



HIGLEY HIGHLIGHTS



This *Higley Highlights* is a special edition for our classroom units. You will find an abundance of information about careers, community colleges, colleges, scholarships, NCAA, ACT/SAT/PSAT tests, military opportunities, job opportunities and much more. Please take time over the next few days to read this and share this information with your parents. Pick up all future copies of *Higley Highlights* in the Career Center or Counseling Office.

*A public service from the Higley High School
Counseling Department and Career Center
www.husd.org*

Visit the Career Center

Make Mrs. Ortega your next best friend!
480-279-7333 – Jacqueline.Ortega@husd.org

This is where you can find information about Scholarships, college visits, Military and More!

Volunteer Opportunities

Many Knights get involved in volunteer activities, which is a great way to give back to your community and help others. Many scholarships specifically reward students who significantly contribute to their school/community. Check out the Career center for available volunteer opportunities.

Know who your Counselor is

Your counselor can help you when you have concerns with your academics, peer/social issues and More!

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COLLEGE VISITS & EVENTS AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

ASU	8/30/11	9:20/ 3 rd Hour-Library
U of A	9/1/11	9:20/ 3 rd Hour-Library
Chandler-Gilbert Comm. College	9/13/11	7:20/ 1 st Hour-Library
Mesa Comm. College	9/14/11	8:20/ 2 nd Hour-Library
Univ. of Alabama	9/21/11	10:00/ Part of 3 rd Hour- Career Center
Juniors & Seniors ONLY – College Fair	9/26/11	9:30-10:30 – Large Gym
Grand Canyon Univ.	9/29/11	7:20/ 1 st Hour-Career Ctr.
*National College Fair – (Sunday)	10/2/11	11:00am-3:00pm- Phoenix Civic Plaza
*Op Shop	10/3/11	6-8pm-Dobson High School



CHECK OUT
THESE
COLLEGE
EVENTS &
MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS!

Students MUST obtain a pass from the Career center PRIOR to College visits and events

Seniors may visit with college representative 1st semester ❖ Juniors & Freshmen students may join in college visits 2nd semester

We Welcome and encourage parents to attend college visits

MILITARY RECRUITERS

The Military has fantastic options for career development and post high school education/training. Military recruiters are available in the cafeteria during lunches according to the following schedule:

MONDAY - Army: Staff Sgt. Mario Barragan – 480-855-4469

TUESDAY – Air Force: Staff Sgt. Joshua Kreutzer – 480-786-4953

WEDNESDAY - Marines: Sgt. Barret Ortega – 480-786-5329

THURSDAY - Navy: Petty Officer – Cody Baker – 480-654-1773

FRIDAY – Army National Guard: TBD



**Seniors and Juniors may meet with recruiters in the career center

Sophomore and Freshman students **must have a parent present

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ASVAB – Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

The ASVAB is a student testing program designed to identify your aptitudes and help you develop future educational and career plans. This is an excellent tool to help you discover career areas that match your aptitudes. The ASVAB is open to all juniors and seniors, not just those who plan to join the military. Listen to announcements for more details and when to sign up for the ASVAB.

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...AIMS-AIMS-AIMS

Remember Passing all the AIMS tests is required for high school graduation.

Tuesday, October 25-27 - Juniors/Seniors who have not yet taken or passed AIMS or want to retest to “exceed”

AIMS Website: www.ade.az.gov (Arizona Department of Education)

Click on: “Standards & Assessments” then click on “AIMS Sample Tests” and choose your practice test by grade level.

Be attentive to the requirements for the High Honors Tuition Scholarship (see details on following page)



And do your best.

2012 HIGH HONORS TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

The State of Arizona offers a tuition waiver at the 3 state universities for 2012 high school graduates who met **ALL THREE** of these criteria:

► **Criterion #1:**

- a) A SCORE OF “EXCEEDS” ON ALL THREE AIMS TESTS by the **END of the JUNIOR Year** or
- b) A SCORE OF “EXCEEDS” ON TWO AIMS, “MEETS” ON ONE AIMS AND A SCORE OF “3” OR BETTER ON TWO ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS.

AND

► **Criterion #2:**

A FINAL UNWEIGHTED GPA OF 3.5 OR BETTER IN THE 16 CORE COURSES (below) or A FINAL CLASS RANK IN THE **TOP 5%**.

AND

► **Criterion #3:**

- a) SEMESTER GRADES OF “B” OR BETTER IN ALL 16 CORE COURSES REQUIRED FOR ARIZONA UNIVERSITY ADMISSION or
- b) AN ACCEPTABLE SCORE ON THE AP EXAM FOR THAT COURSE (see back.)

- English (Writing or Literature) 4 credits (8 semester grades)
- Math (Algebra, Geometry & up) 4 credits (8 semester grades)
- Lab Science 3 credits (6 semester grades)
- Social Studies 2 credits (4 semester grades)
- World Language (same lang.) 2 credits (4 semester grades)
- Fine Arts (not Practical Arts) 1 credit (2 semester grades)

WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR

- Be sure to take a full credit of FINE arts. (Art, Music, Theatre or Dance only.)
- HHTW RETAKES ARE LIMITED TO THE JUNIOR YEAR. However, you can still sign up to exceed. Sign up in advance in the Counseling Office.
- If you get a “C” semester grade in a required credit, consider immediately repeating that course for no credit. A higher grade will count both for the HHTW and in your GPA. Since courses are taken IN SEQUENCE, you must do this RIGHT AWAY. Don’t wait--See your counselor!
- If you are enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, TAKE THE EXAMS!
- Seniors: Be very careful about your grades during your final semester!
- You do not have to apply for this scholarship. HHS will submit the names of qualified students to the state during the summer after graduation.
- The HHTW program may change at any time. Watch for updates at:
<http://www.ade.state.az.us/asd/tuitionwaiver/>.





College-Bound Seniors:

This to-do list will help you juggle your many tasks.

The time has arrived for you to be involved in the college application process. This can be an overwhelming task for you & your parents. Here are some reminders to keep you headed in the right direction.

1. Fill out applications early and get them in! The earlier you apply the better chances you have to be considered for the biggest portion of the “financial aid pie.”
2. Ask the Registrar’s Office to send an official transcript to the college **at least** two weeks in advance.
3. Be on the lookout for scholarship opportunities. The Career Center is an excellent resource and scholarships are listed in **Higley Highlights**.
4. Make sure you have taken the SAT/ACT. You can pick up packets in the Counseling Office and Career Center or register online at www.collegeboard.com (SAT) and www.actstudent.org (ACT). Pay attention to registration deadlines. Remember to indicate the high school code 030163 on the registration form. (Tip: When you register for the test, you can have your scores sent to four colleges of your choice **free** of charge).
5. Take advantage of the visits from college representatives. All of the Arizona universities come to Higley High through out the year visit with students. They are a wealth of information and a great connection for you to make. Check out the schedule in the Career Center and also in **Higley Highlights**. Sign up to attend in the Career Center.
6. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, January 19, 2012 6pm-8:30pm** (Higley Center for Performing Arts) when Higley High will host its “Financial Aid/Scholarship” night. This will be an opportunity for you and your parents to learn about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This form must be completed after January 1, 2012, to qualify for financial assistance. Representatives from state universities and community colleges will also be present to discuss scholarship/financial aid opportunities from their institutions.
7. It is important to put together a resume. You can get a sample in the Career Center/Counseling Office.
8. If you need letters of recommendation from teachers or your counselor, please make sure you ask a minimum of two weeks in advance and complete request for recommendation form.
9. **PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES:**

U of A:	Date has changed-see Career Center
ASU:	Date has changed-see Career Center
NAU:	Apply now.
10. **Whew!!!!** Take a deep breath! You will survive this process!

College Admission Vocabulary

Early Action: Used primarily in highly selective colleges. Under Early Action, you follow an accelerated application process and apply by November 1. You will be notified of a decision by mid-December. If you are accepted, you do not have to let the institution know your decision until May 1. Pay attention to the specific information from the individual college regarding early action.

Early Decision: An admission plan offered to well-qualified applicants who are definitely committed to their choice of college. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance or refusal by December 1. Acceptance under Early Decision requires you to withdraw applications at all other colleges. Pay attention to the specific information from the individual college regarding early decision.

Open Admission: A policy of accepting students without regard to the criteria of rank, grade point average, and test scores.

Regular Admission: Application process that requires application materials to be submitted no later than the specified deadline printed in the college catalog or on the application form. Admission responses are usually received from March 15 to April 15.

Rolling Admission: Admission plan in which a completed application is acted on as soon as it is received. Students are admitted on a continuing basis.

ON THE ROAD TO COLLEGE: GETTING ORGANIZED

Prior to your Senior Year

- Take the PSAT in October of your sophomore and/or junior year
- Complete a resume and file a copy in the Counseling Office
- Take the SAT/ACT at the end of your Junior year
- Athletes check with your counselor regarding NCAA Clearinghouse information by end of your Junior year
- Register for challenging courses for your senior year. Do not get by with just the minimum requirements!!
- Begin identifying the colleges that match your interests

September

- Register for the ACT, SAT I, SAT II (if needed)
- Sign up in the Career Center to attend visits by college and community college representatives
- Stay focused on academic excellence—colleges do take note of your academic commitment in the senior year
- Narrow your list of potential colleges. Always have in-state schools as a back up
- Continue research on scholarship opportunities via internet and the Career Center

October

- Review for ACT/SAT. Check in your Counseling Office or Career Center for supports
- Note college application deadlines
- Request transcripts
- Plan your essay topics if necessary.
- Make sure you send ACT/SAT scores to the colleges of your choice
- File any early-action or early-decision applications
- Always ask for letters of recommendation at least two weeks in advance of the due date
- If you are an athlete and you think you might compete in college, register with the NCAA Clearinghouse
- Attend Financial Aid/Scholarship Night

November

- Photocopy your application materials and use the photocopy as a worksheet
- Finalize your college essays. Ask for feedback from your English teacher
- Check deadlines with the people who are writing your recommendations
- Give counselors the school report sections of your applications

December

- Finalize your college applications, and make copies of everything!
- Proofread and polish essays
- Request from the Registrar's Office that your transcripts be sent directly to the colleges
- Mail applications

January

- Pick up the Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA) and the Financial Aid Profile (if needed)
- Prepare FAFSA and, if needed, the Profile
- Continue to search and apply for scholarships

February

- Verify with the Registrar that the Mid-Year Report has been sent to every college that requires one
- Mail your FAFSA form if you have not already done so
- Look for various state and local scholarship opportunities. Many have deadline dates between February and May
- Confirm with college admissions offices that all application materials have been received

March

- Continue to explore scholarship opportunities. Tell colleges of new achievements
- When you receive the Federal Student Aid Report, review it for accuracy

April

- Receive decisions. Visit campuses. Notify the college of your acceptance and return appropriate paperwork
- Notify schools that you will not attend of your decision

May

- Take advanced placement and final exams
- Thank parents, teachers, school personnel, employers, friends, etc. who have helped you complete both your entire educational journey as well as the college application process
- **GRADUATE!!!**

Arizona University Information

Competency Requirements for all Arizona Universities

16 Core Courses

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English
4 years English composition /literature-based courses ▪ Mathematics
4 years including: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and
1 year for which Algebra II is a prerequisite ▪ Foreign Language
2 years of the same foreign language ▪ Fine Arts
1 unit of a combination of 2 semesters of fine arts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Laboratory Science
3 years, 1 year each from one of the following: biology,
chemistry, earth science, integrated sciences, physics ▪ Social Science
1 year of American History plus
1 additional year of social science
(Anthropology, European history, Geography,
Government, World history) |
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ASU & NAU Admission Requirements

www.asu.edu ☀ www.nau.edu

Applicants must be a high school graduate, meet competency requirements, and meet **one** of the following criteria:

- 3.0 GPA or higher in competency core courses (Must complete 16 core courses)
- **OR** rank in the top 25% of graduating class
- **OR** ACT score of 22 or better
- **OR** SAT score of 1040 or better (based on reading & math only, not incl. writing)

U of A Admission Requirements

www.arizona.edu

ASSURED ADMISSION: Must have the following

- Top 25% class rank
- **and** meet academic competency requirements (16 core classes)
- **and** no deficiencies

SELECTIVE ADMISSION: If you **do not meet Assured admission** criteria, you will be considered for **Selective admission**. Factors considered in **Selective admission** are:

- GPA
- ACT and SAT scores
- Application Essay

An Overview of the Higher Education Process

Degree:	Awarded by:	Length:	Provides:
Certificate (Cert)	Community College or Trade/Technical School	6-24 mo.	Concentrated training for a specific career
Associate of Applied (AAS)	Community College or Trade/Technical School	2 years	Concentrated training for a specific career + Science minimal amount of academic coursework
Associate of Arts (AA) Associates of Science (AS)	Community College	2 years	Some training for a specific career or major + general coursework designed to transfer to 4-yr program
Bachelor of Arts (BA) Bachelor of Science (BS)	College or University	4 years	Requires general education courses/electives geared to a specific major; needed for many professions.
Bachelor of Fine Arts	College, University, or Conservatory	4-5 years	Concentrated studies in an area such as art, (BFS) music, dance, or theater.
Master of Arts (MA) Master of Science (MS)	College or University	4 + 2 years	Concentrated studies in a specific area beyond the bachelors degree.
Philosophiae Doctor(PhD) University		4 + 2 + 2 years	Highest degree offered. Length of study may vary.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPTIONS:

Not sure if a 4-year college is right for you? Why not consider advantages of the community college.

- Provides a reasonably priced education to local residents.
- Offers flexible class schedules.
- Allows students to transfer to the university after completing approximately 2 years of credits or students can complete a program in a specific career area.

MCC & MCC at Red Mountain: SENIORS who plan to attend MCC or MCC at Red Mountain in the fall must take the ASSET placement test prior to registering for classes. The ASSET test is an assessment that determines the level of reading, writing, and math classes the student will be scheduled into for the fall.

Mesa Community College: One college with two convenient locations: Dobson & Southern or the Red Mountain campus. Specialty areas include fire science technology, mortuary science, nursing, and biotechnology to name a few.
www.mc.maricopa.edu.

Chandler-Gilbert Community College: Many courses offered with specialty programs in education, aviation, and computer networking. www.cgc.maricopa.edu.

Scottsdale Community College: Offers a traditional liberal arts program with specialty areas in culinary arts, hospitality and tourism management, theatre arts, and equine science.
www.sc.maricopa.edu.

Healthcare Careers: The Maricopa Community colleges have a variety of healthcare programs including dental assistant, dental hygienist, diagnostic medical sonographer, medical assistant, nursing programs, respiratory therapist, physical therapy assistant, massage therapist and more. Information is available in the Career Center.

The Virtual Career Center: For information on career guidance, job descriptions, salaries, scholarships, employment outlook, resumes, and much more visit www.mc.maricopa.edu/stuserv/career.

Financial Aid and Scholarships: There are many opportunities for scholarships through the Maricopa Community Colleges. Scholarship applications are available in the Career Center.

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HELPFUL WEB SITES:

www.asu.edu:	Arizona State University	www.mc.maricopa.edu:	Mesa Community College
www.east.asu.edu:	Arizona State University East	www.cgc.maricopa.edu:	Chandler-Gilbert Comm.college
www.nau.edu:	Northern Arizona University	www.fastweb.com:	Scholarship search web site
www.arizona.edu:	University of Arizona	www.finaid.com:	Scholarship search web site
www.byu.edu:	Brigham Young University	www.collegenet.com:	College search web site

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PARENTS & COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS

College Strategies Workshop Tuesday, November 1, 2011
Higley Center for Performing Arts – 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

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| ✓ Financial aid – FAFSA | ✓ Athletics |
| ✓ Scholarships/Grants | ✓ Some colleges visiting |
| ✓ College information | ✓ Question & Answer session |

You won't want to miss this information!
Especially for Juniors and Seniors

Senior Sites

Search Engines

- www.google.com
- www.cuil.com

Financial Aid & Scholarship Sites

- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.fastweb.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.sss.gov (Selective Service Registration) All males must register to qualify for financial aid.

Colleges, Technical Schools, & Military Sites

- Arizona State University – www.asu.edu
- Northern Arizona University – www.nau.edu
- University of Arizona – www.arizona.edu
- Brigham Young University – www.byu.edu & www.besmart.com (BYU Admission Issues)
- Maricopa Community Colleges (MCC, Rio Salado, etc) – www.maricopa.edu
- Eastern Arizona College – www.eac.edu
- Scottsdale Culinary Institute – www.scichefs.com
- Art Institute of Phoenix – www.aipx.artinstitutes.edu
- U.S. Army – www.goarmy.com
- U.S. Air Force – www.airforce.com
- U.A. Navy – www.navy.com

College Entrance Testing & Assessment Sites

- SAT (University Entrance Exam) – www.collegeboard.com
- ACT (University Entrance Exam) – www.actstudent.org
- ASSET (Community College Placement Exam) – www.mc.maricopa.edu/students/testing

Career Interest Inventory

www.azcis.intocareers.org

- Username: higleyhs
- Password: 4azcis02

Career Related Sites

- www.careerbuilder.com
- www.monster.com
- www.az-jobs.com
- Also, check out business's websites for career opportunities listed on their sites

No access to the internet at home? Check out the local library

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Looking for Scholarships?

Log onto www.fastweb.com to help you search for scholarships.



SAT or ACT?

SAT

www.collegeboard.com

Test Fee: \$45.00
Test Purpose: Designed to measure aptitude in verbal and numerical reasoning.
Test Content: **Critical Reading**
 Sentence completion, vocabulary in context, and critical reading passages in humanities and social sciences
Mathematics
 Arithmetic, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry.
 May use calculator.
Writing Test required
 Multiple-Choice Grammar and a 25-minute essay
Scoring: Scores adjusted for guessing; based on # of right answers minus a % of wrong answers.

ACT

www.actstudent.org

Test Fee: \$31.00 (no writing) \$46.00 (with writing)
Writing test is optional (30 minute essay)
Test Purpose: Measures achievement in English, math, reading, & science reasoning. Test contains analytical & problem-solving exercises.
Test Content: **25% English**
 Usage/mechanics: punctuation, grammar and usage, sentence structure, rhetorical skills.
25% Mathematics
 Pre-Algebra, Intermediate Algebra & Coordinate Geometry, Plane Geometry, Trigonometry. May use calculator.
25% Reading
 Arts & Literature, Prose fiction, Humanities, History, Economics, Political Sciences, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology.
25% Science Reasoning
 Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Sciences.
Scoring: Based on # of right answers.

SAT/ACT INFORMATION

Pay attention to deadlines!

	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration (Extra Fee)</u>
SAT	October 1	September 9	September 21
	November 5	October 7	October 21
	December 3	November 8	November 20
	January 28, 2012	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
	March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
	May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
	June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012
ACT	September 10	August 12	August 26
	October 22	September 16	September 30
	December 10	November 4	November 18
	February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012	January 20, 2012
	April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 23, 2012
	June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 18, 2012

College-Bound Juniors:

We strongly suggest that you take these college entrance tests in the spring of your junior year.

Need help preparing for the SAT/ACT? Check out the following websites

www.princetonreview.com www.Kaplan.com
www.testpreview.com www.c3apply.org
www.review.com www.collegeboard.com

AP Credit Policy Information

To find out AP credit and placement policies at many colleges and universities follow these steps:

- Go to www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy.
- Type in the college whose AP policy you want to view.
- You will find either a link to the college or a statement by the college.

Marketing Yourself: Resumes

A resume is simply a well-organized report of your accomplishments, background, and strengths that can be provided to potential employers, colleges, and scholarship committees. All students should put together a resume by the beginning of the senior year. The following will provide tips for creating an outstanding resume:

- Limit your resume to one page whenever possible.
- Check for spelling and typing errors.
- Strive for a neat, concise, easy-to-read appearance.
- Save your resume on a computer disk where it can be updated periodically.
- Print your resume on a good printer with quality paper.
- **Remember: First impressions are powerful! Your resume creates that first impression.**

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Graduation Date: May, 2012

Class Rank: 45/856

Cumulative GPA: 3.8 wtd.

SAT Verbal: 620

SAT Math: 590

ACT Composite: 26

Education: 2008-2012

Higley High School
Gilbert, Arizona

Extracurricular Activities:

Vice President of Theatre Club	12
National Honor Society	12, 11, 10
Men's Chorus	12, 11, 10

Awards/Honors:

All-State Honor Choir	12, 11
Outstanding Service to Choir	10

Community Service:

Volunteerism is Pride	12, 11, 10
Child Crisis Center (5 hrs/wk)	10, 9

Work Experience:

Mercy Gilbert Hospital (3 hrs/wk)	August, 2010 present
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Personal/Education/Career Goals:

After graduating from high school, I plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Studies. This will enable me to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Get Involved---Be Passionate---Make a Difference

There are so many opportunities for you to be involved in your school and your community including clubs, extra-curricular activities, sports, music and volunteerism. Check out some of the following options.

- Club Fair is coming. Listen for announcements and check out the many fabulous clubs Higley has to offer!

To find out more information about Higley High Clubs and the club sponsors, see Mrs. Brackett in the Counseling Center. A resume is simply a well-organized report of your accomplishments, background, and strengths that can be provided to potential employers, colleges, and scholarship committees. All students should put together a resume by the beginning of the senior year. The following will provide tips for creating an outstanding resume:

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Marketing Yourself: Personal Statements

There will be times when you have to “market yourself” whether during a job interview or on college applications/scholarship applications. The following information will help you as you write your college admission essays and scholarship application essays.

Do’s and Don’ts for College Admission/Scholarship Application Essays

The Do’s

- Unite your essay and give it direction with a theme or thesis. The thesis is the main point you want to communicate.
- Before you begin writing, choose what you want to discuss and the order in which you want to discuss it.
- Use concrete examples from your life experience to support your thesis and distinguish yourself from other applicants.
- Write about what interests you, excites you. This will grab your reader’s attention.
- Start your essay with an attention-grabbing lead—an anecdote, quote, question, or engaging description of a scene.
- End your essay with a conclusion that refers back to the lead and restates your thesis.
- Revise your essay at least three times.
- In addition to your editing, ask someone else to critique your essay for you.
- Write clearly, succinctly.

The Don’ts

- Don’t include information that doesn’t support your thesis.
- Don’t start your essay with “I was born in...,” or “My parents came from...”
- Don’t write an autobiography, itinerary, or resume in prose.
- Don’t try to be a clown (but gentle humor is OK).
- Don’t be afraid to start over if the essay just isn’t working or doesn’t answer the essay question.
- Don’t try to impress your reader with your vocabulary.
- Don’t rely exclusively on your computer to check your spelling.
- Don’t provide a collection of generic statements and platitudes.
- Don’t give mealy-mouthed, weak excuses for your GPA or SAT/ACT scores.
- Don’t make things up.

Ten Tips for Better Writing

- Express yourself in positive language. Say what is, not what is not.
- Use transitions between paragraphs. These tie one paragraph to the next.
- Vary your sentence structure. Mix simple, complex, and compound sentences.
- Understand the words you write. You write to communicate, not to impress the reader.
- Look up synonyms in a thesaurus when you use the same word repeatedly.
- Be succinct. Be clear.
- Make every word count. Do not repeat yourself. Each sentence and every word should state something new.
- Avoid qualifiers such as *rather*, *quite*, *somewhat*, *probably*, *possibly*, *etc.*
- Use the active voice.
- Say something new or something old in a new way.



HIGLEY HIGH ATHLETES!!



If you are interested in playing college sports at NCAA Division I or II schools, **NEW**, for you to use,
Check out the following website and information!

www.dynamitesports.com

**Username: Higley
Password : knights**

Coaches' Circle: will give you valuable information about the recruiting process, including scholarships and recruiting visits.

Student-Athlete & College Recruiting: Gives you inside information of what it takes to be a college athlete, the odds you're up against and how to beat those odds.

Counselors' Curriculum: Gives you detailed information regarding eligibility, core-courses, and the eligibility corner (formerly clearinghouse). There is an "NCAA Eligibility Calculator" to help determine if you are on track to be eligible as a freshman. Plus, 28 streaming videos and 15 power point presentations to help guide you to ACADEMIC eligibility.

DON'T FORGET:

1. Take the PSAT in October of your Junior year, both for practice and to predict your SAT score. Take the SAT or ACT in the spring of your junior year. Pick up a registration packet in the Counseling Office and mail it at least six weeks before the test date **OR** register online at www.collegeboard.com or www.actstudent.org.
2. Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Carefully follow the instructions for registration and payment. Record your PIN number in a safe place-you will need it to access your files later.
3. See Mrs. Baum in the Registrar's Office to have your transcript sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse near the end of your junior year.
4. Shortly, before graduation, order a final transcript to be sent to the Clearinghouse.

See your counselor or Career Specialist for more information!

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION!

Courses listed on the Higley High/NCAA Approved Core Course List are the **ONLY** courses that the Clearinghouse accepts when figuring your Core GPA. Grades of "P" from Pass/Fail courses are counted as "D's" (the lowest passing grade). Summer school classes, dual credit and weighted classes are accepted only **if the class is on the Approved Core Course List**. Be sure to discuss your plans with your Counselor as soon as you decide to pursue college sports and check out Higley's approved core course list on the NCAA website. You can pick up an NCAA worksheet from the Career Center or you Counselor.

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**NCAA recently passed a new ruling regarding online classes. If you want to play at a DIV I college, you may want to avoid taking any course online that is needed for NCAA eligibility. See your counselor or the career specialist for more information.

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**If you wish to play at a Division 1 or Division 2 school, you should have registered with the NCAA at the end of our Junior year. If you have not yet registered, you need to do so ASAP. College coaches cannot approach you or talk with you about athletics until you are registered.

CAREER CORNER

What are You Going to do After You Graduate from High School?

This question causes stress for many teenagers. Consider the following to help give you some direction.

Interests: What interests you the most in the activities you do already? Is there a pattern? Does your interest tend to focus on Things, People, Data, or Ideas? Some students will benefit from taking one of the following interest inventories: AZCis available in Career Center.

Abilities: What comes easily to you? What's difficult for you? What are the physical, social and mental requirements of a job and do you show signs of being able to meet those? Some careers require 4-9 years of difficult college studies-does your performance and attitude in high school indicate that you can do this? Some careers require strong people skills. physical strength/coordination. Can you do this or learn to do this?

Values: What do you value most in life? It is helpful to choose a career that jives with those values. If not, your career may become a source of daily frustration. How important are the following values to you in the job you seek: Creativity

Being outdoors
Independence
Money
Power/responsibility
Helping others
Making a difference
Prestige/respect
Security/stability
Routine vs. variety
Leading vs. following
Time off leisure

Job Outlook (Availability): Is this career going to exist in the future? Is technology phasing it out? Will there be a high demand or low demand for people in this career in the next 10 years? Would this career allow you to live where you want to live?

Where to Find Career Information

Internet:

- Occupational Outlook Handbook at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>
This site includes excellent information on a wide variety of careers.
- www.mapping-your-future.org provides career planning, college selection, and financial aid.

AZCis:

Available on the computers in the Career Center. This software provides information on careers, colleges, resumes, an easy-to-use interest inventory, scholarships, etc.

Career Handouts:

Many brochures are available in the Career Center on many, many different careers. Mrs. Brackett would be happy to help you locate these.

Interview Adults:

One of the best ways to learn about a particular career is to talk to adults about their careers.

Career Opportunities...Career Opportunities...Career Opportunities...

There are so many ways for you to further your education after high school. The Maricopa Community Colleges offer numerous certificate and occupational programs that help you gain skills and employment.

Mesa Community College

Nursing - Nursing Assistant
Police Academy Preparation
Fire Science Technology
Emergency Medical Technology
Mortuary Science
Transmission and Power Trains
Welding
Landscape Specialist or Aide
Urban Horticulture
Machinist Tool and Die
Library and Information Resources
Bilingual Teacher Aide
Micro Circuit Mask Design
Construction Drafting
Engineering Technology
Brakes, Alignment, Suspension & Steering
Biotechnology **New!**

Chandler-Gilbert Community College

Aircraft Construction
Aircraft Flight
Aircraft Maintenance
Avionics
Computer Networking
Developmental Disabilities
Dietetics and Nutrition
Health Professions
Manufacturing Technology
Nursing
Therapeutic Massage
Virtual Reality Technologies

Scottsdale Community College

Administration of Justice Studies
Architectural Technology
Building Safety & Planning Technology
Computer Information Systems
Culinary Arts
Early Child Development
Fire Science Technology
Equine Science
Gaming Management
Hotel/Restaurant Management

AZCIS on the Internet

In AzCIS you can find information about:

- Nearly 500 occupations
- More than 120 programs of study & training
- More than 4,000 colleges & universities
- Over 2,500 sources of financial aid
- How to develop good job search skills
- Opportunities for self-employment

Higley High's log on is as follows:

Username: higleyhs

Password: 4azcis02

Other web sites:

www.acinet.org

\$SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN



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This Bulletin is published on a monthly (September-April) basis for all students in grades 9-12. There will be a variety of scholarship information advertised for all grade levels. The grade level will be indicated before the scholarship description by SR for senior, JR for junior, SO for sophomore, & FR for freshmen. Applications and information on any of the listed scholarships will be available in the Career Center unless otherwise directed.

****IMPORTANT****:

Some scholarships that will be advertised in this Bulletin are given to a Scholarship Committee for nomination and/or selection. This process could change the deadline date for the scholarship application. Students should check with the Career Center on any scholarships in which you are interested.

Scholarship Links

Remember...never pay for scholarship or financial aid information; it is available free online!

<http://www.questbridge.org>

<http://clas.asu.edu/students/grants/scholarships.htm>

<http://www.fastweb.com>

www.mc.maricopa.edu/services/finaid/scholarships/apps.html

<http://www.scholarships.com>

<http://www.asu.edu/fa/scholarships/departmental.html>

<http://www.asu.edu/fa/scholarships/private.html>

<http://www.asu.edu/fa/scholarships/other.html>

www.CollegeToolkit.com

BEWARE OF SCAMS:

There are many legitimate scholarship databases, according to the Federal Trade Commission, but there are also scores of fraudulent ones. Each year, thousands of families get bilked out of the fees they pay these official-looking web sites and offline services. The FTC says to watch out for: ▶ A company that guarantees a scholarship or your money back, or that says it will do all the work; ▶ Scholarship services that charge fees for their listings or claim to have “exclusive” information; and ▶ Services that ask for a credit card number or say you are a “finalist” in a contest you didn’t enter.

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AFTER SCHOLARSHIP PAGES THEN COME
THE FOLLOWING WORKSHEET PAGES.

4 YEAR UNIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

DATE	ACTION	RESOURCE	DONE
Start Now	Update Resume	Higley Highlights, Templates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Scholarship Searches	Career Center, Higley Highlights, Websites	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Research Colleges	Career Center, Websites, Campus Visits	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Research College Majors	Career Center, Websites	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Attend College Rep Presentations	Higley Highlights, Community Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
by Sept 9	Register for October SAT Test	www.collegeboard.com	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oct. 22	Take ACT Test		<input type="checkbox"/>
by Sept 16	Register for October ACT Test	www.actstudent.org	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sept 26	Fall College Visitation	Higley High School-Main Gymn	<input type="checkbox"/>
by Oct. 7	Register for November SAT Test	www.collegeboard.com	<input type="checkbox"/>
October	Narrow List of Colleges		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nov. 5	Take SAT Test		<input type="checkbox"/>
Check Deadlines	Apply to Colleges/Universities	College Websites, Career Center	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Plan Essay Topics (if needed)	Career Center Resources, English Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ask for Letters of Recommend.	Teachers, Counselors (2 weeks in advance)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Official Transcripts Sent	Mrs. Baum, Registrar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jan. 19, 2012	Financial Aid Night	Higley Center for Performing Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dec. 10	Take ACT Test		<input type="checkbox"/>
Dec. 3	Take SAT Test		<input type="checkbox"/>
by Nov 8	Register for December SAT Test	www.collegeboard.com	<input type="checkbox"/>
by Nov 4	Register for December ACT Test	www.actstudent.org	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jan. 28, 2012	Take SAT Test		<input type="checkbox"/>
Feb. 11, 2012	Take ACT Test		<input type="checkbox"/>
January	Complete FAFSA Application	www.fafsa.ed.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spring	Complete Housing Application	College/University	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spring	Schedule Orientation/Advisement	College/University	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community College/ Career Technical Schools Action Plan

DATE	ACTION	RESOURCE	DONE
Start Now	Update Resume	Resume Worksheet, Templates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Scholarship Searches	Career Center, Higley Highlights, Websites	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Research Community Colleges	Career Center, Website, Campus Visits	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Research Technical Schools	Career Center, Website, Campus Visits	<input type="checkbox"/>
On-going	Decide pathway for career	Career Center, Reps	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1. Transfer Degree Program	www.maricopa.edu	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Certificate of Completion	www.maricopa.edu	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Career/Technical School	Career Center, Reps, Websites	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jan. 19, 2012	Financial Aid Night	Higley Center for Performing Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>
January	Complete FAFSA Application	www.fafsa.ed.gov	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check Deadline	Complete Admissions Applications	Websites, School Campuses	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Official Transcripts Sent	Mrs. Baum, Registrar	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Take ASSET Test for CC		<input type="checkbox"/>
	at CGCC	480-732-7000	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Placement Test for Technical School	School Campus	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spring	Meet with an Academic Advisor	School Advisement Center	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spring	Attend Student Orientation Session	Campus Sites	<input type="checkbox"/>

WORK/MILITARY OPTIONS ACTION PLAN

DATE	ACTION	RESOURCE	DONE
Start Now	Update Resume	Resume Worksheet, Templates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Cover Letter to Potential Employer	Career Center	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Research Employment/Military Opt.	Career Center, Websites, Recruiters	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Complete Job Applications	Career Center, Employers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Prepare for Job Interviews	Career Center Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Meet with Military Recruiters	Career Center, Recruiters	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBD	Take ASVAB Test	Sign up in Career Center	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Determine Military Option		<input type="checkbox"/>
	1. Enlist in 1 of 5 Military Branches	Meet with Recruiters, Career Center	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Join Air/Army National Guard	1-800-ToGoAng(Air) 800-Go-Guard(Army)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Enlist in Army Reserves	1-800-USA-ARMY	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Research: Salary, Benefits, Training &	Recruiter, Websites	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Terms of Tenure for military branch		<input type="checkbox"/>
Start Now	Attend Career Fairs		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Schedule Job Interview	Potential Employers	<input type="checkbox"/>