

Freshmen Parent Meeting

Spring 2018

Counselors

- Ms. Wiskow: Monday – Friday
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Counseling Services and Location

- Counseling office located behind main office
- Class selection
- College Information
- Career Information
- Academic Questions/Concerns
- Personal/Social Concerns

Reminders

- Parent Portal for Infinite Campus
 - Should have received a letter from the district office
 - If you are having difficulty, please contact Deb Ristow at 715 273-3900

- Student Portal for Infinite Campus
 - Username: Student ID#
 - Password: 1st initial, 2nd initial, and date of birth

EXCEL TIME

- EXCEL- time used for homework completion, intervention, and club involvement

GPA

- Most high schools run on a 4.0 GPA scale.
- Our high school runs on a 12.0 GPA scale (translated GPA can also be found on the student transcript).

12.0 - A+

5.0 - C

11.0 - A

6.0 - C+

10.0 - A-

4.0 - C-

9.0 - B+

3.0 - D+

8.0 - B

2.0 - D

7.0 - B-

1.0 - D-

Graduation Requirements

Most classes are 0.5 credit, except for skinnies which are 0.25 credit.

27 total credits to graduate:

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of Science
- 3 credits of Math
- 3.5 credits of Social Studies
- 0.50 credit of Computer 1
- 1.50 credits of Phy Ed
- 0.50 credits of Relationship class
- 11 credits of electives
- Health “credit” earned in 8th grade. Does NOT count toward H.S. credit but does meet the graduation requirement

Service Hours Requirement

- Students need 50 service learning hours to graduate
- End of 8th grade to May of senior year
- Document as the hours happen & don't wait until the end (give to Mrs. Pechacek)
- Get involved
- Summer opportunities...
- See EHS website to sign up for notification system

What If a Student Fails a Class?

- If it is a required class, students need to re-take it even if they are the only sophomore taking a freshmen class
- Students need to take and pass all required classes to graduate (plus elective credits)
- If students fail a class, they will receive zero credit
- If students fail multiple classes, they may not have enough credits to graduate with their class

Summer School 2018

- Dates: June 4th -22nd, 2018 (8:00-12:00) **This is different than the MS Summer School**
- Credit recovery program- using PLATO classes (computer program), or teacher directed materials
- Subjects- English, Science, Social, or Math
- Can only take & pass one class per subject area in any summer school session

2018-2019 Schedules

- Students will receive their schedules for next year before summer break
- Make schedule changes before the start of school
- Only necessary schedule changes can be made the first two days of the quarter

Options for Life After High School

- **World of Work**
- **Military/Academies** - application process starts junior year
- **Apprenticeships** - work under trained professionals. Earn a paycheck. Company pays for student to take college classes.
- **Trade schools** - Beauty school, Construction, Auto Mechanic, Truck driving
- **Technical/Career/Community College** - CVTC, WITC, DCTC, ITT Tech
- **UW 2 year school** -freshmen/sophomore, then transfer
- **4 year college**

10th Grade Conferencing

Winter/Spring 2018

- Individual conference with parents, student, and counselor
- High school expectations, credits, transcripts, careers, and steps for getting ready for life after high school

10th Grade Career Unit

- English 10A 3 day career unit
- Counts towards English grade
- Individual assessments
- Learn about many post-secondary options
- Career exploration activities using Career Cruising

10th Grade Respect Retreat

- October 12, 2018
- Youth Frontiers (4th grade kindness, 6th grade courage)
- Inspires students to respect themselves more, to respect others, and to stand up for respect in school
- Zion Covenant Church

ACT Aspire

- An online assessment
- Will take in Spring of 9th grade year (April 9 – May 11)
- Will take it again Spring of 10th grade year
- ACT Aspire assesses student readiness in English, math, reading, science, and writing

February of Junior year students will take the college entrance **ACT test** (not Aspire)

- This will take place at EHS and is free of charge

Forward Exam

- The Wisconsin Forward Exam is the state-mandated test that replaces the WKCE
- 10th Grade Social Studies
- Administered online in the Spring
- The remainder of 10th grade testing is through the ACT Aspire test (Math, Science, English, etc)

Earning College Credit

Transcripted Credit Classes:

- Multimedia / Comp 1 (10-12)
- Plant Science (9-12)
- Sales and Marketing / Advertising (9-12)
- Horse/Dairy/Livestock (9-12)
- Web Page Design (10-12)
- Childcare (11-12)
- Accounting/Adv. Acct (12)
- Med. Term (11-12)
- Parenting (11-12)

Advanced Standing Classes:

Transcripted 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.

Early College Credit Program (ECCP) and Start College Now (Formerly known as Youth Options)

- **ECCP** - open to 9th - 12th gr. (UWRF)
- **Start College Now** - open to 11th - 12th gr. (CVTC/WITC)
- Oct. 1st deadline for spring classes and March 1st for fall classes
- Classes that are not provided here at school (80% different)
- Student will register with the college
- Our school pays for tuition and books
- Students pay for transportation and parking
- If the student drops the class after it starts or receives a failing grade, the family is responsible for paying for the class