

## COLLEGE COUNSELING - FRESHMAN CLASS

### Academic Achievement, Testing, Career Exploration, Class Schedules

#### **ACADEMICS:**

1. Work to get your grades to their highest level.
2. Begin to study early for semester exams (Fall semester middle/end of December )
3. Ask your teachers for help when needed; sign up for their co-curricular block.
4. Ask your Academic Advisor to arrange for a tutor.
5. Start fresh second semester.
6. Retake any courses in which you receive a grade LOWER than a C-.
7. Investigate summer programs that will offer you enrichment opportunities.

#### **TESTING:**

1. Review your EXPLORE test results carefully.
2. Sophomore year: Continue preparation for the ACT by taking the PLAN.
3. Junior year: Start preparation for the SAT by taking the PSAT.

#### **CAREER EXPLORATION:**

1. Review your career exploration results in the College Career Center.
2. Use Family Connection/Naviance to research career fields.
3. Talk to people who work in industries that interest you.
4. Review the Handbook of Colleges and Majors to see which colleges offer the career major(s) you are interested in.
5. Be active on campus/community in areas that interest you.

#### **CLASS SCHEDULE:**

1. During scheduling in March, sign up for a challenging course load.
2. Review the graduation and college requirements posted on the school web site.
3. Honors and AP Classes – prerequisites are listed in the Course Catalog, signature of the subject teacher or Department Chair may be required.

**Prerequisites:** Math Dept: Current math grade on transcript – 1<sup>st</sup> semester grade  
Science Dept: Overall GPA and math grade on transcript – 1<sup>st</sup> semester grade  
Social Studies Dept: AP WH – GPA and English grade – 1<sup>st</sup> semester grade  
World Languages: Current language grade – 1<sup>st</sup> semester grade  
English Dept: Current English grade – 1<sup>st</sup> semester grade

**SOPHOMORE SCHEDULE:** English II or English II Honors  
World Language II or Heritage  
World History I & II or Advanced Placement World History  
Math – Geometry or Geometry Hon, Algebra II or Alg II Hon  
New Testament/Morality

Science (Biology, Chemistry, or Physical Science)