

Senior College and Career Readiness Meeting Information

1. Make sure you are on-track for graduation

- [Graduation requirements](#)
- [Options to make-up credit](#)

2. Take or re-take the ACT/SAT

- [ACT Information](#)
- [SAT Information](#)

3. Select the colleges you are interested in attending

- [College Quick Links - Utah colleges and Trade School](#)
- **Utah Programs and Majors Guide** - Find Utah colleges by major
- **College Board** - in and out of state schools
- **College Navigator** - side by side comparison with valuable school information
- **Princeton Review** - hear what students have to say about schools

* when possible, try to visit college campuses, **Schedule a tour** and appointments to talk to advisors

4. Apply to the colleges, universities and/or technical/trade schools of your choice

- [Apply online](#)
- Have official transcripts sent from all previous schools. Request a [CCHS transcript](#)
- Be sure ACT scores have been sent
- Pay application fee
- Participate in [College Application Week - October 20-23](#)
- Stay on top of DEADLINES

5. Apply for financial aid

- [Fill out the FAFSA](#) - not sure when the new FAFSA will open
- You will be using your 2024 taxes - so you will be eligible for the IRS data retrieval tool

- Fill out the FAFSA asap - some funds are awarded on a "first come, first served basis."
- Attend CCHS Financial Aid Night - Monday October 20, 2025

6. Start looking for additional scholarships

- Scholarship search resources
- [WCSD Scholarships](#)
- The amount of scholarship money you receive is proportional to the time you put in searching and applying
- If doing the **Opportunities Scholarship** they anticipate you should be able to apply in January of 2026.

7. If playing sports in college make sure you are NCAA eligible

- [NCAA Information](#)

8. If you are planning on deferring - make sure you complete all the deferment paperwork

- Deferment links at the bottom right of page

9. [CTE Pathways](#)

(Senior) Student Name: _____

- **On track to graduate high school?**
 - Yes / No
 - If not, what needs to be done?

- **Taken the ACT?**
 - Yes / No
- **Retake the ACT?**
 - Yes / No
 - If yes, which date are you planning: _____
 - Shmoop as a study help?
 - Magic word is *TOPAZ* after creating an account with Crimson Cliffs.
- **Career Interests**
 - What do you enjoy learning or doing?
 - What can you see yourself developing into an employable skill?
 - What kind of post-high school training will you need?

■ Career training	■ Community College
■ Certificate/Skill	■ Junior College
■ Trade School	■ University
■ Military	■ Graduate School
- **Explore College Websites**

○ Departments	○ City
○ Programs	○ Cost
○ Activities/ School Involvement	○ Opportunities
○ Housing	○ Resources for Help
	○ Courses
- **Understand the college application process**
 - List Colleges you want to apply to:
 - Understand General Education requirements for a University
 - Familiarize yourself with admissions
 - College Application Week at CCHS 10/22
- **FAFSA Application**
 - Free to apply
 - Done annually
 - Potential to qualify for Grants and Student Loans - Required for Scholarships
 - Help night 12/16
- **Scholarships Opportunities**
 - Merit based scholarships upon college acceptance: ACT and GPA
 - Opportunity Scholarship up to \$1000 per semester 4 yrs: CE/AP in Science, Math, & Language Arts
 - Prime Scholarship: \$500, 5 CE classes or 6 CTE classes
 - Private Scholarships: WCSD website
 - Lunchtime workshops

- Community scholarships (Typically available in the spring)
- **NCAA Eligible?**
 - 4 years approved English
 - 3 years approved Math
 - 2 years approved Science
 - Extra year in English or Math
 - 2 years approved History
 - 4 Other approved Core Classes
- **Deferment?**
 - Put postsecondary education and awarded scholarships on hold for a period of time.
- **CTE Pathway completion?**
 - Yes / No

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How can you explore and narrow down career interests?

- ☐ Utilize *YouScience*
- ☐ Type of work you'd prefer:
 - ☐
- ☐ Work Environment:
 - ☐
- ☐ Salary:
 - ☐
- ☐ Work Hours:
 - ☐
- ☐ Work location/Travel:
 - ☐
- ☐ Schooling/Education Level:
 - ☐
- ☐ Lifestyle:
 - ☐

What type of post high school education have you considered?

- ☐ University (UTU, SUU, BYU, USU, UVU, U, etc.)
- ☐ 2-year college (Snow college)
- ☐ Technical program (Dixie Tech)
- ☐ Certificate Program (Programming bootcamp, cosmetology)
- ☐ Career Training (Dental assisting, Nail Technician, POST)
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Hybrid of the above. You are not limited to one choice.

1. When and how do I Apply for College?

- a. Plan on applying in the fall of your senior year. To apply, you will visit the school of interest's website and follow their application process.

2. What is a FAFSA and do I qualify for financial aid?

- a. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form that students fill out with their parents to receive federal student aid such as loans and grants.
- b. Everyone qualifies for student loans, but grants are dependent upon parent income and personal circumstance.
- c. Some scholarships require a FAFSA to be completed.

3. How do I get a scholarship?

- a. The easiest way is to keep your GPA up and score well on the ACT.
- b. There are scholarships available for students who take Concurrent Enrollment in their core classes: LA, Math, Science
- c. The WCSD website has an accumulation of private scholarship opportunities available throughout the year.
- d. The high school's college access advisor sends out monthly scholarship info and is available for appointments.

4. Do I need to take Math?

- a. High school students are required to have 3 credits of Math for graduation. However, there are options such as Computer Programming and Math for Life to replace Math 3. However, if planning on attending a university, it is recommended to take Math 3 as a junior and a CE or AP level math during senior year.

5. Does CCHS have work release?

- a. No, but CCHS offers internships/works based learning for students who wish to work and receive high school credit. This requires a form and registration process found on the WCSD website.

6. How do I prepare for the ACT

- a. We recommend the website: *Shmoop*. If you sign up through CCHS, you get free access to all of its study materials.

7. What is NCAA Eligibility?

- a. Being NCAA eligible means you are qualified to participate in sports at the NCAA level. This requires slightly different class planning with your counselor to meet the necessary course requirements as established by the NCAA.

8. What is CE and why should I take it?

- a. Concurrent Enrollment (CE) is the opportunity for high school students to take and receive college credit. CCHS offers many CE opportunities, and there are even more available on the Utah Tech campus for students who have planned their schedule accordingly.
- b. A major benefit is cost. There are no tuition costs for CE students. Only fees.
- c. Students are also able to enter a university with general course requirements completed. A potential time saver if students are confident in their education and career goals.

9. How do I make up credit for classes I failed?

- a. At CCHS we offer credit recovery courses through Utah Online School. Talk to your counselor to set up the specific class, quarter, and content you need to recover. Credit

recovery can be done on students' own time, or you can schedule a credit recovery class during a school period to work on the content.

10. What is CTE and a Pathway

- a. Career and Technical Education (CTE) are opportunities for students to receive more rigorous, focused, and applicable education in a particular field of interest. CCHS offers many CTE course options. Students who meet all the requirements for a CTE pathway means they are graduating with extensive knowledge in that field and are considered to be more career ready.

11. How can I explore Career Interests and find out what I want to do?

- a. You Science is the career exploration and aptitude testing software used at CCHS. Each student should have an account they created in 9th grade. In grades 10-12, students update their You Science account and are able to use the information to narrow their career interests.

12. What is Class Choice?

- a. Class Choice is a software application used at CCHS. It allows students to select their own classes and schedule them as preferred. Class Choice is only available during certain times of year - typically the end of July before school starts.

13. Can I make a class change at any time?

- a. No. Class changes are only available during Class Choice and for a specific window of time afterward. Typically the first week or two of the semester. Class change fees are also applied for class change requests.
- b. Due to class sizes, number of teachers, scheduling conflicts, etc. a class change can never be guaranteed.
- c. Counselor's will consider special circumstances for a class change, but for the benefit of the student and teacher it is preferred that no class changes happen after the deadline.
- d. If a class change is deemed valid after the deadline, student collaboration with faculty affected in the schedule change, as well as faculty approval, must occur.

14. How do I sign up for Driver's Education?

- a. Visit the Finance Office window and pay your fee. Or, pay on PowerSchool.
- b. Go to the CCHS main website and find the link for Driver's Ed. Choose the quarter for when you want to take the course. Make sure you choose the correct time. If the link you need does not work, then it is not yet open for enrollment.
- c. Fill out the google form and submit.
- d. Look for a follow up from the Driver's Education instructor.

15. Can students take classes online at CCHS?

- a. Yes. There are options available for online classes with CCHS teachers or through our partnership with Utah Online School. We typically recommend in-person classes for the benefit of students and the overall culture of our school. Parent permission is always required for students who wish to take classes online.
- b. It is worth noting that to graduate with CCHS, students need to have at least one in-person class. Otherwise, barring special circumstances, students will need to enroll full-time with Utah Online School.