

CASPEEL
CLASS OF
2025
ECAP

SENIOR YEAR



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2025

CURRICULUM AREA	CUSD CREDITS	IN-STATE UNIVERSITY CREDITS
English	4	4
Math	4	4
Lab Science	3	3
Social Studies	3	2
CTE/Fine Arts	1	1
World Language	0	2 (two years of same language)
Physical Education	1	0
Comprehensive Health	.5	0
Required Courses	16.5	16
Elective Courses	5.5	0
Total Required Courses	22	“Sweet” 16

***Must also
pass the
Civics Exam**

WHAT'S ON A TRANSCRIPT?

- **Demographic Information-** your name and address
 - Review your transcript and make SURE you have the correct school(s), classes, grades, & credits on there. You can see your transcript in your Infinite Campus Portal.
- **Term GPA** is your semester GPA vs. **Cumulative GPA**-all semesters combined–Weighted/Unweighted
- **Cumulative credit** (all semester credit combined)-should be at least 16 credits at beginning of senior year
- **Letter grade-** affects GPA
- **Pass/Fail-** does not affect GPA
- **Repeated courses-** once you pass a course with a higher grade the original class will have the weight zeroed out so that it no longer affects your GPA. The lower grade remains visible on the transcript but the weight is removed.
- **GPA:**Unweighted- used for in state college admission. Weighted- may be used for scholarships and certain colleges for admission. Reflects the honors and AP/IB courses being weighted heavier than on-level courses.
- **No Class Rank Reported in CUSD-** students are recognized under the Cum Laude system
- **Official Transcript Request-** through [Parchment](#) (direct link through Casteel Counseling Webpage)

2025 GRADUATION RECOGNITION

All CUSD high schools will be using the Cum Laude recognition program. This program will replace the concept of designating a valedictorian and salutatorian at graduation. Under the Cum Laude program more of our academically successful seniors will be recognized.

Three categories are awarded for superior work. This honor is based upon the **7th SEMESTER** grade point average. (GPA after first semester of senior year)

Cum Laude - meaning "with praise". To qualify a student must achieve a 3.75 - 4.24 weighted grade point average.

Magna Cum Laude - meaning "with great praise". To qualify a student must achieve a 4.25 - 4.49 weighted grade point average.

Summa Cum Laude - meaning "with the highest praise". To qualify a student must achieve a 4.5 - 5.0 weighted grade point average.

National Honor Society-Senior class students who are members of National Honor Society will receive their tassel/cord from the National Honor Society sponsor.

CORE GPA

Your core GPA is comprised of the grade points associated with your core classes. Your core classes are those that are reviewed for admissions, scholarships and placement into most universities.

- 4 English
 - 4 Math
 - 2 Social Studies
 - 3 Lab Sciences
 - 2 World Languages
 - 1 Fine Art or CTE
- (16 total)

How do you calculate your “Core” GPA?

[CORE GPA CALCULATOR](#)

COLLEGE OPTIONS

In-State

- Offer both public and private universities
- **University, college and community college options**
- Located in your home state
- **Affordable tuition**
- Housing optional (vary by college, if available)
- Commute options
- **Nearby family or support system**

Out-of-State

- Offer both public and private universities
- University, college and community college options
- **Explore a new area** and get outside your comfort zone.
- Meet **more people from different backgrounds** and be more incentivized to make new friends.
- You'll have **more independence** and get a feel for what it's like to live on your own.
- **Tons of choices!** If you're open to attending college out-of-state, you'll have a huge range of different types of schools

[Resource: Should you really go to college out of state](#)



You will be offered admission to UofA if you have a 3.0 or higher core GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) calculated using the “Sweet 16” required core courses

[Click Here to Apply to U of A](#)

TRI-UNIVERSITY

- Apply Now
- Self-Report
- Acceptance Letters to go out first week of September
- Preliminary Scholarship Letters to go out starting October

You will be offered admission to NAU if you have a 2.75 or higher core GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) calculated using the 14 required core courses:

- 4 years of high school English
- 4 years of high school Math
- 3 years of high school Lab Science
- 2 years of high school Social Science
- 1 year of high school Fine Arts/ CTE

[Click Here to Apply to NAU](#)



You will be offered admission to ASU if you have a 3.0 or higher core GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) calculated using the “Sweet 16” required core courses or if you have an ACT score of 22 or SAT score of 1120

[Click Here to Apply to ASU](#)



WUE

Western Undergraduate Exchange

- The Western Undergraduate Exchange is a program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).
- Students in western states may enroll in more than 160 two-year and four-year college in WUE schools/programs at a reduced tuition level
- Several Schools in the following states participate:
 - Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho,
 - Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon,
 - South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

[*WICHE/WUE WEBSITE](#)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHY COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

- Wide range of occupational & educational programs
- Earn a certificate and/or associate's degree(s)
- Transfer credits to universities
- Indecisive/Improve performance
- Cost effective



—OPEN ADMISSIONS—

10 Maricopa Colleges

[Link: Maricopa Community College](#)

—OPEN ADMISSIONS—

Central Arizona College

[Link: Central Arizona College](#)





TECH & TRADE SCHOOLS



Benefits of Going to Trade School



- **Lower Cost**
- **Faster Graduation Timeline**
- **Fewer Admission Requirements**
- **Small Class Sizes**
- **Real-World Experience**
- **Job Assistance**
- **Preparation for In-Demand Careers**-Trade schools prepare graduates to enter some of the best and most reliable careers available. These include essential professions, high-paying specialized careers, and fast-growing technical roles. Some of the best trade school jobs include skilled technician roles, such as wind turbine technician and solar photovoltaic installer. Essential careers — such as plumber, electrician, and ironworker — also tend to stay in high demand through the economy's ebbs and flows. (Info from: <https://www.bestcolleges.com/trades/7-benefits-trade-school/>)



Arizona Tech & Trade Schools (short list)

- Arizona Automotive Institute
- The Refrigeration School, Inc
- AZ Vocational Training
- East Valley Institute of Tech.
- Conservatory of Recording Arts
- UEI College
- AZ Medical Training Institute
- Carrington College
- Avalon, Empire Beauty School
- Cortiva Institute

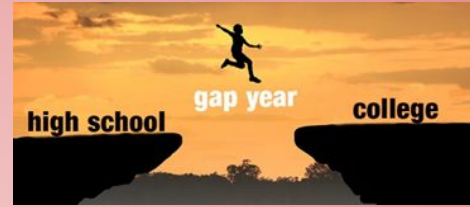
MILITARY CAREERS

Career options through each service branch

- Army
- Navy
- Space Force
- Marine Corps
- Air Force
- Coast Guard



Both students and parents need to be involved in the process



- Explore careers, humanitarian/mission service, travel, caring for others, etc.
- Potential benefits: network, exposure, improve skills, mature, and gain experience
- Gain and add experiences to resume

Scholarships/FAFSA

Scholarships can come from:

- Merit (college or university)
- Donor/Private
- Financial Need (FAFSA, etc.)
- Apply often!!
- **Senior Google Classroom** has many scholarships!
 - **Code: x7b53q2**
- Career Center [website](#)
- Apply to colleges early to be considered for merit scholarships
- Honors colleges may have additional scholarships
- Common Scholarship Databases:
 - Fastweb.com
 - Scholarship.com
 - **Chandler Education Foundation**
 - Going Merry

FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Colleges and career schools use the FAFSA form to determine how much financial aid you're eligible to receive, which could include grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.

- Opens December 1, 2024
- Annual renewal required
- Parents and Students must have FSA IDs

November 19th
5:30-7:30pm
CUSD FAFSA
Night, Perry HS

December 4th
5-7pm FAFSA
Open Lab in the
Career Center

Use your personal email when applying for scholarships and universities. When you use your CUSD email, emails from outside the CUSD80 domain are blocked. **This means you will not receive communication.**

TESTING

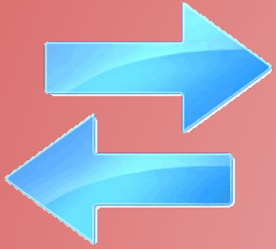
- Universities – ACT/SAT
 - Test scores may be sent to 4 colleges at no charge – this must be chosen and entered at the time of registration (more than 4 or after you take the tests, it is \$12 each)
 - Some universities require SAT/ACT Subject Tests
 - In-state schools do not require them for admissions
 - **Due to COVID-19, many schools are not requiring the ACT or SAT. Make sure to check directly with the schools you are interested in.**
 - [ACT Testing Dates](#)
 - [SAT Testing Dates](#)

- Community College Placement Test
 - Asset or EdReady

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- Required for some universities and scholarships
- Letters of Recommendation form available – Form is posted on our website.
<https://www.cusd80.com/Page/98492>
- Be Proactive (some programs require letters before fall break e.g., Common App, Questbridge, Flinn, Military Academy - Teacher input)
- **Allow your recommender at least 2 weeks to complete the letter** (Letters will not be written over breaks or holidays and does not count as the two-week notice.)
 - Appointment with the counselor is recommended

DUAL ENROLLMENT



- Credit transfer to in-state and some out-of-state colleges
- Verify on Course Equivalency Guide on AZ Transfer to see how credit may transfer - [aztransfer link](#)
- Dual Enrollment credit is reported on CGCC's transcript, not CCHS
 - **Be sure to request a CGCC transcript for your select college upon high school graduation**

Seal of Biliteracy

If you are working towards the seal of biliteracy, check your email and schedule a STAMP test by **Wednesday October 23, 2024.**

*Testing dates and details are listed in the google form

SENIOR YEAR TO-DO

Fall

- ❑ Narrow down list of colleges/universities/trade schools
 - ❑ Begin applying!!
- ❑ Start applying for scholarships
- ❑ Create FSA ID for FAFSA
- ❑ NCAA Athletes – Create account: [Eligibility Center](#)

TIME MANAGEMENT is extremely important this year. Schedule time in your day to research your post high school options and scholarships this fall!

Winter

- ❑ Complete FAFSA- **December 1st, 2024**
- ❑ Review second semester schedule to ensure you're taking the courses you need to graduate
- ❑ Use winter break to apply for more college scholarships

Senioritis is LEGIT
MAINTAIN Attendance
MAINTAIN performance
GET/REMAIN active and involved

Spring

- ❑ Watch for financial aid offers from college you have applied to
- ❑ Finalize post high school decision
- ❑ Notify schools if you will be attending
- ❑ Complete next steps (housing, schedule, payments, etc.)
- ❑ Contact Financial Aid Office at your college if you have questions

Decision making is a process, **it's okay to ask for guidance**

IMPORTANT DATES

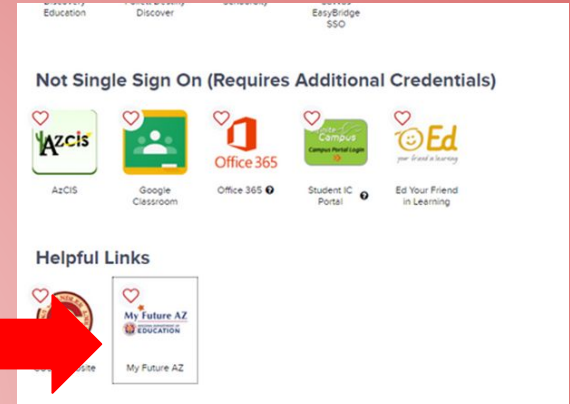
- December 1:** Cap and Gown/Announcements Orders Deadline
Jostens: 1-800-JOSTENS or www.jostens.com
- April 8:** Announcements/Cap, Gowns, Stoles pick up in Career Center
10am-1pm
- May 15 & 16:** Senior Final Exams
- TBD:** Mandatory Final Grad Practice, Breakfast
- May 23:** **GRADUATION at ASU Desert Financial Arena 2:30pm**

Students will use CLEVER to log in to My Future AZ.

Click below to get to CLEVER

[Link for CLEVER](#)

Then click 'My Future AZ' on the Clever page (see below)



Let's get to work!

Fill in the form to finish the setup.

Account Retrieval Email ⓘ

name2@example.com

Zip Code *

Grade Level *

Select Grade Level ▼

Birth Date *

Pick a date

School ⓘ ⓘ

Type and select the name of your school

By creating an account, I agree to the [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

Register →

You will see this screen when you first log in

Account Retrieval Email: Use your personal email if you have one, otherwise, leave this BLANK. DO NOT USE YOUR GSE email account!

Zip code: Your personal zip code

Grade Level: current grade

Birth Date: enter your birthday

School: Put the name of the school you attended LAST year.

Click On Graduation Goals

Grades 9-12 Career Planner

Welcome to your student dashboard. Use the tools below to start building your Education and Career Action Plan (ECAP).

Get all you can from your account

Use My Future AZ's resources to help assist in your college and career planning.

[View All Resources](#)

[Invite parents or guardians](#)



Career Interests Quiz



Career Exploration



Graduation Goals



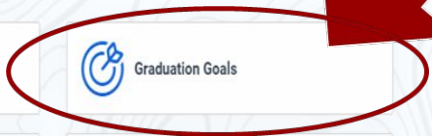
High School Course Planning



ECAP Tasks

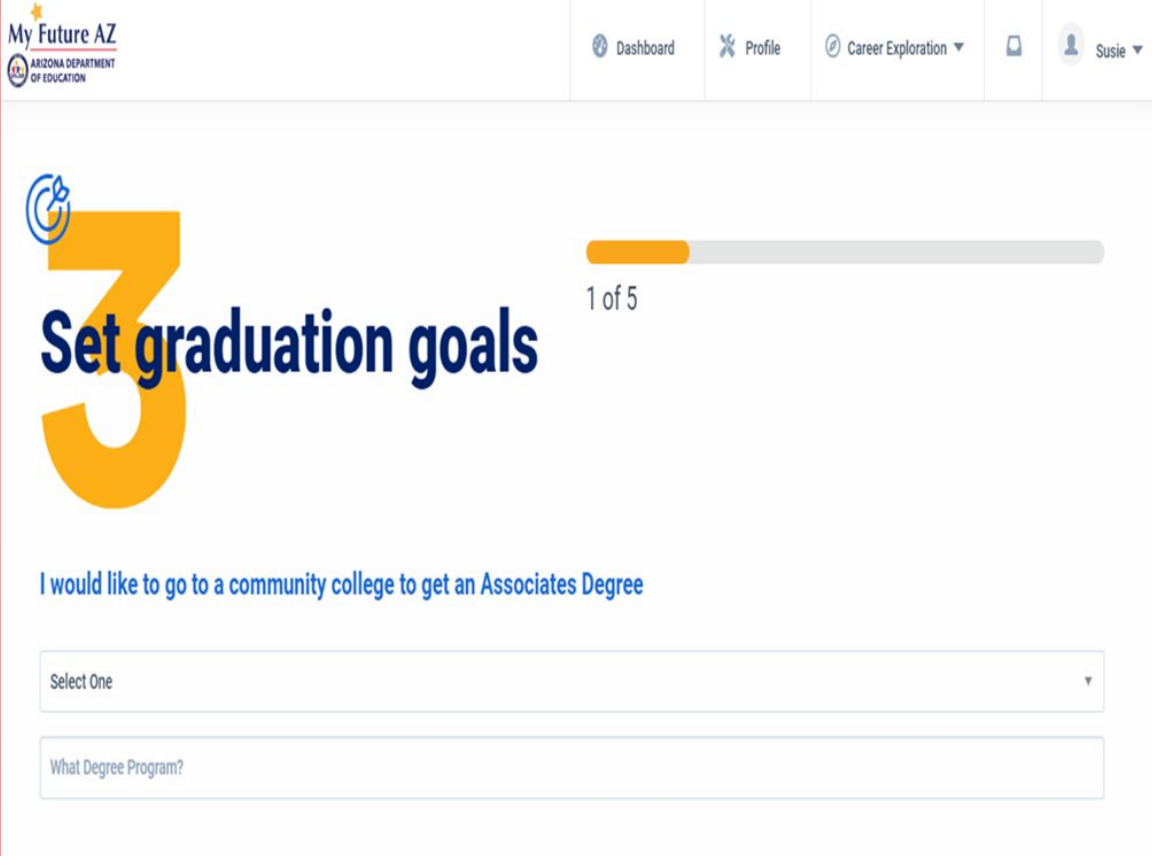


Build Your Courses



Fill Out Your Post Secondary Goals

Answer questions
and **Click Submit**
at the bottom.



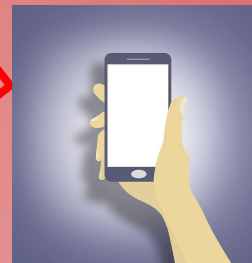
The screenshot shows the 'My Future AZ' website interface. At the top left is the logo for 'My Future AZ' with the Arizona Department of Education logo below it. The top right navigation bar includes links for 'Dashboard', 'Profile', 'Career Exploration', a lock icon, and a user profile for 'Susie'. The main content area features a large yellow number '3' with a small circular icon containing a graduation cap and a hand. To the right of the '3' is a progress bar that is approximately 20% full, with the text '1 of 5' below it. Below the '3' is the text 'Set graduation goals'. Underneath this is a blue text input field containing the sentence 'I would like to go to a community college to get an Associates Degree'. Below the text field is a dropdown menu with the text 'Select One' and a downward arrow. At the bottom is a text input field with the placeholder text 'What Degree Program?'.



Take a picture!

Send to parents!

PARENT APPROVAL- INFINITE CAMPUS 4 YR PLAN



THIS IS A SENIOR CHECK OUT AND ECAP REQUIREMENT.

How do I have my parent approve my 4-year Plan?

1. Go to Parent Portal in Infinite Campus
2. Click on Academic Plan on the right
3. Click on 'Next'
4. The next page will show the Academic Planner
5. Click on the box next to "I, your name, approve this academic plan parent/legal guardian"
6. Click Save

