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Dear high school parents and students,

It is important that high school students and their families are aware of a recent change to an Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) policy. ABOR is the governing board for the state’s public universities: Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona.

ABOR changed university entrance requirements to include a career and technical education (CTE) **or** a fine arts course as one of the required high school courses needed for entrance into Arizona’s public universities. Previously, only a fine arts course was accepted.

Mesa Public Schools has updated our College Core ranking system and Scholastic Diploma requirements to reflect this ABOR policy change.

Effective immediately, the College Core ranking system includes either a 1.0 fine arts credit **or** a 1.0 practical arts (CTE) credit in the calculation.

**The College Core courses are:**

Subject Area	Total Credits	Total Semesters
English	4	8
Math	4	8
Science (Laboratory)	3	6
Social Studies	3	6
World Language (Same Language)	2	4
Fine or Practical Arts	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>

Effective immediately, the requirements for a MPS Scholastic Diploma include either a 1.0 fine arts credit **or** a 1.0 practical arts (CTE) credit.

Should you have questions about the College Core ranking system or MPS Scholastic Diploma, please consult our Web page at [www.mpsaz.org/collegecore](http://www.mpsaz.org/collegecore) or a student advisor.

Should you have questions about the ABOR policy for university entrance, please consult their website at <http://www.azregents.edu/public/default.aspx>.

Sincerely,

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