

Seniors and Parents Informational Meeting:

Mrs. Poston

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!



Graduation Requirements for FUHS

3 Steps to Graduate!

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
- 7 Electives including a Fine Art

Honors Diploma requirements are available in the
Program of Studies!

Must Show Competency

Earn at least a 684 on

Algebra I EOC

and

ELA 2 EOC

-OR-

Use an Alternative Pathway

Alternative Pathway

Option 1:

Must Demonstrate Career-Focused Activities-one must be foundational!

Foundational:

Proficient scores on Webxams A 12-point industry credential A pre-apprenticeship or acceptance into an approved apprenticeship program

Supporting:

Work-based learning Earn the required score on WorkKeys Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

Option 2:

Enlist in the Military

Show evidence that you have signed a contract to enter a branch of the U.S. armed services upon graduation.

Option 3:

Complete College Coursework

Earn credit for one college-level math and/ or college-level English course through Ohio's free College Credit Plus program.

Seals for Graduation-

**Can have two
State Seals
or
One Local and
One State Seal.**

State Seals:



Technology



Ohio Means Jobs



Biliteracy



Military Enlistment



Industry-Recognized Credential



Honors Diploma



Citizenship



College-Ready



Science

Local Seals:



Fine and Performing Arts



Community Service



Student Engagement

How will I know if my student is on track?

Senior Credit Check Interviews are in the fall.

Students received their Credit Check form as 9th graders and has been updated each year with your student. Your student's credit check form is shared with him/her so the student and parent can monitor progress.

Credit Checks also include testing requirements and future plans!



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.

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. The actual cost especially for a private school can be different than the sticker price!

Search Sites: College Navigator, College Board/Big Future, and Cappex

College Application Tips

- ❑ Two Ways to Apply: Direct Application on the college's website or Common App-one applications for hundreds of colleges!
- ❑ Apply Early and organize deadlines
- ❑ Test Scores: Know if your school requires students to directly send test scores from their account or if scores are 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 or Brag Sheet
- ❑ Compose Essays early to have time to polish-first draft is not the final draft!
- ❑ Make copies of everything you send out and dates.

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!

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

MUST USE THE GOOGLE FORM!

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!



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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

**The Fairfield
County
College Fair is
Back!
Offering
2 Financial
Aid/FAFSA
Sessions the
same night!**



OHIO UNIVERSITY
LANCASTER

WE'RE BACK!

The 26th annual College Fair returns to the Ohio University Lancaster campus. Meet with admissions representatives from 100 colleges, universities, and technical schools.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

6-8 p.m. | Brasee Hall - gymnasium, north lobby, Wilkes art gallery and Wagner theatre.

1570 Granville Pike | Lancaster

FINANCIAL AID SESSIONS

6 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. | Wagner Theatre

— *Free Admission & Free Parking!* —

Don't miss what your high school guidance staff helped plan for you!

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. Federal Tax Information including W-2 (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

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! Students must submit test scores from ACT/SAT!

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!

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Know if the college requires separate applications for some scholarships

As soon as I receive a scholarship, scan it and add it to my classroom.

Check your local organizations, church, parent's place of employment, etc. for possible scholarships!

ENLISTMENT

- ❑ A guaranteed paycheck and Cash Bonuses
- ❑ Education Benefits
- ❑ Advanced and Specialty Training
- ❑ Annual paid vacation
- ❑ Travel
- ❑ Option for full-time or part time service
- ❑ Tax-free room, board and allowances
- ❑ Health and Dental Care



Enlistment

Steps to Joining the Military

1. Meet with a recruiter
2. MEPS
3. Take the ASVAB
4. Pass the physical examination
5. Determine Military career with a service enlistment counselor
6. Oath of Enlistment
7. Basic Training

Enlistment

Students will have access to recruiters. If a student wants to contact a certain branch, I have contact information in my office. Check out military.com for more information!

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

We must have a transcript request to release transcripts to the military.

*Please have your student let us know about military commitments! We recognize them during graduation. Military Commitment can be a graduation pathway, a Seal, and a cord at Graduation! Submit copies of enlistment forms to Mrs. Poston!

Employment



33 Corridor-Career Readiness Endorsement:

Great opportunity to find a great career in Fairfield County through the Workforce Development Center!

The program can include building tours, career fairs, and Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal. Students will have access to this program via Ag Work Release and Senior English

Students will have Ohio Means Jobs accounts to apply for jobs and apprenticeships!

Kari Stone-Fairfield 33 Corridor Liaison



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: Activities, awards, leadership, community service and future plans

Request early and give plenty of time to complete

Common App letters must be uploaded by the person writing the letter

Can ask recommenders to give you a hard copy/email a copy to use for scholarships or other future applications.

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.



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

How to Stay in the Loop

District website: Class of 2023 informational page and Guidance Office page: [Class of 2023 Link](#)

Mrs. Poston's Google Classroom

Mrs. Cupp's Remind-check senior email to sign-up

FUHS Guidance Twitter-@FUHSGuidance

Mrs. Cupp's Twitter-@MrsCuppFUHS

Announcements

Student Emails!

SENIORS! YOU MUST CHECK YOUR STUDENT EMAILS!!!!

**How to Access our
Website!**

**Click on the Guidance
Department**

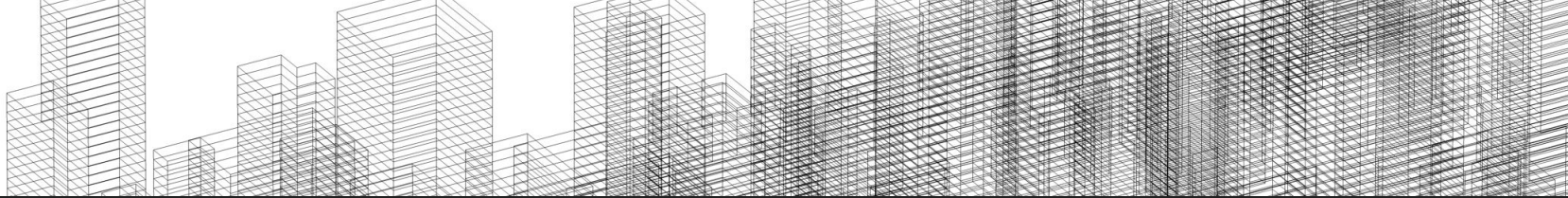


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Making an Appointment with Mrs. Poston

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

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...

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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

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Scheduling Presentation for 2021-2022

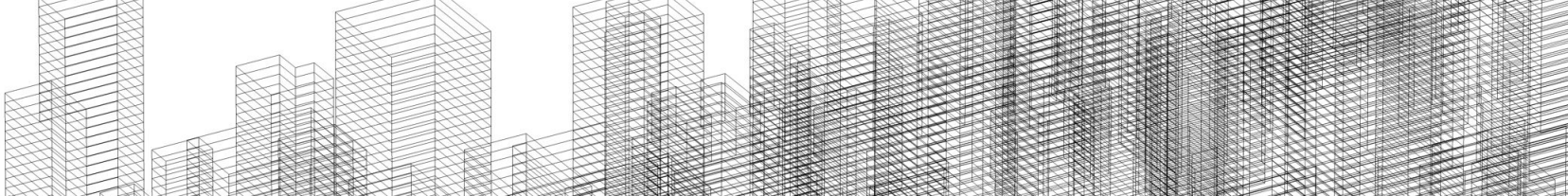
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Senior Checklist and Guides



Senior-Year Checklist

Edited Yesterday



Senior Year Checklist

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



Herff Jones

Caps and Gowns are ordered and purchased by FUHS Senior Class! See email from Mrs. Cupp to complete your order!

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

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

End-of-Year Requirements

Senior Final Plans Survey:

Google form 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 28th

Seniors have several picture opportunities including Graduation practice during the year!

Seniors must have a photo taken with Lifetouch on picture days!

Yearbook Sales begin in September-All sales are online!

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

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

Senior Breakfast, Graduation Practice and visiting elementary school and middle school! GRAD PRACTICE IS MANDATORY!!!!

Important Dates

FAFSA

Opens
October 1st

Yearbook & Cap & Gown orders

Fairfield County College Fair

*October 5th at OU-L
6pm*

Financial Aid & FAFSA Help

October 5th at OU-L
6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Parent & Teacher Conferences

Nov. 15th & 21st
Mar. 14th & 16th

Foundation Scholarships

Opens December 1st

OU-L Kilburger Scholarship

opens Dec.1st

Senior Awards

by invitation
TBD

National College Signing Day

May 1st

33 Corridor Signing

TBD-in May

Mandatory Graduation Practice

TBD in May
Will take up the day!

Graduation May 28th

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!