

CHANDLER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

High School & Beyond — News & Information

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for Families of 10th Grade Students

Welcome to the High School!

High school is a time of exciting new experiences, accompanied by social and academic changes. Your sophomore will be learning and developing skills that will make it easier to adjust to the challenges of life beyond high school. At Chandler High School we want each student to reach their fullest potential and have the opportunity to be successful in their chosen post-secondary path.

There are six key milestones that your child will accomplish this year.

In 10th grade, your sophomore will:

1. Prepare for and take post-secondary entrance exams
2. Research post-secondary options
3. Review Oklahoma's Promise
4. Set goals, build a resume, & complete various interest inventories
5. Tour Gordon Cooper, dual-credit options and workforce certificates opportunities
6. Review and sign off on Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP)

Research shows that teens do better in school when their families are involved in their lives in and out of school. Here are some things you can do to help your sophomore adjust to high school:

- **Discuss** any concerns that your sophomore may have before starting high school.
- **Develop** a plan for your student's academic future. Does your plan help your student reach their future career goals? There will be more to come on this in future newsletters.
- **Encourage** your sophomore to take challenging classes. Ask your student's teachers or guidance counselor if these classes will help your

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DID YOU KNOW?

According to a recent survey, for students in grades 6–12, only one percent of the parents did not expect their children to complete high school. In 2014-2015, 17.5% of all Oklahoma public school high school students did not graduate

MYTHBUSTER

MYTH: College is only a four-year degree with classes taken on campus.

REALITY: There are many options for students after high school, including apprenticeships, on-the-job training programs, community college certificates, two-year degrees, and four-year degrees.

The term *college* includes all of these things. College is also the key to good jobs. By 2025, 77% of jobs in Oklahoma will require education beyond a high school diploma.

Because post-secondary education is a crucial stepping-stone to a good career, it's important that families plan ahead.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

- Register by Sept 19th for the October 23rd ACT Test
- **September 23rd Habitudes/ICAP 2nd Hour**
- **September 24th football homecoming**
- **September 29th PRACT for all Sophomores**
- **October 5th Free ACT for 10th-12th that signed up**
- **October 13th -15^h Fall Break**

If you are a part of our Title VI program or qualify for free/reduced lunches, see the counselor for the opportunity to take a FREE ACT.

Student Checklist

- ☑ **Make a college pledge.** Tell people why you're going and ask for advice on getting there. Choose a college you are interested in on okcollegestart.org. Talk to your family about your future.
- ☑ **Start a calendar.** Record and track important school dates and deadlines. Use Google Calendar to create a calendar that is specific to you. Find a system that works for you and stick with it.
- ☑ **Set easy-to-reach goals.** Working toward a goal helps keep you motivated. Try listing a few things you've been meaning to do and write down the steps needed to finish them. Check off each step as you complete it.

Family Checklist

- ☑ **Read up.** Read these monthly newsletters and go over them with your child.
- ☑ **Set goals.** Help your sophomore set goals for the year. Working toward specific goals will help your student stay motivated and focused.
- ☑ **Check in.** Make a plan to check in regularly about schoolwork. If you keep up with your student's tests, papers, and homework assignments, you can celebrate successes and head off problems as a team. Get [homework tips for your child](#) or homework help at: [Homework Help Desk](#). Frequently check on your student's grades, assignments, and attendance on Chandler's online student information system (IC). If you don't know how to access this system, contact the high school

HEALTH NEWS

With all of the illness around us right now, it's not a bad idea to review how to prevent spreading germs! Follow these simple rules:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching mouth, eyes, and nose with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact from people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Then, throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.