Counseling page? | <i>https://www.peoriaunified.org/Page/5296 https://www.peoriaunified.org/Page/69</i> |
| How do I stay updated throughout the year on senior events? | <i>Students should check their school e-mail continually, and the SMHS Counseling website frequently for updates on scholarships, college fairs, school and district events, etc. Visit https://www.peoriaunified.org/domain/438</i> |

Senior To-Do List

Don't know what you want to do after High School?

- Meet with the career center specialist
- Sign-up for the ASVAB test in November in the Career Center

If pursuing Military Enlistment:

- Meet with recruiter; see Career Center for recruiting schedule
- Sign-up for the ASVAB test in the Career Center
- College/military - check with University about ROTC programs and scholarships

If pursuing Community College:

- Fill out Student Information Form at CC to register as student.
- Register for classes; the 2025-26 schedule should be out in March 2025 at the Community Colleges: freshman should register with an advisor on campus
- Request transcripts as needed through School Links.

If pursuing University Admission:

- Register for ACT/SAT (if needed) **as soon as possible!** Refer to their websites for testing dates and online registration.
- Visit or tour the College/University/Tech School campus.
- Apply early! You can do this on-line Through School links. It is *best to apply early* (by October 1st so they have all necessary information by November's preferred deadline when they award academic scholarships for incoming freshmen)
- College Fair
- PUSD College Info Night
- Register for NCAA/NAIA if pursuing college sports. Talk to your coaches/counselor
- Request transcripts as needed through Parchment

Need Financial Aid?

- Create a resume and start a letter of recommendation file.
- Visit the Career Center and keep checking Career Center website - *you should be doing this weekly!*
- Apply, apply, apply for scholarships!
- FAFSA** for grants and loans! You must complete the **FAFSA** application online at www.fafsa.gov. The FAFSA Application is **required** for most Financial Aid Departments on University & CC Campuses. **YOU MUST APPLY even if you wish to decline student loans; you need a FAFSA report on file with the college to receive any assistance.**
- FAFSA Application online

Helpful Resources:

Workforce

<https://www.azjobconnection.gov/ada/>
<https://www.azdes.gov/apprenticeship/>

Military

<http://todaysmilitary.com/>
<http://www.military.com/education>
<http://official-asvab.com/>

Community College

Maricopa County - www.maricopa.edu

University

* See individual college websites directly
ACT - www.actstudent.org
SAT - www.collegeboard.com
(SMHS code for registration is 030254)
NCAA - www.eligibilitycenter.org
NAIA - www.playnaia.org

Financial Aid/Scholarships

* Visit the Career Center
* Check with the individual schools you are applying to. They have their own scholarship page for students attending their school.
* Check SMHS Guidance website frequently for updates.

FAFSA - www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.collegegoal.az.gov/college-goal-fafsa

Transcripts

School Links- through Educational Resources

