

COUNSELORS' REPORT NCHS COUNSELING OFFICE

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

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

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

* 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.

College Representative Visits 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:

- Southern Illinois University – Carbondale (SIUC) – September 13
- Southeastern Missouri State University (SEMO) – September 21

College Fairs:

Illinois Regional College Fair
Rend Lake College
468 N. Ken Gray Pkwy
Ina, IL 62846

Tuesday, September 12, 2023
9:00-11:00

Mater Dei High School College Night
Mater Dei High School
900 N. Mater Dei Drive.
Breese, Illinois 62230

Wednesday, October 1, 2023
6:30-8:00

*St. Louis Metro East Baccalaureate College
Southwestern Illinois College
Belleville Campus Varsity Gym
2500 Carlyle Ave
Belleville, IL 62221*

*Sunday, February 25, 2024
1:00-3:00*

*Illinois Regional College Fair
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
6 Hairpin Dr.
Edwardsville, IL 62026*

*Wednesday, March 20, 2024
6:00-7:30*

*Illinois Regional College Fair
Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
1400 Arena Dr.
Carbondale, IL 62901*

*Thursday, March 21, 2024
10:00-12:00*

University of Illinois IlliniFest: *UIUC invites students to attend their open house on Saturday, October 14. There will be tours, presentations/panels, resource fairs, and more happening across campus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students can explore everything Illinois offers on their own schedule. This one-time event will allow students to fully experience life at Illinois through unique programming offered only at this visit. To register, search “IlliniFest 2023.”*

ACT Testing Dates: *The next ACT test date open for registration is October 28. Registration is due by September 22. Additional ACT testing dates for the year are 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 date open for registration is October 7. Registration is due by September 8. Additional SAT testing dates for the year are 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.*