



Senior FAQ Sheet

CLASS OF 2023- Frequently Asked Questions

<p>What do I do if I am behind on credits for graduation?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>When do I need to take my senior yearbook picture by?</p>	<p>Contact Grads Photography to get your headshot taken for the yearbook. You must do this by 1/31/23. You do <u>not</u> have to do your senior pictures through them - just get the FREE headshot for the yearbook. www.gradsphotography.com (623-580-4723)</p>
<p>Which tests are required for graduation?</p>	<p>The state requires every student to pass an American Civics Test. This is a 100 question test, students must get at least a 60% to pass. Most students already took and passed this test (it is noted on the transcript). 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</p>
<p>What are the 16 core University Admission requirements?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Should I re-take the ACT/SAT?</p>	<p>Only students planning to go straight to a 4-year University right after graduation need an ACT/SAT score. Scores can be used for admission if the GPA is not acceptable. Typically, the score is used for scholarship awards. Students planning to go to a Community College first do <u>not</u> need an ACT/SAT score to attend; just your HS diploma.</p>
<p>When should I apply to colleges?</p>	<p>The earlier the better so you and your family can start planning. See to-do list on reverse side for more information.</p>
<p>Am I eligible for a waiver for the University Application fee?</p>	<p>There is a household income cutoff based on the number of people in your family to qualify for a fee waiver. <u>Example:</u> a family of 4 that makes < \$45,500 is eligible for the waiver for in-state college application fees <u>and/or</u> NCAA fees. Students who are on the free/reduced lunch program do qualify for the fee waiver.</p>
<p>How do I know what college classes to take?</p>	<p>Check the University website to find a Program of Study for your major. You will meet with a college advisor to help with selection of classes.</p>
<p>I am interested in playing college sports, what do I need to do next?</p>	<p>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/NAIA website for more details.</p>
<p>How do I find scholarships? When do I apply?</p>	<p>There are many types of financial aid, including grants, loans, and scholarships. You should check the scholarship portal in Student Vue and there is a scholarship search under Financial Resources in MajorClarity. Check with the Career Center for good websites that you can look at. You should NEVER pay a website to look for scholarships. Check the PUSD School Counseling Resources site for more Scholarship and Financial Aid Information: https://www.peoriaunified.org/Page/5301</p>
<p>How do I request transcripts?</p>	<p>Universities prefer to receive these online, please request from Major Clarity.</p>
<p>How do I order cap & gown?</p>	<p>Jostens - www.jostens.com Below is a DIRECT LINK to the Cactus High School page on our Jostens</p>
<p>How do I stay updated throughout the year on senior events?</p>	<p>Most information will come to students Via Remind and in their classes and this information <u>should</u> be shared with parents. If you are <u>not</u> already receiving text messages from the Counseling Dept, sign up for notifications through "Remind" by messaging TO: 81010 and put @2023Cobras.</p>