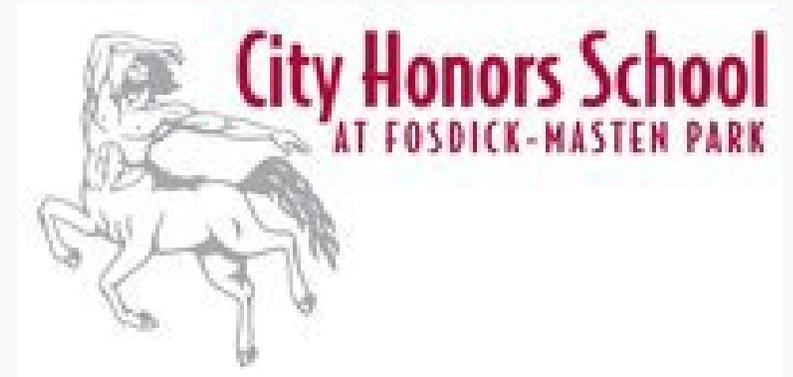


# COLLEGE PLANNING AT CITY HONORS



College Planning Kickoff Night

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

# City Honors Graduation Requirements

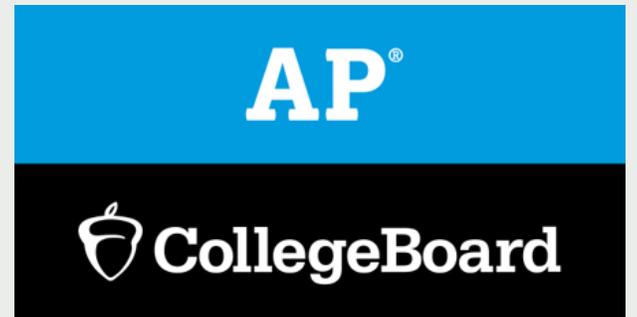
- 4 credits – English
  - 4 credits – Math
  - 4 credits – Social Studies
  - 4 credits – Science
  - 3 credits – World Language
  - 2 credits – Physical Education
  - .5 credit – Health
  - 1 credit – Art or Music
  - 3.5 credits - Electives
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- **2026-27 schedule forms are due to the School Counseling Office by Friday, February 27th!**

# Grades

- It's not too late to improve Junior year grades!
- If a student needs help:
  - Consult with your teachers for extra assistance and resources.
  - Talk to your school counselor.
- Final course grades and Regents exam grades will appear on the transcript.
- This is year 3 of the high school transcript and last year to calculate your high school GPA.

# AP & IB Exams

- End of April to the end of May
- This is a chance to earn college credits.
- Review your study materials.



# College Admissions Tests

- SAT
  - Offered in March, May, June, August, October, November, and December
  - SAT School Day – Tuesday, March 31!
  - 4 sections, 2 areas: Critical Reading and Math
  - College Board discontinued the optional essay and SAT subject tests in 2021.
- ACT
  - Offered in April, June, September, and October
  - Tests Reading, Math, and Scientific Reasoning

# Planning Ahead

- **NACAC College Fair – 3/18/2026**
- **Attend open houses at colleges.**
- **Attend visits with college representatives here at CHS!**
- **Senior folders will be distributed in the early Spring.**
- **Junior reviews will begin in the Spring.**



# College Applications

- The Common App and SUNY App are the most common.
- Know which application the schools on your list will accept.
- Prices per application per school range from free to \$85.
- SUNY Free Week - end of October
- Applications open 8/1, but don't submit until you've had your senior review in the Fall.



# Types of Admissions

- **Early Decision - binding**
- **Early Action – non-binding**
- **Regular Decision – You apply by the January/February deadline.**
- **Rolling Admission – You can apply until the school's seats are filled.**

# Letters of Recommendation

- Ask 1-2 teachers who know you well.
- Ask different teachers who can highlight separate strengths and different qualities.
- Your school counselor will also have to write you a letter.
- Give the schools what they're asking for and stick to their limits.
- Provide the person you ask with your academic/activities resume, brag sheet, or letter of recommendation questionnaire.

# The College Essay

- Needed for your college application.
- This is where your voice comes through within the college application.
- Can often be used for scholarship application essays.
- Choose a topic that is important to you and had an impact on your life.
- Make sure your essay is reflective. What have you learned? How has it changed you?
- Start early, make edits, and have an adult look it over.

# FAFSA

Federal **Student** Aid  
An office of the U.S. Department of Education



**Higher Education  
Services Corporation**

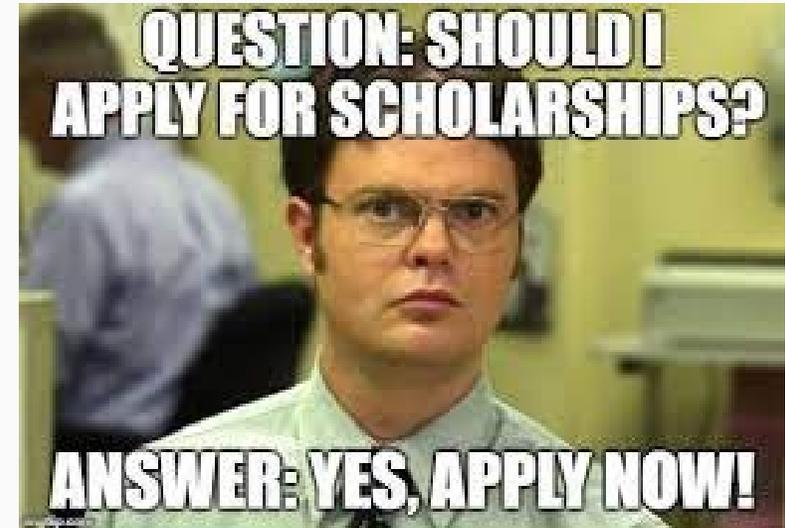


 CollegeBoard

**CSS Profile™**

# Scholarships

- You can apply for local, regional, and national scholarships.
- Start searching and applying for them early. Deadlines come quickly!
- We post them to the Schoology group and website as soon as we receive them.
- Don't leave free money on the table!



# For Students to Do

## SPRING

- Meet with your school counselor. Junior reviews will begin in the spring.
- Get involved at school or in the community.
- Determine what your future career goals are.
- Create a resume or brag sheet to give your recommenders.
- Register for the ACT/SAT and start studying.
- Prospective college athletes: Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center or NAIA.

## FALL

- Meet with your School Counselor for your senior review.
- Re-take the ACT or SAT if needed (September, October, or November).
- Know what the deadlines are for your colleges of interest.
- Begin completing college applications.
- Create your FSA ID. Complete FAFSA and TAP.
- Complete the CSS Profile (if applicable).
- Complete the Say Yes application when it opens.
- Start researching and applying for scholarships.

# CHS School Counseling Webpage and Schoology Group

- This is where additional information can be found.
- Students will need to check the Schoology group OFTEN!
- What you will find:
  - Updated college visit schedule
  - College and career information
  - Financial aid information
  - Volunteer, job, and summer program opportunities
  - Scholarship opportunities

# City Honors School Counselors

- Mrs. Alexis Wright – [ACWright2@buffaloschools.org](mailto:ACWright2@buffaloschools.org) (A-G)
- Mrs. Christie Allman – [CMAllman@buffaloschools.org](mailto:CMAllman@buffaloschools.org) (H-O)
- Ms. Sandy Dunkleman - [SMDunkleman@buffaloschools.org](mailto:SMDunkleman@buffaloschools.org) (P-Z)

You may always call the main office at (716)816-4230 and ask to speak with your child's school counselor.