

O'GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Sophomore Parent Information Meeting

November 6, 2017

Is your child on track?

- Graduation requirements (separate sheet)
- 4-year plan/Personal Learning Plan required
- Review Course Description Book

College Admission Requirements

South Dakota colleges/universities require a “C” average in

4 English

3 Math (Algebra I and above), Science, Social Science

1 Fine Arts

AND

H.S. gpa of 2.6, or 18 ACT score, or top 60% of class

USD requires 21 ACT or top 50% of class

There is no requirement for a world language at SD colleges/universities at this time

Out of state colleges/universities – many require 2 (or more) years of a world language

Opportunity Scholarship

(\$6,500 over four years)

Required Curriculum:

4 English, math (Algebra I and higher), science

3 Social Science

1 Fine Arts

2 of either of the following or a combination of the two –approved CTE courses; modern or classical language.

.5 Personal Finance or Economics

.5 Physical Education

and 24 ACT Composite score (this could change)

and 3.0 cumulative gpa (no final grade lower than a C)

Only available at South Dakota colleges/universities!

OR

28 or higher on ACT and meet all benchmarks on sub scores

Testing

PSAT - Administered October 11th

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
the Junior Year

Pre-ACT - Administered Spring 2018

Preliminary ACT testing 5 subjects:

English, Writing, Reading, Math, Science

Score reports include predicted ACT score

ACT - taken junior year, usually April. Offered
multiple times a year.

College Athletics

NCAA Division I and II have specific requirements:

- Core Courses (16 from English, math, science, social science, world language)
- Minimum Core GPA (2.3 for D-I, 2.2 for D-II)
- Must register online: www.eligibilitycenter.org

NAIA (must meet 2 of 3): www.playnaia.org

- Top half of class
- 18 ACT
- Minimum 2.0 gpa

Building a foundation...

Is your child putting forth their best effort?

“Choices made as a freshman and sophomore could affect choices for the rest of their life” **ACT**

The *best* preparation is a challenging curriculum of core classes. Should your child consider AP classes?

Elective courses should help the individual follow their interests.

Each year should require more effort academically.

Balance...

- Challenge them, but don't overdo it.
- Pay now or pay later!
- Juggling academics, activities, family, faith, friends, work, etc.
- Student first – stay on top of academics, keep studying.

Planning...

- Register for Junior year courses (Feb.)
- AP courses?
- Courses for Mount Marty credit?
- Research post-high options (4-year college, 2-year college, tech institute, military, work, gap year)
- Career Cruising: www.SDMyLife.com

Advanced Placement (AP) courses

- AP courses are college level courses taken in high school
- Taught by O'G teachers
- Can get high school and college credit
- To get college credit, you must take the AP test in May (\$94) or Mt. Marty credit
- AP tests are scored 1 – 5 (5 is highest)
- Colleges have different AP credit policies. Student receives credit, but no grade.

Mount Marty Credit

- Earn college credit while in high school
- Teacher must have their Master's Degree
- Several AP courses, College Algebra, and Speech Communication
- \$60 per credit hour
- Student receives credit and grade
- Colleges have different transfer credit policies

It's not necessary to take both Mount Marty credit and the AP test.

Northern State University Rising Scholars Program

College Biology (8 credits, 4/sem)

Present cost = \$40/credit

Must be a junior or senior

A junior must meet 1 of 3 criteria:

24 ACT or

Rank in upper one-third of class or

Have at least a 3.50 gpa on a 4.0 scale

SD Board of Regents Dual Credit

- Earn college credit while in high school
- Taught by college professors
- Online or on University Center Campus
- \$48.33 per credit hour, but must pay for books, etc.
- Student receives credit and grade
- Colleges have different transfer credit policies

Build a Resume

- Get involved
- Try different activities
- Take on leadership positions
- Volunteer
- Part time work
- Strong academics
- Step outside “comfort zone”

What am I looking for in a college?

- Catholic college or public university?
- Technical School or Community College?
- Close to home or far away?
- Size: big or small?
- Setting: city or small town?
- Housing?
- Majors/programs?
- Admission requirements & scholarships/
financial aid?
- Activities? Selectivity? Graduate School?
- What is the right fit for me?

The next step...

Fall of the Junior year

- Attend College Fair at Augustana University
 - all Juniors will attend, parents welcome
- Take the PSAT in October?
- Talk to admission representatives
- Attend Junior Parent Information Night
- Start visiting post secondary campuses
- Prepare and plan to take the ACT in April

SFCS Peer Relations

- We will treat all students with respect.
- We will help students who are not being treated with respect.
- We will work to include students who are left out.
- We will tell an adult at school if we know that someone is not being treated with respect.
- Anonymous Reporting from OGHS homepage
- Mental health awareness activities
- Internet Safety and Responsibility

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