

AMS Parent Night: High School Transition and College 101

7:00-8:30PM January 14, 2014

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8th graders have a lot of time to explore, to discover who they are and what they want to do. We want them to be smart consumers of their educations and have all the information they need to make good choices. Sometimes that involves a little backwards planning. We hope knowledge is power and not stress-inducing.

7:00 Introductions & What do you hope to get out of tonight's meeting?

7:10 Video

7:15 8th Grade Transition to High School

7:25 High School Diploma Requirements

7:30 Sample Course Sequence & Scheduling Process

7:40 Athletics, Activities and Clubs

7:45 Post High School Planning & College Admissions

8:00 Alternate paths and ASPIRE

Q and A

RESOURCES:

Acceptance by David L. Marcus

Colleges That Change Lives, Loren Pope www.ctcl.org

- Ashland High School Web Page: www.ashland.12.or.us/AHS
- Career Information Systems: <http://oregoncis.uoregon.edu/default.aspx>
- College Board: www.collegeboard.com college search and SAT registration

- National Association for College Admissions
<http://www.nacacnet.org/studentinfo/Pages/Default.aspx>

The National Association for College Admission Counseling. Nearly 13,000 professionals from around the world dedicated to serving students as they make choices about pursuing postsecondary education. Offering extensive resources for students and parents.

- College Navigator:

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

A resource of the US Department of Education. College Navigator gathers admission, retention, graduation, and financial aid data for every college in the country.

- Know How 2 Go:

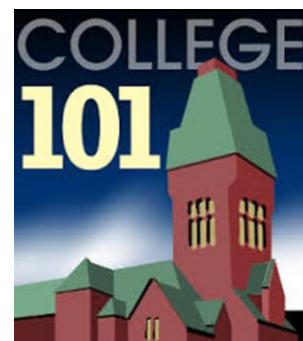
<http://www.knowhow2go.org/>

A public service initiative that helps middle and high school students prepare, apply, and pay for college. Sponsored by The American Council on Education, the Lumina Foundation, and the Ad Council.

- You Can Go:

<http://youcango.collegeboard.org/>

A College Board project connecting students with success stories about preparing, applying, and paying for college.



From Bear Cub to Grizzly

8th Grade Transition Frequently Asked Questions

Check out our website at <http://www.ashland.k12.or.us/AHS>
"Like" Principal Zundel on Facebook for AHS news and upcoming events

What will we learn at the 8th Grade Parents Meeting on March 12?

This is a vital meeting to become oriented to the high school. The agenda includes: Introduction of Administrators, Diploma requirements, Advisory Program, Clubs, Athletics and Co-curricular opportunities, early college credits, Parent Academy and there is time for Q & A. Students are welcome.

When do we get registration information?

Registration information will be distributed to students by AHS Counselors at AMS in March. March 19 & 20 counselors will be at AMS in the evenings to collect course requests and respond to individual questions. Families who do not need assistance with course selection can turn forms in at the AMS Office before March 20.

What happens if my student doesn't get registered?

Students who do not register do not get assigned classes until they do register. We accept registrations throughout the year and develop schedules based on class availability.

How much choice does a freshman have for classes?

We offer seven classes for 9th graders.

The required classes are: Global Studies, English, Math, PE and Health

The recommended classes are: Science and World Language

9th Graders who take the classes above have room for an additional year-long elective or two semester-long electives.

Are teacher requests honored?

AHS will place students in order to create balanced classes. We are not able to honor requests.

Is there a study hall class?

Advisory is a career and college preparation class that meets for 40 minutes on white days. Once a week there is content and instruction. Once a week students are able to study during Taking Care of Business (TCB) Time. Study Skills is also offered as an elective class.

What is Fresh Start?

Fresh Start is a team-building program for ninth graders. They go to a retreat center in the Greensprings for an overnight with the students and teachers in their Advisory and junior and senior counselors. From open mic to Lava River, students get acquainted and learn to problem-solve together. It's great fun and a wonderful way to launch a high school career. Fresh Start retreats occur during the last 10 days of August.

When do we get information on Fresh Start?

A mailing goes home over the summer (usually in June) notifying families of specific Fresh Start dates.

What if we disagree with a Math or Science placement?

As in K-8 education, if a family has a concern and wants to change a class, problem-solving can occur with counselors and administrators.

What are diploma requirements for the Class of 2018?

- 50 credits
- Meet Essential Skills in Reading, Writing and Math as demonstrated on state tests or local assessments for the Oregon diploma.
- 3 years of Math at or above the Algebra level

(Some students with disabilities may be eligible for modified diplomas.)

When do we get our class schedules?

Class schedules are distributed at registration in August. It is vital that parents and students attend registration to pay fees, receive class schedules and sign up for student clubs.

8th Grade Transition Calendar

8th Grade Student & Parent Meeting
March 12 from 7:00-8:30 PM
Mountain Ave Theater

AHS Counselors visit AMS
March 12, 13 & 17

Parents return course requests to AHS Counselors
March 19 & 20 @ AMS in the evening
6:00-8:00 PM

AHS Optional Campus Tours
March 18 & May 14 - Meet in the Theatre Lobby. Tours leave on rolling basis after school to 4:00.





Ashland High School Diploma Requirements

Credits 50 total credits

Note: 1 credit is earned each semester.

- English – 8 credits
- Math – 6 credits of Algebra or higher curriculum
(All AHS math courses with the exception of Math Explorations & Foundations for Algebra meet this level.)
- Science – 6 credits
- Social Studies – 6 credits
- Physical Education – 2 credits
- Health – 2 credits
- Electives – 12 credits
- Career Education – 1 credit earned in Advisory
- Fine & Applied Arts Elective Credits – 6 credits in any one area or combination of areas: Career and Technical Ed classes, The Arts and/or Second Language
- Community Service – 1 credit for 100 hours

Senior Project

Each senior is required to complete a Senior Project. You may find the Handbook at:

<http://www.ashland.k12.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=747>

Essential Skills

Students must demonstrate proficiency in the following Essential Skills:

- Read and comprehend a variety of texts.
- Write clearly and accurately
- Apply mathematics in a variety of settings.

Students must make every effort to demonstrate proficiency on the state assessment in Reading, Writing and Math. If they do not meet standards on OAKS or Smarter Balanced, they will have the opportunity to demonstrate proficiency on other standardized tests or local performance assessments.