

TESTING INFORMATION

All sophomores will take the state-mandated test during the sophomore year.

The PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given in October is offered to college-bound juniors. College-bound sophomores may also decide to take the test. The results of the PSAT will indicate how a student's verbal and mathematical aptitudes compare with other four-year college-bound students nationwide.

All students who intend to continue their education in a four-year college program will be asked to submit scores from their ACT or SAT examination. The tests are offered several times throughout the year, with definite registration deadlines for each. College-bound juniors should take the proper test(s) during the spring of the junior year. Check with the college to determine which examination is required.

Eligibility for certain scholarships may require submitting ACT or SAT results early in the senior year.

Helpful web sites:
www.act.org
www.collegeboard.org

School Counseling Services

School Counseling Services are available to each of you to aid in your academic success in school, to help you better understand your strengths and limitations, and to help in planning for and attaining realistic goals.

School counselors focus on facilitating:

- Student transitions from middle school and from high school
- Academic programming of students
- Academic progress of students
- Career exploration
- Post-secondary planning
- Assisting with identification of student issues and needs

Whenever you have a concern or need information, you are encouraged to see your school counselor. Throughout the course description book, you will see an increased emphasis on career exploration and development. As you engage in the process of making career decisions, it is important that you understand the purpose and expectations of the university system, technical college, apprenticeship programs, and the world of work.

School counselors can be of help in providing information about post high school opportunities:

1. Technical Colleges

These programs offer opportunities to learn specialized skills and trades that meet the needs of business and industry. Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent
www.foxvalley.tec.wi.us

2. Armed Forces

Recruiters visit high schools regularly to provide up-to-date information. Requirement: High school diploma
airforce.com; goarmy.com; navy.com; marines.com

3. Colleges and Universities

Many colleges and universities have two-year and four-year university programs. High school coursework should prepare you for college by helping develop strong skills in at least four areas — English, math, social studies, and natural sciences. World language is also recommended. Requirements: High school diploma, core college preparatory credits, grade point average, class rank, and ACT or SAT test scores. Consideration is also given to co-curricular and community activities.

Helpful websites:
www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu
 (WI public univ.info)
www.wisconsinmentor.org
 (WI private univ.info)

4. Apprenticeships

Post-secondary apprenticeships may be available through sponsorship by a trade professional. It typically includes technical college coursework and on-the-job training. Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent
 Internet:www.dwd.state.wi.us/apprenticeship/

5. World of Work Plan Ahead!

Students increase employment options and opportunities by selecting career-related courses.

Wisconsin Job Centers provide a 'one-stop' service for employers to meet their workforce needs and job seekers to get the career planning, job placement and training services they need to get jobs. Call toll-free 888-258-9966 to learn the phone number and address of your nearest Wisconsin Job Center.
 Internet: www.wisconsinjobcenter.org