

An aerial photograph of a high school campus. The main building is a long, multi-story structure with a mix of tan and grey walls. To the right, there are several green sports fields with red tracks. The campus is surrounded by trees and a paved area with some parked cars and a white canopy tent in the foreground. The lighting suggests it's daytime with some shadows cast by the buildings and trees.

Navigating High School: A Parent's Guide

ESSENTIAL INSIGHTS FOR PARENTS
SUPPORTING HIGH SCHOOLERS



Agenda Items

- Freshman Focus Day
- ParentVue
- Afterschool Programs
- Graduation Requirements
- Supporting Student Success



Freshman Focus Day



What Is Freshman Focus Day?

Freshman ONLY

August 3rd is Freshman Focus Day, where only Freshmen (and some student leaders) are on campus. This alleviates some of the stress of having to navigate a high school campus.

School Familiarization

Students will be taken on a campus tour in small groups, led by teachers. This will allow students to know where key spots on campus are, such as the gym, library, cafeteria, and nurse's office.

Meet Staff and Peers

Freshman Focus Day provides opportunities for students to meet school staff and fellow classmates, fostering connections.

How It Helps Students Transition



Adapting to High School

The transition from middle to high school is a big one, and one that often comes with significant struggles. For some students, going from the “top” to the “bottom” causes them to act out and makes them feel that they must prove themselves. For others, they feel overwhelmed and withdrawn. FFD helps ease this transition.



Building Classmate Connections

Students have the opportunity to meet their classmates, fostering social connections before school starts. By knowing at least one friendly face in each of their classes, students can avoid the awkwardness of not knowing where to sit in class or at lunch.



Boosting Confidence

Engaging in this program helps students build confidence, easing their transition into a new environment. Just by knowing where they are going, students can traverse campus with confidence rather than looking down at a map.

Student Enrollment and Enrollment Verification Account Access Login

Existing/Returning Parents/Guardians: If you have a Tolleson Union HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ParentVUE account, please login below.

Parents/Guardians: If you have never been a parent in the Tolleson Union HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, click the tab below that is titled "Click here to create a new account"

ParentVue

Login

Tolleson Union High School District

User Name:

Password:

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What Is ParentVue?

Access to Student Information

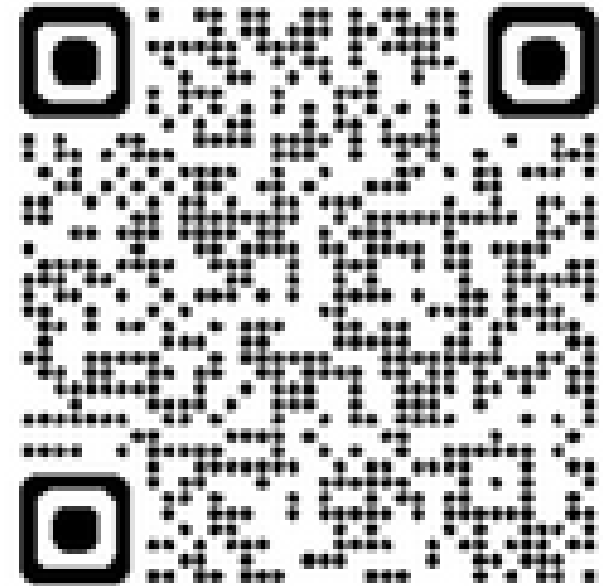
ParentVue allows parents to easily access important information about their child's academic performance and school activities. Here, you can see your student's schedule, attendance, missing assignments, gradebook, report cards, unofficial transcript, and other important school information.

Synergy Mail

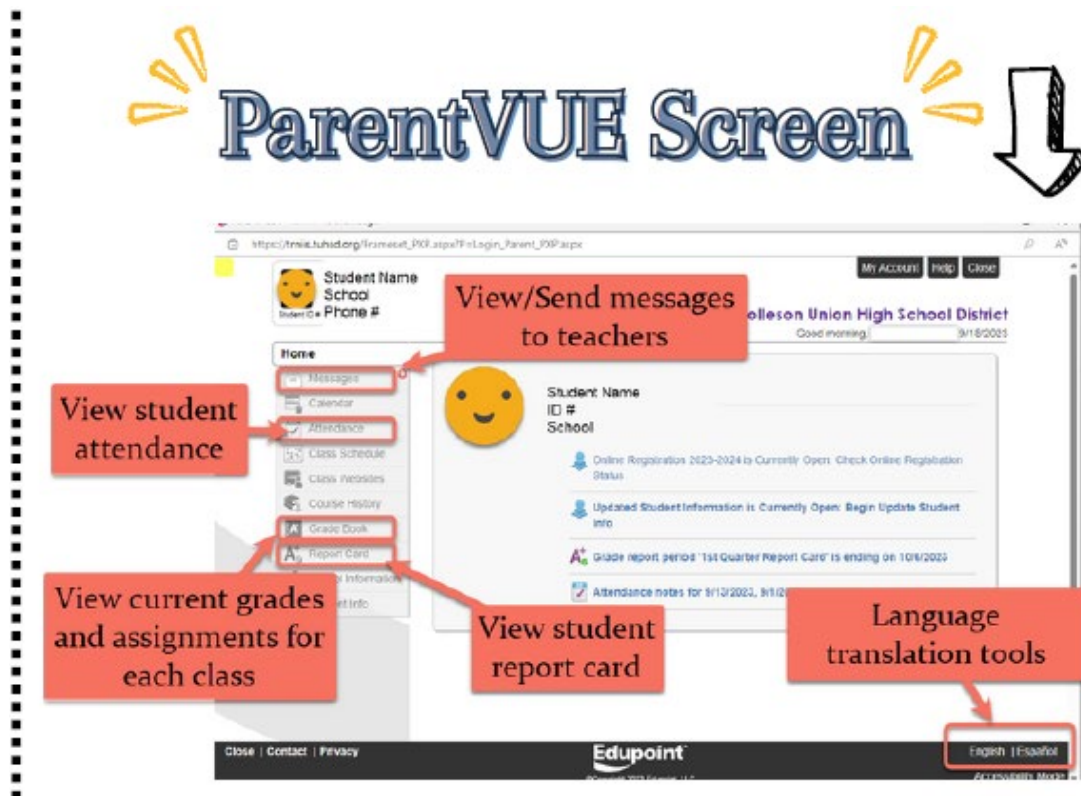
In the Synergy Mail tab, you will see messages from your child's teachers, counselors, and administration. This includes progress reports, information on field trips, scholarship opportunities, WestMec updates, and more.

User-Friendly Interface

ParentVue features a user-friendly interface that makes it easy for parents to navigate and find relevant information.



How to Access ParentVue



Simple Login Process

Accessing ParentVue is straightforward with a secure username and password provided by the school.

Support Available

Parents can receive assistance for account setup and troubleshooting if needed, ensuring smooth access.



Why ParentVue Is Important

Enhanced Communication

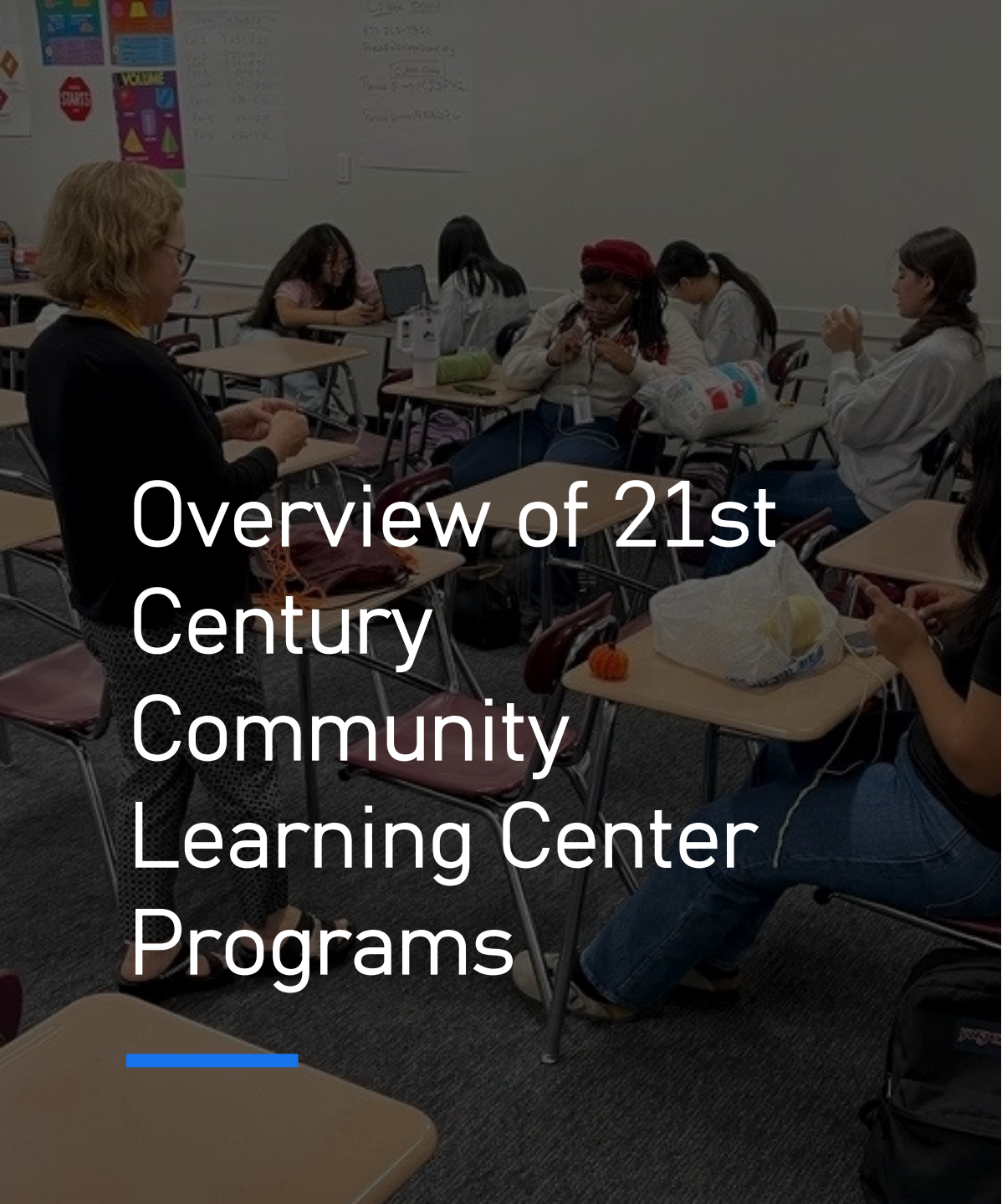
ParentVue improves communication between parents and teachers, ensuring everyone is informed about the student's progress.

Timely Interventions

With ParentVue, educators can identify and address academic or behavioral issues promptly, helping students succeed.

Afterschool Programs





Overview of 21st Century Community Learning Center Programs

Academic Enrichment

All our programs offer English and Math tutoring available to all students. We also offer clubs that are “tutoring in disguise” such as Book Clubs, Robotics, Gaming from the Ground Up, Writer’s Workshop, and more!

Youth Development

Our main focus in our 21st Century programs is to get students connected to school. For some students, this is done through athletic involvement, student council, or clubs and programs tied to a class, such as theater or band or choir. But for a lot of our students, those things are just not interesting. Our programs are designed to allow students to bring what they are interested in to a staff member and we create a program around that.

Family Engagement

There is a direct correlation between student success and family involvement. We offer frequent family engagement events, including WeGrad, STEM nights, FAFSA events, and more!

Tutoring and Academic Support



Importance of Tutoring Programs

Tutoring programs are critical for students who are struggling, providing personalized assistance to help them succeed.

Meeting Academic Standards

Academic support through tutoring ensures students meet the required academic standards and achieve their educational goals.

Athletics Opportunities

Student-Athlete Partnership

All student-athletes are students first. That means, in order to be eligible to participate in any athletic event, students must be passing all their classes. Our programs collaborate with our coaches to provide tutoring for students who are not currently eligible to boost their grades.

Encouraging Student Involvement

Schools provide various sports teams and athletics opportunities that encourage students to participate and stay active. Some of our programs also offer athletic opportunities that are not available on campus, such as Futsal, Boxing, and Co-Ed Volleyball.



Clubs & Programs


Find Where You Fit

Participation in school activities helps students to feel like they belong, make friends, and encourages attendance. We have Dungeons & Dragons Clubs, Crochet Clubs, Gaming Clubs, Art Clubs, Gardening Clubs, and more! If there is something your student is interested in, its likely we have a club or program that fits, or they can work with their site coordinator to create a program!

Meals & Transportation

All students in after school programs can get a meal from the cafeteria at no cost, and transportation is provided for students who qualify.



A photograph of three young women in graduation attire. They are wearing red mortarboards and black gowns with red stoles. They are all smiling and holding black diplomas that have "West Point High School" printed on them. The woman in the center has curly hair and is wearing a necklace. The woman on the right is holding her diploma prominently. The background shows other graduates seated in a gymnasium.

Graduation Requirements

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Understanding High School Credits

Credit Requirements:

English/ESL (4.0)	US/AZ History/Geography (1.0)
Science (3.0)	World History/Geography (1.0)
Math (4.0)	US/AZ Government (0.5)
Wellness (1.0)	Fine Arts/CTE (1.0)
Economics (0.5)	Electives (6.0)
Students are responsible for meeting Arizona State Board of Education testing requirements.	

Credit Requirements

Students are required to earn 22 credits to graduate AND they must pass the Civics Exam.

What is a Credit?

Each semester-long class is worth 0.5 credits. That means in the first semester, students can earn up to 3 credits if they pass all their classes. That is 6 credits a year. If a student is on-track, by their Senior year they will have 18 credits, allowing them to opt in to early release or late start as a Senior.



Differences Between Middle School and High School Credits

No “Social Promotion”

If a student fails a course (receives an “F” or no credit), they must re-take that course either in summer school or the following year(s). For example, if a student fails second semester Freshman English, they may be placed in Freshman English again as a Sophomore, or they will have to take summer school, or complete credit recovery classes. Failing multiple classes can result in students at the Junior or Senior level taking lower-level classes.

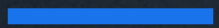
Attendance is Required

Chronic absenteeism can result in withholding of credit. If your student reaches 13 unverified absences in any class per semester, they are subject to the Attendance Review Process.

Guidance for Parents

Use ParentVue to stay aware of your child's grades and communications from teachers. Know your child's counselor and work with them to ensure your student stays on track to graduate.

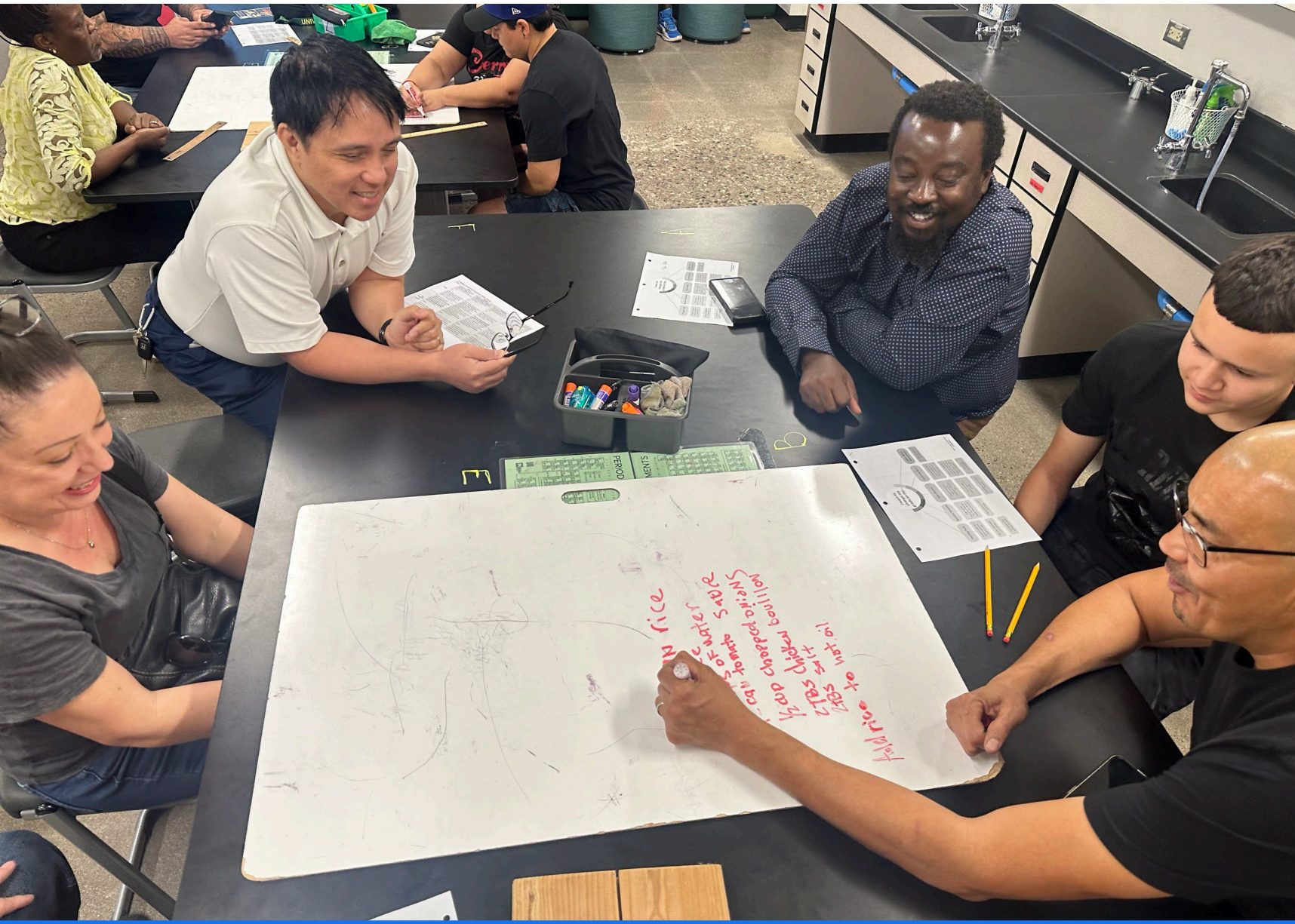
Number One Tip
to Success in
High School:



TURN IT IN!



Supporting Student Success



Importance of Parental Support and Involvement

Impact on Student Performance

Active parental involvement significantly improves student performance by providing motivation and encouragement.

Engagement in Education

When parents engage with their children's education, it shows the students that their success is valued and prioritized.

How Parents Can Support Student Success



Importance of Time Management

Time management skills are crucial for students to balance their academic responsibilities and personal life effectively. Your student may not have *homework*, but classwork they didn't finish in class still needs completed and turned in. Use ParentVue to see due dates of assignments and flags on missing work.



Parental Involvement

Parents play a significant role in helping their children be successful. It can be easy just to focus on grades, but showing interest in their classes, attending school events, and encouraging them to get more involved helps students see the value of high school.



Balancing Activities

Students need to learn to balance schoolwork, extracurricular activities, and personal time for overall well-being. Our afterschool programs run for 2 hours- encourage your child to do tutoring for one hour and a club or other program for the other hour.

It Really Is A Team Effort

Use Our In School Support Systems

High school students often encounter various stress factors, including academic pressure and social expectations that can impact their well-being. Our schools employ social workers, prevention specialists, school counselors, and provide on-site therapy services for those who qualify.

Answer the Phone (or email)

Your child's teachers want to work with you to ensure student success. A response to an email or a phone call will make the teacher think the world of you and can go far in establishing good relationships with school staff.



Q & A Session

A blurred background image of a person presenting to an audience. The audience members in the foreground have their hands raised, indicating an interactive session. The presenter is visible in the background, slightly out of focus. The overall scene is brightly lit, likely from a window on the right side of the frame.