

# What EVERY FRESHMAN @ SMHS should know!

What you should be doing NOW!

*Research colleges, technical schools and/or the military ~ Explore Careers ~ Sign up for clubs and sports ~ Align Courses to Future Goals ~ Prepare for important tests ~Get Organized ~Build Relationships with teachers and staff.*

## College and Career Information Resources

Resources	How to access	Description
Schoolinks	In educational resources on PUSD student portal	Career Interest inventories, career information, college information
ACT	<a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>	Prepare to take this your junior year; practice tests available online
SAT	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>	register online scholarships, colleges financial aid
Fastweb	<a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>	Internet's largest free scholarship resource

## College and Career Testing Information

Test	Date(s)	Take Note!
ASVAB	Spring of your Junior year (See the Career Center Specialist to sign up)	A Vocational Aptitude Battery, administered by the military. A valuable test regardless of whether you are planning on enlisting in the military. You will learn about military and civilian careers that would be a good fit.
SAT & PSAT <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>	PSAT is offered at SMHS in the Fall of your Junior Year.	PSAT prepares students for SAT tests. Must take this test to compete for some National Scholarships. SAT exams are accepted by most colleges and universities. Check your school of interest.
ACT <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>	ACT is taken by ALL juniors at SMHS during the Spring of your junior year for free.	Accepted by most colleges and universities. Check your schools of interest. If you need to <b>re-test</b> go to <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a> <b>Sign up deadline is 5-6 weeks prior to test date.</b>
Community College Placement tests <a href="https://www.maricopa.edu/future-students/placement-coach">https://www.maricopa.edu/future-students/placement-coach</a>	Spring of your senior year (some placement tests are taken during high school for dual enrollment classes)	Placement exam for Community College

## Important Deadlines To Remember

Item	Deadline
ECAP DUE to your counselor	NOVEMBER 28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>LAST DAY</b> to change course requests for your sophomore year	Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
ACT/SAT Registration	At least one (1) month prior to test date <b>Should be taken in the Spring of your junior year.</b> Retake if necessary.
Private Scholarships	Deadlines vary <b>junior</b> and <b>senior</b> year.
Class Rank	Class Rank sent to colleges/universities for scholarship purposes at the end of Junior Year

## Ways to Get Caught Up On Lost Credit

Additional Credit Opportunity	Description
Summer School Credit Recovery	1 credit/summer – cost to be determined
e-Campus Online	1 credit - \$300.00
Community Service	½ credit/60hrs worked – FREE
P.A.S.S. Program	Afterschool program -- \$75.00/ .5 credit
Online Courses	Several options – see your counselor
<b>More information on all of these programs is available at the Guidance Office.</b>	

### PEORIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATION AND IN-STATE UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECTS	PUSD GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	IN-STATE UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
English	4 credits	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits	4 credits
Lab Science	3 credits	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits	2 credits
Physical Education	1 credit*	----
World Language	----	2 credits of the same language
Fine Arts/CTE	1 credit of fine arts OR 1 CTE credit	1 credit of fine arts OR 1 CTE credit
Total Credits	15 required credits (see above) plus 13 elective credits	16 required credits (see above) plus 12 elective credits

\*The P.E. requirement may also be fulfilled with one credit of Marching Band.

Course Offering Guide can be found at <https://isapps.peoriaud.k12.az.us/coursedescriptionguide>  
Course Requests can be viewed through your StudentVUE

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**Have questions? Make an appointment with your counselor.**