

GLENDALE UNION

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT


An “A” Rated District

Arizona Department of Education 2014

Pathway to America’s Top Colleges and Universities

“Preparing our students for college and career”



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Our Schools



Apollo High School
Cortez High School
Glendale High School
Greenway High School
Independence High School
Moon Valley High School
Sunnyslope High School
Thunderbird High School
Washington High School



Schools From Across the Country

- Bowdoin College
 - Brown University
 - California Institute of Tech.
 - Carleton College
 - Colgate University
 - Columbia University
 - Cornell University
 - Dartmouth College
 - Duke University
 - Emory University
 - Georgetown University
 - Harvard University
 - Johns Hopkins University
 - Mass. Institute of Tech.
 - Northwestern University
 - Pomona College
 - Princeton University
 - Rice University
 - Stanford University
 - Tufts University
 - University of CA, Los Angeles
 - University of Chicago
 - University of Michigan
 - University of Notre Dame
 - University of Pennsylvania
 - University of Southern Cal
 - Vanderbilt University
 - Washington and Lee University
 - Washington Univ.–St. Louis
 - Yale
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AP[®] District

NATIONAL DISTRICT OF THE YEAR

2013

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College Preparation Exams

- Exposure to these exams begins freshman year
- PSAT, SAT, and ACT preparation courses
- ACT testing of all juniors at NO cost
- A tradition of National Merit Scholar winners

Tests to expect

ASPIRE

- Grade 8
- English, Math, Reading, Science
- Scoring range (1-25)
- Can help plan high school courses
- Use as a diagnostic
- Based on ACT

PSAT

- Grade 9 PSAT10
- Grades 10 and 11 PSAT
- Reading & Writing, Math
- Scoring range (400-1600)
- National Merit Scholarship :
 - ✓ \$2500 scholarship may be available, depending upon the college.

ACT

- Pre-ACT Fall Grade 11
- ACT Spring Grade 11 – **FREE**
- Questions are directly related to what students have learned in HS
- English, Math, Reading, Science
- Composite (overall) score (1-36)
+ subscores (1-18)

SAT

- Redesigned (March 2016)
- End of Grade 11 and Grade 12
- Scoring range (400-1600)
- Two sections:
Reading & Writing (200-800) +
Math (200-800)
Optional essay
- No guessing penalty

College Entrance Exam Timeline

Freshman Year:

- PSAT10 Test in the spring

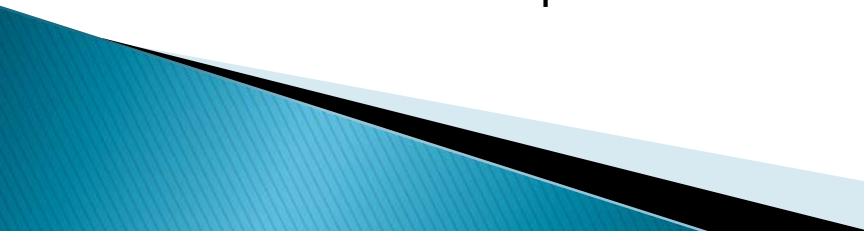
Sophomore Year:

- Test Prep class in the fall
- PSAT Exam in the fall

Junior Year:

- Test Prep refresher course in the fall
- PSAT/PreACT Exam
- ACT Exam (**Free to ALL Juniors**)
- SAT and SAT Subject Tests-June (if required by college)

Senior Year:

- SAT Subject Test (if required by college) August/September
 - Refresher course for ACT fall
 - ACT/SAT to improve score fall
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Scholarships

- ▶ National Merit:
 - An academic competition for recognition and scholarships by taking the PSAT exam in the Fall of the Junior Year.
- ▶ Questbridge:
 - Connects Outstanding low-income students with admission and full scholarships to the nation's best colleges.

Financial Aid

▶ Need Based Assistance:

- Available to all but based on income level
- Example: Harvard University Annual Cost – \$66,900 (2016)

Annual Household Income:

- under \$50,000 can qualify up to \$63,200
- under \$100,000 can qualify up to \$58,200

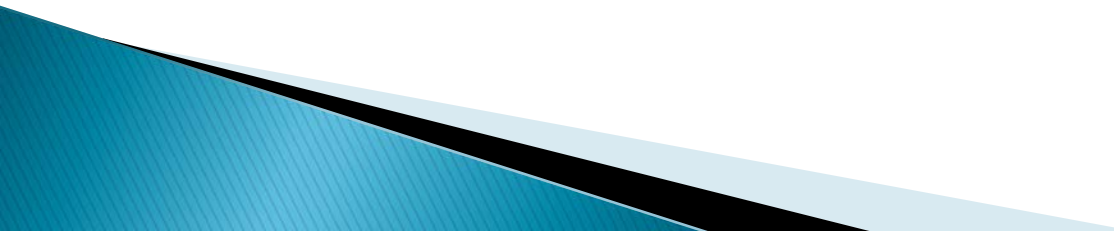
▶ Academic achievement & merit based scholarships:

- Qualifies with all 4 in-state universities
- Rarely available with out-of-state schools

Demystifying **the Selective Admissions Process**

Steve McLaughlin
Associate Dean
Duke Undergraduate Admissions

What do high school students need to know *now*?

- Advice on including highly selective schools in your college list.
 - Information about the types of admission deadlines and applications.
 - A close look at how admission offices are considering the information you submit.
 - A plan for organizing your admission information (and junior and senior year!)
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Types of four year college applications



- Accepted by more than 600 colleges
- You complete one application and send it to multiple schools.



- Accepted by 33 colleges
- You complete one application and send it to multiple schools.



Coalition for
Access,
Affordability,
and Success

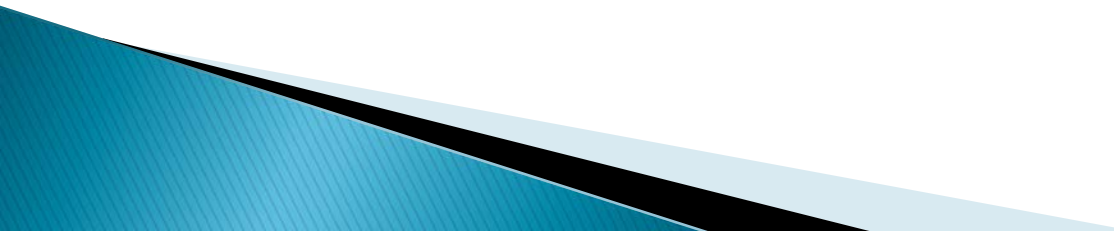
- Accepted by over 80 colleges
- You complete one application and send it to multiple schools.

College specific
applications

- Some colleges only accept their own applications

How are admissions decided?

What do highly selective colleges look for – how do we make decisions ?

- ▶ It's Personal
 - ▶ It serves the college
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Factors in admission

Academic
Record

SAT or ACT

Letters of
recommendation

Extracurricular
Activities

Essays

More factors:

- Interview
- Institutional priorities
- Demonstrated interest
- Artistic supplement

The Qualities Colleges Seek

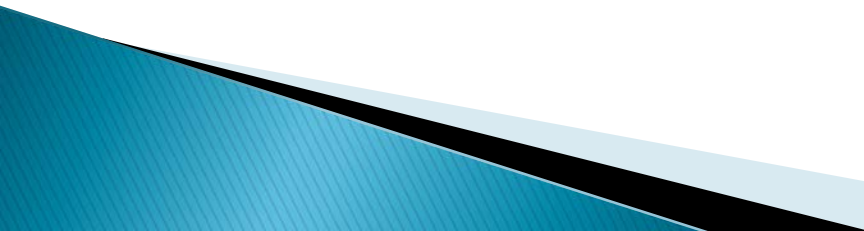
▶ In individuals

- Sense of Engagement
- Talent & abilities
- Impact
- Creativity
- Healthy Ambition,
- Openness...

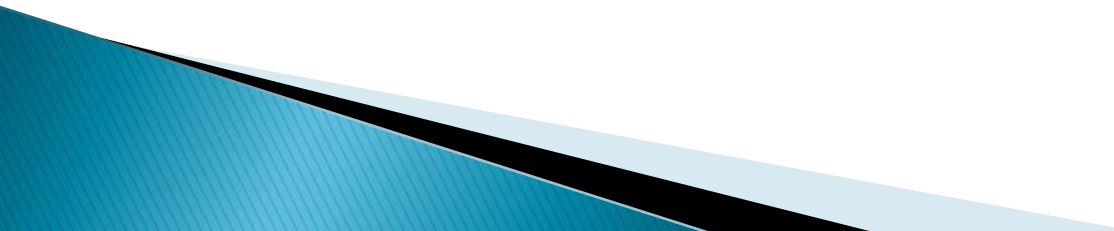
▶ In a class

- A balance of interests, talents, backgrounds, values, and experiences

The Questions We Ask

- ▶ Have you made a meaningful *commitment* to things that matter to you—and to us?
 - ▶ Have you had an *impact* in something that matters?
 - ▶ How have you played the hand you've been dealt?
 - How have you responded to challenges?
 - How have you responded to opportunities?
 - ▶ What will you *bring* to the university community?
 - ▶ What will you *gain* from your presence on campus?
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The Balancing Act:

- ▶ Faculty
 - ▶ Distribution among disciplines
 - ▶ Coaches
 - ▶ Alumni
 - ▶ Arts
 - ▶ All the considerations of diversity
 - ▶ The future
 - ▶ Early Applications
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Get Organized!

Consider creating a spreadsheet to organize information. This is also an efficient way to show your parents how you're completing your tasks!

Note: It is safe to assume that every school is different!

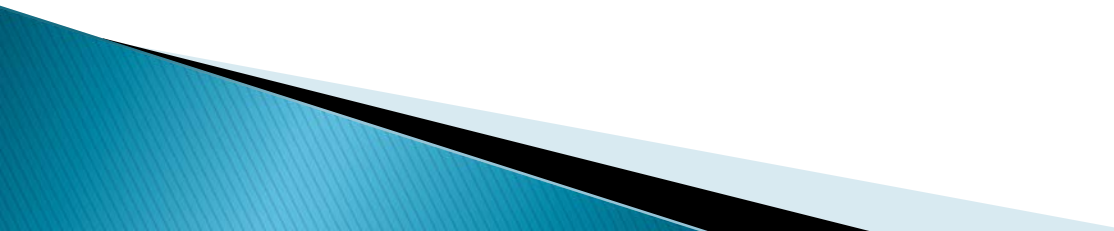
College	Deadline	Testing	Essay(s)	Transcript	Misc.
STATE UNIV.	NOV. 15	DONE!	NONE REQUIRED	REQUESTED ON 10/15	SUBMITTED APP ON 10/30
MAJOR COLLEGE	JAN. 2	DONE!	FINISHING SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY	MAILED BY SCHOOL ON 10/15	OVERNIGHT VISIT CONFIRMED FOR 10/20
DREAM SCHOOL	JAN. 15	LAST SUBJECT TEST IN OCT.	DONE!	REQUESTED ON 12/10	INTERVIEW SCHED. FOR 1/15

Applying for Financial Aid

Application Checklist:

- ✓ Use Net Price Calculators
- ✓ FAFSA www.fafsa.gov
- ✓ CSS Profile www.collegeboard.org
- ✓ Institutional Application
- ✓ APPLY BY PRIORITY DEADLINE
- ✓ Contact the financial aid office for ***priority deadlines***. Most priority deadlines are March 1st or earlier. FAFSA is now prior year – so file early.

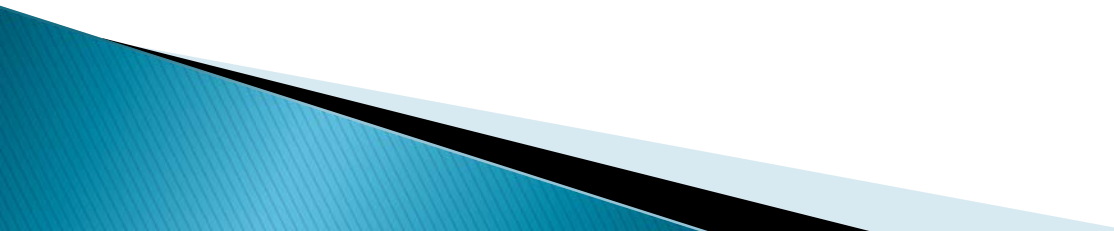
Breakout Sessions

- Grade Level Breakouts Sessions
 - Questbridge Scholarship Information
 - Applying and Building the Portfolio
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Browsing the Schools

- College/University Representatives and Alumni
 - Information on 30 of the Top Schools
 - Scholarship Resources
 - Guidance Counselors, Career Center Specialists and Administrators
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How Glendale Union Supports You

- Rigorous Courses and Curriculum
 - Offering Free AP and ACT Exams
 - College Exam Preparation Courses
 - Career Centers with Specialists to Assist
 - Guidance Counselors
 - Four Year Plans
 - Events such as College Fairs and FAFSA Night
 - Outstanding Teachers
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