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How to Repeat a High School Course for Grade Improvement



A course may be repeated for remediation of an 'F' or to better a poor grade in high school with counselor approval. A student who fails a required course for graduation must repeat it until it is passed successfully. If a student receives a 'D' in a core class they should strongly consider retaking the course if they plan on attending an In-State university because it could result in a deficiency that could prevent or slow their acceptance. The credit for that course resides with the better grade, and only the better grade is computed into the GPA. Only courses designated as repeat courses may be counted toward graduation.

It should be noted that Honors courses differ from regular-track courses to the extent that one

cannot replace the other. If a student has obtained credit in two courses in the same subject, one in the regular track and one with an Honors grade weight, the student will receive credit for both courses, and both grades will be computed into the grade point average. Only one of the courses can be used to satisfy a graduation credit (e.g., Biology I and Biology I H would not count as two lab sciences). The second course would count as an elective course. It is difficult to find complete replacements for Honors classes. SUSD did offer some Honors courses during summer school 2010 and may offer them again next summer.

Repeated classes can be done during the school year, during summer school, with online courses or

through correspondence courses with counselor approval.

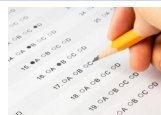
SEC has had great results with Independent Study Courses coupled with semi-private tutoring with a majority of our tutored students receiving 'A's or 'B's in their courses. Students have one year to complete their courses, where online courses are often only 12-16 weeks. Correspondence courses may also be used to meet college admissions requirements outside of high school graduation needs. Call SEC at 480-538-0828 for details.



HSPT: SEC High School Placement Test Prep Class-*filling quickly!*



If you have an 8th grade student interested in attending Notre Dame, Brophy or Xavier in the fall of 2011, they will need to take and pass the High School Placement Test. Currently HSPT tests are being given on January 8, 2011 at each of the three schools, with a make-up test session offered on January 22, 2011. Scottsdale Education Center's class will cover all



5 sections of the test: Verbal Skills, Reading, Language, Quantitative Skills and Mathematics. Our class has been offered for over seven years with 100% of our attendees successfully getting into their school of choice. The class will be capped at 20 students. Call Jessica **NOW** to register. Only a few spots are left!

WHAT: SEC High School Placement Test Comprehensive Review Class
WHEN: Saturday, December 4, 2010 - 9am to 1pm
WHERE: Scottsdale Education Center
WHO: 8th graders looking to attend Notre Dame, Brophy or Xavier
CLASS TEACHERS: Julie Kreiman, Math
Kristi Hartmann, English
SUCCESS RATE: 100%
COST: \$275 - Bagels and juice provided
Call 480-538-0828 TODAY to register!
HSPT Diagnostic Tests are available for \$100 and include 2 1/2 hours of testing and a 30 minute consultation. Semi-private or private tutoring for HSPT also available at regular tutoring rates.

DON'T FORGET:

- **QUARTER GRADES** will be posted by , October 22nd, 2010! If your quarter grades were not where you wanted them to be, call SEC @ 480-538-0828. We not only can help with tutoring for classroom courses, but also with online courses such as Pinnacle, Primavera, etc. You want to ensure a strong semester transcript grade! We also have Correspondence Course offerings for high school grade replacements through nationally certified university programs (BYU*- restrictions apply, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, etc.)
- Juniors and Seniors- get prepared for the SAT and ACT with SEC classes! Next ACT Class starts Monday, 11/8 for the 12/11/10 Test Date! Next SAT Class starts Tuesday, 11/2 for 12/4/10 Test Date!

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Your Bridge to Academic Success

November Events

November Payment Due	Mon 11/1
SIGN-UP for Private High School Class	Early Nov
SEC SAT Session III Class Begins	Tues 11/2
Official SAT Test (see www.collegeboard.com)	Sat 11/6
SEC ACT Session III Class Begins	Mon 11/8
SEC IS OPEN FOR VETERANS DAY	Th 11/11
Thanksgiving Holiday Observed (Scottsdale Education Center will be closed)	Wed 11/24 through Sun 11/28

College Coaching- DEADLINES



November 1 to November 30 is the admission filing period for the University of California system schools if you are seeking admissions as a freshman in the fall of 2011-2012. (UCLA, UC Berkley, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, UC Merced)

Many early decision and early acceptance programs have admission deadline dates of November 1. If you are planning on applying to college using an early action or early decision plan make certain you know the due date for your college(s).

2011 Flinn Scholarship Applications are due October 22. Winners receive the cash value of tuition from ASU, U of A, or NAU AND more than \$54,000 in additional support. Details and applications at www.flinnscholars.org.

Q & A Corner

Should I apply to COLLEGE through an early decision or early action program?



Generally there are three kinds of early acceptance programs offered by colleges:

1. Early decision which only allows you to apply to one college early and if you are accepted you are required to attend (unless you do not receive financial assistance at a level that would allow you to attend) think dream school....this is where I know I want to go.
2. Early acceptance single option which allows you to apply early to only one college, but if you are accepted you are not required to attend.
3. Early acceptance which allows you to apply early to more than one college that also has a standard early acceptance option and does not require that you attend.

Most early decision/early action programs do allow you to apply to your instate universities without penalty, but look carefully at their contracts. The advantage to early application is that you generally find out in December if you have been admitted. Some schools (not all), have higher acceptance rates from their early decision/early acceptance pools than they do from regular admission (e.g. University of Notre Dame 41% early acceptance vs. 19% non-early acceptance, John Hopkins 45% early acceptance vs. 23% non-early acceptance, De Paul 82% early vs. 50% regular) At some schools however it might be better to stay in the regular decision pool.....Boston University 37% early vs. 59% regular, DePauw University 59% early vs. 80% regular, Ohio Wesleyan University 32% early vs. 66% regular. You need to have done your research on the individual schools to which you are applying to know which is right for you. If you feel your application will be stronger if you wait until regular decision dates that is also something to factor into your decision.



Leadership Opportunity- 10th & 11th Graders

Valley Teen Leadership is a highly interactive 4 month program, run by Valley Leadership that instills leadership skills and an awareness of community needs in emerging youth leaders from around the Valley. Fifty high school sophomores and juniors are selected. Deadline for application- November 12 (postmarked 11/11/10) Visit www.valleyleadership.org for more details.

Holidays & Make-Ups



SEC IS CLOSED Wednesday, November 24th through Sunday, November 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Make-ups for missed tutoring sessions on Wednesday, 11/24 and Thursday, 11/25 are available. Also, make-ups from any cancelled Fall Break sessions must be made up by the Thanksgiving Holiday. Make-ups do not replace future sessions and must be scheduled in alignment with your current tutoring schedule. Contact Jessica to reschedule at 480-538-0828 or by emailing admin@sectutoring.com.

