



2024

CENTENNIAL
JUNIOR
INFORMATION
NIGHT



Welcome

*Creating a Culture
of Achievement*

COYOTE



PRIDE



INTRODUCTIONS

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO KNOW BY THE END OF THIS EVENING

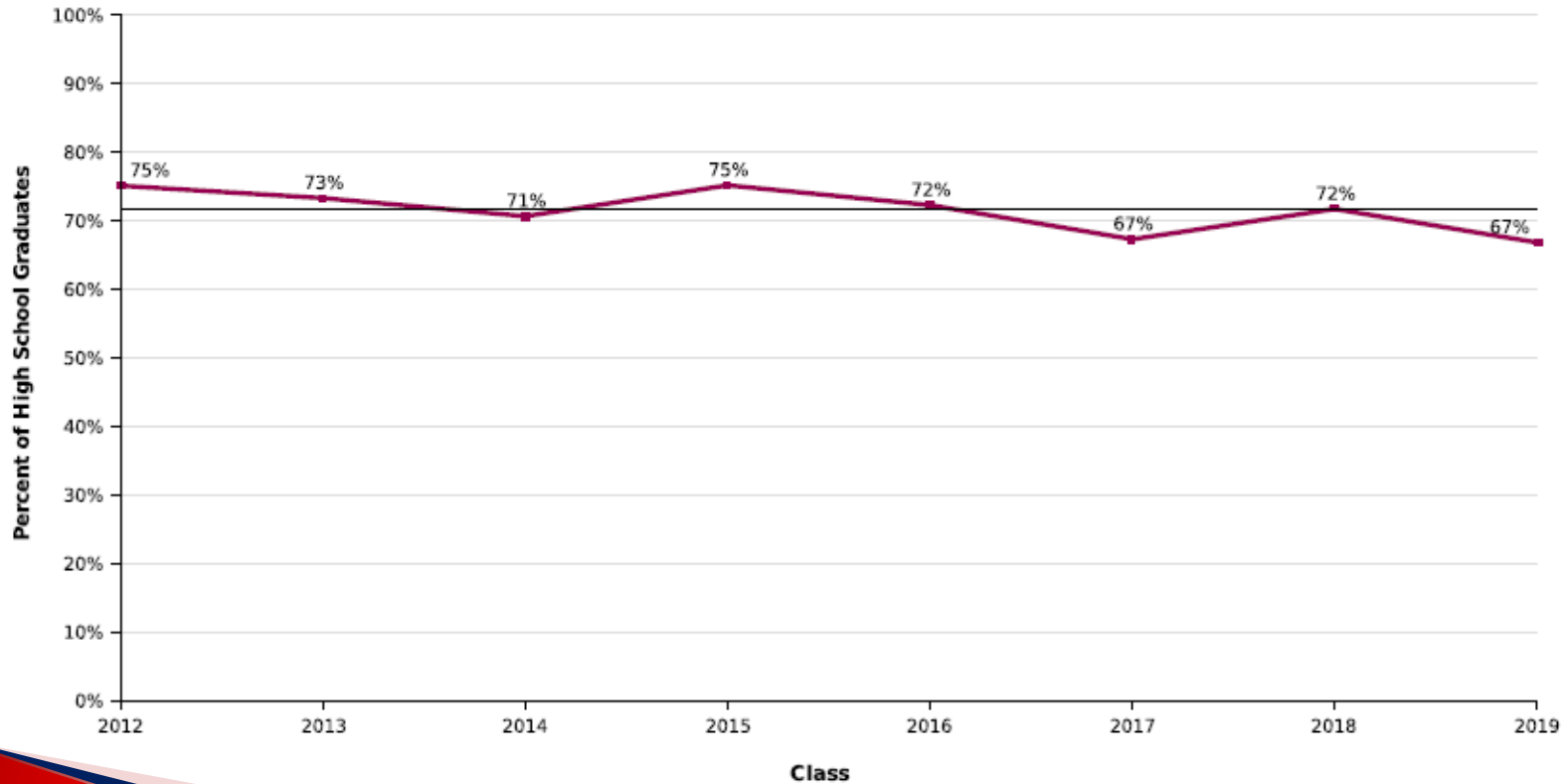
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72% OF COYOTES GO TO COLLEGE WITHIN TWO YEARS OF GRADUATION

Percent of Students Enrolled in College at Any Time During the First Two Years After High School

Effective Date = August 21, 2021

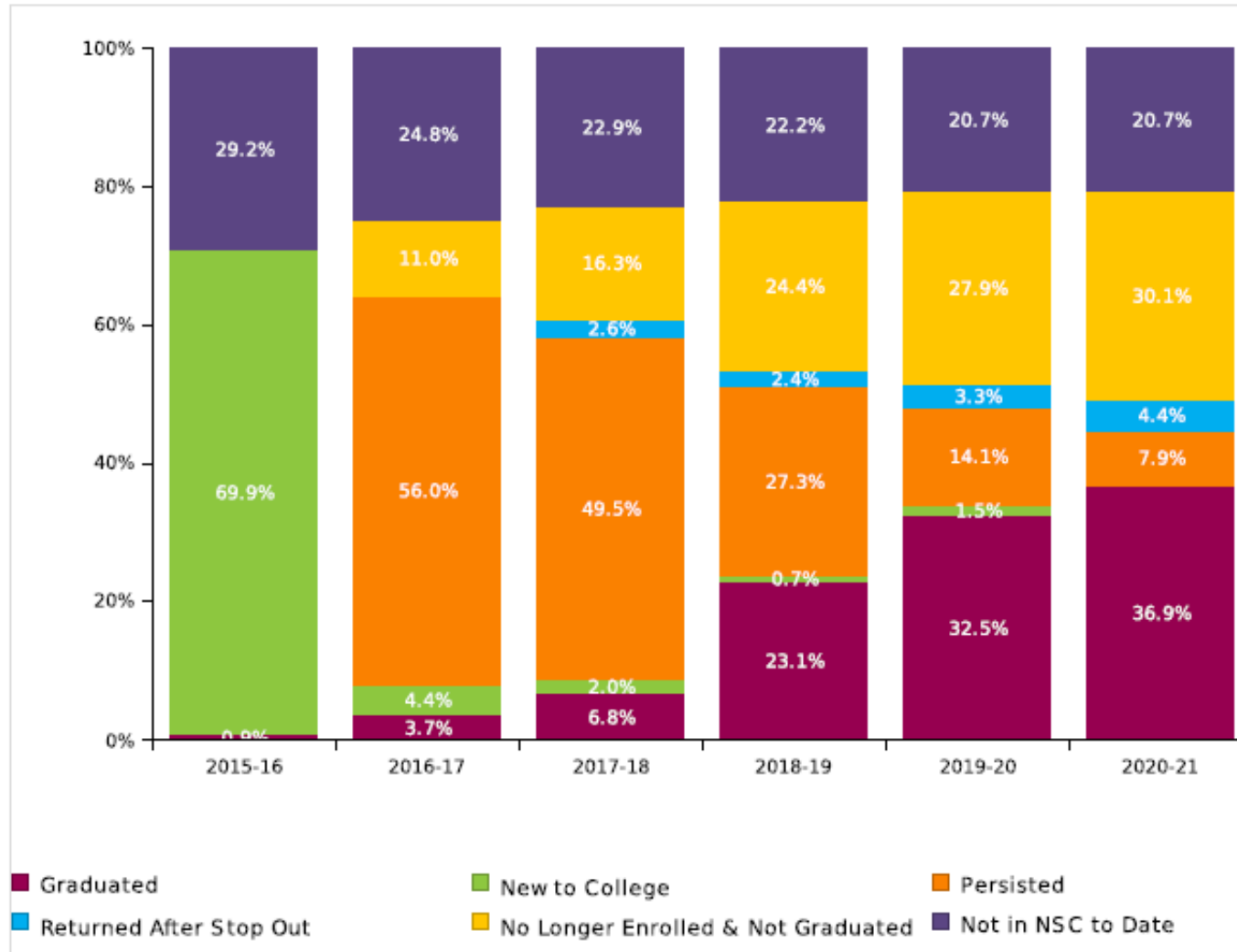


All Institutions

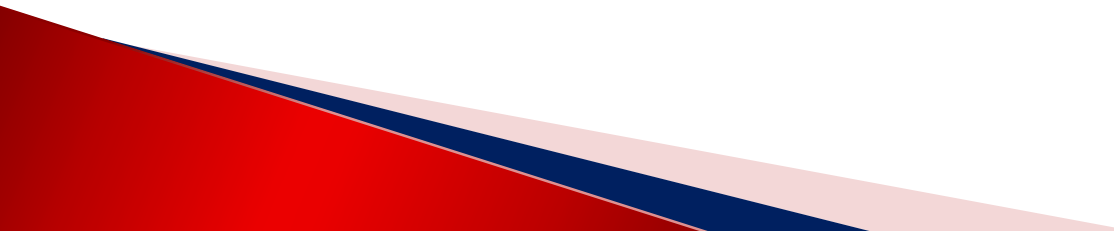
AVG = 72%

CLASS OF 2015: 80% ATTENDED COLLEGE; 50% FINISHED OR ARE STILL ATTENDING

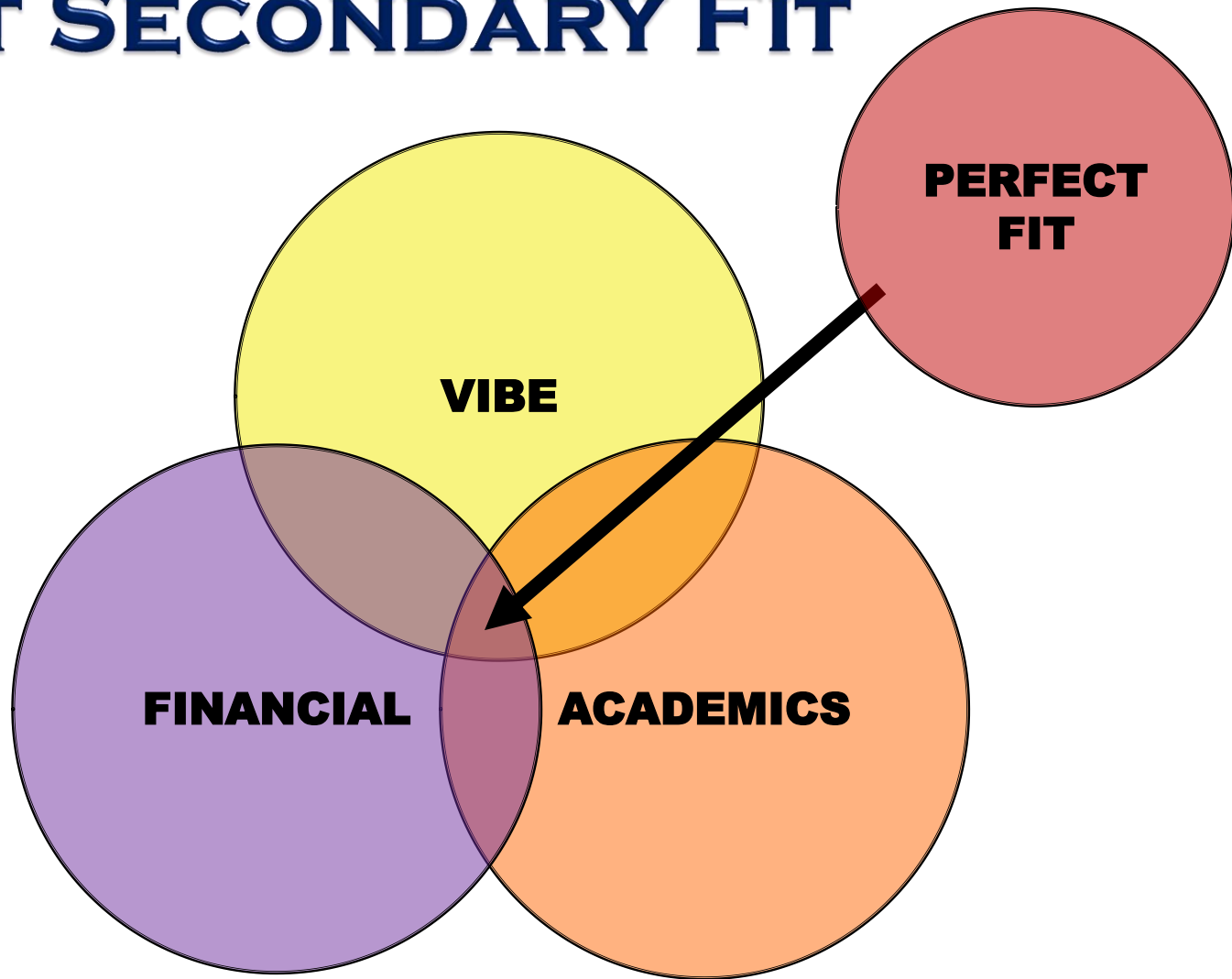
Class of 2015 Postsecondary Enrollment and Progress



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**
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POST SECONDARY FIT



ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION

FEBRUARY 10, 2023

- ▶ **ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE**
 - ▶ **CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM**
 - ▶ **SIGN UP IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE OR AT**
 - ▶ **WWW.TINYURL.COM/CEHSASVAB**
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SUGGESTED READING



COLLEGE MATCH:
A BLUEPRINT FOR CHOOSING THE
BEST SCHOOL FOR YOU
BY STEVEN R. ANTONOFF

AVAILABLE ON AMAZON AND WHERE BOOKS
ARE SOLD

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

▶ **DO YOUR HOMEWORK**

- HAVE BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE BEFORE VISITING
- WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, BLOGS, SOCIAL MEDIA
- PREPARE QUESTIONS

▶ **SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT – NO MORE THAN 2/DAY**

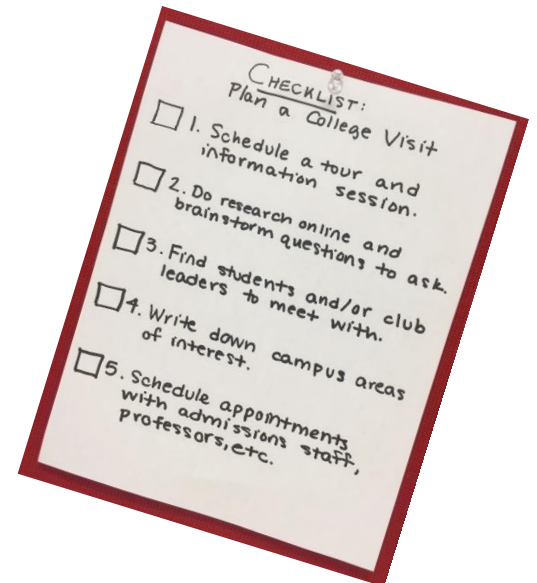
- AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE
- TRY TO VISIT WHILE IN SESSION
- FALL BREAK AND SPRING BREAK

▶ **KNOW YOUR REGIONAL ADMISSIONS REP**

- NAME
 - E-MAIL
 - THIS IS WHO WILL FIRST REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION
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WHAT TO SCHEDULE

- ▶ APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR REGIONAL ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE
- ▶ CAMPUS TOUR
- ▶ INFORMATIONAL MEETING
- ▶ ASK IF YOU CAN SIT IN A CLASS
- ▶ IF POSSIBLE, MEET WITH A PROFESSOR
- ▶ MEETING WITH A COACH (IF APPLICABLE)
- ▶ CONTACT ALUMS, OR FRIENDS WHO ARE CURRENT STUDENTS



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**



THE VISIT

▶ **PERUSE BULLETIN BOARDS**

- SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS
- IS IT INTERESTING?

▶ **VISIT THE STUDENT UNION**

- HAVE A SNACK
- PEOPLE WATCH
- ASK YOURSELF IF YOU COULD SEE YOURSELF HERE

▶ **LEAVE TIME TO VISIT THE CITY/TOWN**

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 FAIR 10/26 AT PEORIA SPORTS COMPLEX**
- ▶ **ATTEND LOCAL INFORMATION SESSIONS**





COLLEGE FAIR

PREPARE FOR YOUR
FUTURE

Juniors, seniors and parents welcome

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Oct. 26

Peoria Sports Complex

16101 N. 83rd Ave. | Peoria, AZ 85382

Information sessions:

- **Demystifying College Admissions**
- **Financial Aid Deep-Dive**

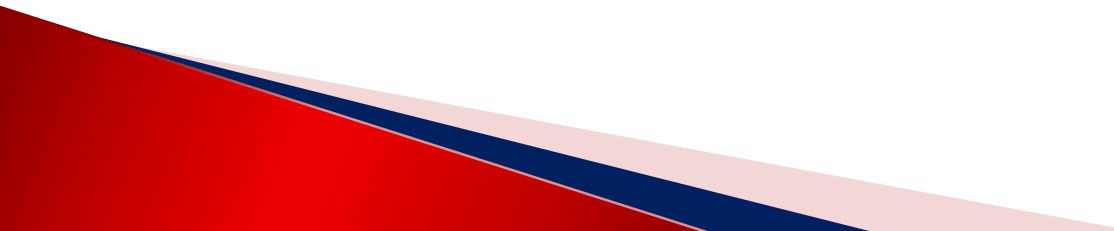
65+ college and
trade schools
attending

Arizona Christian University | Arizona State University | University of Arizona
Empire Beauty School | Florida Tech | Grand Canyon University | Huntington University
New Mexico State University | Northern Arizona University | Portland State University
Texas A&M | The United States Military Academy at West Point | UC San Diego

and many more!

For more information please visit: www.peoriaunified.org/collegefair or email mbieber@pusd11.net

AFTER THE VISIT

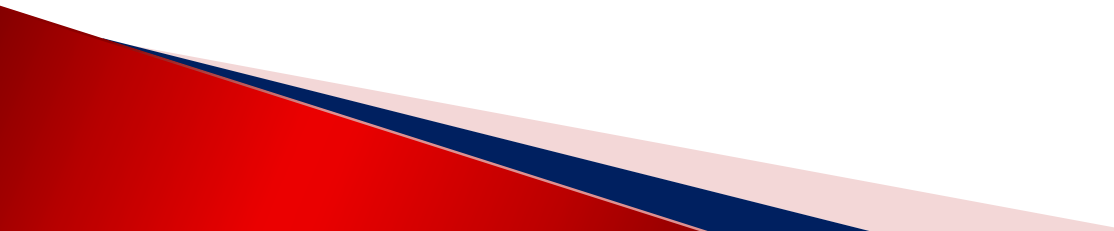
- ▶ **TAKE TIME TO WRITE MORE NOTES**
 - MAKE A PRO/CON LIST
 - MORE NOTES WILL MAKE IT EASIER
 - KEEP NAMES AND E-MAILS OF THOSE YOU SPOKE WITH
 - ▶ **SEND THANK YOU E-MAILS OR HANDWRITTEN NOTES**
 - ADMISSIONS PEOPLE YOU MET
 - YOUR TOUR GUIDE
 - PROFESSORS, COACHES, STUDENTS YOU INTERACTED WITH
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ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES VISITS TO CENTENNIAL

- ▶ **GET TO KNOW MRS. ALLEN 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 PSAT?

- ▶ **STANDARDIZED TEST – SIMILAR TO THE SAT**
 - ▶ **MEASURES SKILLS IN THREE ACADEMIC AREAS**
 - ▶ **IMPROVES TEACHING AND LEARNING**
 - ▶ **BEING ADMINISTERED ON CAMPUS**
10/15/2022
 - ▶ **GREAT PREP FOR THE SAT & ACT**
 - ▶ **NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
 - **TOP 1% TOP 10 % NATIONAL RECOGNITION**
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SAT vs ACT

- ▶ **MARCH 2016 SAT FORMAT CHANGED**
 - MORE LIKE ACT
 - ON A 1600 SCALE RATHER THAN 2400 SCALE
- ▶ **RECOMMEND BASELINE FOR EACH TEST**
 - PRINCETON REVIEW AND KAPLAN OFFER “FREE” TESTS
 - SELF-PROCTOR TESTS
 - USE ACTUAL TESTS
 - STICK TO TIME LIMITS
- ▶ **FOCUS ON THE ONE YOU SCORE BEST**
- ▶ **ACT GIVEN TO ALL PUSD JUNIORS IN APRIL OF 2023**



SAT/ACT

- ▶ **PLAN TO TAKE YOUR FIRST TEST BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND MARCH**
- ▶ **REGISTER AT COLLEGEBOARD.ORG FOR THE SAT**
- ▶ **THE ACT IS FREE FOR JUNIORS ON APRIL 4TH**
 - DURING THE SCHOOL DAY ON CAMPUS
 - REGISTER FOR RE-TAKES AT ACT.ORG



Test Neutral vs.
Test Aware vs.
Test Preferred

Your Junior Will Probably Go to College...

- 67% of Coyote graduates last year enrolled in college right after high school.
- Many others start college later. As of now, **80% of the Class of 2015 has gone to college.**
- On average, a bachelor's degree recipient will earn 66% more during a 40-year working life than a high school graduate earns (College Board)

It's a FACT that...

- Many universities have shifted to a test-neutral, test-aware, or test-preferred admissions policy. Determine whether your preferred universities require or even consider your ACT and SAT scores.
 - Some universities that have suspended the requirement due to COVID may prioritize admitting students with higher ACT scores.
 - Our district offers the full ACT for free, thanks to a state grant. This is an \$85 value.
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- The ACT will be administered at Centennial on the morning of Tuesday, April 4th
 - “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.
- Relatively small improvements in ACT can result in significant monetary gains in terms of scholarships and grants.



1. Higher score mean more options after high school
2. Avoid remedial college classes.
3. Athletes hoping to compete in college are required to complete the ACT or SAT.

The ACT at Centennial

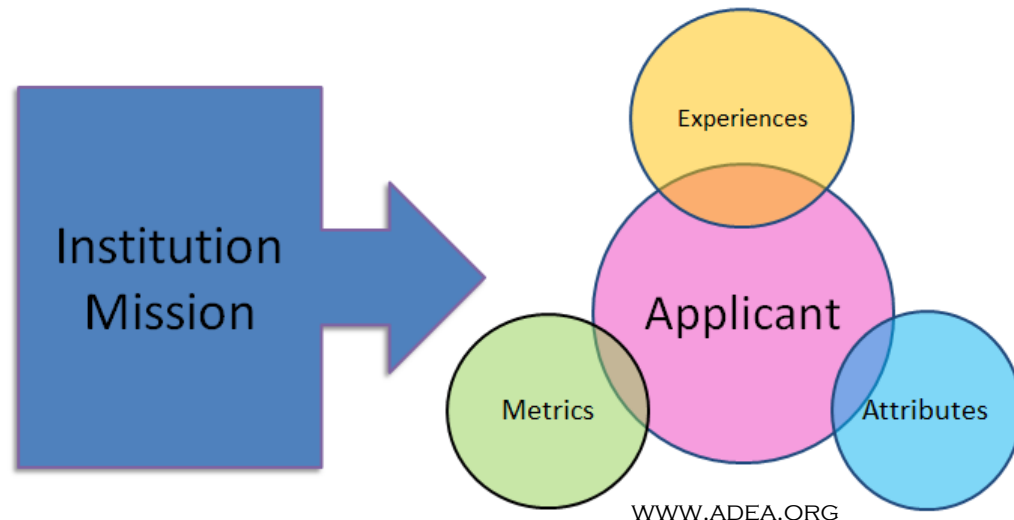
Juniors:

- Will **continue learning about the ACT** in their classes.
- Parents may **attend ACT Information Night** on Wednesday, February 8th.
- Will **take two full practice tests in class**, in fall and spring of junior year.
- May **take one full optional practice test on Saturday, March 4th**
Will take the ACT on Tuesday, April 4th, for free
- May retake the ACT or specific subtests thereafter, for a fee

THE HOLISTIC APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

- ▶ **IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE GRADES!**
- ▶ **CONSISTENCY SHOWS TENACITY AND COMMITMENT**
 - STICK WITH YOUR SPORT
 - CONTINUE STUDYING YOUR INSTRUMENT
 - STAY COMMITTED TO THE ORGANIZATIONS YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT
 - GET INVOLVED AND VOLUNTEER

The Holistic Perspective

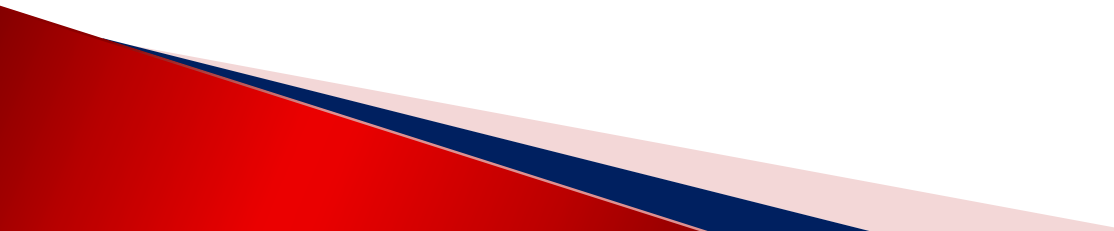


THE HOLISTIC APPROACH

▶ TRY NEW ACTIVITIES AND GET INVOLVED

- SPORTS
 - MENTORSHIP
 - STUDENT LIFE
 - COMMUNITY SERVICE
 - CHURCH GROUPS
 - GIRL/BOY SCOUTS
 - MUSIC
 - THEATRE
 - ART
- 

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
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EFC (EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION)

▶ WHAT IS AN EFC?

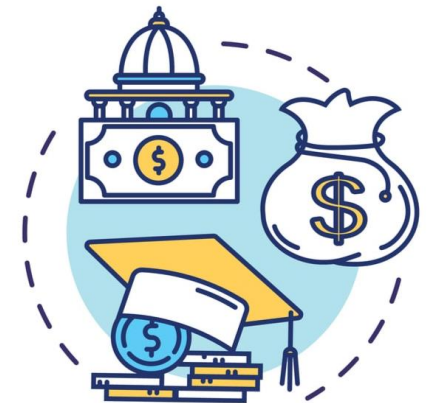
- THE AMOUNT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BELIEVES YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION
- DETERMINES NEED-BASED FEDERAL STUDENT AID

▶ DO YOU KNOW YOUR EFC?

▶ 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 WWW.TINYURL.COM/FINDMYEFC



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/FINDMYEFC

SUMMER PROGRAMS

- ▶ **NOW IS THE TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT HOW TO BEST UTILIZE YOUR TIME NEXT 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**

IMPORTANT JUNIOR DATES

W	OCTOBER 12	AP INFORMATION NIGHT
SA	OCTOBER 15	PSAT TEST
W	OCTOBER 26	COLLEGE FAIR
TH	NOVEMBER 3	REGISTRATION FOR SENIOR YEAR
W	FEBRUARY 8	ACT INFO NIGHT
F	FEBRUARY 10	ASVAB TEST (7:30AM)
SA	MARCH 4	ACT PRACTICE TEST
	MARCH-APRIL	AFTER SCHOOL ACT PREP SESSIONS
TU	APRIL 4	ACT TEST (REQUIRED)

CALL TO ACTION/RECAP



ENSURE YOU ARE
UP-TO-DATE ON
YOUR TO-DOS ON
YOUR JUNIOR
TIMELINE



PLAN
COLLEGE
VISITS



CHECK CAREER
CENTER CALENDAR
REGULARLY FOR
ADMISSION
REPRESENTATIVE VISITS



START
PREPPING
FOR THE
ACT/SAT



BUILD GREAT
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