

Junior Class Parent Meeting

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Graduation Requirements

50 Service Learning Hours
3 ½ credits of Social Studies
3 credits of Science
4 credits of English
3 credits of Math
1 ½ credits of P.E.

½ credit of Computer
½ credit of Relationships
11 elective credits

27 total credits with ½ credit in
Health can either be from 8th grade
or from high school

Options for Life After High School

- Military/academies - application process starts junior year
- Work
- Apprenticeships - work under trained professionals. Earn a paycheck. Take college classes.
- Technical college - CVTC, WITC, DCTC, SE Tech in RW
- Career College - ITT Tech, Rasmussen, Globe, NAU
- Community college - Normandale, Century, St. Paul Comm.
- Trade schools - Beauty school, Construction, Auto Mechanic, Truck driving
- 4 year college
- UW 2 year school (freshmen/sophomore, then transfer)

College Visits

A must- good idea to start over the summer
Shows classrooms, college life, buildings, school
population, dorms, activities, sports, what life may look like
as a student on campus there

Open House Opportunities

- Also applies to tech and career-based colleges
- Usually Saturdays (downside = school not in session)

College Representatives

- Usually during Excel
- Chance to ask any questions you may have about the admission process, housing, financial aid, scholarships, etc.
- Emailed announcements, sign up on FlexiSCHED

Reciprocity

- Reciprocity still exists with MN colleges
- Students will fill out paperwork in the spring of senior year
- Done online

Career Cruising

- New website/tool
- Student link is on the EHS website
- Resource for looking for colleges, careers, take interest inventories, etc
- Students did something similar during the 10th grade career unit with the school counselors
- Students may use this with their Excel advisors this year
- Students will have access even after leaving high school

ACT Test

- ALL juniors in the state take the ACT Plus Writing on February 27, 2018
- Tested on English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing
- This will be given in school, free of charge this day only
- Test considered official by the state and by colleges for admission
- This score will also be on student transcripts
- Students who test with accommodations (504 Plans or IEP's) may have plan submitted to ACT for approval

ACT Retest

- Given at various sites (River Falls, Baldwin, etc)
- Register online using code from first test report
- Recommend waiting until April or June
- We send the best scores to colleges
- \$46.00 for ACT *without* Writing
- \$62.50 for ACT *with* Writing
- Only best test scores in each area are added to the transcript

ACT Prep

- ACT Prep Class here at EHS: Monday, February 16, 2018 (non school day for students)- Cost is \$79.00
- Strongly recommend that students complete courses up through Algebra 2, Chemistry & Am Lit before sitting for the ACT
- Normally it takes 8 weeks for scores to be posted
- We will have optional ACT prep classes students can request
- Prep courses are web based so can be done at home
- Method Test Prep- through *Career Cruising*
- Some review done at school

ACT Workkeys

- **ALL** juniors will take this test on February 28, 2018 at EHS
- Helps students compare their skills to the skills jobs require
- Paper and pencil test this year
- No retakes available
- Reports sent home during the summer
- WI students will take three WorkKeys assessments:
 - Locating Information
 - Reading for Information
 - Applied Mathematics
- Include on Resume
- Students with 504 Plans or IEP's may receive accommodations

OPTIONAL/ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS

SAT

- East or West Coast schools- may want to consider the SAT test
- Not given at EHS – students must register and select from a variety of locations to test
- The basic fee for the SAT is \$60.00

ASVAB

- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery given yearly at EHS in the Fall

Accuplacer (placement exams)- taken spring of senior year

- Administered by each institution itself
- The test helps determine what classes a student should be placed in
- Southeast Technical – Red Wing, Dakota Co. Technical College, Rochester Community and Technical College, and Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC)

Registration for Senior Year

- Will take place January 3rd from 1-5pm at the Promo Fair- **ALL** Families are strongly encouraged to come
- Continue academic core coursework but also choose classes that will prepare the student for their future
- School-to-Work program (Learn to Earn) includes eligibility for work study senior year (students earn elective credit for work)
- All course descriptions and requirements can be found on the counseling website

4 Ways To Earn College Credit

1. Transcribed Credit and Advanced Standing
2. Advanced Placement
3. Project Lead the Way Classes
4. Youth Options

EHS Classes Earning College Credit

Transcribed Credit Classes:

Computer 1 & Multimedia
Child Care Assistant
Plant Science
Horse, Dairy, & Livestock
Advanced Accounting
Personal Finance
Webpage Design
Medical Terminology
Entrepreneurship
Parenting
Sales & Marketing
Advertising and Design
Math for the Trades

Advanced Standing - Credit is delayed until you apply to CVTC or another technical school in WI. You can earn the credit, but the grade does not apply to your college GPA. Must earn a B or better.

Transcribed Credit - Direct credit from CVTC. Upon successful completion, grades are posted to an official transcript from the college and tabulated into your college GPA. Generally transferable to other colleges.

Advanced Placement Classes

- AP Composition, AP Literature, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Art, & AP US History
- Student requests from the College Board where to have scores sent
- COLLEGE CREDIT NOT A PART OF HS TRANSCRIPT but student does earn an additional 0.05 bonus added to high school GPA
- Need to earn a 3, 4, or 5 (out of 5) on the final AP test in order to receive AP credit from college (Tests \$94, options if financial hardship)
- Saves time and money

Project Lead the Way Classes

- Introduction to Engineering Design (IED), Principles of Engineering (POE), Digital Electronics (DE), Computer Science & Software Engineering, and Engineering Design and Development (EDD)
- Four courses max for college credit
- All classes run based on enrollment
- If scores meet requirements, college credits may be granted through the Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Student needs to complete paperwork with the teacher

Youth Options

- Oct. 1st deadline for spring classes and March 1st for fall classes
- Can take classes junior and senior year if full-time high school student (can't graduate early and take spring semester classes)
- CVTC, UW-RF, & WITC - closest options
- Classes that are not provided here at school (80% different)
- Student will register with the college
- Our school pays for tuition and books
- If the student drops the class after it starts or receives a failing grade, the family is responsible for paying for the class

NCAA Eligibility Center

- Formerly known as the NCAA Clearinghouse
- Must register through the NCAA Clearinghouse to play division 1 or 2 sports as a freshmen in college
- Cautious of the English requirements-NCAA doesn't recognize Intro to Theatre, Technical Writing & Career Comm as English credit
- Should be registered at the start of your junior year- \$75.
- Registration is done online (directions in Counseling Office)

Senior Conferencing

- Chance to meet with counselors in the Fall to discuss student individually
- About 45 mins long with student and parent/guardian
- This conference is very important in planning for senior year and life after high school
- We cover:
 - Transcript Review/Credit Check, Future Opportunities (College Fairs, ASVAB, ACT, etc), Post-HS Plans, Applications for college, etc., Financial Aid and Scholarships, Career Cruising and other internet resources, and answer questions/concerns
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Upcoming Opportunities/Programs

- Badger Girl / Boy - Gov't and leadership conference
- Engineering Tomorrow's Careers Camp
- Senior Year-Welding Academy
- Senior Year- Potential Construction Academy