

ATLANTIC CITY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT SOPHOMORE INFORMATION

CLASS OF 2020

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A NJ HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

- 4 years of English
- 4 years Physical Education/Health
- 3 years Social Studies (WH/US1/US2)
- 3 years Mathematics (must include Algebra 1 & Geometry)
- 3 years of Science (2 lab sciences-Biology/Chemistry/Environmental/Physics)
- 1 year of a World Language
- 1 year of an Elective (Visual & Performing Art)
- 1 year of an Elective (Career, Family & Life Skills, or Vocational-Technical Education)
- 1 year of Financial Literacy (Senior Year)
- State testing requirements may be found at

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/intervention/memos/120214grad.pdf> and will be provided to the student.

****STUDENTS MUST EARN A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDITS & PASS ALL REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES****

A student needs: 30 credits to become a sophomore; 60 credits to become a junior;
90 credits to become a senior

Assistant Principal Assignments

A-Fm	Dr. Alexander	H217
Fo-McI	Mr. Grimes	C117
McJ-So	Mr. Brown	E101
Sp-Z	Ms. Davis	H117

STAR STUDENT PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION

Atlantic City High School offers a program that allows parents/guardians the opportunity to access information on a student's grades, attendance, discipline, interim reports and report cards. It also allows for communication with teachers during the course of the school year. A letter will be mailed home for all new students giving directions on using the website. If you have any technical issues with the Portal, please contact Mrs. Carol Simon at 343-7300 ext. 2243

Academic Information

- What is your **GPA** Grade Point Average? Colleges look at how well you do in classes starting with your first year in high school.
- Please keep in mind that colleges look for A or B as a final grade in all classes.
- Sign up for strong college preparatory courses; consider taking Honors and AP (Advanced Placement) classes. **AVOID** being absent or suspended; colleges/employers want to know that you are reliable and can get along with others.

Start exploring all colleges and careers. Take advantage of the New Jersey Career Assistance Navigator.

www.njcan.org

Temporary Student login: ACHS

Temporary Password: 2017NJcan

"Create my portfolio" (new username and password), SAVE everything

PSAT

- Will be taken in October 11th by all grades at no cost to the student.
- Practice for the SAT by trying the SAT Question of the Day. www.collegeboard.org

SAT I / ACT

Is not recommended until spring of your junior year, due to the completion of your required high school math classes.

- *SAT I: measures verbal and mathematical reasoning skills students have developed over time and skills they need to be successful academically.*
- *ACT: measures general educational development and students capability to complete college-level work, includes English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science Reasoning.*

Study for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org www.princetonreview.com www.khanacademy.org

Study for the ACT at www.actstudent.org.

- ❖ *Start to explore your college options NOW!!* Think about which college characteristics are important to you; private or public, two- or four-year, in-state or out-of-state.
- ❖ Start your College Search at www.collegeboard.org or www.princetonreview.com. Make a list of college characteristics that are important to you.

After School Activities

- Join a CLUB or SPORT. Run for a leadership position. Colleges pay attention to your life inside and outside the classroom. Your extracurricular activities reveal a great deal about you, such as what your interests are, whether you can manage your priorities and maintain a long-term commitment, what diversity you'd bring to the student body, and how you've made a meaningful contribution to something.
- Keep in mind; colleges are not interested in seeing you do it all. It's more meaningful to colleges to see your dedication to one or two causes or activities than to see that you've spread yourself thin.

Summer Volunteer: Helping Others Can Help You

Volunteering has a meaningful, positive impact on your community. But did you know that it can have many benefits for you, too? You may have heard that volunteering helps you get into college, but keep in mind they're not just looking for a list of organizations and dates. Colleges want to see a complete picture of you, and real examples of your commitment, dedication, and interests.