Class of 2021: College & Career Readiness Planning Guide

Counseling

www.coltscounseling.com

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SENIOR YEAR PLANNING

Progress Towards Graduation:

1) Review 2nd Semester Schedule:

2) CTE Pathways:

- Concentrator: 1.5 credits in any area
- Completor: 3 credits in any area

3) Internships or job shadows

Original Credit & Credit Recovery

***** indicates options for original credit***

1) Granite Online Learning **
www.graniteschools.org > Search "online learning"

- New credit during the school year is free
- Credit Recovery is $25 per .25 credit
- Summer School $50 per .50 credit
- Grade Replacement $25 + $20 recording =$45
- See your counselor for a referral

2) Cottonwood Credit Recovery (ONLINE ON CANVAS)

- $15 per .25 credit. Fee Waiver Eligible - $0
- Counselor permission required
- Options to work for CHS to pay. Fee-waiver eligible

3) Northridge Learning Center **
www.northridgelearningcenter.org.

- $50 per .25 credit $6.50 Testing fee.
- 90 days to complete

4) Utah Online School **

- NCAA approved credit recovery

Awards

Sterling Scholar:

Applications will be available in the Counseling Center on October 1st. Students will need to turn those in to Ms. Nelson by Oct. 11th. Some departments have additional requirements for Sterling Scholars. Decisions will be made by Oct. 31st.

Senior Awards:

Senior Awards packets (including Areas of Merit) will be available at the beginning of 4th quarter.

Academic Letters:

3.75 GPA by beginning of 4th quarter. Applications for all grades will be available the beginning of 4th quarter. Certificate and pin awarded.

Helpful Websites:

coltscounseling.com

ktsutah.org

fafsa.gov

regentsscholarship.org

bigfuture.collegeboard.org

actstudent.org

finaid.org

educate-utah.org

All things College Planning: Check out the Keys to Success program at: www.ktsutah.org

The purpose of Keys to Success is to motivate students to unlock their future by connecting them with scholarships, internships, and opportunities that match their career interests.

Seniors - verify you are on track to graduate and make a plan to complete all credits this year!

Cottonwood High School Graduation Requirements

Required Areas	Credits	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th grade	12th grade
ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	4.0	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12 or Applied or Advanced
MATH	3.0	Secondary Math 1	Secondary Math 2	Secondary Math 3	Calculus, Statistics, Concurrent, AP
SCIENCE	3.0	Earth Systems or Biology	Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Computer Science	1.0 credit Applied or Advanced Science (student choice)	
SOCIAL STUDIES	3.5	Geography for Life	World Civilizations	United States History	US Gov. & Citizenship (0.5 credit)
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)	1.0	Career related courses taken at your high school or at the Granite Technical Institute (GTI)			
DIGITAL STUDIES	.50	*(Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year students in grades 9-12 will complete the digital studies requirement from approved courses.)*		------	------
FINE ARTS (Art, Music, Dance, Drama)	1.5	1.5 credits to be completed during grades 9–12			
GENERAL FINANCIAL LITERACY	.50	0.5 credit to be completed during grades 9-12			
HEALTH	.50	0.5 credit to be completed during grades 9-12			
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1.5	PE 9 (0.5 credit)	Fitness for Life (0.5 credit)	0.5 credit in grades 11 or 12	
ELECTIVES	8.0	Student choice based on interests, abilities, and talents and may include additional courses offered in CTE/GTI, Fine Arts, World Languages, Driver Education, Special Education, and ESL courses, Work/Service Experience, etc.			
Graduation Requirements	27 CR	2.0 Cumulative CPA Pass Basic Civics Test			

As you plan, choose courses that will:

- Complete high school graduation requirements
- Connect to your goals and plans
- Prepare you for 1, 2, or 4 years of education and training after high school
- Help you meet college and university admissions requirements
- Lead to Centennial, Regents' and/or New Century Scholarships

Keep in mind:

- Courses cannot be repeated for credit.
- Earn high school credit outside of the school day through demonstrated competency assessments in core areas, online courses, and/or concurrent enrollment/early college courses taken at a college or university.

CTE PATHWAYS:

For more information visit www.coltscounseling.com, select "College & Career," then select "CTE Pathways".

You Can...

- Earn College Credit
- Receive an Industry Certificate
- Wear a Graduation Cord (3.0 credits)
- Win a CTE Scholarship (1.5 credits or more)
- Jump Start your Career

Available Awards: * Students must apply for certificate

- Concentrator Certificate (1.5 credits in specific pathway)
- Completer Certificate & Graduation Cord (3.0 credits in specific pathway)

Career Pathway	Areas of Focus:
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	1) Natural Resources 3) Veterinary & Animal Sci. 2) Plant Science
Architecture & Construction	1) Architectural Design 3) Electrical 2) Carpentry 4) Plumbing
Arts, Audio/Visual Technology & Communication	1) TV Broadcasting 3) Digital Media 2)Photography 4) Graphic Printing
Business Management & Administration	1) Customer Service & Management 2) Office/Admin/Technical Support
Education & Training	1) Pre-K: Early Childhood Education 2) K-12 Teaching as a Profession * NEW
Engineering & Technology	1) CAD Mechanical Design 3) Mechanical Engineering 2) Electrical Engineering 4) Robotics & Electronics
Finance	1) Accounting & Financial Operations
Health Science	1) Biotechnology 5) Dental Assistant 2) Medical Forensics 6) Exercise Sci/Sports Med. 3) Emergency Medical Tech. 7) Medical Assistant 4) Nursing Services 8) Pharmacy Technician
Hospitality & Tourism	1) Culinary Arts 2) Hospitality & Tourism
Information Technology	1) IT Systems 3) Web Development 2) Programming & Software Development
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	1) Protective Services
Manufacturing (Governors Pathways)	1) Aerospace Manufacturing (Composites) * NEW 2) Medical Innovations: (Biotechnology, Manufacturing Principals) * NEW
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	1) Aviation * NEW

* NEW PATHWAYS

Pathways marked with an astrix are NEW! Info on these programs is on our website:

coltscounseling.com/cte

Did you know? Students who graduate HS with a concentrator or completer certificate have higher graduation rates than students without! They are also more likely to stay in college or get a good job when they graduate!

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The First step for the most common ways to pay for college. Complete the FAFSA by priority deadline: www.fafsa.ed.gov. (Opens Oct 1)

Come to our FAFSA Nights: **Oct 14th and October 28th 2020. CHS Library.** **More on this Pg. 9.** FAFSA Help Desk: 1-800-4-FED-AID.

- **Grants:** Don't have to be repaid
- **Loans:** Repaid after graduation
- **Scholarships:** The gateway for MANY scholarships including the Regents Scholarship.
- **Work Study:** Student employment aid helps pay for costs like books, supplies and personal expenses. Usually part-time/on campus.

Virtual FAFSA Nights:

- These are **not presentations.** Rather, you will join the Zoom call, then work on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on your own computer, at your own pace. Several days in October & November: More info at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VirtualFAFSANightRSVP

Scholarships

Scholarships do not need to be paid back. They can be earned through grades, service, financial need, or as simple as writing an essay about why you deserve money. They come in all shapes and sizes and are often "stackable" (you can stack up scholarships like a deck of cards)

Most scholarships come from:

- Universities or colleges
- Businesses
- Leadership Organizations
- Employers
- Your school district
- And many more

Start Your Search Now - Deadlines as early as September 2020!

- Visit **www.coltscounseling.com/scholarships**.
- Sign up to visit with Monica Perez - College Access Advisor (Counseling Reception)
- Sign-up for text/email notifications from our blog at coltscounseling.com
- COMPLETE THE FAFSA! - Many scholarships require you to file the FAFSA
- Regents Scholarship: **www.regentsscholarship.org**
- Undocumented students: visit **educate-utah.org.** **Utah SB 253** makes it so any student who graduates from a Utah high school (regardless of high school graduation year) **IS NOT** required to provide proof of lawful U.S. presence for scholarships or tuition waivers in Utah's public colleges and universities.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP

The application for students that are part of the 2021 graduating class will open November 16, 2020. The final deadline is February 1, 2021. Additional details regarding the application process will be available when the application opens.

MORE INFO

For more information visit:
https://ushe.edu/state-scholarships-aid/regents-scholarship/

UTAH PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

This program provides a statewide needs-based scholarship program to expand access to postsecondary opportunities for all students who face financial barriers in paying for college. The program provides students an award for up to full tuition and fees in qualifying circumstances.

MORE INFO

Visit:
https://financialaid.utah.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/freshman/arup-utah-promise.php.

T.H. BELL SCHOLARSHIP

The T.H. Bell Scholarship is for those intent on entering the teaching profession in Utah. It can be used at all public or private institutions in Utah that offer an approved program

MORE INFO:

Visit:
https://ushe.edu/initiatives/state-aid-programs/

Financial Aid Contact Information at Public Institutions

Institution	Webpage	Phone
University of Utah	https://financialaid.utah.edu/	(801)-581-6211
Utah State University	https://www.usu.edu/financialaid/	(435) 797-0173
Weber State University	https://www.weber.edu/FinancialAid/	(801) 626-7569
Southern Utah University	https://www.suu.edu/finaid/	(435) 586-7735
Dixie State University	https://financialaid.dixie.edu/	(435) 652-7575
Utah Valley University	https://www.uvu.edu/financialaid/	(801) 863-8442
Salt Lake Community College	http://www.slcc.edu/financialaid/index.aspx	(801) 957-4410
Snow College	https://www.snow.edu/offices/finaid/	(435) 283-7129
Bridgerland Technical College	https://btech.edu/students/financial-aid/	(435) 750-3114
Davis Technical College	http://davistech.edu/financialaid	(801) 593-2340
Dixie Technical College	https://www.dixietech.edu/HTML/pages/students/financial-aid/financial-aid-info.html	(435) 674-8416
Mountainland Technical College	https://mtec.edu/financial-aid/	(801) 753-4105
Ogden-Weber Technical College	https://www.otech.edu/future-students/financial-aid/	(801) 627-8327
Southwest Technical College	https://stech.edu/admissions/financial/	(435) 865-3936

Utah Colleges & Universities

Admission & Scholarship Deadlines

UTAH COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	ADMISSIONS DEADLINE	SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES
Brigham Young University 4 years www.byu.edu Admissions: (801) 422-4104	Holistic Review Process*	**November 2** (Priority) **December 15** (Final) 5PM Deadlines Application Fee: $35 Fee Waiver: Yes (NACAC)	**December 15**
Dixie State University 4 years www.dixie.edu Admissions: (435) 652-7777	Open Enrollment**	**No Deadline** Application Fee: $35 Fee Waiver: Yes	**March 1**
Salt Lake Community College 2 years www.slcc.edu Admissions: (801) 957-4485	Open Enrollment**	**Everything completed before 1st day of college semester** Application Fee: $40 Fee Waiver: No	**Varies**
Snow College www.snow.edu Admissions: (800) 848-3399	Open Enrollment**	**Everything completed before 1st day of college semester** Application Fee: $30 Fee Waiver: Yes	**June 1**
Southern Utah University 4 years www.suu.edu Admissions: (435) 586-7700	2.5+ GPA - Automatic Admission 2.49 GPA and below - Provisional Admission	**Everything completed before 1st day of the semester** Application Fee: $50 Fee Waiver: Yes	**March 1**
University of Utah 4 years www.utah.edu Admissions: (801) 581-8761	Holistic Review Process*	**December 1** (Early Action) **April 1** (Final) Application Fee: $55 Fee Waiver: Yes	**February 1** (Merit & Need-based)
Utah State University 4 years www.usu.edu Admissions: 1(800) 488-8108	2.9-4.0 GPA - Admitted in Good Standing 2.5-2.89 GPA - Considered for Prep Academy (provisional admission) 2.49 GPA and below - Earned Admission option	**August 1, 2021** Application Fee: $50 Fee Wavier: No	**January 10**
Utah Valley University 4 years www.uvu.edu Admissions: (801) 863-8706	Open Enrollment**	**August 1, 2021** Application Fee: $35 Fee Waiver: Yes (Partial)	**February 1**
Weber State University 4 years www.weber.edu Admissions: (801) 626-6000	Open Enrollment**	**Everything completed before 1st day of the semester** Application Fee:$30 Fee Waiver: No	**December 1**
Westminster College 4 years www.westminstercollege.edu Admissions: (801) 832-2200	Holistic Review Process*	**December 1** (Priority) **Rolling Admissions** Application Fee: $0	**Rolling will always be considered for Merit**

*Holistic Review Process: Considers all aspects of student achievement including GPA, ACT/SAT scores, class rigor, extracurricular, leadership roles, personal circumstances, essays, & recommendations.

** Personal Profile for recommendations needed from a counselor or teacher - give a **minimum of two weeks advance notice.**

OCTOBER 12-30 2020

WHAT IS UCAW?

Utah College Application week (Month) is state-wide event to encourage seniors to attend post-secondary education. Reps from many in-state colleges will be at Cottonwood during the week/month to register students for college. Some colleges may waive their application fee during the event.

Students will have a chance to apply during the school day, during English classes. Virtual UCAW efforts for Distance Learners will also be available.

www.coltscounseling.com/ucaw

Bring:

Drivers License
Social Security # or Immigrant #
Credit Card to pay for Application fees
(Students on Fee-Waiver will receive one free application)

Undocumented Students:

Good News! The Utah State Legislature passed House Bill 144 in 2002 which allows eligible Utah high school graduates the opportunity to attend Utah universities and colleges and have the non-resident portion of their tuition waived. Private scholarships are also available for undocumented students.

More info: www.educate-utah.org

- Utah State University · Logan
- Weber State University · Ogden
- LDS Business College · Salt Lake City
- Salt Lake Community College · Salt Lake City
- University of Utah · Salt Lake City
- Westminster College · Salt Lake City
- Utah Valley University · Orem
- Brigham Young University · Provo
- USU Eastern · Price & Blanding
- Snow College · Ephraim
- Southern Utah University · Cedar City
- Dixie State University · St. George

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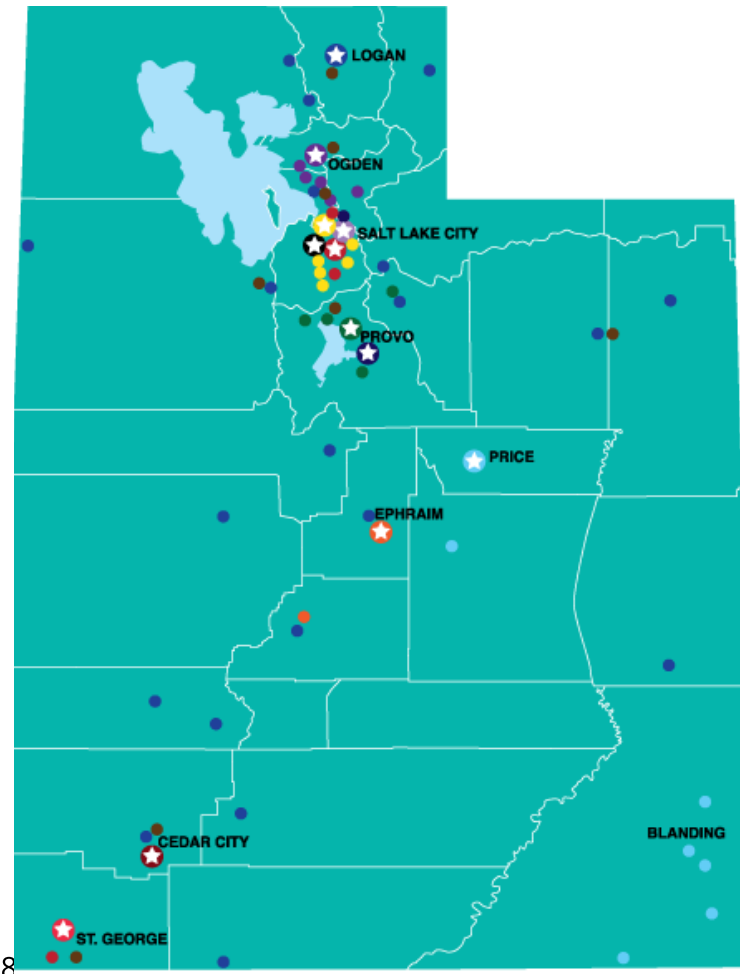
Utah System of Technical Colleges (UTECH)



I ~~CAN'T~~ AFFORD COLLEGE

CAN

- Grants - Free $ Do not need to be re-paid
- Federal Loans - Low-interest college loans
- Work-Study: On campus jobs to help you pay for college
- Scholarships - FAFSA is the gateway for many scholarships

APPLY FOR THE FAFSA

Questions about the FAFSA - Check out https://studentaid.gov/articles/things-you-need-for-fafsa/

WWW.COLTSCOUNSELING.COM

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Social Security Card, Permanent Resident card or Immigration Registration.
- Driver's License (if you have one)
- 2019 Federal Income Tax Return (Parents and Spouse)
- Current bank statements
- 2019 Un-taxed income records
- Current business & Investment information
- Farm, stock, bond and other investment records.

OCT 14

and

OCT 28

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CHS

Stay tuned on our website www.coltscounseling.com/fafsa for important updates, information about how to attend and other ways to get help with filling out the FAFSA.

TEST DATES

United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico

The ACT

2020 | 2021

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINES		
	Regular Deadline	Late Fee Required	Photo Upload/Standby Deadline
September 12, 2020			
September 13, 2020 *(Sunday)*	**August 31**	No late fees	September 4
September 19, 2020			
October 10, 2020			
October 17, 2020	**September 25**	No late fees	October 2
October 24, 2020			
October 25, 2020 *(Sunday)*			
December 12, 2020	**November 6**	November 7–20	December 4
February 6, 2021	**January 8**	January 9–15	January 29
April 17, 2021	**March 12**	March 13–26	April 9
June 12, 2021	**May 7**	May 8–21	June 4
July 17, 2021*	**June 18**	June 19–25	July 9

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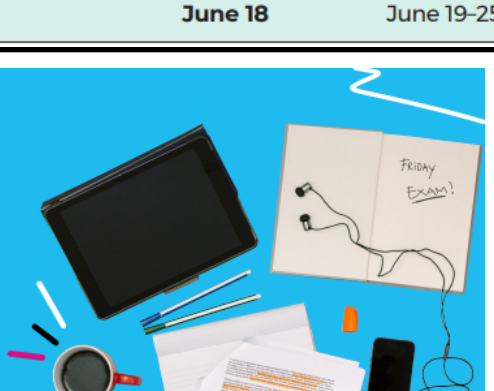
WE'RE FOCUSED ON OUTCOMES

Utah ACT® Test Prep



Welcome students!

Every Utah public high school student has free and secure access to Shmoop's ACT Test Prep. Wahoo!

NEED HELP?

Email us at support@shmoop.com

Students, this is how to log in to your Shmoop account:

1. Go to schools.shmoop.com
2. Click "Go" next to where it says "Need to register with a new school or starting a new year?"
3. Enter student Magic Word: **WASATCH**
4. You'll be directed to Shmoop's Utah page
5. From there, select your school from the alphabetized list
6. Next, log in or create an account if you are new to Shmoop
7. Finally, join a classroom and get started!

Other Tests to Consider

SAT: For more information and test dates visit: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register

Accuplacer: Some colleges may have you take this test to place you in the appropriate level classes. For information and test preparation visit: https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/

Granite District Students can also access Shmoop directly on the student portal.

Search "Shmoop" and you can log right in, no secret password needed.

12TH GRADE

Stay focused.

- [ ] Check in with your counselor about applying to colleges and scholarship opportunities.
- [ ] Ask for letters of recommendation. Connect with teachers and counselors early in the fall of your senior year.

Take math during your senior year.

- [ ] Be sure to take the right math for your future career. Use the guide on page 13 to help you figure out which math class is right for you.

Apply to college in the fall.

- [ ] Apply to colleges during the fall of your senior year. Participate in Utah College Application Week in November. Ask your counselors for more information.

  *** If you're planning on serving a religious mission or joining the military, you should still complete your college applications. Once you have been accepted to college, you can defer your enrollment and any scholarships you have been offered until you return. Find more information about the deferment process by visiting the admissions page on the college's website. ***

- [ ] Check with the colleges you're applying to and see what ACT scores you should be aiming for. If you want to improve your score, retake the ACT the fall of your senior year.

Fill out your FAFSA.

- [ ] Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as October at **fafsa.gov**.

  *** Even if you don't think you will qualify for federal grants, you should still fill out the FAFSA. Many colleges require it for scholarships and other aid. ***

- [ ] Get help completing your FAFSA by attending a FAFSA Completion Open House during the school year.
- [ ] If you are an undocumented student, check to see what options might be available for you at **educate-utah.org**.

Continue applying for scholarships.

- [ ] Apply for the Regents' Scholarship if you're pursuing it. Check deadlines at **RegentsScholarship.org**.
- [ ] Research what scholarships are offered by the colleges you've applied to and check deadlines.
- [ ] Apply for at least three scholarships during your senior year.

What if I'm not going to college right after high school?

Are you planning to join the military or serve a religious mission before enrolling in college?

You should still apply for college admissions and financial aid as a high school senior to lock in your admissions and scholarships.

Once you've been accepted, talk to your college about deferring enrollment or taking a leave of absence. If you are leaving the country or will not have access to email, be sure to complete a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) form.

Without this form, colleges will not legally be able to talk with your parents/guardians about you after you turn 18.Talk to the Admissions Office at your college for information on what paperwork you'll need to complete.

Narrow it down.

- [ ] Visit the websites or call any colleges you've been accepted to and ask about First Year Experience Programs and Summer Bridge Programs.
- [ ] Send in your final high school transcripts to your college once you graduate.
- [ ] Accept any financial aid you might have received. Talk with your college's financial aid office to make sure you're good to go.

Be proud. Celebrate!

- [ ] Participate in your school's Decision Day activities to celebrate your accomplishments. Ask your school counselor for more information.

Check our blog for important updates and announcements.
Parents & students can sign up on our homepage for text and email notifications.

All students have a "No-Study" class on Canvas
This is a non-graded Canvas page for Counseling to connect with students online.