

O'GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Freshman/Sophomore
Information Night
for Parents and Students

September 17, 2018

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- 4 credits of English
- 1/2 credit of Speech: Speech, Debate, Oral Interp I, Speech Communication
- 3 credits of Math: Minimum Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
 - Most students take 4 years of Math
- 3 credits of Science: Minimum Biology, any Physical Science, and Chemistry or Physics
 - Most students take 4 years of Science
- 3 credits of Social Science:
 - 1/2 World Geography or AP Human Geography, 1/2 World History, 1/2 U.S. Government, 1 U.S. History, 1/2 Social Science elective

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

(cont.)

- 1 credit of Fine Arts: includes band, chorus, art classes, Oral Interp (either FA or Speech credit), Theater Production
- 1/2 credit of Personal Finance or Economics
- 1 credit of CTE or World Language
- 1/2 credit of PE
- 4 credits of Theology for Catholics or 2 credits of Theology for other denominations
- 1/2 credit of Health (can be completed in grades 6, 7, or 8. Noted on transcript with no grade or credit)
- 25 Total Credits Required
- Personal Learning Plan required

ADVANCED PLACEMENT 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.**

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
- High School GPA of 2.6, or 18 ACT score, or top 60% of class
 - USD & SDSMT require 21 ACT or top 50% of class
 - There is no requirement for a world language at South Dakota colleges/universities at this time

OUT OF STATE COLLEGES

- Many require 2 or more years of a World Language
- Some may require a 4th year of Math
- Selective schools want to see a more rigorous course load of advanced and AP courses
- ACT score requirements will vary
- Talk to a counselor for specific information on a certain school

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.
 - 1/2 Personal Finance or Economics
 - 1/2 Physical Education
 - and 24 ACT Composite score
 - 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 10th
Optional test for sophomores & juniors; cost is \$20
National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test the Junior Year
- Pre-ACT - Administered Spring 2019
Required test for sophomores; no fee
Preliminary ACT testing subjects: English, Reading, Math, Science
Score reports include predicted ACT score
- ACT - taken junior year, usually April
Recommended to complete Algebra II before testing
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

ADJUSTMENT TO HIGH SCHOOL

- Be responsible
- Turn in all homework on time.
- Study for tests
- Be a self-advocate (go to teachers for help)
- Be concerned about grades; they go on your transcript and will be a factor for college admission
- Parents: Are you checking Infinite Campus & Google Classroom? Communicate concerns to the teachers.
- Parenting the high schooler!?

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.

BUILD A RESUME

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

PLANNING

- Register for Sophomore/Junior year courses in February
- AP courses?
- Courses for Mount Marty credit?
- Research post-high options (4-year college, 2-year college, tech institute, military, work, gap year)
- www.SDMylife.com

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.

ISSUES/CONCERNS

- Anonymous Reporting from OGHS homepage
- Mental health awareness activities
- Internet Safety and Responsibility/Phone
 - <http://www.webwise.ie/category/parents>
- Vaping / Juuling
- Text Safe to 82257 for school safety concerns

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