



## A3's Post High School Planning Guide

Dear Guardians and Students,

A3's Post High School Planning Guide has been designed to assist students and guardians with college planning and post-high school options. Please be aware, all date, websites, data, information in this is a guide are **Subject to Change**.

If you have questions regarding college planning, please contact your Advisory teacher or Wendy Zacharias, A3 Counselor to schedule an appointment.

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# College Preparatory/Career Preparatory Checklists, By-Grade

8th grade year Forecast for classes to **Explore** areas related to educational and career interests

## 9th Grade College Preparatory Checklist

### October

Ask counselor or writing group teacher for advice and guidance  
Start getting into the habit of checking your email

### November

Schedule and present your Student Led Conference

### February

Explore and research colleges and careers via Naviance

### March

Schedule and present your Mid-Year Review  
Review your transcript and make sure you pass your classes so you are on track to graduate  
Always check your email  
Review graduation and post-secondary requirements

### April

Attend college visits and tours

### May

Forecast for classes offered in 10th grade to **Design** your plan for college/university entrance requirements

### June

Schedule and present your End of the Year Review

# 10th Grade Preparatory Checklist

## **October**

Take the PSAT

Ask counselor or writing group teacher for advice and guidance

Attend college visits and tours

## **November**

Schedule and present your Student Led Conference

Review your transcript and make sure you pass your classes so you are on track to graduate - make revisions if needed for graduation and major requirements

## **February**

Explore and research colleges and careers via Naviance

Prepare a resume

Update Common Application

## **March**

Schedule and present your Mid-Year Review including Internship and Major plans

Review your transcript and make sure you pass your classes so you are on track to graduate

Review graduation and post-secondary requirements

## **April**

Attend college visits and tours

## **May**

Forecast for classes offered in 11th grade to **Create** your plan for college/university entrance requirements

Submit Internship Application

## **June**

Schedule and present your End of the Year Review to declare your Major

# 11th Grade Preparatory Checklist

## **October**

Ask counselor or writing group teacher for advice and guidance  
Take the PSAT  
Start your OSAC personal statement and activities chart  
Start your college essays

## **November**

Schedule and present your Student Led Conference  
Review your transcript and make sure you pass your classes so you are on track to graduate - make revisions if needed for graduation  
Ask counselor or writing group teacher for advice and guidance

## **February**

Explore and research colleges and careers via Naviance  
Complete the FAFSA forecaster at [fafsa4caster.ed.gov](https://fafsa4caster.ed.gov)  
Take the ACT

## **March**

Schedule and present your Mid-Year Review  
Submit Senior Project Proposal to your Writing Group teacher and parents at the Mid-Year Review  
Review graduation and post-secondary requirements - check specific entrance requirements for college/university of interest

## **April**

Attend college fairs, preview days, college visits, and tours  
Meet required proficiencies for essential skills via Smarter Balanced or other approved options

## **May**

Forecast for classes offered in 12th grade; **Own** your plan for college/university entrance requirements - select challenging classes for your senior year  
Narrow down your list of colleges  
Submit Internship Application

## **June**

Schedule and present your End of the Year Review to declare your Major

# 12th Grade Preparatory Checklist

## **September**

Attend Financial Aid Night  
Ask counselor or writing group teacher for advice and guidance  
Review graduation and post-secondary requirements - check specific entrance requirements for college/university of interest

## **October**

Apply for FAFSA in early OCTOBER  
Meet required proficiencies for essential skills via Smarter Balanced or other approved options  
Retake the ACT or SAT if needed  
Know scholarship and financial aid opportunities and due dates

## **November**

Schedule and present your Student Led Conference  
Review SAR and make FAFSA corrections  
Apply to colleges - meet the deadlines  
Apply for scholarships - meet the deadlines

## **January**

**Refine** your OSAC personal statement and activities chart

## **February**

Submit your OSAC application

## **March**

Schedule and present your Mid-Year Review  
Review your transcript and make sure you pass your classes so you are on track to graduate - make revisions if needed for graduation  
Check your student profile on OSAC messages

## **April**

Compare financial aid awards letters  
Senior Project Completed  
Give copies of ALL letters of acceptance and scholarship awards to the Counselor

## **May**

May 1st is National College Commitment Day  
Give copies of ALL letters of acceptance and scholarship awards to the Counselor

## **June**

Schedule and present your End of the Year  
Review to obtain Honors in your Major

# Earning Your Diploma

The Academy of Arts and Academics and Springfield Public Schools believes that student success is our most important outcome. We are committed to upholding the dream of opportunity for each of Springfield's children, and we stand behind our vision of "Every Student a Graduate Prepared for a Bright and Successful Future." In 2007, the State Board of Education adopted new Oregon high school diploma requirements. These new requirements were designed to ensure that all students have the skills necessary for success in the 21st century.

## Credit Requirements (24 total)

- English: 4 credits
- Math: 3 credits (at the Algebra 1 level and higher)
- Science: 3 credits (scientific inquiry, 2 with lab experiences)
- Social Science: 3 credits
- Health: 1 credit
- PE: 1 credit
- Second Language/Art/Career & Technical Education: 3 credits
- Electives: 6 credits

## Essential Skills - - - **HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR THE CLASS OF 2021!!**

Beginning in 2012, the state began phasing in requirements for students to demonstrate that they are proficient in certain "essential skills" – skills that are deemed critical for future success – before they are awarded the diploma. These skills are:

- The ability to read and comprehend a variety of texts
- The ability to write clearly and accurately
- The ability to apply mathematics in a variety of settings

## Personalized Learning Requirements

Personalized learning, learning beyond the classroom, and connections to the adult world are critical for preparing each student, whatever path they take after graduation. The Personal Learning Requirements help personalize the diploma for each student and help students plan for their post-high school goals. Oregon requires students complete personalized learning activities as part of the graduation requirements.

# High School vs Some College Credit Requirements

Information Subject to Change

	High School Graduation Class of 2021	<b>Most</b> 4 Year Colleges Entrance Requirements	Difference
Language Arts	4 credits	4 credits	None!
Social Studies	3 credits	3 credits	None!
Math	3 credits	3 credits Integrated 1 + 2 Beyond	2 credits beyond Integrated 1
Science	3 credits	3 credits	None!
Applied Fine (includes World Language, Applied Art and Fine Art)	3 credits	2 credits of Spanish	*Note/Research difference by state
PE	1 credit	None	Not required for college!
Health	1 credit	None	
Other Subject	6 credits	1-2 <u>Core</u> Credits  Check with college for specific core area admission requirements. A <b>core elective</b> may be required in the areas of: science, social studies, language arts, math.	Note/Research the state/school
Total:	24 credits	14-16 Core Credits	

<p><b>In addition to the credits above, to graduate from high school you will need: (these are waived for the 2021 class)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pass Personalized Learning</li> <li>2. Meet or Exceed Essential Skills areas of: Reading, Writing, Math</li> </ol>	<p><b>In addition to the credits above, to qualify for a 4-year college you will need:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. High School Diploma</li> <li>2. GPA (Range 2.75-3.00 minimum)</li> <li>3. C- or better in all core classes</li> <li>4. Take SAT or ACT</li> </ol>
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## **Tips for your College Applications**

- If you need a recommendation, ask a teacher or counselor who knows you personally and is willing to write a **STRONG** recommendation. Counselors and teachers require at **LEAST** two weeks of notice for a letter.
- Make sure you have a complete application, including: fees, recommendations, transcripts, etc. **OR** make arrangements for these items to be sent.
- If you are asking for letters of recommendation and transcript to be uploaded, make sure you have updated, completed and **MATCHED** your Naviance account. If it's a paper application (rare), give the person (registrar, counselor or teacher) a stamped envelope addressed to the college where the additional forms are to be sent.
- Have at least one other trusted adult proofread your final application.
- Print a copy of the final application for your records.
- Submit the application online, through Naviance, Common App or mail (very rare) well before the deadline. Know when the schools begin accepting applications. The sooner your application is submitted, the sooner you will find out if you are accepted
- Students, not parents should fill out the applications.

## **IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS**

### **Early Action**

You are sending your college application in earlier than the regular application due date. The usual dates for early action are in November, December, or January. The college will then send you their decision some weeks later. Make sure and check if it is actually Restrictive Early Action or Single Choice Early Action. Be aware of additional restrictions some colleges have, some do not allow you to apply to any other colleges early if this is the case.

### **Early Decision**

You are committing yourself to attending this school if you get admitted. This is for early-bird students who have a clear first choice college. It is a contract between you and the college, if accepted you will withdraw all other college applications and attend the early decision college. You can apply Early Decision to only one college. Application deadlines are usually in mid-November, with a mid-to late- December decision.

### **Application Sites**

commonapp.org

## **Testing Sites**

ACT \$50.50 or \$67 w/ essay [ACTSTUDENT.ORG](https://actstudent.org)

SAT \$52 or \$68 w/ essay [SAT.ORG/REGISTER](https://sat.org/register)

## **Naviance**

Naviance is an online website that provides comprehensive information that students can access to learn about careers, colleges, scholarships, and four-year course planning. Students can access their Naviance account anytime from home or school. During the school year college representatives will visit with interested students. Students can use this website to apply for scholarships and apply to the college/university of their choice. <https://student.naviance.com/aaa> Login information is for current students: Login: 6 digit student number and Password: MM/DD/YYYY of their birth date

## **NCAA for College Athletes**

If you are planning to play sports at the college level, you need to register for the NCAA Clearinghouse. Register spring of your junior year. It is a student's responsibility to ensure they have the right credits earned for their division. There is a cost.

## **Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)**

This program allows students to pay less (usually 150% of that state's in-state tuition) to an out-of-state college to participating 2-year and 4-year colleges. Western States: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

## **ATTENTION SENIORS!!! READ CAREFULLY**

### **Common Application and Naviance**

Not all schools use Common Application. BUT if you are applying to LEAST TWO schools using the Common Application, it is worth using. Otherwise, use the college's regular application. Examples of Common App schools in Oregon are UO, OSU, Bushnell University, Willamette, University of Portland, Reed, Linfield, Lewis and Clark, George Fox and Pacific, and many out of state institutions.

If you are applying to schools using the Common Application you must **"Match"** your Naviance Account and your Common Application. After you have started your application with Common Application.

Login to your Naviance Account:

Under Colleges I'm Applying To

Find the red box: Common Application Matching, Sign the CA FERPA Waiver and Authorization - to match your Common App using your email address and birthdate.

**NEXT-** Notify your counselor, your counselor will upload all necessary documents, only if you have notified your counselor, a two (2) week grace period is required.

## What is Financial Aid?

Financial Aid is money to help pay for college including:

- **Grants & Scholarships** - are given as awards and do not require repayment.
  - **Work-Study Employment** - You may be eligible to participate in work-study employment. This includes an on-campus job which allows you to earn money for your education. Off-campus community service work opportunities are provided through the Federal Work-Study Program. On- and off-campus work-study employment assignments are coordinated by the Financial Aid Office.
- **Loans** - are borrowed from a lending institution. You are required to repay the loan amount and interest fees.

The **first step** to applying for Financial Aid is to apply for a FSA ID for BOTH you and your guardian, which stands for Federal Student Aid Identification. This can be done right now so you have it ready when you submit your application starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. Your FSA ID can be used each year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your Federal Student Aid records online. If you receive a FSA ID, you agree not to share it with anyone. The FSA ID serves as your electronic signature and provides access to your personal records, so you should never give your FSA ID to anyone, including commercial services that offer to help you complete your FAFSA. Be sure to keep your FSA ID in a safe place.

- Step 1: Apply For an FSA ID: Both student and guardian should apply.
- Step 2: FAFSA and CSS Profile. Check with the schools you are applying to!
- Submit as close to OCTOBER 1st of your senior year as possible. Due dates for CSS Profile varies by school. Fill out your financial aid form online at: FAFSA (EVERYONE should fill this out) and the CSS Profile (is needed for SOME private schools)
- **Step 3:** Your application goes to Federal Student Aid - then it is processed and sent directly to universities and colleges. Not to the student.
- **Step 3 1/2:** Student fills out college applications and sends to the College/University
- **Step 4:** You will get your Student Aid Report (SAR) from the schools you applied to. This will explain any grants and/or loans you qualify for and your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). This is generally AFTER the regular admission date in early spring.
- FREE money is in the form of grants (example: Pell Grant).
- **Step 5:** YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT THE AID THROUGH THE COLLEGE. CHECK EMAIL AND COLLEGE PORTALS FOR DUE DATES

**Scholarship** - Free money that does not need to be repaid

[OSAC Scholarships](#)

[Oregon Opportunity Grant](#)

[Oregon Promise Program](#)

[www.tfff.org/scholarships](http://www.tfff.org/scholarships)

[getcollegefunds.org](http://getcollegefunds.org)

[chegg.com/scholarships](http://chegg.com/scholarships)

[oregonstudentaid.gov/default.aspx](http://oregonstudentaid.gov/default.aspx)

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FAFSA: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid opens OCTOBER

## **CSS Financial Aid Profile**

Required by some (usually private schools) universities and colleges . Check first to see if this is a requirement for your schools **before** filling this out. Many of the member colleges, universities, and scholarship programs use the information collected on PROFILE to help them award non-federal student aid funds.

## **Grants**

Oregon Promise: Two almost free years of community college (tuition only, not fees/books) For full-time students, awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,800 per year (in 2019-20). The Oregon Promise award amount depends on your remaining financial need after you receive other state and federal grants. A \$50 co-pay is automatically deducted from the award each term. Lane Community College is approximately \$5000 per year for three terms at \$1650 per term. Financial need MIGHT be required  
Requirements to qualify:

- 2.5 GPA minimum
- Complete FAFSA and choose a community college within
- Complete Oregon Promise APPLICATION prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>
- APPLY at a community college in Oregon
- Start community college in the Fall Term (within 6 months of graduation)

Grants that may Covers Tuition and Fees for 4 years

State School	GPA	Appy by	Requirements
Oregon State Bridge to Success	3.4 *new in 2020 from 3.0	2/1	Pell Grant & Oregon Opportunity Grant Eligible
Portland State Four Years for Free	3.4	12/1	Pell Grant Eligible
University of Oregon Pathways	3.4	1/15	Pell Grant Eligible
Western Oregon Pell Plus	3.4	2/1	Pell Grant Eligible

Requirements:

Complete FAFSA to see if you qualify for the Pell Grant.

Meet admission requirements. Apply to at least one of these schools by admission deadline.

These are NEED based scholarships/Grants (qualify for the Pell Grant)

Financial qualifications are subject to change each year. There is NO separate application. Your FAFSA and college application are required. Your FAFSA Student Aid Report (login to FAFSA) will tell YOU if you're partial/full Pell Grant Eligible.

Scholarships

Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion 600+ Scholarships with ONE Application (is on the same website as Oregon Promise). IF you're applying to ANY public school in Oregon. FILL THIS OUT.

November 1st the application is available

February 15th @ 5PM PST Priority deadline for Early Bird

If error-free, enter a drawing for a \$1000 scholarship; many available

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## **Financial Aid Tips**

Never pay to fill out your financial aid form. This is a free application. **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Website: [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)

For undocumented students, please fill out the ORSAA

Don't know which one you should do? [Use this tool](#)

Submit the FAFSA until October 1<sup>st</sup>

Your guardians will use the year prior-prior taxes to fill out the form (this is a must)

Contact your financial aid officer if there was a significant change in income (loss of job, medical expenses, income, etc.). The college financial aid officers can make adjustments

For priority, you will want to submit the FAFSA in the month of October, November, December

You cannot submit before October 1st. You CAN submit after October 1st

Many scholarships (EVEN merit based) require that you submit the FAFSA

You and your guardian will need a FSA ID to sign your FAFSA

## **Scholarships Search**

### **SPS email**

National, state and local scholarship opportunities are sent to your email. This is sent throughout the year so check it often.

### **College and University**

Check at the colleges you are interested in. All schools have a Financial Aid page on their website. Click to Scholarship and there will be a list of scholarships that are available at that specific school.

### **Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion**

OSAC puts out a scholarship application each December. Within the OSAC scholarship site is the Oregon Promise. BOTH of these applications are online. The application is due March 1st 5PM PST and you **must** also submit the FAFSA. The "Early Bird Scholarship" deadline is February 15th 5PM.

## **WEBSITES**

Here are a few:

[OSAC Scholarships](#)

[Oregon Opportunity Grant](#)

[Oregon Promise Program](#)

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## **Military Information**

Each branch of the military has three categories of service offering college funding programs.

- Enlisted Service: Student enters service for a 2-5 year term; federal scholarship funds are available after a set amount of time served.
- Montgomery GI Bill and service college funds can provide \$ toward a college degree, depending on branch and term of service.
- If your guardian was enlisted and didn't use their GI Bill, inquire if it can be used for their dependants! 100% tuition assistance is also available for college courses taken off duty while on active duty.

## **Service Academies**

4 year scholarship: tuition, books, housing, food, medical, dental, plus monthly salary.

Summer military training and travel required.

Fiercely competitive selection process: strong emphasis on leadership, sports and physical conditioning, high scholastic scores, and AP math and science.

Must receive a congressional nomination, except for the Coast Guard Academy.

Ideally have requested an application prospectus by the summer before your junior year.

It's never TOO late to apply though. (Apply online)

Students must begin the application process by spring of their junior year or early senior year.

<b>US Military Academy</b> <a href="http://www.usma.edu">www.usma.edu</a> West Point, New York	<b>US Naval Academy</b> <a href="http://www.usna.edu">www.usna.edu</a> Annapolis, Maryland
<b>US Air Force Academy</b> <a href="http://www.usafa.af.mil">www.usafa.af.mil</a> Colorado Springs, Colorado	<b>US Coast Guard Academy</b> <a href="http://www.cga.edu">www.cga.edu</a> New London, Connecticut

### ROTC – Reserve Officer Training Corps

School	City	Tuition (2019-2020)	Tuition Assistance/Military Benefits AROTC: Army   AFROTC: Air Force   NROTC: Navy
Linn-Benton	Albany	\$5,105	AROTC Merit scholarship; NROTC: stipend, cost-free textbooks; AFROTC 2 to 4-year programs; military credit
Western Oregon University	Monmouth	\$9,768	AROTC Leadership labs, Field Training Exercises, book allowance, monthly stipend; AFROTC Arnold Air Society; military credit
Oregon State University	Corvallis	\$11,715	AROTC: annual book allowance, annual stipend; NROTC: full tuition, monthly pay, free uniforms, mentorship program; AFROTC Arnold Air Society; military credit
Corban University	Salem	\$33,040	ROTC stipend, full tuition, military credit
University of Portland	Portland	\$47,818	AROTC: textbook allowance, free uniforms, monthly stipend, room and board scholarship; AFROTC full tuition, tuition discount, room and board scholarship; military credit

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