



# Junior/Senior Group Guidance 2022-2023



# Graduation Requirements

- 63 Credits
  - Pass Required Tests
- Highest Honors 3.9 and up
  - High Honors 3.7-3.89
  - Honors 3.5-3.69
- Class Rank- We do not rank
- Schedule- Keep a Rigorous Schedule
- Attendance- Important for College and Future Plans



# Options

- Work
- Military Service
- Technical/community college
- Private/Vocational schools
  - Rasmussen, Beauty College
- University/College
  - Public/private
  - 4 year/2 year

# Where to find information?

- Your Counselor
- Career Center in Guidance Office
- Internet:  
<http://www.iseek.org> <http://www.getreadyforcollege.org>
- School Visits
- College Fairs
- Visits from college representatives
- Military Recruiters
- Newsletter on line information
- Interest and Value Inventories
- Apollo Website
- Apollo Launch Center (Located in Apollo Resource Center)  
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# Four Year Private College

- Take ACT- [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

- average score is 21

- Class rank

- depends on school, should be in top half of class

- Cost

- Average is \$23,000-58,000/year for tuition, fees, room and board





# Public Four Year College/University

- Take ACT- [act.org](http://act.org)
- Class rank
  - SCSU
    - In top half for unconditional acceptance and/or 25 or better on ACT
  - University of Minnesota
    - Acceptance varies within the 8 colleges
  - Cost
    - \$22,000 yearly for tuition, fees room and board

# Community Colleges

- AA degrees
  - May be transferred to 4 year school
- Open admission
  - No specific class rank/test scores necessary
- Locations: Brainerd, Anoka, St. Cloud, Willmar, Fergus Falls and North Hennepin, etc.

## Technical College

- Programs completed in 1-2 years
- Credits are not universally transferable to 4 year colleges

# Tests: What to take?

- ACT -[act.org](http://act.org)
  - Accepted by every Minnesota college and most colleges nationwide
  - Apollo High School code is: 242-178
  - All Juniors will have an option to take Test at Apollo on April 18th
- SAT –[collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)
  - Required by some selective colleges (none in MN)
- ASVAB- November 15th
  - Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
  - Entrance exam into Military service
- Accuplacer
  - Placement test for community/technical college
  - Given at Apollo in the Spring





# PSAT

- National Merit Scholarship Qualifier
- Top 20 % of the class
- Pay in the guidance
- **October 12<sup>th</sup>** 8:30-12:00 in room 420/421



# Financial Aid

- Where does the money for education come from?
  - Parents/guardians
  - You
  - Federal and state grants
  - Scholarships/grants from the colleges/universities
  - Loans
  - Workstudy
  - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

# Grants, loans & work study

## ■ FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
  - **[fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)**
  - Complete on-line after October 1<sup>st</sup> of senior year
  - List colleges you wish to receive information
  - SAR (student aid report) report tells you the EFC (expected family contribution)
  - Schools send you a financial aid package (letter)
  - Get your FSA ID number at **[StudentAid.gov/fsaid](http://StudentAid.gov/fsaid)**



# Post-Secondary Enrollment Option

- Earn college credit while in high school

- Junior

- In upper 1/3 of class

- Seniors

- In upper 1/2 of class

- Must apply to respective college.

Applications available in guidance office.

Deadlines-Fall Semester May 25<sup>th</sup>

Spring Semester October 25<sup>th</sup>



# CLEP

- College Level Examination Program
- Take tests for college credit
- See College Board for information



**GOOD LUCK!**



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