




Archbold High School
Junior Parent Meeting



What will your senior year say about you?

- Senior Schedule
- College/Scholarship Applications
- Recommendation Letters
- Resume
- Job Applications/Interviews

Some things to think about...




What do you envision for your child?

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What challenges do they face?

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Now what?




Building A Strong Transcript


- Credit History
- Strength of Schedule
- GPA
- Class Rank
- Test Scores
- NOT MUCH TIME LEFT!

*Students apply in fall so colleges are likely not going to ever see senior grades.
*This is the last semester your kids have to improve their numbers.

Graduation Requirements
3 Parts



- Earn Required Credits
- Take Seven Required State Tests
- Complete one of three graduation testing options
 - Earn 18 Graduation Points on required state tests
 - Earn a remediation free score on a college readiness test
 - Earn 12 Credential Points and a passing score on WorkKeys



Graduation Requirements

- 21 Total Credits
- 4 English
- 3 Social Studies - Global Studies, U.S. History & Government
- 4 Math - Must Include Algebra II
- 3 Science - Physical Science, Biology & Advanced
- 0.5 Health
- 0.5 Physical Education (0.25 met in middle school)
- 0.5 Economics (not required if you attend Four County)
- Fine Art Requirement (met in middle school)
- Financial Literacy Requirement (met with Economics)

Testing Requirements for Graduation: 3 Options



Option 1: Earn a cumulative passing score on seven end-of-course exams:

- Students will take a series of end-of-course exams and earn "graduation points" ranging from a score of 1 through 5.
- Exams will be taken in *Algebra I, Geometry, English I, English II, Biology, American History and American Government.*
- Students must score a total of 18 graduation points.
 - 4 points must come from English
 - 4 points must come from Math
 - 6 points must come from Science/Social Studies.
- Students will take these exams at the end of the year in which they take the course and will have an opportunity to retake exams if needed.
- Students may use a grade in a CCP course or AP Test score in place of the science/social studies end-of-course exams.

Testing Requirements for Graduation: 3 Options



Option 2: Earn a "remediation free" score on a nationally recognized college admission exam:

- All students will take a nationally recognized college admission exam free-of-charge during the spring of their junior year.
- Students must score at a remediation free level as determined by the Ohio Department of Higher Education to meet this requirement.
- We do not know yet what this test will be.

Testing Requirements for Graduation: 3 Options



Option 3: Earn an industry-recognized credential or a state license for practice in a vocation and achieve a score that demonstrates workforce readiness and employability on a job skills assessment:

- The Ohio Department of Education has a list of pre-approved industry credentials and state licenses that meet this requirement (updated yearly).
- Each credential/license is worth so many "credential points" and students must earn a total of 12 credential points to meet this requirement.
- Students must also earn a passing score on the WorkKeys assessment to meet this requirement.

Alternative to Testing Requirement



If your child is not able to meet one of the three testing requirements, they may still qualify for graduation by completing the following:

- Must take all 7 end of course tests and must retest any "1" or "2" score on math or English at least once.
- Must meet at least 2 of the following:
 - Earn a 2.5 GPA during the Junior & Senior year
 - Completion of a senior capstone project (must meet ODE guidelines)
 - Complete 120 hours of work or volunteer experience (must meet ODE guidelines)
 - Earn 3 or more CCP credits during HS
 - Complete one AP course and earn a 3 or higher on the AP exam
 - Earn a WorkKeys score of 3 or higher on all three sections
 - Earn a state-approved industry-recognized credential equal to at least three points
 - Meet the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

Honors Diploma



- 4 English
- 4 Math
 - Including Alg 1, Geometry, Alg II & higher
- 4 Science (New Change)
 - Including 2 advanced sciences
- 4 Social Studies
- 3 Foreign Language
- 1 Fine Art
- 3.5 GPA
- 27 ACT or 1210 SAT

Must meet 7 of the 8 criteria

- Students are highly encouraged to pursue an Honors Diploma as that reflects a strong college-preparatory schedule.

Honors Diploma



- Ohio has introducing 3 new additional honor diplomas.
 - STEM Honors Diploma
 - Arts Honors Diploma
 - Social Science & Civic Engagement Honors Diploma
- These options have different credit criteria than the regular honors diploma and include a field experience and portfolio that must be reviewed and validated by external experts within the field.

Senior Scheduling



- Required Senior Year Courses:
 - American Government or AP Government (if not already taken the junior year)
 - English 12 CP or AP English
 - Math
 - Algebra II or Algebra II CP (for students currently in Geometry)
 - Statistics or Pre-Calculus (for students currently in Algebra II CP, Pre-Calc or Stats)
 - Calculus (for students currently in Pre-Calculus)
 - Students may double up on math

Senior Scheduling



- Senior year is not a year to "take it easy". If your child plans on going to college, their schedule should reflect that and you should encourage it.
- Consider the strength of their senior schedule
 - This means senior math, science and English regardless of credits earned
- Consider requirements for college admission/honors diploma
- Consider career plans when choosing courses

Scheduling Process



- We will be meeting with students as a class tomorrow and they will get their registration forms.
- The 2019-2020 Guidance Handbook & Curriculum Guide is available on the guidance website home page to download.
- Please take time to sit with your child and discuss their scheduling options.
- We will register juniors on Wednesday, February 6.
- **Registration sheets need to be brought back to school signed by a parent/guardian!**

Scheduling Considerations



- Students may only request 1 study hall per semester, even if taking multiple honors/AP courses. Please note this is a change from previous years.
- The school does not accept teacher/lunch requests.
- Students can make schedule changes at any point after registrations have been submitted and are encouraged to do so prior to the beginning of the next year.

College Credit Plus Reminders



- If you and your did not attend one of the mandatory parent/student meetings back in November, CCP is no longer an option for next year.
- If you and your child did attend one of the meetings in November and are still interested in taking college classes, students are reminded to complete the following as soon as possible:
 - Submit signed, yellow AHS forms packet by April 1
 - Complete a NSCC application online
 - Submit a signed NSCC Consent Form including N#
 - Earn needed scores on Accuplacer for acceptance and course placement

College Credit Plus Considerations



- Summer/Fall scheduling for NSCC will not begin until March at the earliest, so we will work with students to schedule those courses at that time.
- If students have applied to the college and met testing requirements, we will allow them to only submit requests for the courses they plan to take at the high school. Otherwise, they need to request a full schedule.
- **Please Remember:** Just because a student can replace a high school course with a CCP course does not mean that is in their best interest. They can take both the high school and college course.

College Credit Plus and English



- It is our recommendation that students should not skip both junior and senior English, as they are missing out on many language arts skills such as reading, grammar and vocabulary. CCP Composition only focuses on writing.
- We are offering a semester class called Literature for College Success. This course will focus on strengthening reading skills while exposing students to classic works of literature.
- If your Junior has taken Composition I and II this year, we strongly recommend that they take English 12 CP or AP English next year, regardless of the number of English credits they have earned.

Post-Secondary Options



Career process is ever changing and can involve any or all of these options.

Regardless of what option students explore, their success requires them to be thoughtful and invested in exploring opportunities.

ACT



- The ACT is the primary college admission test taken by students at Archbold
 - English, Reading, Math, Science (Writing is Optional)
 - Given at Archbold 6 times a year
 - Register at www.actstudent.org
- On February 20, all juniors will be given a free ACT paid for by the State of Ohio
 - Students are to report to Evan Church by 8:15 for testing
- 4-Year college-bound students are encouraged to have more than one ACT score
 - Consider second attempt being April 13 (register by March 8) or June 8 (register by May 3)

Picking a College



Each college has their own personality	Public vs. Private	4-year, 2-year or technical school	Majors and educational programs offered
Admission policy (selective, traditional or open)	Location and size	Costs and financial aid	Living arrangements
Affiliations (religious, military, etc.)	Campus activities	College town	Support services

Picking a College: Do the Research



- Compile information from several resources
 - Internet/Websites
 - College Publications
 - Admissions Representatives and Fairs
 - NSCC College Fair – March 12, 2019
 - School Counselors and Teachers
 - Parents, Students and Alumni

Picking a College: Visit the Campus



- You would not buy a car or a prom dress without trying it out first, so why go to a college you have never visited.
- Spring of junior year and summer is the time to be going on campus tours.
- Scheduling a College Visit
 - Go to the college's admission page online to get details about campus visits. You can typically schedule them online or by phone.
 - You can request more than the standard tour (i.e. sit in on a class, meet with an advisor, attend an athletic event, eat in a dining hall, etc.)
 - If you are worried about missing after school commitments, plan to go down the evening before and stay the night.
 - ASK QUESTIONS! – Better yet, make your child ask questions.

College Applications



- Students can begin applying as early as summer before senior year, but will typically complete these early fall.
- Narrow your choices (2-5 is ideal). Applying and getting accepted to 10 colleges does not help the decision making process.
- Know your deadlines: application, scholarship and FAFSA priority
- Notify your counselor after submitting your application to send in your transcript and any other supplemental materials (blue application processing form).
- Please note that some colleges utilize the Common Application.

Develop a Plan to Pay for Your Education



- Determine college costs
 - Every college website has what is called a Net Price Calculator to help you assess the cost of that school
 - Investigate all possible resources: parents, savings, employment, financial aid and scholarships
 - FAFSA4caster is a tool to help get an early estimate of financial aid eligibility (www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov)
- Parents, if you have not had a heart-to-heart with your child about the role you will play in financing their education, now is the time.

Financial Aid



- FAFSA now opens online on October 1 instead of January 1 and will use prior-prior year taxes (for you this means your 2018 tax return).
- What does this mean for your students?
 - We still don't know yet, but it may mean that the traditional college application timeline may be moved up.
 - This means that they may need to start doing more of the planning work now and over the summer and may have less time in the fall.
- Types of Financial Aid
 - Loans – subsidized and unsubsidized (have to pay back)
 - Grants – free money
 - Work Study – campus employment that is federally funded

Scholarships



- It's not too early for juniors to start researching future scholarship options.
- There are some scholarships juniors are eligible for, but most are applied for during the senior year.
- AHS Guidance site has a scholarship database that students can review and we would encourage students to register for an online scholarship database service such as FastWeb.

Parents ... Know Your Role

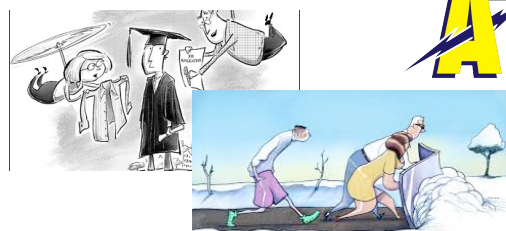


Not So Helpful Parent

- Makes the process about you
- Fills out forms, make phone calls, schedules appointments, and sending emails for student
- Plagiarizes and forges applications
- Pressures student

Helpful Parent

- Makes the process about the student
- Provides support in student filling out forms, making phone calls, scheduling appointments, and sending emails
- Proofreads and offers suggestions on applications
- Listens and guides student



Main Point: Parents and students must work together in the college/career planning process. Students need your help and encouragement, but need to be responsible for their own future. **STUDENTS MUST OWN THE PROCESS AND DECISIONS INVOLVING THEIR LIFE!**

Final Thoughts



- The more students do now during the junior year and over the summer, the easier it will be for them to navigate the senior year and make final decisions about their post-secondary plans.
- We will host senior/parent conferences with the school counselors at the beginning of next year to touch base and provide support as students work to finalize their plans.
- Financial Aid Night will be some time late September/early October to help get you started on the financial aid process.

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Visit the AHS Guidance Website for updates and information about programming for students.

Questions?

