## **Student Success**

Sierra Linda Bulldogs "Dream, Believe, Strive, and Achieve". Our students have big goals and work hard to achieve those goals. This page will give students and their parents tips on how they can be successful during their high school years and for years to come.

#### **Good Grades**

The first thing colleges and universities look at when deciding whether or not to admit a student or to award scholarships is grades. Good grades come from hard work. Students must:

- Turn in ALL homework. Use your daily planner!
- Ask for make-up work when absent.
- Ask for help when having a hard time. Teachers may be available before school, after school, or at lunch. Work out a time when is best for both of you.
- Study for ALL tests and quizzes

## Study Habits

It is important to develop good study skills. Having good study skills can help you when you are taking chapter tests, final exams, AIMS tests, and more. Some tips when studying include:

- Taking good notes and reading through your notes often.
- When reading through your notes, jot down any questions you have and ask them!- You can ask teachers, parents, older siblings, or smart friends and classmates for help.
- Join a study group.
- Make index cards.
- Find a quiet place to study when there will be no distractions.
- Don't wait until the night before the test to do all your studying!!!

## **Graduation Requirements**

Schools want to make sure students have taken the right classes. Below are Tolleson Union High School District's graduation requirements, along with Arizona University Admission requirements.

Course	TUHSD Requirements	Arizona University Requirements
English	4	4
Math	3	4
Science	2	3
Social Studies	3	3
Wellness or ROTC	1	1
Fine Arts / Career Technical Training	1	1 (must be a fine art)
Word Processing	0.5	0
Foreign Language	0	2
Electives	7.5	4
TOTAL:	22	22

GPA: No minimum GPA	3.0 minimum GPA
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\*\*Note: Out of state universities, community colleges and trade schools may have different requirements. Students should make an appointment with their counselor for help in course selection.

#### **Extracurricular Activities**

Schools want to see that students are getting involved in sports, clubs, and other activities. Students who participate in sports or clubs are more likely to be successful in their academic classes as well. Examples of sports, clubs and activities students can participate in are:

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- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Spiritline
- Track
- Golf

#### Softball

- Tennis
- Folklorico Club
- Culinary Arts Club
- Student Council
- Y-Achievers
- Chorus
- Theatre
- Band
- And more!

# Weekly Progress

Parents, you can help your students succeed by monitoring their progress, making sure they are turning in homework, studying for tests, and making the grades. If you would like to request weekly updates from teachers on your student's progress, feel free to print out the attached sheet and have your student bring it to school. This sheet (download from the Guidance Counseling Web page) will show you your child's grade to date, % of homework turned in for the week, and behavior during the week for each class with the teacher's signature. These forms are also available in the counseling office for your student to pick up.

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