



Rising Senior Parent Meeting:

Mrs. Poston and Mrs. Cupp

**Welcome to
your senior
meeting!**

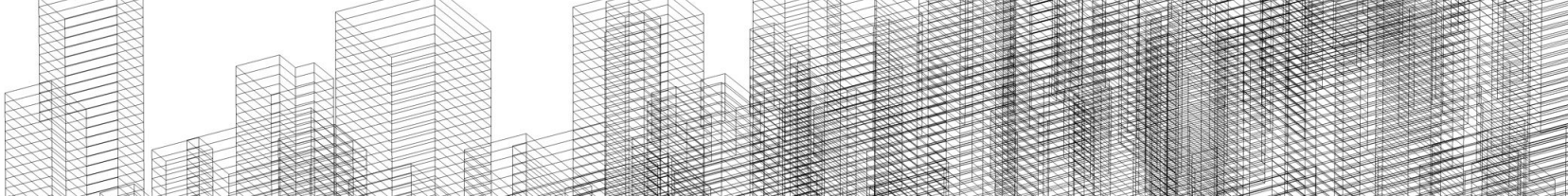
**Helping to
guide our
Falcons to
leave the
nest!**

The purpose for this meeting is to help guide you through what can be a stressful and overwhelming year!

We will cover several topics to give you an idea of what to expect and when events and deadlines will tentatively be!

We will also share resources to help guide you through the process for life after high school!





Making an Appointment with Mrs. Poston

In Mrs. Poston's Google Classroom, there is a link to request a meeting. You must use this form to request a meeting for any reason.

Graduation Requirements for FUHS

Students must earn 23 credits to graduate from
Fairfield Union High School

4 English

4 Math

3 Social Studies

3 Science

1 Business/Technology

.5 Physical Education

.5 Health

Must complete the remaining credits with
electives!

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Students must have a minimum of 18 points on the
End of Course exams

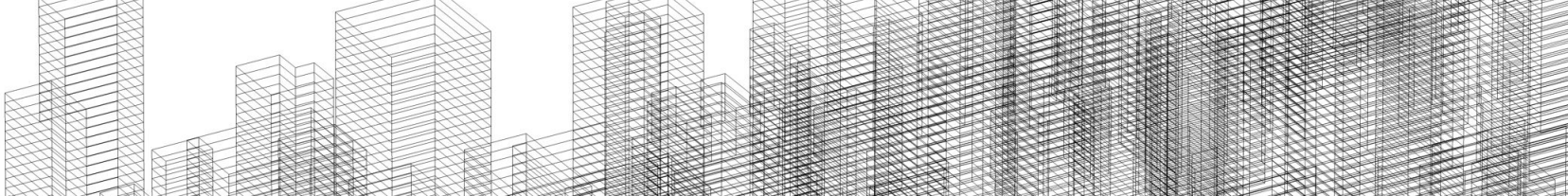
Honors Diploma requirements are available in the
Program of Studies!

How will I know if my student is on track?

Senior Credit Check Interviews are in the fall.

Students received their Credit Check form via google sheets during the second semester of junior year! The Google Sheet for credit checks are shared with each student so the student and parent can monitor progress. Credit Checks also include testing requirements and future plans!





Senior Year Checklist

There is a senior checklist that maps out what seniors should be doing to have a successful transition to post-graduation.



Enroll. Enlist. Employ.



To register at a
community college,
university, or trade
school



To join one of
the six
branches of the
U.S. military



To become a
part of the
workforce.

Selecting the Right College



Building a College List



Reach Schools: GPA and ACT/SAT scores fall below the school's range for average freshmen. Reach schools are considered long shots. Typically students apply to one or two reach schools.

Match Schools: Your GPA and ACT/SAT scores fall within (or exceed) the school's range for the average freshman. The majority of your list should be match schools.

Safety Schools: Your GPA and ACT/SAT scores are above the school's range for the average freshman or the school is considered an open-enrollment school. Typically students apply to one or two safety schools.

The number of schools where you apply can vary greatly! Also, remember that you may match with many colleges, but the correct fit is key!

How to find information about colleges and universities

Campus Visit: College visits are scheduled on the college's website. You and your student can register based on your availability.

College Rep Visits at FUHS during the Fall

Open Houses and Major-Specific Events: Colleges will post on their website major and/or program specific days to attend. For example: Pre-Vet, Health Sciences, or Engineering!

Use links to find net cost and other important factors about schools.

Attend college fairs!

College Application Tips

- Create your Common App Account and add your counselor and recommenders and/or apply directly from the college website
- Apply Early and organize deadlines
- Test Scores: Know if your school requires students to directly send test scores from their account or if accepted on the transcript
- Professional Email addresses a must: Can create an email just for college purposes in order to keep all of it together and not cluttered. Do not use school email for college communications and FAFSA
- Keep track of College Application fees
- Request Letters of Recommendation
- Create Resume
- Compose Essays
- Make copies of everything you send out

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

College Application Process: Transcripts

You must request a transcript using the link provided on the district website and/or google classroom each time you apply or plan to submit an application for college, scholarships, military, or for employers.

Please allow three days to process your request.

Please note if this request is for the common app or send.edu or must be mailed to the school and provide an address and/or email/fax number to send.

Official Transcripts can only be sent by your counselor or the school.

You can find the link to request a transcript on our HS webpage!

Fairfield Union High School
Daily Announcements
Forms
Menus
Performing Arts Grades 5-12
Athletics Grades 7-12
Library News Grades 5-12
Guidance Department
Clubs
School Calendar
Academic Falcons
HS Teacher Pages
Records & Alumni Transcript Requests



GPA and Rank

On the FUHS transcript, the top box is the unweighted GPA and Class Rank which is based on our 4.0 scale. AP and weighted CCP courses are included but are not weighted in this scale.

The bottom box is the weighted GPA and Rank which included AP courses and weighted CCP courses that are weighted on the 5.0 scale.

On applications, I will use the weighted GPA and Rank unless it specifically asks for the 4.0 scale.

Cumulative GPA And Credits					
POINTS	GPA CRED EARNED	GPA CRED ATTEMPT	GPA	RANK	TOTL RNKD
113.000	28.500	28.500	3.96	11	142
115.000	28.500	28.500	4.03	13	142



Letters of Recommendation

Do's and Don'ts

Who should you ask: Teachers, advisors, principals, coaches, counselors, employers, and pastors

Make sure you have the person's permission before listing them as a recommender.

Submit a brag sheet or resume

Request early and give plenty of time to complete

Common App letters must be uploaded by person writing the letter

DO NOT have family members, family friends write letter unless there is a professional relationship

Once in college, you should use current recommenders such as professors. HS teacher cannot always speak to your current status.



FAFSA

When: Opens October 1st!

How: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> or you can download the FAFSA App!

What do I need?

1. FSA ID (student and parent)
2. Social Security Number
3. Driver's License (if applicable)
4. 2019 Tax Records (can use data retrieval tool but can use your records for reference. Please note your tax return information will not be visible on the FAFSA if you use the retrieval tool. It will say "transferred from the IRS.")
5. Records of untaxed income (if applicable) such as child support, interest income, and veterans' non-education benefits.
6. Records of Your Assets (Money)-This is the most common mistake on the FAFSA. You can review what is a student or a parent investment to be sure you don't over or under report.
7. List of schools attending- you can have 10 at a time. You can either remove or add (or call and have them add)

FAFSA Resources and help!

Common App has a tab for Financial Aid

United Way will be offering free help! They will be advertising a night to help families for free and possibly have other presenters such as Fairfield County Foundation and a speaker for Financial Aid.

A new website to help families understand the FAFSA:
[It's For You!](#)

FAFSA.gov also has resources and help! You can always contact support at FAFSA.gov for help!

Note: The FAFSA is free! If you are asked to pay to submit your FAFSA, you are on the wrong site!

Is your student interested in College Athletics?

Two Governing Bodies:

NAIA

NCAA



Please note: it is the parent and student responsibility to register and request information be uploaded to the portal.

More Info can be found on the Counselor's website or my google classroom!

After Applying

This time will vary depending on deadlines and how long it takes schools to process and send out acceptance letters and financial aid packages.

Compare packages and bottom line-revisit a college if needed! Most colleges have a May 1st deadline to accept and make deposits!

Enlistment

Students will have access to recruiters. If a student wants to contact a certain branch, I have contact information in my office.

Practice ASVAB tests are available online: the higher your score the more variety of jobs!

Check out military.com for more information!

Please have your student let us know about military commitments! We recognize them during graduation.

Employment

33 Corridor-Career Readiness Endorsement: For ag work release students and those who know they are entering the workforce. Great opportunity to find a great career in Fairfield County! The program can include building tours, career fairs, and Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal.

Job Fairs: I will post job fairs and any hiring events in my google classroom!

Ohio Means Jobs: Students can complete/upload resumes and can search for jobs!

**Mrs. Poston's
Google
Classroom: Use
the Classroom
tab to find an
organized list
of topics and
resources!**

All topics

Important Fairfield ...

Important Forms

Scheduling and Aca...

Senior Checklist an...

College Credit Plus (...)

CCP Transcript Req...

College Planning

College Applications

Job Openings and C...

Scholarships Searc...

Community Service ...

Armed Forces Reso...

Student-Athletes

Testing

FAFSA and Financia...

College Information ...

Summer Programmi...

Important Fairfield Union Announcements

- Annual Presentation for CCP Edited Jun 8
- CCP Annual Notice for Grades 6-11 Edited Jun 8

Important Forms

- Mrs. Poston's Student Meeting and Schedul... Edited Yesterday
- Schedule Change Request Form: Must be c... Edited Dec 10, 2020
- PE Waiver form Posted Oct 29, 2020
- CCP Intent to Participate Form and Informa... Edited Mar 5
- Transcript Requests Posted Oct 19, 2020

Scheduling and Academic Resources

- Four Year Plans Edited Jun 8
- PROGRAM OF STUDIES: 2021-2022 Edited Jun 8
- Scheduling Presentation for 2021-2022 Edited Jun 8

Senior Checklist and Guides

- Senior-Year Checklist Edited Yesterday

Important People to Contact



GOT SENIORITIS?

Your Student's Teachers: Please keep tabs with Progress Book and with your student's teachers to make sure senioritis has not kicked into high gear!

Mrs. Poston: Academic, Social-Emotional, and College and Career Questions, scholarship applications

Mrs. Cupp: Senior Class events and ordering

Mrs. Skinner: Transcripts

Mr. McPhail: Principal to help with any senior issue

Finish Strong

Apply Early: The Trick or Treat Timeline saves stress for everyone!

Use senior year to prep for freshman year to build independence and accountability

Academic rigor increase, not decrease

Scholarships are like research, a click away

Finish Strong: Be here to be successful!

End-of-Year Requirements

Senior Final Plans Survey to tell us about scholarships and where to send the student's final transcript.

Fees must be paid in order to participate in graduation and to receive your diploma.

What do I need to know about Graduation Events?

Date: Graduation is Sunday, May 29th

Seniors have several picture including Graduation practice during the year!

Beginning of May: A brochure will be sent home with all the important dates and information!

Practice and activities: Graduation practice is mandatory!

Awards Night: In May! A great night to celebrate senior accomplishments and scholarships!

Senior Sunrise, Breakfast, Graduation Practice and visiting elementary school and middle school!

Herff Jones

Caps and Gowns are ordered and purchased by FUHS Senior Class!

Senior Meeting takes place end of August/early Sept. to go over all of the items that can be ordered, but nothing is required.

Google form for height and weight will be in senior emails! Check them and complete it ASAP!

Families can order from Herff Jones at any time. Mrs. Cupp will post on the senior website and send to student emails.

How to Stay in the Loop

District website: Class of 2022 informational page and Guidance Office page: [Class of 2022 Link](#)

Mrs. Poston's Google Classroom

FUHS Twitter

FUHS Guidance Twitter

Mr. Destadio's Twitter

Announcements

Student Emails!

This has been sent to senior emails!!!!

Sign up via google form



FAFSA AND FINANCIAL AID NIGHT



Tuesday, October 25th
6:00 PM
United Way of Fairfield
County
115 S Broad St, Lancaster

PARKING AVAILABLE ON BROAD, MAIN, AND CHESTNUT STREETS
AS WELL AS AFTER HOUR PARKING IN THE BANK LOTS