



Junior FAQ Sheet

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

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| Am I on track to graduate? | <i>Juniors should currently have 16 credits and should finish this year with 24 credits if they have been in PUSD for all 3 years. 28 credits are required to graduate. See the reverse for the courses required for graduation.</i> |
| 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 graduation plan.</i> |
| Are there any test requirements for graduation? | <i>Arizona requires every student to pass an American Civics Test. This is a 100-question test, students must get at least a 70% to pass. Most students have already passed; retakes are given three times throughout the year. Study materials and information about the test can be found on the state website at: http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/study-test/study-materials-civics-test</i> |
| What is the ASVAB test? | <i>The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a timed multi-aptitude test. The scores determine if you are qualified to enlist in the U.S. military. Stop by the Career Center to sign up.</i> |
| What are the 16 core University Admission requirements? | <i>Students must have C's or better in their core classes to attend the in-state Universities. This includes: 4 English credits, 4 math, 3 Science, 2 Social Studies, 2 World Language credits, and 1 CTE or Fine Art. Students planning on going out-of-state OR to a private college (like GCU) should check the admission requirements with the school directly. Please note that NAU recently made foreign language credits optional.</i> |
| Which standardized tests should I take (PSAT/ACT/SAT)? | <i>Only students planning to go straight to a 4-year University after graduation need an ACT/SAT score for admission or scholarships. Students planning to go to a Community College first do <u>not</u> need an ACT/SAT score to attend, just your HS diploma. <u>All JUNIORS will take the ACT for FREE at Liberty High School in the spring.</u> Juniors can qualify for the National Merit Scholars Program by receiving a qualifying score on the PSAT test in October and a subsequent qualifying score on the SAT.</i> |
| When should I research colleges I may attend? | <i>Research early so you and your family can start planning. Start planning now for how you will finance college as well. Attend College Fairs and consider college visits.</i> |
| I am interested in playing college sports, what do I need to do next? | <i>Talk to your coaches and counselor. 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 NCAA website for more details. This process begins your sophomore year for NCAA Division I and II schools. NAIA is another college athletics organization. Arizona Christian is the only school in AZ that falls under NAIA, but many out of state schools do.</i> |
| How do I find scholarships? When do I apply? | <i>There are many types of financial aid, including grants, loans, and scholarships. Students should be actively researching and applying for scholarships. Check with the Career Center or LHS guidance website for good websites. You should NEVER pay a website to look for scholarships.</i> |
| How do I request transcripts? | <i>You can get your unofficial transcripts online in StudentVue under the "Course History" tab, there is a link at the top to print it as a PDF. Official transcripts must come from the Records Office & must be sent directly to the school/coach/scholarship program. You can request transcripts for FREE online through SchoolLinks.</i> |
| When do I apply for Financial Aid for college? | <i>Every student should complete a federal financial aid form (FAFSA). This should be completed in December of the senior year. FAFSA is based on parent's income and financial aid is based on the previous year tax data. Plan ahead regarding financing college!</i> |
| How do my parents and I get information from Liberty? | <i>Most information will come to students in their classes and this information <u>should</u> be shared with parents. Guidance will also send information via email to parents. Facebook is a GREAT way to stay up to date with all things going on at LHS. You can also reference the LHS Guidance webpage for presentations, resources, links, and more.</i> |

Post-Secondary Planning for Juniors

Graduation and University Checklist:

| Subjects | Graduation Requirements | AZ University Admission Requirements |
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| English | 4 credits | 4 credits |
| Mathematics | 4 credits | 4 credits |
| Science | 3 credits | 3 credits |
| Social Studies | 3 credits | 2 credits |
| PE * | 1 credit | -- |
| Fine Art or CTE | 1 credit | 1 credit |
| World Language | -- | 2 credits (same language) (optional at NAU) |
| Core Classes | 16 credits | 16 credits (all "C" or better) |
| Elective Classes | 12 credits | |
| Total | 28 credits | |

Interested in the Military?

- * Requires a high school diploma.
- * Academies and ROTC Scholarships are *VERY Competitive!*

Websites: <http://todaysmilitary.com/>

<http://www.military.com/education>

<http://official-asvab.com/>

Planning to attend a University?

Our in-state universities will *generally require* one of the following for admission:

- 3.0 Core GPA or
- Top 25% in Class or
- ACT – 22 or SAT- 1120

** Grades are important; D's are considered a deficiency!

Helpful Websites for University Bound Students:

NCAA - www.eligibilitycenter.org

NAIA – www.naia.org

ACT - www.actstudent.org

SAT- www.collegeboard.com

Scholarship sites: www.fastweb.com, www.collegeanswer.com,

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Community Colleges

Community college can be a more affordable way to start your education, or it can be a means to a technical certificate or two-year degree. Arizona has several public two-year/community college options. The best time to apply to community colleges is in the spring of senior year. Community colleges require a high school diploma and students must take placement tests in math, reading and writing. March or April of senior year is a great time to get the application and testing completed. Remember if you have earned dual credit, you already have a community college transcript!

Technical/Trade Schools

Technical Schools are another option for those pursuing a trade. Depending on the career/skill you are seeking there can be many different schools to choose from. It is important to research these schools. Take the following into consideration when searching for a Technical School:

- Length of time to earn the certificate?
- Cost of the school?
- Do they offer job placement after certification/graduation?
- Do they offer internships?
- History of school (reputation)?

Are scholarships and financial-aid available at these schools?

YES! Community colleges and Technical/trade schools offer financial aid. Students should complete the FAFSA (check out the Financial Aid page on this site). Maricopa County Community Colleges offer the Presidential Scholarship, if awarded this will cover full tuition for up to four semesters. www.maricopa.edu

Maricopa Community Colleges

Maricopa county has ten community colleges to choose from. In PUSD most dual enrollment is through Glendale Community College, Gateway and Estrella Mountain. All Schools share one website: www.maricopa.edu