



# **nsaa** COLLEGE PLANNING

*Learn all you need to know about...*

- **ECAP**
- **AP/Dual Enrollment**
- **PSAT/NMSQT**
- **SAT**
- **ACT**
- **The Application Process**
- **Common App**
- **FAFSA 101**
- **Scholarships**

# Meet Your College Advisors!

## ACADEMIC

- ❑ **Jo Anne Craig** - College Board PSAT, SAT, Dual and Concurrent Enrollment, Common App
- ❑ **Luke Young** - Common App & Application Essays
- ❑ **Jaimie Moldt** - ECAP & Scheduling
- ❑ **Martha Terzis** - Transcripts/Records
- ❑ **Valerie Craig** - AP Testing & Dual Enrollment

## ARTS

- ❑ **Kyllan Maney** - Visual Arts
- ❑ **Amy Abbruscato** - Performing Arts

# Google Classroom for College Planning

NSAA Google Classroom Code:

**Ot7s5ob**

Check it out for College Information and  
Scholarships

# Graduation Requirements

- ❑ 4 years of English
- ❑ 4 years of Math
- ❑ 3 years of Science
- ❑ 3 years of Social Studies
- ❑ 2 years of Foreign Language
- ❑ 9+ electives

= 25 Credits

60% > on the Civics Test (Class of 2026 must earn 70%)

# College Board

## PSAT / NMSQT

- Sophomores (10th) - Tuesday, October 17
- Juniors (11th) - Thursday, October 19
- 8:50 a.m to 12:30 -1:00
- Fee paid by NSAA
- Online with Bluebook test program

Contact Mrs. Craig - [jcraig@aznsa.com](mailto:jcraig@aznsa.com) with questions



# College Board

## PSAT / NMSQT

Study connected through SAT platform on Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/mission/sat>

Steps:

1. Know or create a [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) login account.
2. Go to Khanacademy.org, create an account
3. This link takes you to the page to link College Board to your Khan Account. <https://www.khanacademy.org/mission/sat>
4. Khan generates review material based on your strengths and areas of need on the SAT.

# SAT TEST DATES



Scan the code to register today.

OUR SCHOOL CODE IS:

0 3 0 4 0 7

## 2023 TEST DATES—PAPER SAT®



### REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES



### LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINES\*



## 2024 TEST DATES—DIGITAL SAT



### REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINES



### CANCELLATION DEADLINES



The SAT will transition to digital for U.S. test centers starting in March 2024. Visit [sat.org/digital](https://sat.org/digital) for more information.

Test dates and registration deadlines may change. Check [sat.org](https://sat.org) for updates.

## ACT TEST DATES

- <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>



# College Board

- **Fee Waivers - See Ms. Craig**
- **Accommodations (IEP/504 Plan)- See Ms. Craig**
  - *Accommodation requests are due 7 weeks prior to an exam*

# College Board

Plan for your future at College Board - Big Future:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVnJ0zFQkY0>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Common Application:

- <https://www.commonapp.org/>

# The Common App

## Common Application:

- <https://www.commonapp.org>

## Youtube tutorial:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfrxARf5hXo>

# The Common App

## Common Application:

1. Create account
2. Request an NSAA transcript
3. Fill out the Common App tab on your profile
  - Add NSAA as your school
  - Graduation: May 23, 2024

# The Common App

## Common App tab cont.

- **Graduating Class Size: 57**
- **Class Rank Reporting: Exact**
- **Rank Weighting: Weighted**
- **GPA Scale Reporting: 4**
- **GPA Weighting: Weighted**
- **Scheduling System: Semester**

# The Common App

4. College Search - add as many colleges as you are applying to

5. My Colleges: Fill out the questions

-Ferpa and Recommenders - sign ferpa waiver and add Luke Young, [lyoung@aznsa.com](mailto:lyoung@aznsa.com), or JoAnne Craig, [jcraig@aznsa.com](mailto:jcraig@aznsa.com) as counselors

- Invite teachers as recommenders (use school emails and ask the teacher 2 weeks in advance.)

# College Board

## AP - Advanced Placement Courses & Exams

- <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/course-index-page>

# Dual Enrollment

- Dual Enrollment college credit through Rio Salado College
- Registration extended to October 5. (Final date)
- See or email Mrs. Craig asap if you are applying late.
- **NSAA 2023-24 Courses: Government, Advanced Placement U.S. History, American Lit & Comp., Creative Writing, Jewelry & Metals, Textiles and Print Making, Art History & Literature, and 2 D**
- Courses may change year to year
  
- <http://www.riosalado.edu/programs/dual/Pages/default.aspx>



# Concurrent Enrollment

- **Concurrent Enrollment - College credit through Rio Salado College**
- **Fully Online with Rio Instructors (not NSAA teachers)**
- **Calculus and Statistics offered for advanced math students.**
- **Other courses (example - Japanese or Mandarin) can be taken for college credit (but they are fully online and may be difficult for some students)**
- **For concurrent classes to be used for high school credit, students must get approval from School Administration.**

# State of Arizona Diploma Seals



## Seal of Personal Finance

The Arizona Seal of Personal Finance program recognizes high school students who achieve a high level of proficiency in Personal Finance. The seal is placed upon the student's diploma and noted on their transcript.



## Seal of Fine Arts Proficiency

The Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency is the latest testament to a rich history of excellent arts education in the state. This diploma seal is administered by the Arizona Department of Education's Office of Arts Education and is awarded to graduates who complete minimum arts pathway requirements throughout their high school career.



## Seal of Civics Literacy

The Arizona Seal of Civics Literacy program recognizes high school students who achieve a high level of proficiency in Civics. The seal is placed upon the student's diploma and noted on their transcript.

More info @ [aznsaa.com/azseals](https://aznsaa.com/azseals)

# Tips for a Stellar College Application Essay

## 1. Write about something that's important to you.

It could be an experience, a person, a book—anything that has had an impact on your life.

## 2. Don't just recount—reflect!

Anyone can write about how they won the big game or the summer they spent in Rome. When recalling these events, you need to give more than the play-by-play or itinerary. Describe what you learned from the experience and how it changed you.

## 3. Being funny is tough.

A student who can make an admissions officer laugh never gets lost in the shuffle. But beware. What you think is funny and what an adult working in a college thinks is funny are probably different. We caution against one-liners, limericks and anything off-color.

# Tips for a Stellar College Application Essay

## 4. Start early and write several drafts.

Set it aside for a few days and read it again. Put yourself in the shoes of an admissions officer: Is the essay interesting? Do the ideas flow logically? Does it reveal something about the applicant? Is it written in the applicant's own voice?

## 5. No repeats.

What you write in your application essay or personal statement should not contradict any other part of your application—nor should it repeat it. This isn't the place to list your awards or discuss your grades or test scores.

## 6. Answer the question being asked.

Don't reuse an answer to a similar question from another application.

## 7. Have at least one other person edit your essay.

A teacher or college counselor is your best resource. And before you send it off, check, check again, and then triple check to make sure your essay is free of spelling or grammar errors.

# Research Your School Choices

Types of Schools:

# Private School - KCAI, SAIC, Evergreen, GCU

## Benefits:

- Specified curriculum for art specialty.
- Some art schools names can open doors to future professional opportunities.
- Mentors / Instructors can be working professional artist in their field with national recognition.
- Most of these schools provide job internships or gallery connections that can elevate career.
- Most of these schools have tuition scholarships.

## Drawback:

- Private Art schools are extremely expensive, even with scholarships and grants. Some students can graduate with over \$100,000 of student loans that they will need to pay back.

# State University - ASU, UofA, NAU

## Benefits:

- Cost significantly less than private schools
- Have state and department scholarships based on need and/or merit
- Students can diversify their majors – students can have an art major and an academic minor
- There can be a strong emphasis on Arts Entrepreneurship and Internships

## Drawbacks:

- They do not always offer direct jobs to major industries
- Lower division classes can be overcrowded and/or taught by teaching assistants.
- They do not offer advanced placement in art classes.

# Community College - MCC, SCC, GCC

## Benefits:

- Least expensive option
- Do not have to take SAT / ACT test
- Have small classes with tutoring services
- Smaller campus

## Drawbacks:

- Some only offer 2 year degree – Associates degree
- Do not have advanced placement in art classes
- Might not have specialized art classes - do some research



# Community College, State School, or Art School?

**Costs/Benefits depends on what you can afford and what you want to study.**

- Community College is the least expensive (offers many of the same pre-requisite classes) and they will provide a track to finish at a 4 year institution.
- State Universities offer more programs and more rigor, for students with high grades and high test scores, many scholarships exist.
- Art Schools and Out of State Institutions are cost prohibitive to many students. They are double the cost of an in-state school. Scholarships exist, but usually pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  or less of yearly expense.

# Trade School and Apprenticeship

## Benefits:

- Highly specialized training in a specialized job field or trade
- Training can be offered in a shorter time than a four year university
- May offer job placement once education has been completed

## Drawbacks:

- Training can be expensive
- Certification can only be applicable for certain jobs
- More training and certification may be needed in the future

# Tri-State University Support

ASU, NAU, and U of A working together to help students!

- <https://visit.asu.edu/tri-university/high-school-student-programming>

FAFSA Workshops:

- <https://visit.asu.edu/tri-university>

# Taking a Gap Year?

## Pros & Cons

- <https://www.thescholarshiphub.org.uk/pros-and-cons-of-a-gap-year/>

# FAFSA

New for 2024 College Applicants!

FSA I.D. required for both student and parent

Apply for IDs now!

<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

See next slide and handout.

FAFSA Opens in December 2023 this year because of the new changes!

## THE FIRST STEP TO FINANCIAL AID

# CREATING AN FSA ID

The Federal Student Aid Identification, also called the FSA ID, is the first step to completing your FAFSA. It is a username and password that students and parents create to access the FAFSA and electronically sign the form.



For Students and Parents with a Social Security Number

### STEPS TO CREATE AN FSA ID

VISIT: [STUDENTAID.GOV/FSA-ID/CREATE-ACCOUNT/LAUNCH](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch)

1. Click "Get Started"
2. Enter Personal Information
3. Create Username and Password
4. Verify your Email Address
5. Complete Challenge Questions
6. 2-Step Verification
7. Review and Submit
8. Make sure to write down or take a picture of your FSA ID username and password as a reminder!
9. Repeat the process to have your parent create an FSA ID, too! They will need to input their information and a separate email address.

*PLEASE NOTE: If your parent(s) do not have Social Security Numbers, they cannot create FSA IDs at this time, but they will be able to do so later this fall. More information on this process to come!*

### WHO NEEDS TO CREATE AN FSA ID?

All students need to create an FSA ID and likely your parent(s) or spouse. When you fill out the FAFSA, it will determine if you need to include your parent's information. Generally, unmarried students under the age of 24 are considered dependent upon their parents. Use the graphic to the left to determine who needs to create an FSA ID.

CONTRIBUTORS		SCENARIOS
STUDENT All students must create an FSA ID	ONE PARENT	If you are a dependent student with two married parents who filed a joint federal tax return in 2022.  If you are a dependent student with separated or divorced parents. The parent who provided you with the most financial support in the last year AND parent's current spouse if they married since January 1, 2023, OR if parent was remarried prior to this date but filed taxes separately from the current spouse.
	BOTH PARENTS	If you are a dependent student with two married parents who filed separate federal tax returns in 2022.  If you are a dependent student with two parents who are unmarried but living together.
Married Student	SPOUSE	If you are a married student who filed taxes separately in 2022 from your current spouse.
Married Student	STUDENT ONLY	If you are over the age of 24, OR married, and filed joint federal tax returns in 2022.



# Scholarship Information

**ASU:** <https://scholarships.asu.edu/scholarship-search>

**U of A:** <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships>

**NAU:** <https://nau.edu/office-of-scholarships-and-financial-aid/freshman-merit-based-tuition-scholarships/>

**Private Scholarships:** <https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>

**Big Future:** <https://pages.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

# TylerSIS Portal

Access via our website ([aznsaa.com](http://aznsaa.com))

1. Go to “School Resources”
2. Click “TylerSIS Portal” transcripts are viewable online.

## Log-in Codes

- Contact Jaimie Moldt for password information if you need it, [jmoldt@aznsa.com](mailto:jmoldt@aznsa.com)



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