



Arcadia High School Senior Information 2021-2022

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H.S. Graduation & College Admission Requirements

Arcadia HS/ Community College	In-State University	Out-of-State University
English - 4 Credits	English - 4 Credits	English - 4 Credits
Math - 4 Credits	Math - 4 Credits Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and any advanced math course for which Algebra II is a pre-requisite. Personal Finance is not accepted.	Math - 4 Credits Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and any advanced math course for which Algebra II is a pre-requisite. Personal Finance is not accepted.
Science - 3 Credits	Lab Science - 3 Credits	Lab Science - 3 Credits *Recommended to take 4 years
Social Studies - 3 Credits All students must take the following: - World History/World Geography (2 semesters) - American & AZ History (2 semesters, JR year) - American & AZ Government (1 semester, SR year) - Economics/Free Enterprise (1 semester, SR year)	Social Studies - 2 Credits Including American History	Social Studies - 2 Credits Including American History
World Language - 0 Credits	World Language - 2 Credits 2 years of the same language (i.e. Spanish I and Spanish II)	World Language - 3 Credits 3 years of the same language recommended and/or required.
Fine Arts or CTE - 1 Credit	Fine Arts or CTE- 1 Credit	Fine Arts - 1 Credit
PE - 1 Credit Electives – 6 Credits TOTAL = 22 CREDITS	3.0 unweighted GPA in the 16 required credits SAT or ACT not required (they are required for merit scholarships and certain programs)	3.5+ unweighted GPA in the required credits SAT or ACT required *Out-of-State Schools may have additional requirements. Check specific college websites for <u>exact</u> requirements.

Civics Test Graduation Requirement

- All AZ students are required to take and pass the AZ Civics Test.
- Most students from SUSD Middle Schools have taken this test in 8th grade.
- Students from outside of our district must pass this test for graduation. If a student transferred from a different high school and passed the test, we can review their previous transcript to verify.
- Testing will take place through Sara Johnson's office (sarajohnson@susd.org)
- Upcoming Test Dates:
 - Sept. 29th and Nov. 17th at 12:30pm.
 - Virtual testing through Microsoft Teams
 - See email from Ms. Johnson with the necessary links.

To Apply To An In-State University

1) Application: Go online directly to the University's web site:

- www.arizona.edu
- www.asu.edu
- www.nau.edu
- Fill out the online application. Submit with the application fee. **Use the Self-Report** option for classes and grades- it will save you money and your admission status will be sent sooner. If you are applying to an Honors program, be sure to check Honors college requirements and deadlines.

2) **Transcript:** Go online to www.parchment.com and order an official transcript to be sent to the school(s) you are applying to. If you are considering the Obama Scholarship/ASU Assurance Program, you are required to send your transcript by the application deadline.

3) **Test Scores:** Go online to www.collegeboard.org (for the SAT) and/or www.act.org (for the ACT) to send your official test scores to the school(s) you are applying to. If you requested to have your scores sent at the time of the test, you do not need to do this again.

*Check your colleges' websites to see if scores are required.

To Apply To An Out-of-State College

You will follow a similar process- fill out an online application using the system that each college allows. Options include:

- Common Application: Click [Here](#)
- Coalition Application: Click [Here](#)
- SendEdu Application: Click [Here](#)

Some colleges use other application options (i.e., Apply Texas, UC Application, Cal State Application)

Transcripts: You will use parchment.com to send official transcripts to schools that do not use Common Application, Coalition Application or SENDedu. The cost is \$5 per transcript. You do not need to send an official transcript to the in-states unless they request one for scholarship consideration. If you use the Common Application, Coalition Application or SENDedu, your counselor will upload your initial and mid-year transcript for you, but you will still need to send your final transcript in June through [Parchment.com](#)

It is imperative that you go to each of your colleges' admission sites to check for requirements, such as test scores (SAT or ACT), letters of recommendation, essays, scholarship criteria and any additional materials.

WATCH COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES CAREFULLY!

Recommendation Letters

- You must check each college website to see if you need recommendation letter(s) and if so, what type of letter(s), academic or counselor.
- If given the choice between an academic or counselor letter of recommendation, we encourage you to request an academic letter. College reps prefer to hear how you perform in class.
- If you require a counselor recommendation letter, first request a rec letter interview questionnaire from your counselor via email. You will need to complete the questionnaire thoroughly.
- Next, you may need to request a rec letter interview appointment from your counselor. If your counselor requires an interview, plan for 30 to 45 minutes, at least. You must email your completed questionnaire to your counselor by the day before your appointment, at the latest.
- If you need a counselor recommendation letter, please give us 3 weeks from the time you submit your interview questionnaire or you have your counselor interview, to write your letter. Be aware of the due dates on your applications and remember teachers and counselors do not work or write letters over school breaks. Please plan ahead.

Recommendation Letters Cont...

Application Deadline

- October 15th
- November 1st
- November 15th
- December 1st
- December 15th
- January 1st

Counselor Interview Deadline

- September 20th
- October 8th
- October 25th
- November 10th
- November 23rd
- November 29th

Scottsdale Community College Admission Process

- Check out www.scottsdalecc.edu
 - View the college catalog, academic programs, registration dates, tuition, financial aid, and more.
- Attend the field trip to Scottsdale Community College, the SCC open house, or tour the campus on your own
- Set up your Online Student Center Account (Student ID, MEID & Password) and complete enrollment
- Determine Placement: SCC utilizes two processes to determine course placement H.S. transcripts and/or Placement test (if needed)
- Attend Orientation and register for classes
- Apply for scholarships and financial aid

Military

- **ASVAB** – Armed services vocational aptitude battery
 - Career exploration test that helps students link their skills with related occupations.
 - Required for entrance to the military, but **ANYONE** can take it for career identification purposes without obligation to the armed services.
 - Arcadia will hold this on Thursday, November 4th 8.00-11.30 in Mount Olympus.
 - Sign up through College & Career Center.
 - If you are interested in a specific branch, please reach out to Mrs. Mynars in our College & Career Center, to connect with our military recruiters.

SAT and ACT Information

- Traditionally the ACT and the SAT were part of the college admissions process and considered in merit-based scholarships- due to COVID, the information about SAT and ACT testing requirements is constantly being updated. For the most current information on admission and merit-based scholarship requirements please visit each of your prospective colleges' admissions webpages.
- For Testing Updates or to sign up or send scores, please access the testing websites.
- • SAT INFORMATION: CLICK [HERE](#)
- • ACT INFORMATION: CLICK [HERE](#)
- • What's the difference between the two exams? Click [HERE](#)

SAT & ACT Information Cont....

- Current Testing Requirements:
 - **Test Required** – Some schools are still asking for scores to be sent either for admissions, specific majors or for merit-based scholarship consideration. Please review your scores and decide whether you need to retake the test. If you do need to retest, please sign up directly with the testing center. If you are satisfied with your scores, please send them directly from the testing center to your school. We are not able to send official test scores.
 - **Test Optional** – Many schools are going this route this year. Test optional means you can choose whether to send your test scores. We would encourage that you look at what the average accepted test score was for the past few years and only send a score if you are within that average range or above.
 - **Test-Blind** – Some schools are completely test-blind this year meaning they will not even look at test scores or factor them into the admissions process. Please do not spend money to send score reports to test-blind schools.

SAT & Act Info – In State Universities

- ASU, U of A, and NAU are all test optional for general admission. Scores can be used to remove deficiencies if the student does not have required 3.0 unweighted GPA in the 16 required classes. We have been told that test scores can only help not hurt a student's chance of being admitted.
- Test scores are not required to determine merit-based scholarships at ASU, U of A or NAU. Scores can be sent to ASU and NAU for consideration and could help a student receive a higher merit scholarship.
- ASU Barrett Honors and U of A Honors College are completely TEST-BLIND this year. They will not consider test scores
- Grand Canyon requires scores for admission for students with an unweighted GPA of 2.5 and lower.

Test Prep Information

-----Online Resources-----

- College Board SAT practice tests and resources: Click [HERE](#)
- ACT practice tests and resources: Click [HERE](#)
- Princeton Review Test Prep: [SAT](#) help/[ACT](#) help
- Kaplan Test Prep: Click [HERE](#)

-----Tutoring Resources-----

- [Vogel Prep](#)
- [Linda Edgar Tutoring](#)
- [Scottsdale Education Center](#)



Financial Aid Information

- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid/FAFSA](#)
 - Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form allows you to be considered for federal student aid. In addition, states and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans.
 - **[FAFSA opens Oct 1, 2021.](#)** It is recommended that students apply early. We will be hosting a FAFSA Night through our College and Career Center in October. One of our in-state reps will walk parents and students through the process. Please check the College & Career calendar for dates and times.
 - [Overview of Financial Aid Process Video](#)
 - [How to Fill Out the FAFSA Video](#)
 - [FAFSA “What to Expect”](#)
 - [Financial Aid Support](#)

Scholarship Information

- Below are resources for students to explore as they begin researching the cost of college. While it is the student's responsibility to navigate potential scholarships, the resources below will help start the process.
 - **[ASU Scholarship Estimator](#)**: ASU awards scholarships to incoming first year students with outstanding academic ability upon admission to ASU in the fall semester. This scholarship estimator can help determine the amount of scholarship money that students may be eligible to receive.
 - **[Net Price calculator](#)**: Net price calculators are available on a college or university's website and allow prospective students to enter information about themselves to find out what students like them paid to attend the institution in the previous year, after taking grants and scholarship aid into account.
 - **[CSS Profile](#)**: (College Scholarship Service Profile): The form, administered and maintained by the College Board, opens the door to nonfederal [scholarships](#) and other kinds of institutional aid that can make a big difference when it comes time to pay for college. The CSS Profile offers opportunities for families to describe any unique or extenuating circumstances affecting their ability to pay. Additional details about the CCS profile can be found [HERE](#)
 - **[AZ529](#)**: The Arizona Family College Savings Plan is a state-sponsored 529 plan designed to provide a parent, grandparent or future student an opportunity to save for educational expenses in a tax-deferred manner. You can open an account today for \$25 or less.

o SCHOLARSHIP DATABASES:

- [Raise Me](#)
- [Fastweb](#)
- [Niche.com](#)
- [Going Merry](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [Collegeboard.com](#)
- [Cappex](#)
- [Studentscholarship.org](#)
- Arcadia High School College & Career Webpage
- Naviance – access through your student's Single Sign On
- Specific university webpages

NCAA Requirements

- STUDENT ATHLETES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING THAT THEY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETICS.
- IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS FOLLOW THE 4 - YEAR OUT-OF STATE UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS.
- ALL INFORMATION FOR DIVISION 1 OR DIVISION 2 REQUIREMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE [NCAA WEBSITE](#) .
- FOR A HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE FROM NCAA CLICK [HERE](#)



Naviance

- What is Naviance? Naviance is an online portfolio system adopted by SUSD for students to complete their Educational Career Action Plan (ECAP). Naviance is utilized to create 4-year course plans, college and scholarship searches, signing up for college visits as well as investigating a variety of careers/majors beyond high school.
- 1. For all grade levels students go to Single Sign On and click on the Naviance icon. The log in is automatic. If the Naviance icon is not present on Single Sign On, click on student apps and click on Naviance in the drop-down menu. Chrome is the preferred browser.
- 2. Students can enter the courses they are taking in Naviance under “Course Planner”; take a career inventory with “Career Interest Profiler” and investigate colleges in “College Search” and search for scholarships under "Scholarships & Money".
- 3. For **seniors**: under the “Colleges” tab, please regularly update the colleges you are applying to.
- **Note:** Once you have been notified of acceptance, please return to Naviance and enter that information along with whether you will attend that college in the "Colleges I am Applying To" section.

College Visits (RSVP through Naviance)

Step 1: Log into Naviance through **Single Sign On**.

Step 2: Click on the “Colleges” at the top of the page, scroll down to “College Visits”, click on “Show More”.

Step 3: Click on “Register Now” next to the college meeting you would like to attend.

Step 4: Under the “Colleges” tab, please regularly update the colleges you are applying to.

Remind texts for College and Career If you would like to get reminders about college visits and scholarships from the College and Career Center, please text this message **@pmyn** to 81010.

Glossary of Terms

Accuplacer: A placement test used by community colleges to determine a student's skill set in reading, writing, and math.

Common Application: A standard application form accepted by colleges that are members of the Common Application association designed to streamline the application process for students. Students can fill out this application once and submit it to one or several of the nearly 900 colleges that accept it.

Coalition Application: An application form accepted by certain colleges. Some colleges only accept the Coalition App and others will give students a choice between Common and Coalition App. We always recommend Common App if there is a choice between the two because Common App is more user-friendly. Students can fill out this application once and submit it to multiple colleges.

Deferred Admission: Permission from a college that has accepted you to postpone enrolling in the college. The postponement is usually for up to one year.

Terms continued

Early Action (EA): An option to submit your applications before the regular deadlines. When you apply early action, you get admission decisions from colleges earlier than usual. Early action plans are not binding, which means that you do not have to enroll in a college if you are accepted early action. Some colleges have an early action option called EA II, which has a later application deadline than their regular EA plan. Check college websites for information about their application deadlines.

Early Decision (ED): An option to apply to your first-choice college before the regular deadline. When you apply early decision, you get an admission decision earlier than usual. Early decision plans are binding. You agree to enroll in the college immediately if you are admitted and offered a financial aid package that meets your needs, and you must withdraw your applications from any other colleges. Some colleges have an early decision option called ED II, which has a later application deadline than their regular ED plan.

Priority Date or Deadline: The date by which your application — whether it's for college admission, student housing or financial aid — must be received to be given the strongest consideration.

Rolling Admission: Each application is considered as soon as all required information (such as high school records and test scores) has been received. Colleges that use a rolling admission policy usually notify applicants of admission decisions quickly. ASU, UofA and NAU use rolling admission.

SENDEdu: Document sending service. NAU uses SENDEdu for transcripts.