

digital advantage

SCHOLARS

COLLEGE READINESS



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Sunnyside District Digital Scholars earn a netbook computer by achieving goals in the Four A's of Academics, Attendance, school Activity and Attitude. However, being named a Digital Scholar is a great honor as well. The Sunnyside District recognizes Digital Scholars as being on track to enter into and succeed in college upon graduation from high school. Therefore, a comprehensive college preparation program has been designed specifically for Digital Scholars. The following information outlines the goals of this initiative and gives the scope and sequence of opportunities that are open to Digital Scholars throughout their high school years in the Sunnyside District.

Digital Scholars College Readiness

Digital Scholars Program

Objective:

Identify Digital Scholars before high school in order to promote a comprehensive college readiness program

Strategies:

- ✓ Students identified in 8th-grade with GPA ≥ 3.0 & attendance $\geq 95\%$ will earn personal netbook computers on first day of high school
- ✓ Digital Scholars targeted for college focused ECCAPP and honors diploma program
- ✓ College Readiness marketing campaign

Digital Learning Opportunities

Objective:

Use technology as a tool to transform learning and teach 21st century skills

Strategies:

- ✓ Establish embedded "Digital Classes" in high schools
- ✓ Provide Digital Scholars opportunities to take online courses for high school and/or college credit and comprehensive test preparation

College Prep Summer Experiences

Objective:

Provide college preparation programs for Digital Scholars during the summer

Strategies:

- ✓ Digital Scholars will have a continuum of summer academic offerings aligned with each grade
- ✓ Summer courses will be designed to increase student preparation for college admissions and decrease the amount of remedial courses taken upon matriculation

Pathway to College Matriculation

Objective:

Digital Scholars and families will participate in activities to prepare them for college matriculation

Strategies:

- ✓ "College cohorts" will be established with college programming and campus visits to AZ colleges
- ✓ Students will be enrolled in test prep workshops and EPAS[®] system of the ACT
- ✓ Sunnyside College Promise will be aligned to the UA Arizona Assurance program

Digital Scholars College Readiness Sequence

Grade		Credit Advancement	Summer Experiences	Digital Learning	Comprehensive Test Prep
8	College ECCAPP, College Cohorts, Campus Visits, Student & Family College Seminars, AVID				EXPLORE®
			Freshman Year Experience Algebra Academy		
9		Odysseyware	Pima Community College Summer Enrichment	Algebra/Geometry English 1, 2 & Biology Credit Advancement	AIMS Prep
10		Odysseyware	Algebra II Academy College Literacy Academy	Geometry/Algebra 2 English 3, 4 & World History Credit Advancement	AIMS & SAT/ACT Prep PLAN®
11		Online Pima Courses	University Summer Enrichment Programs	AP Classes (online text books JTED Web Design & Nursing	SAT/ACT & AP Prep ACT®
12		Dual Enrollment	UA New Start Summer Bridge Programs	AP Classes (online text books JTED Web Design & Nursing	SAT/ACT & AP Prep

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Got technology?

Students and families that have a laptop in the home can check grades, e-mail teachers, help their students visit college websites, search for scholarships, and apply for financial aid. Here is a list of educational websites to help you on your path to college.

Sunnyside Unified School District
www.susd12.org

**Sunnyside Unified School District:
Parent Connect**
<http://campus.susd12.org:8080/campus/portal/sunnyside.jsp?lang=en>

Tucson GEAR UP Project
<http://tucsongearup.arizona.edu/>

Desert View High School NING
<http://desertviewgu.ning.com>

Sunnyside High School NING
<http://sunnysidegu.ning.com>

Tucson Pima Public Library
Homework Help
<http://www.library.pima.gov/services/homework>

Arizona State University
www.asu.edu

Northern Arizona University
www.nau.edu

Pima Community College
www.pima.edu

The University of Arizona
www.arizona.edu

Know How 2 Go
<http://www.knowhow2go.org>

**U.S. World and News Report:
Best Colleges 2009**
<http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/college>

College Board
www.collegeboard.org

ACT
<http://www.actstudent.org/>

Federal Application for Student Aid
www.fafsa.gov

FastWeb
www.fastweb.com

MCEC: Regional College Access Center
www.metedu.org/rcac

Hispanic Scholarship Fund
www.hsf.org

United Negro College Fund
<http://www.uncf.org>

American Indian College Fund
<http://www.collegefund.org>

Sallie Mae Scholarship Fund
<http://www.thesalliemae.org>

Glossary of college terms

ACT: Standardized test that students take that colleges and universities use to determine admission.

Admission: Whether or not a student is accepted into a college or university.

Admissions office: Office responsible for reviewing, accepting, or denying student applications.

Bachelor's Degree: Four year degree offered at a college or university.

BA: Bachelor of Arts degree.

BS: Bachelor of Science degree.

Contact Us: Link that gives you name and e-mail of someone to contact for more information.

Degree: Graduation certificate awarded to students when they finish their course of study.

Entrance requirements: This usually includes classes, test scores, GPA, class rank; it's what colleges and universities look at when deciding who to admit.

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (online form necessary to request federal money for college).

Financial Aid: Money in the form of grants, scholarships, or loans offered to students to pay for college.

Grant: Money for school that does not have to be paid back.

GPA: Grade point average. Calculated by dividing the total number of points per grade (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0) by the number of classes.

Housing: Where students live when they go to college. Can be on or off-campus.

Income: Money family earns that is used to calculate how much money your child will receive for school.

Major: Area of study. Ex: My child's major is Engineering.

Personal Statement: Short essay students need to complete to apply for most scholarships and admission to some colleges and universities.

SAT (Standard Aptitude Test): Standardized test that students take that colleges and universities use to determine admission.

Transcript: Record of student grades.

Tuition: Cost of classes taken in college.