

SENIOR SUCCESS

Junior Parent Meeting

December 3, 2015

SCHEDULE FOR SENIOR YEAR

- ⦿ Should contain four core classes (English, Math, Science, Social Studies or World Language)
- ⦿ Must contain a Math or Quantitative Reasoning course
- ⦿ Consider rigorous class work
- ⦿ Consider a dual credit class
 - At NHS
 - At IUK
 - At IVY TECH
 - Online

WHAT SHOULD MY 2ND SEMESTER JUNIOR BE DOING NOW?

- ⦿ Review PSAT (College Board QuickStart)
- ⦿ Taking the ACT/SAT
- ⦿ Registering for Parchment (electronic transcript)
- ⦿ Registering with NCAA or NAIA (College Athletics)
- ⦿ Working hard in their classes - junior grades are important
- ⦿ Investigating careers and colleges
 - Searching college websites
 - Visiting colleges (3 college visit days)
 - Job shadowing (1 time per semester)
 - Building a resume (work in progress)
 - Registering to use Fast Web

THE REDESIGNED SAT

- ◉ College Board will provide a Concordance Table for both forms of the SAT
- ◉ The 8 Key Changes to the redesigned SAT:
 - Words and Context
 - Command of Evidence
 - Essay Analyzing a Source
 - Focus on the Math that Matters Most
 - Problems Grounded in Real-World Context
 - Analysis in Science and History/Social Studies
 - US Founding Documents and the Great Global Conversation
 - No Penalty for Guessing

THE SENIOR YEAR

A MONTH BY MONTH VIEW

WHAT WILL THE COUNSELORS DO IN AUGUST?

- ◎ Counselors will meet with seniors to:
 - Distribute Brag Sheets
 - Distribute release form to provide the state with SSN and diploma for financial aid purposes
 - Talk about the college application process

Counselors will meet with seniors to complete a “Senior Check.”

WHAT SENIORS DO IN AUGUST?

- ⦿ Plan to take an SAT or ACT if not already taken
- ⦿ Organize a calendar or folder with all important application deadlines
- ⦿ Begin completing college applications
- ⦿ Meeting DEADLINES is paramount!

SEPTEMBER

- ◉ Fill out a college application during College Go Week
- ◉ Attend the local college fair held at Kokomo High School
- ◉ Scholarships will begin to be posted on the guidance website and announced on Facebook/Twitter
- ◉ May take ASVAB career exploration program

OCTOBER

- ◉ Continue to work on college applications
 - Applications may be completed online
 - Once an application is completed, request a transcript via Parchment.com.
 - To request a transcript electronically, visit Parchment.com.
 - Completing a college application is a three step process:
 - Step 1: Complete and submit the application to the college or university
 - Step 2: Request a transcript be sent to the college or university
 - Step 3: Send scores from the testing agency to the college or university

NOVEMBER

- ⦿ Check college deadlines for selective programs and scholarships. Many deadlines are in November.
- ⦿ If a college asks to see 7th semester grades, they are still considering your student for admission.
- ⦿ Read letters and emails from colleges carefully and thoroughly.

DECEMBER

- ⦿ Study for first semester final exams
- ⦿ Update any changes or additions to the Senior Brag Sheet
- ⦿ Begin FAFSA process by obtaining student and parent pen numbers.

<http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp>

- ⦿ Keep the counselor informed about college admission status.

JANUARY

- ◉ Begin working on the FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Deadline is March 10, but may vary from campus to campus!)

www.fafsa.ed.gov

- ◉ Know the FAFSA deadline for your students specific college. The college deadline may be different from the Federal Government or State deadline.
- ◉ Use the cost estimator for the colleges they have been admitted to.

FEBRUARY

- ⦿ Attend College Goal Sunday - 2 p.m.
 - College Goal Sunday is a FAFSA help session supported locally by IUK and Ivy Tech.
- ⦿ Continue to work on the FAFSA
- ⦿ Work on scholarships

MARCH

- ⦿ Submit the FAFSA
- ⦿ 3/1/2017 - Deadline for some colleges and scholarship programs
- ⦿ 3/10/2017 - Deadline for state aid
- ⦿ Students may file a release at the campus to let parents receive information (Process may vary from campus to campus)

APRIL

- ⦿ Work hard to finish strong
- ⦿ Continue to work on scholarships

MAY

- ⦿ Housing deposits are often due (Know your college deadlines and requirements)
- ⦿ Attend the senior awards program
- ⦿ Attend graduation!

PSAT AND ACCUPLACER

- IC 20-32-9 requires students who meet specific criteria to take a college and career readiness exam and potentially receive remediation.

2014-15 Participation Criteria for College- and Career-Readiness Examination

Meeting the performance criteria on either the PSAT or ECA requires student participation in the college- and career-readiness examination in English/Language Arts and/or Mathematics.

Students	PSAT Performance	ECA* Performance	ACCUPLACER Participation	ACCUPLACER Participation EXEMPTION**
Current Juniors	Score < 46*** (PSAT in 11 th grade year)	OR Score Did Not Pass 2 or more times	Yes	ELA Exemption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAT Reading Score \geq 460 ACT Reading Score \geq 18 ACT English Score \geq 17 ACCUPLACER Placement Score (2014): Reading \geq 76 ACCUPLACER Ivy Tech Customized Version: Reading Diagnostic \geq 69
Current Juniors	Score < 42**** (PSAT in 10 th grade year)	OR Score Did Not Pass 2 or more times	Yes	Math Exemption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAT Math Score \geq 400 ACT Math Score \geq 18 ACCUPLACER Placement Score (2014): Elementary Algebra \geq 74 ACCUPLACER Ivy Tech Customized Version: Elementary Algebra \geq 45 <u>or</u> Strand 5, 6, 7 \geq 9 <u>and</u> Strand 8 \geq 6
Non-Diploma Track Students	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No	Not Applicable

IN THE FUTURE

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