



Guide to Post-High School Planning

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Is Further Education For You?

Are your interests, goals & aptitudes leading you to:

- training for a specific occupation requiring two years or less of further education?
- attending a community college?
- attending a university for a bachelor's degree or beyond?

Some things to think about in order to choose the right school for you:

- **Curriculum**
 - Liberal Arts
 - Trade or technical
 - Business
 - Occupational
 - Engineering
- **Location**
 - in Arizona
 - out of state
- **Size & type of school**
 - small or large
 - two or four year
 - co-educational
 - church related
 - historically black college
- **Environment**
 - rural
 - urban
 - live on campus
 - live at home & commute
- **Costs**
 - in-state tuition
 - out of state tuition
 - private school
 -
- **Special services**
 - tutoring
 - special services for people with disabilities

What is a "Community College"?

Community colleges, also known as 2-year or Junior Colleges are regionally accredited post-secondary institutions at which the AS or AA (Associates of Science or Arts) is the highest degree awarded. A BS or BA (Bachelor of Science or Arts) is earned from a 4 year college or university. Community colleges offer technical, transferable and continuing education or specialized curriculums.

1. Community Colleges are:

- community based institutions that establish links and partnerships with high schools and the community
- deliver high quality programs at times and places for the convenience of the student
- have admission policies that are open to those with high school diplomas or its equivalent
- have tuition and fees that are approximately half of those at a 4 year college
- save students the cost of living on campus
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2. Community Colleges offer:

- transfer curriculums that provide the first 2 years leading toward the bachelor's degree
- occupational-technical programs that prepare students for employment
- programs that assist students with upgrading of skills they already use
- programs that help students improve their basic academic skills
- certifications that may be completed in a few weeks up to 2 years.

MORE INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES CAN BE FOUND ON THEIR WEBSITE OR BY CONTACTING THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE AT THE COLLEGE.

Arizona Community Colleges

- Arizona Western College (Yuma)
1-928-317-6000 www.azwestern.edu
- Central Arizona College (Coolidge)
1-520-494-5444
1-800-26-37-9814 ww.centralaz.edu
- Chandler-Gilbert Community College (Chandler)
480-732-7000 www.cgc.maricopa.edu
- Cochise Community College (Douglas)
1-520-515-0500
1-800-966-4-7943 www.cochise.edu
- Coconino Community College (Flagstaff)
1-928-226-4323 www.coconino.edu
- Dine College (Tsaile)
1-928-724-6600
1-877-988-3463 www.dinecollege.edu
- Eastern Arizona College (Thatcher)
1-800-678-3808 www.eac.edu
- Estrella Mountain C.C. (Litchfield Park)
623-935-8888 www.estrellamountain.edu
- Gateway Community College (Phoenix)
602-286-8000 www.gatewaycc.edu
- Glendale Community College (Glendale)
623-845-3333 www.gc.maricopa.edu
- Mesa Community College (Mesa)
480-461-7600 www.mc.maricopa.edu

- Mohave Community College (Kingman)
1-928-757-847
www.mohave.edu
- Northland Pioneer College (Holbrook)
1-928-524-7450
www.npc.edu
- Paradise Valley C.C. (Paradise Valley)
602-787-6500
www.pvc.maricopa.edu
- Phoenix College (Phoenix)
602-285-7500
www.pc.maricopa.edu
- Pima Community College (Tucson)
1-520-206-6640
www.pima.edu
- Rio Salado Community College (Tempe)
480-517-8526
www.rio.maricopa.edu
- Scottsdale Community College (Scottsdale)
480-423-6000
www.scottsdalecc.edu
- South Mountain C.C. (Phoenix)
602-243-8123
www.southmountaincc.edu
- Yavapai College (Prescott)
1-928-776-2143
www.yc.edu

What are “Vocational and Technical Schools”?

Vocational or technical schools prepare high school graduates for a career or a specific job. The relationship between education and work has long been recognized as important. Private vocational/technical schools are “for profit” institutions. Student tuition is the primary source of their funding. Community colleges are “not for profit”. Check your local community colleges to compare vocational programs for costs and class offerings before choosing a school.

1. Vocational-Technical schools offer:

- Hands-on experience
- classrooms that represent how work is done on the actual job
- instructors who are experienced in the subject in order to teach the necessary skills in the shortest time possible
- assist with job placement upon completion of training
- students with this training have an advantage in learning new skills at the workplace since their training has provided basic thinking and problem solving skills

MORE INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL COLLEGES CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE OR BY CONTACTING THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE AT THE SCHOOL.

<http://accg.azhighered.org>

Have you already earned college credit?

High schools offer several opportunities for students to earn college credit while attending high school

1. Advanced Placement Courses
 - students receive accelerated high school credit as well as have an opportunity to earn college credit by scoring well on the AP test in May
2. College-Level Examination Program (C.L.E.P.)
 - colleges offer an opportunity to earn credit by successfully passing a test in a single subject & determine the amount of credit earned
 - there is a fee for C.L.E.P. tests
3. ACE + or other Community College Credit
 - select students enrolled in this program have earned community college credit for classes taken through this program
 - remember to submit an ACE+ transcript along with college application
4. Vocational training courses
 - local high school coursework such as Fire Science, CNA certification, etc. may result in community college credit
 - Automotive program at Glendale Community College earns community college credit
 - see you counselor for other possible opportunities

How to get accepted at Arizona Universities...

You must have one of the following:

3.0 GPA in 16 Core classes OR

top 25% of graduating class OR

SAT score of 1040 or greater OR

ACT score of 22 or greater AND

successfully completed the required high school coursework

Cost of Arizona Colleges & Universities

for 2010-2011

Arizona State University

Tuition \$7793 (2 semesters)

Undergraduate Admissions Office

No applications accepted after March 1 for fall semester

Tempe, AZ 85278-0112

www.asu.edu

480-965-9011

ASU-West University

Tuition \$7793 (2 semesters)

4701 W. Thunderbird

No applications accepted after March 1 for fall semester

Glendale, AZ 85069-7100

www.west.asu.edu

602-543-5500

ASU-Polytechnic University

Tuition \$7793 (2 semesters)

7001 E. Williams Field Road

No applications accepted after March 1 for fall semester

Mesa, AZ 85212

www.campus.asu.edu/polytechnic

480-727-3278

ASU-Downtown University

Tuition \$7793 (2 semesters)

411 N. Central

No applications accepted after March 1 for fall semester

Phoenix, AZ 85004

www.campus.asu.edu/downtownphoenix

602-496-4636

Northern Arizona University

Admissions Office

Flagstaff, AZ 860011

1-888-667-3628

Tuition \$ 6964 (2 semesters)

Apply before March 1 (fixed rate for student's

www.nau.edu

4 yrs at NAU)

University of Arizona

Office of Admissions

Tucson, AZ 85721

1-520-621-3237

Tuition \$8238 (2 semesters)Apply before October 1 to be considered for
scholarships

No applications after April 1 for Fall semester

www.arizona.edu**Grand Canyon University**

3300 W. Camelback

Phoenix, AZ 85017

Tuition \$16,500 (2 semesters)Applications accepted up to 2 weeks before Fall
classes begin

1-877-860-3951

www.gcu.edu**Maricopa Community Colleges**

See list of 10 local colleges

Tuition \$71/credit hourwww.maricopa.edu.

Application Process

1. Application

- obtain the application from your high school, website or the college itself
- allow sufficient time to complete the application noting the deadline for submission
- complete the application and follow the instructions exactly
- use blue or black ink only- use same color on all parts of the application
- use your legal name- no nicknames
- have someone proofread your application
- double check you have included all requested materials before mailing
- send application fees or completed fee waiver

2. Entrance exams

- universities and 4 year colleges usually require that you take SAT or ACT
- community colleges usually give a placement test for math and reading

3. Essay

- some applications ask for an essay
- write only on the requested topic
- ask a teacher to look over your essay
- check your spelling and grammar
- type your essay or write legibly
- keep a copy for yourself

4. Letters of Recommendation

- choose your writer carefully-someone who knows you well and can write positively about you
- give the writer 1-2 weeks to complete the recommendation
- give the writer information about yourself and the exact use for the letter
- do not submit a copy of a previous recommendation
- send a thank you note to the writer

5. Resume

- list of your education, jobs, community service, etc in an organized format
- list of references- people who know you well- with phone numbers and addresses
- include any educational or occupational goals
- this is helpful for the writer of your letter of recommendation

6. Financial Aid

- most colleges and universities require you and your family to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- fill in online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov ***note web address is ".gov" not ".com"

What else you will need....

Colleges need certain documentation during the admission process. The sooner the admissions office has all of them, the sooner you will know about your admission status.

1. High School Transcripts

- this must be sent with your college application
- before you graduate you must request a final transcript be sent to the college you will be attending
- these include your shot records and scores of tests (AIMS, Terra Nova and SAT/ACT) you took while in high school

2. Health Records

- you will need to furnish your shot records to your college
- these may be obtained from the Health Center at your high school

3. Athletes

- to compete at the college level NCAA Clearinghouse Application must be completed
- the necessary forms are on the website at: www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
- send admission applications to the college admission office not the athletic office
- ACT or SAT scores are required for college athletes

SAT & ACT- What's the difference?

Colleges and universities use both the SAT and ACT to evaluate students for acceptance into their schools. Many schools will accept scores from either test while others may require you to take a certain exam.

Use the chart below to help you choose which exam you think you would score higher on.

ACT (www.act.org)

no order of difficulty
 heavy in grammar & reading
 tested on Algebra, Geometry & Trig
 Math = 25% of score
 based on school curriculum
 Not as tricky/less distractions
 no guessing penalty
 science reasoning section
 English grammar tested
 no writing piece
 Scoring 0 -36

SAT (www.collegeboard.com)

proceeds in an order of difficulty
 heavy in vocabulary
 tested on Algebra & Geometry
 Math = 50% of score
 not based on curriculum
 tends to be tricky
 guessing penalty
 no science
 no English grammar
 Writing piece
 Scoring 200 - 2400

Test dates

<u>ACT</u>			<u>SAT</u>		
Test	Registration	Late	Test	Registration	Late
<u>Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Sept. 11	Aug. 6	Aug. 20	Oct. 9	Sept. 8	Sept. 22
Oct 23	Sept. 17	Oct. 1	Nov. 6	Sept.30	Oct. 14
Dec. 11	Nov. 5	Nov. 19	Dec. 4	Oct. 29	Nov. 11
Feb. 12	Jan. 7	Jan. 21	Jan. 22	Dec. 14	Dec. 29
April 9	Mar.4	March 18	Mar. 12	Feb. 3	Feb. 17
June 11	May 6	May 20	May 7	Apr 7	Apr. 22
			June 4	April 28	May 12

Score Comparison

<u>ACT</u>	<u>SAT</u>
36	2400
35	2340
34	2260
33	2190
32	2130
31	2040
30	1980
29	1920
28	1860
27	1820
26	1760
25	1700
24	1650
23	1590
22	1530
21	1500
20	1410
19	1350
18	1290
17	1210
16	1140
15	1060
14	1000
13	900
12	780
11	750

GUHSD School Codes

You will need your high school code in order to complete the SAT or ACT application

Apollo	030-143	Moon Valley	030-283
Cortez	030-279	Sunnyslope	030-425
Glendale	030-145	Thunderbird	030-312
Greenway	030-266	Washington	030-320
Independence	030-146		

**Need help preparing for
post high school tests?**

www.testpreview.com

free online practice questions

for the following tests:

ACT ACCUPLACER SAT

PSAT

ASVAB COMPASS

NCAA Eligibility Center

If you plan to participate in Division I or II athletics or transfer later, you must register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). This is done online at: www.ncaa.org.

The NCAA is an organization that has established rules of eligibility, recruiting and financial aid, and regulates most college athletic programs.

Steps required to complete the registration:

- submit student release form
- complete registration form
- submit test scores & high school transcript
- submit the \$60 fee or fee waiver papers

Contact NCAA:

Mail: P.O. Box 7136

Indianapolis, IN 46207

phone: 8-6p.m. (Eastern Time)

Monday - Friday

1-877-262-1492

Students must submit their SAT or ACT scores directly to the college of their choice as well as to the NCAA Clearinghouse. A special code is listed in the registration forms for the SAT and ACT.

To qualify you must have the following scores in relationship to your Core GPA:

Core ACT SAT	Core ACT SAT	Core ACT SAT
<u>GPA</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>GPA</u>
Above		
3.55 37 400	2.450 70 840-850	2.200 79 940
3.5 39 420	2.400 71 860	2.150 80 960
3.25 46 520	2.350 73 880	2.100 82 970
3.00 52 620	2.300 75 900	2.050 84 990
2.5 68 820	2.250 77 920	2.000 86 1010

***ACT scores are calculated by adding the section scores of reading, math, English and science reasoning sections of the test.

***SAT writing section scores will not be used by NCAA

What are "Scholarships"?

Scholarships are a form of financial aid that is awarded to students for outstanding academics, community service, extra-curricular activities or other skills they poses. Scholarship applications must be filled out and sent to the awarding organization. Scholarships do not have to be repaid.

Applications are available at your school, parents work, church, local stores and organizations. Fill in the application completely following the directions exactly. Have someone proofread your application for spelling and accuracy. Double check the deadline as most applications are rejected if they arrive late.

The scholarship form may ask for a letter of recommendation so plan ahead by gathering personal information in a resume to give to the writer. Think of possible writers for these recommendations-people who know you well and can write positively about you.

Keep a copy of each application along with the essay. You may be able to alter the essay and use it for other applications. Notify your counseling office when you receive scholarship offers.

*MORE INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS
IS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR COUNSELORS
OR CAREER CENTER.*

What is "Financial Aid"?

Financial aid is monetary help for meeting college costs: both direct educational costs (tuition, fees, books) and personal living expenses (food, housing, and transportation). Financial aid is often available at vocational and trade schools.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the document that determines the student and family contribution to college costs, Pell grants and other financial assistance. The form is available online or at your school after January 1 each year. This form should be completed by March 1 in order to give the student the best chance to receive grant money.

FAFSA website is: www.fafsa.ed.gov

note: (fafsa.com costs \$200)

(fafsa.ed.gov is FREE)

Types of Financial Aid

1. Scholarships and waivers

- awarded to students with good grades, athletic ability or musical talent. These do not have to be repaid.

2. Grants

- based on financial need. These do not have to be repaid.

3. Loans

- available to students (or parents) with financial need. These must be repaid after a student leaves school.

4. College work study

- available to students with financial need. This federal employment program helps students reduce the cost of their education.

5. Campus employment

- available to students with or without financial need.

What are "Apprenticeships"?

High school graduates today have the choice of many apprenticeships. This will prepare them for a career that will allow them to work and learn at the same time. This is ideal for students who need a steady income immediately after completing high school or have a desire to go to work.

1. Apprenticeships provide:

- supervised on-the-job training by a qualified craftsperson
- a planned training entry-level position on a career pathway
- combination of on-the-job training and related classroom training
- certification of competency measured by industrial standards

2. Apprenticeships require:

- completion of classroom course work
- an aptitude test
- provide proof of physical ability to perform the duties of the trade
- provide proof of a valid driver's license

MORE INFORMATION, LIST OF PROVIDERS AND

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT:

www.ade.az.gov/arizonaheat/training

How about a Military career?

High school students upon graduation may choose to enter one of the military branches. Training in many career fields is available in the armed forces. JROTC units on many high school campuses are a good place to explore a possible career in the military. All branches of the military require you take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). Many high schools offer this test at their schools. Check with your counselor.

There are other options besides the Army, Air Force, Navy & Marines:

1. National Guard

- you may serve in the guard or reserve while living at home
- you serve on 1 weekend per month and 2 weeks during the summer

2. Military Academies

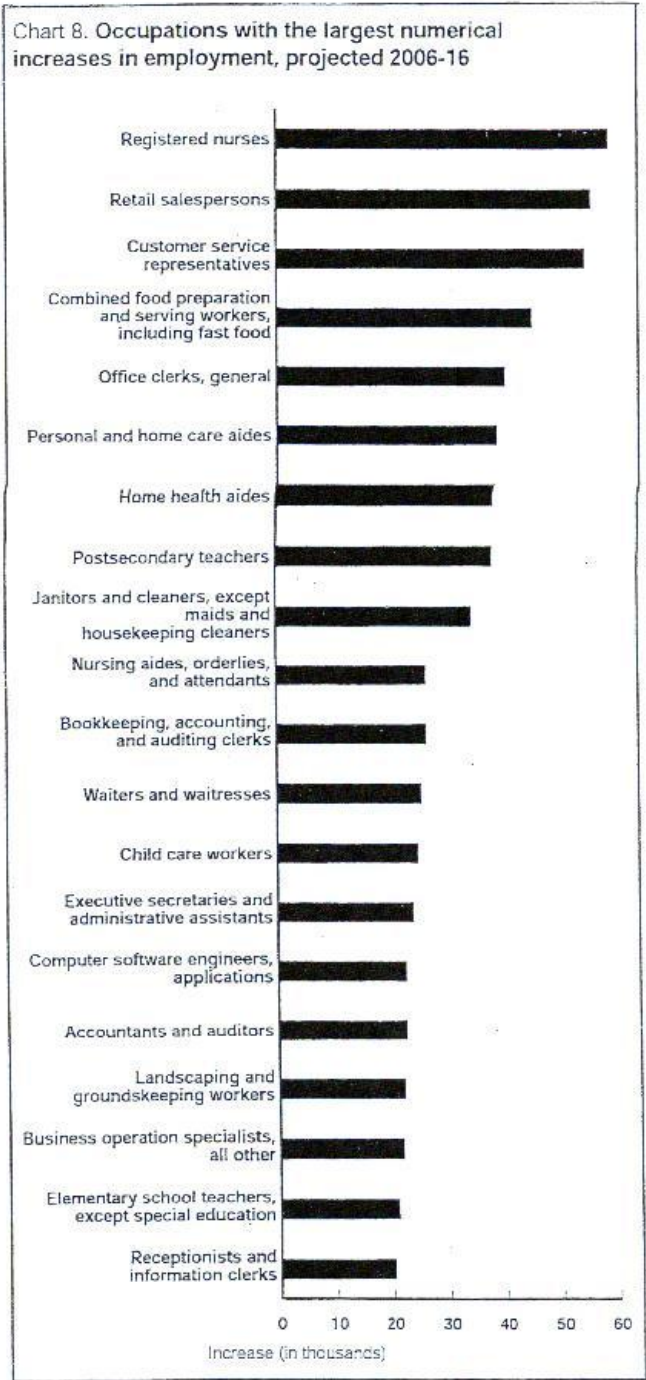
- competition for admission to any of the academies is highly competitive
- graduate with a bachelor's degree
- must serve a specific number of years
- serve as an officer

3. Reserve Officers Training Corp

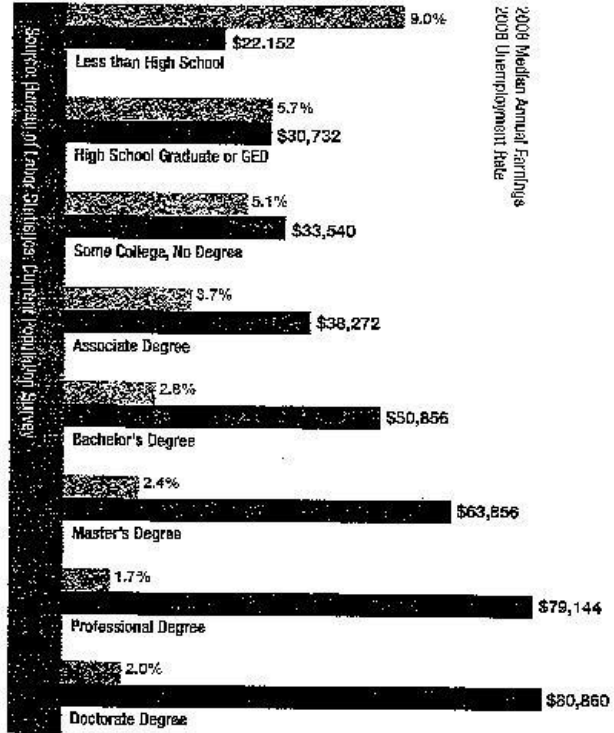
- participate in ROTC while in college
- will serve active duty time as an officer

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MILITARY RECRUITERS DURING THEIR SCHOOL VISITS OR FROM THEIR RECRUITING OFFICES IN MOST SHOPPING MALLS.

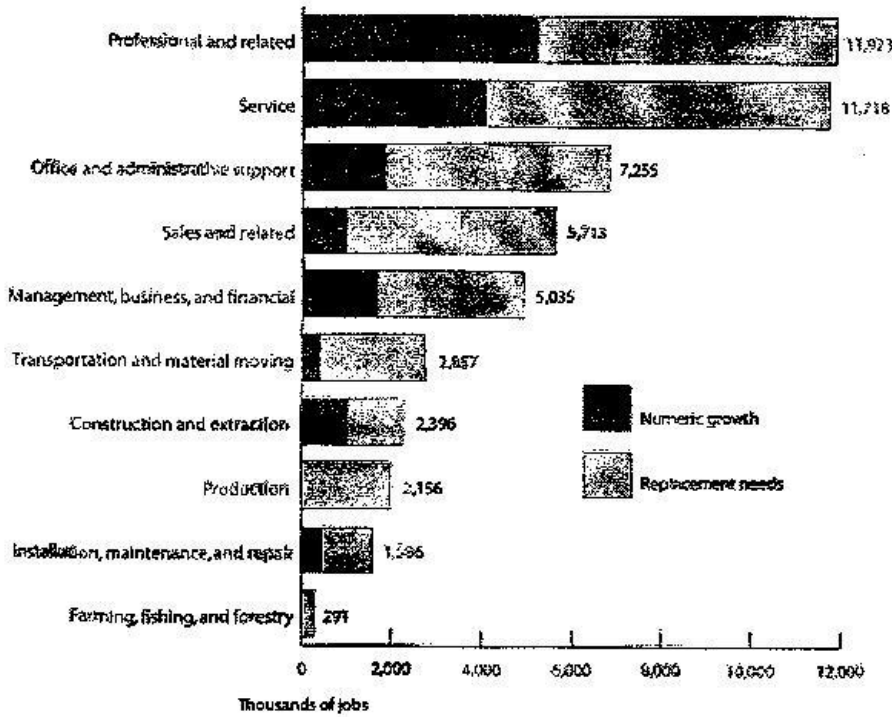
Careers with increasing numbers of jobs...



Education pays...



Job openings...



Colleges Internet Resources

Campus Tours

Virtual tours

www.campustours.com

College Board

College searches, career exploration

SAT & PSAT information

www.collegeboard.com

College Net

College search by region, state, majors

Scholarship & financial aid information

www.collegenet.com

College View

Search 3500+ colleges, financial aid information

Career planning tools

www.collegeview.com

Kaplan

Colleges information, careers and testing information

www.khec.com

Princeton Review

Search colleges by name, region, state, size, cost

Rates colleges and universities

www.princetonreview.com

Arizona public and private colleges

Site includes trade schools

www.univsource.com

US Department of Education

"Think College"

Student & parent pages

www.ed.gov/thinkcollege

All About College

College directory, test prep,
financial aid information

www.allaboutcollege.com

Financial Aid Internet Resources

FAFSA

This site has information and forms for filing FAFSA financial papers that are required by most colleges and universities.

www.fafsa.ed.gov

FastWEB

Free financial aid and scholarship search site.

www.fastweb.com

Free Scholarship Information Service

Database of scholarships

www.freschinfo.com

Fund Finder

Free site for access to Southwest Student Services Corp. database
Student loan and grants information

www.sssc.com

NellieMae

General information of student loans and college costs

www.nelliemae.org

SallieMae/ CASHE

Financial aid information, college costs calculators and scholarships

www.collegeanswer.com

Student Scholarship Search

Financial aid information

Links to college and university webpages

www.studentscholarshipsearch.com

Career Internet Resources

Best Jobs USA

www.bestjobsusa.com

Career Builder

Job locator

www.careerbuilder.com

Job web

Links for jobs, job seekers & job search information

www.jobweb.com

Mapping Your Future

Career exploration & assessments along with planning guidance

www.mapping-your-future.org (Middle High School tab)

Monster

Career advice and job searching

www.monster.com

Occupational Outlook Handbook

Online version of book containing information about specific careers

www.bls.gov/OCO/

Students.gov

Planning site for further education & careers

www.students.gov

Bridges

A Career Source on the Internet

This website can help students find great, current career information.

Students may:

Plan by taking an interest, values, skills survey that points to possible careers

Search for careers by keyword or concept

Find salary, job outlook, education, websites & other information about careers

Read interviews & watch videos with people already in specific careers

Create a resume & portfolio of career information

Steps for using Bridges

Sign onto www.bridges.com

User name: guhsd_(your school ID#)

Password for first time user: use birthday as follows: mm-dd-yyyy
(use dashes not slashes)

Scholarship searching

Click on "Choices Planner"

Go to the "Learn" box

Click on "scholarship finder"

Take a short interest survey and start searching

Glossary of Terms

- Acceptance:** candidate has been asked to attend having met the standards set by the college or school
- Accreditation:** recognition of a college/university by a regional or national accrediting body indicating that the institution has met their
- ACT Assessment:** college entrance exam that is required by many colleges as part of the admission process. ACT measures abilities in English, Math, Reading and Science.
- Advanced Placement:** high schools implement AP courses and administer the exams at the end of the school year. College credit is granted dependent upon success on the exam.
- Apprenticeship:** during a prescribed time period, a worker learns an occupation (usually a trade) in a structured program
- Associate Degree:** a degree that is granted after the satisfactory completion of a two year program of study-usually at a community college.
- ASVAB:** a test that is taken by those wishing to enter the military. This test shows your ability to learn certain skills and your interests. Many schools give this test to their juniors.
- Award letter:** a letter telling you what financial aid a college is offering you. You may choose to accept some or all of what is offered.
- Bachelor's Degree:** a degree that is granted after the satisfactory completion of a four year program of study-usually at a college or university.
- College Entrance Exams:** tests that are used by colleges or universities for evaluation of applicants for admission and/or placement in courses. Tests used most often are SAT, ACT and ASSET.

College calendars: May be any of the following:

Traditional semester: 2 equal semesters

Quarter: 3 equal terms of 12 weeks

Trimester: 3 equal semesters (3rd one replaces summer school)

4-1-4: 2 equal terms of 16 weeks with 4 week interim term

Community College (Junior College): regionally accredited, post secondary institution where an associate degree is the highest degree awarded.

Certification programs and non-credit courses are also available.

Core classes (CPA): a calculation of grades earned in Math, English, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language and Fine Arts

College transfer courses: courses intended for transfer of college credit to a bachelor's degree program in a 4 year college or university

Credit (or Credit Hour): a unit of measurement for fulfilling course requirements. Most colleges require that you complete a certain number in order to graduate.

Class rank: a student's standing in his/her graduating class that is based on GPA and honors classes. It is expressed in percentages.

Deferred Admission: the postponing of admission for one year after being accepted into the college or university

Early action: an accelerated application process for certain colleges and universities.

Enrollment status: an indicator of whether you are attending part-time or full-time.

Expected Family Contribution: amount a student and their family are expected to contribute financially toward cost of attendance.

Federal Work Study: a federal financial aid program that provides on and off campus work for college students. You apply for this program on FAFSA.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): the first step in applying for financial aid in which financial information is gathered from the student and family. FAFSA can be completed online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Grade Point Average (GPA): a calculation of grades earned in coursework

Honors Program: a program that offers an opportunity for students to enrich their educational experience through independent, advanced or accelerated classes.

Independent Study: a program that allows a student to earn college credit through independent study with a faculty member.

Job Shadowing: a program by which a student observes employees in a workplace to gain insight about a career or job field.

Letter of Recommendation: a letter that supports a student's application to a college or for a scholarship. The letter is written by someone who knows you well (not a family member) who can write positively about you.

Loans: Money that is borrowed to pay for higher education and must be paid back with or without interest.

Major course of study: a course of study in one subject in which the student specializes in at a college or university

Minor course of study: a course of study in a secondary subject in which the student specializes in at a college or university

NCAA: the organization that certifies athletes for competition in Division I & II intercollegiate athletics.

Open Admissions: students are admitted regardless of academic qualifications. Most community colleges have an open admission policy.

Out-of-State Students: students attending a public university outside of their state. Higher tuition rates may apply until state residency is established.

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT): a practice test for underclassmen to prepare for the SAT. National Merit Scholars are chosen from this test's results.

Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC): Air Force, Army and Navy programs at the college level that combines military education with bachelor's degree study. A commitment to military service is part of this college program.

Resume: an outline of your life as a high school student that contains information about your education, jobs, community service and educational and career goals.

Rolling Admission: an admission procedure by which colleges considers completed applications for admission on a continuing basis.

SAT Assessment: a college entrance exam that is required by most colleges and universities. SAT I that is required by most colleges measures math and verbal skills. A writing assessment is now included.

Scholarship: a merit based award of money to be used for college costs

Student Aid Report: notifies a student that their FAFSA has been processed.

Transcript: an official record of high school and/or college courses and grades.

Undergraduate Student: a student who has not completed a baccalaureate (usually 4 years) or first professional degree

Senior Year Timelines

End of Junior year/summer

check to see you have met
graduation requirements
sign up/take SAT/ACT

August/September

visit colleges
apply to Universities
start scholarship search

September 26

attend National College Fair
Sunday-Phoenix Civic Center
Noon - 4:00 p.m.

January

attend FAFSA night
gather information for
FAFSA form
take Maricopa Community
College entrance exam

March 1

FAFSA priority deadline

March

sign up for community college
classes

April

sign up for college/
university classes

May

Graduation & Celebration !

Budget Planning Worksheet

Income Source

Monthly total

Yearly total

Money from parents

Money from savings

Salary

Work-study

Scholarships

Grants

Loans

Other

TOTAL

Expenses

Tuition

Fees

Loan interest payments

Books & supplies

Rent/housing

Utilities

Telephone/cell phone

Other

Transportation

Food

Clothing

Entertainment

Credit card payment

Medical/dental

Miscellaneous

TOTAL

Location (Distance from home)	Arizona Southwest East Midwest Pacific Coast	College "A"	College "B"
Size	Student enrollment Physical size of campus		
Environment	2/4 yr school, technical, or specialized urban, rural, suburban location to nearest city co-ed, all male, all female religious affiliation		
Admission requirements	Application deadline SAT, ACT, placement test Special requirements Notification timeframe		
Academics	Programs of study (majors) Special requirements Accreditation Student/faculty ratio Typical class size		
College expenses	Tuition, fees, room & board Estimated total costs Application fee, deposits		
Financial Aid	Application deadline Required forms (FAFSA) % receiving aid scholarships availability		
Housing	Residence hall requirement Type & size (dorm, apt.) Availability & cost Application deadline Food plan		
Facilities	Academic Recreational Other		
Activities	Clubs, organizations Greek life Athletics, intramurals Other		
Orientations Campus visit	Dates, contact person Special opportunities		
Probable College Major	Liberal Arts Interdisciplinary or General studies Specialized coursework Pre-professional (law, etc) other		
Basis of College Choice	Primarily mine Mine & parents Contrary to my preference Contrary to my parent's preference		

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