



# Senior Year Information and Registration



# Graduation

- Students must meet the following requirements:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Credit</u>
• English	4 years	40
• Math (including Algebra)	2 years	20
• Social Studies	3 years	30
• Science (1 lab)	2 years	20
• PE	2 years	20
• Fine Arts/Foreign Language	1 year	10
• Health	<u>½ year</u>	<u>5</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		145
Elective Credits		75
Total Credits Necessary to Graduate		<b>220</b>

# A-G Requirements

**UC and CSU admission requirements: 15-course pattern of college preparatory courses**

- “a” 2 years of history/social science
- “b” 4 years of college preparatory English
- “c” 3 years of Math (Integrated I, Integrated II, and Integrated III)
- “d” 2 years of lab science (Biology and Chemistry)
- “e” 2 years of a language other than English
- “f” 1 year long course of Visual and Performing Arts
- “g” 1 year of an elective chosen from the approved A-G subject requirements

**Maintain a “C” or better in all A-G classes**

# Factors in College Admissions Decisions

## **Considerably Important Factors ranked by Colleges**

- Grades in College Prep Courses (P)
- Course selections
- Standardized Test Scores
- Overall Grade Point Average

## **Moderately Important Factors ranked by Colleges**

- The Admissions Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Interest in the school
- Extracurricular Involvement



## GRADES

- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of your Junior year is the last semester to increase your GPA before applying to colleges (October/November senior year)
- Maintain a “C” or better in all A-G classes
- Stay above eligibility index with senior year grades

**If you receive a D grade in any A-G class, see your counselor to discuss validation.**





## Eligibility Index

- The CSU system uses the Eligibility Index that shows a combination of test scores and GPAs required to meet minimum eligibility requirements
- The writing section of the SAT or ACT is not a factor
- GPA is based on A-G classes (State weighted GPA)
- Impacted campuses and majors have higher standards
- For more specific information visit: [csumentor.edu](http://csumentor.edu)

# SAT/ACT

- If you are thinking about attending a 4 year university, you must take either the SAT or the ACT as part of the application process.
- College bound students should take the SAT or the ACT at least once during their **JUNIOR** year of high school.
  - If you want to try to better your score, you can take the SAT/ACT again before DECEMBER of your senior year
- Fee waivers for sending scores:
  - 4 free score reports are given when you sign up for the SAT
    - These free score reports expire 10 days after you sit for the SAT
  - Sending scores for the SAT: use code 3594 (releases scores to CSU Mentor)
  - Sending scores for the ACT: use ACT Scores Manager

DHS School Code: 050770

# College Admission Tests

## SAT

- The SAT is the most widely used college admission test
- Measures reading, writing and math skills
- Scores for each section range from 200 to 800
- Average score is 500
- Most students take the SAT for the first time during the **spring** of their junior year
- Register for the SAT at [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
- Offered seven times a year



# College Admission Tests

## ACT

- The ACT is college admissions exam that tests students in English, math, reading and science
- Scores range from 1 to 36 per section. Average score is 20
- Optional writing portion (optional cost)
- Register at [actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org)
- ACT is offered 6 times each year



## Athletes

- Register for NCAA ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)) and complete worksheet if you plan to play sports at a Division I or Division II institution
  - Report SAT/ACT scores using code 9999
  - Inform your counselor



# During the Summer

- Things To Do...

1. Research Colleges and Universities with your intended major.
2. Make a list of 8-10 schools that comprise the following:
  - Reach (at least 1)
  - Target (at least 2)
  - Safety (at least 1)
3. Know the admissions criteria to each school you choose. Ex: SAT/ACT, Subject tests, Essays, Letters of Recommendation

# Registering for Senior Year

All Seniors must take:

- English
- Government/Economics



- ✓ Students will continue to be encouraged to satisfy the A-G requirements with their remaining courses.



## Senior Classes.....

- What's Sociology?
- What do we do in Intro to Design?
- Can I take Medical Interventions?
- Find out course descriptions and requirements by visiting the DHS Website
  - “Academics” Tab
    - “Planning Guide/Course Description”



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