



# VHS SENIOR UPDATE

Important information For Seniors

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## Is Home Release A Good Idea For Seniors?

Taking home release as a senior is becoming more popular every year. Students are often looking for a easy senior year and taking home release seems to do it for them. For students that are not college bound, home release is fine, provided they have enough credits to graduate. However, students planning on attending a university should avoid home release.

1. Selective Colleges do not look favorably on home release. They want to see students working hard and taking challenging classes.
2. Taking home release could hurt a student's admission and scholarship chances at BYU and the U of U.
3. Forward thinking students take CE and AP classes instead of home release, saving time and money at the next level.
4. Seniors should avoid taking "a chill senior year schedule." Instead, they should take challenging classes that will prepare them for the rigors of college.

*In years past, Seniors could not have more than one period of released time and still graduate with Honors. Because of COVID, the school has done away with this rule.*

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## Seniors that are Missing Credit for Graduation

Seniors that are missing credit for graduation are encouraged to meet with their High School Counselor and develop a plan for credit makeup. There are several ways to get students caught up. If your senior is not on track for graduation, you will receive notice from a Counselor, by letter or email, within the next two weeks.



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### What is FAFSA?

FAFSA is short for Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Low income families can qualify for financial aid for college costs. Student financial aid can come in several types:

Grants (do not have to be paid back)

Work-study (jobs on campus)

Student Loans (backed by the Government, but must be paid back after graduation)

The deadline to submit the application is in June. Click the link below to apply.

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>



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## The Last Day For Schedule Changes is February 8th

Seniors with openings or unwanted classes second semester should think of filling them with Concurrent Enrollment (CE) classes that will save time and money in college. <https://vhs.davis.k12.ut.us/parents-students/ce-concurrent-enrollment-clone>

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## Have a Question?

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