Information Night Series

PSAT and the College Process
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What Colleges Are Looking For

- Transcripts/grades/course selections
- SAT/ACT scores
- Extracurricular activities/sports
- Community service and leadership opportunities
- Letters of recommendation



The Transcript

- Grades 9, 10 and 11 final grades/exams
- Class rank/class size
- Overall weighted GPA
- All Regents Exams
- SAT, ACT and AP Scores are not on your transcript

Lagrangeville, NY 12540

Arlington High School

School accredited by the Board of Regents of the

| 840-480-4800 | Offi | cial Student Transcript - CEEB Code | 334620 | | of New Yo |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------|-------------------------------|---|
| Name: | | Student ID: | | Class Rank: | 200000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| Gender: | | DOB: | | Weighted GPA | |
| Address: | | Graduation Date: | | | |
| Parent | | Diploma Type: Regents | | Credits Earned: Counselor: | 12.50 |
| Courses | 5000 X | | 000 | | |
| Arlington High Sc | shool | 06/17 Regerts Physical Setting Earth | 71 | | |
| \$CHOOLYEAR: 2016-2017 | | Science 06/18 Regents Common Core Examination | 21 | | |
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| GLBL HIST 2 R 8 | 75 85 1.00 | l | | | |
| GEOMETRY 8 | 71 75 1.00 | l | | | |
| REG BIOLOGY 8 | 89 91 1.00 | l | | | |
| MIXED CHORUS 8 | 98 1.00 | | | | |
| JEWELRY 8 | 100 100 0.50 | l | | | |
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| MIXED CHORUS 8 | | | | | |
| FOOD AS ART | | | | | |
| IND ST DANCE FALL | | | | | |
| 11TH & 12TH GRADE PE | | | | | |
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FE = Final Exam SE = State Exam FA = Final Average CR = Credits Earned

Class Rank: Each course is assigned a factor which appears to the right of the course title Factors: 10 = AP, 5 = Honors, 5 = RegentalCollege Prep, 7 = School.

The Forumia is: GPA - sum of (Grades x Factor x Credit) for each course divided by total credits (excluding Pass/Fall Courses). The average is based on the GPA divided by 8, the Regents/College Prep factor.

OVERALL CREDITS: 12.50

06/17 Regents Common Core Examination 79

Date Exam

Date September 26, 2018

PSAT/NMSQT



- Helps prepare you for the SAT exam
- Entered in the National Merit Scholarship competition
- Access to My College Quick Start
- Receive suggestions on how to improve your score
- October 19 at 7:45 AM at AHS
 - Must register by 10/8

| *** | SAT | ACT | | |
|----------------|--|---|--|--|
| Why Take It | Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships. | Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships. | | |
| Test Structure | MathReadingWriting and LanguageEssay (Optional) | •Math •Reading •English •Science Essay (Optional) | | |
| Length | ·3 hours (without essay)·3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay) | 2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay) 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay) | | |
| Reading | 5 reading passages | 4 reading passages | | |
| Science | None | 1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge) | | |

| | SAT | ACT | |
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| Math | Covers: Arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis | Covers: Arithmetic, Algebra I & II, Geometry and Trigonometry | |
| Tools | Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator. | You can use a calculator on all math questions. | |
| Essays | Optional. The essay will test your comprehension of a source text. | Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues. | |
| How It's Scored | Scored on a scale of 400-1600 | Scored on a scale of 1–36 | |

Score Choice SAT's/ACT's



- SAT's and ACT's offer score choice
- Students can choose which scores to send
- Scores are not on AHS transcript
- What is best for you? Talk to your School Counselor.



Recommendations

The number of letters required for each school varies.

All students will receive one letter of recommendation from their counselor.

Additional letter(s) may be written by individuals from school or the community.

Extracurricular Activities/Sports

- Show colleges you are well rounded
- Quality of participation, not quantity
- Remember youth groups and Girl/Boy Scouts
- Sports in the community- not just AHS sports

Community Service

This will show colleges what is important to you. Find your passion!

Again remember it is the quality of what you do, not the quantity.

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Naviance

- Resource available to students- use to research colleges and careers
- Get information on college fairs and in-office visits
- Senior year- all applications processed through Naviance
- https://connection.naviance.com/arlington

Email/Social Media

- Check your email for professionalism.
- Colleges and employers check social media!
- Would you want Grandma to see what you are posting?



Finding the Right College

- Two-year, four-year, vocational school
- Cost
- Location, size
- Majors and minors
- Clubs, organizations, sports programs
- Population type, religious affiliation
- Support services

Number of Colleges to Apply

Three match schools: GPA and SAT/ACT scores match your scores

Two safety schools: GPA and SAT/ACT scores are lower than your scores

 One reach school: GPA and SAT/ACT scores are higher than your scores



NCAA Eligibility Center

- If you are interested in playing Division I or Division II sports, you must register.
- Register during junior year at www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Make sure you communicate with your counselor.
- Double-check the classes you are taking to make sure they all count for eligibility.
- Remember to bring the signed release to your counselor. Counselor mails your transcript at end of junior year.

Important Reminders

- PSAT scores will be returned to you in January.
- Register for SAT's/ACT's for May or June.
- Visit colleges!
- College Admissions Night-April 2020
- National Honor Society invitations and applications will be mailed home at the end of your junior year.

The Junior Packet

- The Junior Packet with detailed information about what was covered tonight will be given out at the junior planning meetings.
- Your child's guidance counselor will be in contact with you via a letter mailed home regarding the junior planning meeting.
- The information is on the House of 2021 webpage too.

Thank You!