

COUNSELORS' REPORT NCHS COUNSELING OFFICE

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Welcome back! We begin our 26th year of the Counselors' Report. We will run timely articles that are of interest to your child's high school career. We encourage the public to make suggestions as to the articles that would be interesting.

Listed below are the NCHS graduation requirements and grade advancement procedure.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

<i>English</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>3*</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>2**</i>
<i>Health</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>Driver's Education</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>Consumer Education</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>Vocational, Art, Music, or Foreign Language</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>2</i>

** One year must be Algebra 1 and one year must be a course that includes geometry content.*

*** One credit of U.S. History is required. One credit of Civics is required.*

To be eligible for graduation, a student must also pass the Illinois and United States Constitution Tests. These tests are given during Civics class.

Grade Advancement Procedure: *Students who have fewer than 5 credits are classified as freshman regardless of the student's age or number of years*

attending school. To be classified as a sophomore, a student must have completed at least two semesters of high school and must earn, prior to the start of the sophomore year, at least 5 credits. To be classified as a junior, a student must have completed at least four semesters of high school and must earn, prior to the start of the junior year, at least 10 credits. To be classified as a senior, a student must have completed at least six semesters of high school and earn, prior to the start of senior year, at least 13 credits. The classification of transfer students will be determined by the NCHS counselors upon a review of transcripts.

Transition Visits: It is never too early for students to begin looking into transition plans. All students are encouraged to begin this process. Students who are interested in technical schools, junior colleges, armed services, universities, etc.. should be contacting them to find out what the next step for gathering more information and/or applying is. Most colleges are offering a mixture of in-person and virtual visit options. Please contact Mrs. Maschhoff or Mrs. Luessenheide in the Counseling Office for more information.

Students missing any school time for visits, **MUST** fill out a “Request to Visit” form and return it to the Counseling Office at least **two** days in advance of the visit. “Request to Visit” forms may be obtained in the Counseling Office or from the school website on the Counseling Office page.

ACT Testing Dates: The next ACT test is September 9. Late registration is due by August 18. Additional ACT testing dates for the year are October 28, December 9, February 10, April 13, June 8, and July 13. Registration is typically due 5 weeks before the testing date. Students may register at www.ACTStudent.org. Our high school code is 143-110.

SAT Testing Dates: The next SAT test is August 26. Late registration is due by August 15. Additional SAT testing dates for the year are October 7, November 4, December 2, March 9, May 4, and June 1. Registration is typically due 5 weeks before the testing date. Students may register at www.collegeboard.org. Our high school code is 143-110.