



# Class of 2018

September 2017

Quarter 1

## 12th Grade Team:

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## Graduation Information

Graduation is May 22nd at 8:00 am. Graduation will be held at the University of Denver Ritchie Center. Any plans you have of a different graduation date (eg. December graduation), needs to be communicated to your 12th grade Advisor. The responsibility of knowing the graduation

requirements is ultimately your (the student's) responsibility. You can view your transcript and track your progress in your current classes through the Infinite Campus link on the ACHS webpage. Your advisor will meet with you throughout the school year

to update your progress towards meeting graduation requirements and is available to assist you in reaching this important milestone.

December graduation will be December 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the PLCC.



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## SAT Information

Starting in April 2017, the state of Colorado switched from a mandatory ACT assessment to the SAT. This shift was due to the SAT being more aligned with Core standards being taught across the state.

The revamped four hour SAT does not penalize you for guessing; there is more time per question, as much as 43% more time than the ACT; and

there is no science section. The math section barely covers Algebra II, and the test no longer contains the much-hated "SAT vocab" of the past.

The SAT is accepted at every college in Colorado and across the United States. Scores range on a scale of 400 to 1600.

Khan Academy is a free, online tool that partners with

the makers of the SAT to bring you relevant, personalized study material to help you get the score you need for college. Khan Academy offers thousands of interactive practice questions, video lessons, and six full-length practice tests.

Stop by the College and Career Center to get signed up to take the SAT this fall with Ms. Bills.

Test Date	Normal Deadline	Late Registration	Score Release
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 27, 2017	October 20-26, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017	November 17-23, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017	December 15-21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018	March 23-29, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018	May 18-24, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018	July 11, 2018

## FAFSA/Financial Aid Information

The **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid application will be available to fill out online starting on October 1st. The FAFSA must be completed in order to receive financial aid to go to college. In order to complete this application you will need to have you and/or your parents **2016** Federal Tax Return. The FAFSA application is available at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

If you need assistance filling this application out, stop by the College and Career Center and Ms. Bills can help get you started.

Scholarships are awarded for a variety of reasons and it is money that does not have to be repaid. Make sure you check with Ms. Bills for an updated list of scholarships and opportunities!

## ASCENT Program

ASCENT is a first-year college experience program for students following completion of their senior year. Students receive one free year of college at Community College of Aurora, Metropolitan State University of Denver or Pickens Technical College.

To be an ASCENT scholar you must ensure that you get to at least 12 college credit hours by the end of senior year. Ensure

that you meet the requirements for Eng 121 & Mat 121. Interested students should see Ms. Benson, Ms. Bills or email Dawn Post at [dmpost@aps.k12.co.us](mailto:dmpost@aps.k12.co.us)

## Credit Recovery Options

Failed a class? Need a way to make up credits? ACHS offers credit recovery through the Edgenuity program during the school day. Pending funding, we will have it twice a week after school as well.

However, you can also do credit recovery on your own through the BYU Independent Study program. go to

[www.byu.is](http://www.byu.is) for more information. Classes start at \$148 per .5 credits.

If you have failed Core 1, Core 2 or Core 3 and are still short math credit, you may be eligible to take an assessment to earn the credit back.

See Ms. Benson for more information on these opportunities.

## Graduation Requirements

### 22 Total Credits

- 4.0 Math
- 4.0 English
- 3.0 Science
- 1.0 World Language
- 1.0 US History
- 0.5 Civics
- 1.5 Social Studies
- 7.0 Electives

- Any additional credits you have in one area carries over to elective credit
- College classes are weighted
- Taking a rigorous schedule looks better to colleges
- See Ms. Benson, Mrs. Davis or Dr. Douglas for any questions



## Important Dates

- End of Quarter 1: October 11
- End of Quarter 2: December 20
- End of Quarter 3: March 8
- Prom: April 28
- Senior Pass Date: May 10
- Seniors' Last Day: May 17
- Senior Farewell: May 17 @ 2:30 pm
- Convocation: May 17 @ 6:30 pm
- Senior Check Out: May 18
- Graduation: May 22 @ 8:00 am

## Military Recruiting

Are you interested in an exciting career in one of the branches of the Armed Service?

Military Recruiters will come to Central and meet with interested students. Contact Ms. Benson to set up an appointment.

The Military is comprised of 12 branches: five Active Duty and seven part-time duty. Active-duty service members are full-

time members of the Military. They are employed either domestically or overseas.

You must graduate from high school or earn a GED to enlist.

Marines: Sgt. Mujahid Amme

Army: Staff Sgt. Edgardo Martinez

Air Force: Staff Sgt. Miesha Ladd

Navy: BM2 Christopher Fuller



National Guard: Justyn Martinez