

# Next Steps:

Forecasting for Senior Year and Beyond

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## Graduation

- Students must complete all required credits to earn their diploma and walk in the graduation ceremony.
- They must pass all (Reading, Writing and Math) State Exams.
- The Career Education Credit, senior project, and CRLEs are required for graduation.

## Recommendations:

- Keep at least 5 classes in your schedule all year.
- Make sure math and science are among the classes you pick.
- Be involved!
- Plan early for any post-high school plan you might want to pursue.
- If you are an athlete and want to play sports in college, become familiar with the NCAA and/or the NAIA Clearinghouse.

# Graduation Requirements- By The Numbers

## Class of 2015

### Credits

- English/Language Arts: 4
- Math: 3 (Algebra I and higher)
- Science: 3 (Physics, Chem, Bio)
- Social Sciences: 3
- PE: 1
- Health: 1
- Applied Arts: 3
- Electives: 5.5
- Career Ed: .5 (Senior project and any incomplete items from 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>)
- **Total Credits: 24**

### Essential Skills

- State testing
  - Reading (236 meets)
  - Writing (40 meets)
  - Math (236 meets)
  - Curriculum in classes is aligned with meeting Essential Skills
- Writing is tested once in Spring of 11<sup>th</sup> grade (students will do a portfolio in 12<sup>th</sup> grades if not meeting the above benchmark scores.)
- Senior Project

# Post-High School Options

- What is out there?
  - 4- year college options, 2- year college options, apprenticeships, internships, military, employment and GAP year.
- What do most Sunset students choose to do after High School?
  - In 2013, 58% of our students attended a 4- year college after graduation.
  - 12% attended a 2-year college after graduation.
- How do I plan for the path that is right for me?
  - Talk with your family and the people who know you best.
  - Meet with your CCC Aspire Mentor.
  - Meet with your counselor.
  - Research options online.
  - Attend Post High School Planning Workshops during senior year.
  - Attend Post High School Planning Nights during senior year.

# Basic College Admission Requirements

- C's and above in all of your classes.
- At least a 2.75 Cumulative G.P.A. at the time of application, for the least competitive colleges.
- At least a 3.0 cumulative GPA is preferred and/or necessary for colleges like PSU and OSU.
- SAT and/or ACT exam scores.
- The grades you have at the end of Junior year are the ones you apply to college with!

# Basic College Admission Process

- Most colleges have online applications and allow you to submit materials electronically. For example, Common App, Sendedu, or the schools site
- Students need to submit OFFICIAL test score reports for SAT and ACT. Send those directly to the colleges from the testing agencies.
- Students need to submit their official high school transcript. These can be requested in the counseling office, please allow 1 week for processing.
- Personal essays are almost always required.
- Letter of recommendations may or may not be required. For Public Colleges, they are not required, with a few exceptions.
- Follow all directions and timelines!

# Selective College Admission Requirements

- The average G.P.A. will be higher for these schools- generally 3.4 or higher.
- Higher scores on Standardized Exams- SAT/ACT
- The expectation is that students will continue with four years in core content areas (English, history, math and science) and a World Language.
- These colleges may have specific requirements such as one year of a fine art, an audition, portfolio or interview.

# Selective College Admission Process

- Applications, essays, letters of recommendations and transcripts are generally submitted on line: Common App, Sendedu, or the university's site.
- Official SAT/ACT scores need to be sent directly from the testing agency: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Secondary School Report to be sent in by your student's counselor. This includes a letter of recommendation and other data.
- Typically letters of recommendation are from your counselor and/or a teacher. Check the university's admission website for specifics.
- Mid-year reports including a mid-year transcript are also required.
- Scheduling an interview or audition may be required

# Letters of Recommendation

## Teachers

- Talk with prospective recommenders this spring.
- Provide a resume and summer contact information.
- Check in with those teachers as soon as possible in the Fall.
- Once you have your finalized list of colleges, provide that information to your recommenders along with electronic submission information, or pre-addressed stamped envelopes.
- Remember to track deadlines and to inform your recommenders of them.

## Counselors

- Talk with your counselor this Spring about your post-high school plans.
- Provide a copy of your resume and summer contact information.
- Due to the volume of requests, and the comprehensive nature of our letters, we need 4-6 weeks of prep time to prepare a letter of recommendation.
- There is a packet of materials that are requested. Please see the website for more details.
- If you are considering Early Action or Decision, see your counselor ASAP.

# Resources and Opportunities

- [www.beaverton.k12.or.us/schools/sunset](http://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/schools/sunset)
- Counselors
- Tutoring during 8<sup>th</sup> Period: Math, Science, English, History, Spanish
- 8<sup>th</sup> Period Workshops
- Favorite Website Handouts
- Career Information System
- College and Career Center
- Aspire Mentors
- College Rep Visits
- Post- High School Planning Nights
- College Tours and Local Events
- “Career Day” Events
- FAFSA Education Events

# Thank you!

Please remember to visit our website for more information about forecasting and post-high school planning.

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Thank you for coming, and good night!

Any Questions?

