

COUNSELORS' REPORT NCHS COUNSELING OFFICE

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College Representative Visit at NCHS: Students who are interested in visiting with college representatives should listen to announcements/check their email for sign up. Currently scheduled college representative visits:

- University of Mississippi – December 5

Kaskaskia College Foundation Scholarships: ALL students planning to attend KC should apply for their Foundation Scholarships. Students can find the application at: <https://kaskaskia.smapply.io/> Attached below are some handouts that may be helpful as you go through the process. The priority deadline is February 1, 2024.

Scholarships: As we receive information on scholarships, they will be posted on the Counseling Office webpage at: <https://sites.google.com/nashville-k12.org/scholarships>

FAFSA Completion Night: One of the first steps of the college financial aid process is completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. The FAFSA enables students who qualify to receive federal/state grants, scholarships, as well as to participate in work-studies programs. NCHS will offer a free workshop to assist students and/or their parents in completing the FAFSA form. Those attending should bring the following information (if available): student's driver's license, student's social security card, 2022 federal tax records for both the student and parents, records of untaxed income, and information regarding net worth of family and student assets. The workshop will be at NCHS on **Monday, January 8 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.** State law in Illinois requires all graduating seniors to submit the FAFSA or complete a FAFSA Nonparticipation Form.

Golden Apple Scholars: The Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program is a teacher preparation and tuition assistance program for high school who have the determination and drive to be highly effective teachers in Illinois schools-of-need. Scholars Receive: tuition assistance, up to \$23,000, paid Scholar Institutes that include courses and extensive classroom/work experience, academic and social-emotional support, job placement assistance, and

mentoring from an award-winning teaching faculty. Interested seniors who plan on majoring in education should see Mrs. Maschhoff or Mrs. Luessenheide.

Second Semester Schedule Changes: If a student would like to make a request for a second semester schedule change, the request should be turned into the counseling office by Friday, December 8. Students are encouraged to talk to their counselor about any schedule change requests to ensure graduation requirements are being met. Always remember, there is no guarantee changes will be made for every request.

To make a request for a schedule change a student must obtain a green Request to Change form from the counseling office. To complete the form, be sure to include the following information:

1. Reason for the request
2. If requesting to leave a full year class, student must get teacher initials.
3. Parent Signature
4. Student Signature

ACT Testing Dates: The next ACT test date open for registration is February 10. Registration is due by January 5. Additional ACT testing dates for the year are 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 date open for registration is March 9. Registration is due by February 23. Additional SAT testing dates for the year are May 4 and June 1. Starting with the March date, the SAT will be given digitally. Registration is typically due 5 weeks before the testing date. Students may register at www.collegeboard.org. Our high school code is 143-110.