



WELCOME

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Class of 2018

Effective September, 1 2016

- The Junior Class has 293 students
- Individual Rank In Class and Cumulative GPA will be shared at the junior conference
 - Top $\frac{1}{4}$ 3.161
 - Top $\frac{1}{2}$ 2.513
- Rank and GPA at the end of the summer appears on your college applications!

Junior Conference

- Junior Conference-March-April
- Character and integrity
- If the parent does all the “work,” it doesn’t help us get to know the student
- GPA/Class Rank
- Courses required for senior year
- Post-Secondary Planning process
- Scholarship information

Career Cruising

- www.careercruising.com/Parent

We will notify you when open

- Academic Planning
- Portfolio
- Careers
- Major Selection
- College Choice



College Fairs

■ Wisconsin Education Fair

- Tuesday, Sept. 27th at New Berlin West, 6:30-8:30
- Wednesday, Sept. 28th at Franklin HS, 6:30-8:30
 - Register at <http://www.gotocollegefairs.com>

■ National College Fair

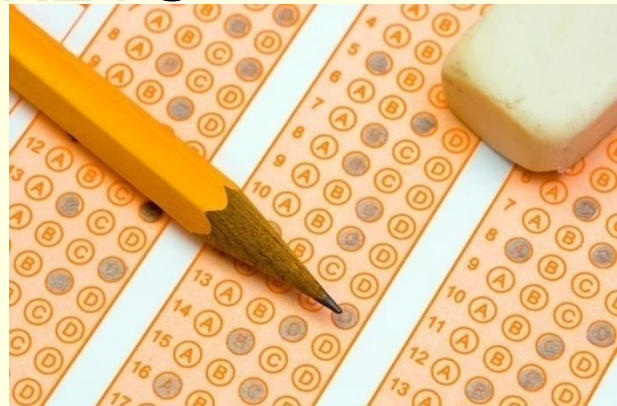
- Sunday, October 2nd at the Wisconsin Center. 12 pm-3 pm
 - Register at <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs>

Career Fair

- The Manufacturing Career Expo
 - Wednesday, October 26th 8 am-12:30
 - Washington County Fair Park
 - Transportation may be provided based on Student sign up

TESTING!!!

- ACT
 - SAT
- COMPASS (for WCTC)
 - ACCUPLACER (for MATC)
- AP Exams
 - WORKKEYS
- ASVAB



ACT

- Accepted by all Colleges and Universities
- Test four areas: English, Math, Science, and Reading
- Maximum score 36.0
- “Optional” writing assessment is strongly recommended
- Student (**not parent**) should register at www.actstudent.org
- Cost: \$42.50 / \$58.50 for plus writing
- May choose up to 4 schools for scores to be sent directly to them
- Usually recommended to take in April & /or June of Junior year
- May take multiple times (up to 12) – highest score accepted (Fee required for each ACT test registered for)

ACT/WORKKEYS

WI State DPI mandatory ACT test w/writing

- February 28th, 2017 at GHS
- Will count for College Applications

- WORKKEYS test-academic skills test with a career focus
- Mandatory test by DPI
- March 1st, 2017 at GHS

Greenfield High School ACT Results Class of 2016

GHS Average=19.6

State Average=20.9

What are colleges looking for?

Composite Score

Core Classes or More	Less than Core
21.0	18.7

Tips to Better ACT Scores

- Read for FUN!
- Consider taking extra academic electives – especially literature courses
- Complete the ACT Prep Book – try to simulate testing environment
- Use results from prior test(s) to work on weaknesses

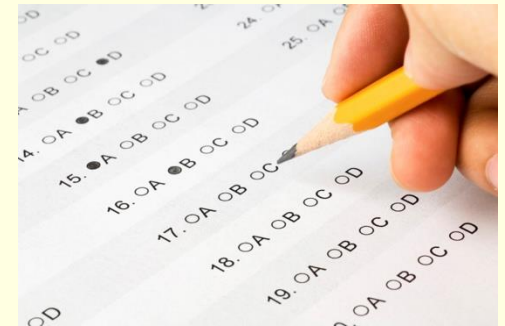


ACT Test Preparation

- Solid Academics
- Practice exam
- Rest, relax, etc
- Review Courses

- Greenfield High School
 - ACT + Writing
 - Feb. 28th 2017
 - 7:30-1:00 pm

- Greenfield High School
 - ZAPS (www.zaps.com)
 - February 13th & 14th
 - 6:30-9:00 pm



SAT

- May be required for admission to colleges in other regions
- Test Verbal, Math and Writing Skills
- Maximum score is composite of 800 on each of the three sub tests / Max 2400
- Student (**not parent**) should register online at www.collegeboard.com

COMPASS/ ACCUPLACER

- Recommended for most technical colleges in Wisconsin
- Evaluate student ability in the basic areas
- Some programs may have minimum criteria
- Test is administered after admission
- Test is used to determine course/level placement

AP Exams

- Schedule is on www.collegeboard.com
- Study tools posted as well
- Credit awarded is determined by each university or college
- Exams are scored 1 (Low) through 5 (High)
- Scores must be reported directly to the university from the College Board
- Colleges usually only accept scores of 3 or higher

ASVAB

Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery

- Tuesday, December 6th at GHS
- A comprehensive academic skills assessment
- Career focused interpretation
- Completely voluntary
- Does not commit student to the military or signal specific interest
- Can take up to 5 times

Post High School Options

- Apprenticeship
- Military
- Technical College
- University or College
- Work



UW System Minimum Admissions Requirements

17 Minimum College Preparatory/ Academic Credits

- English 4 credits
- Mathematics 3 credits (must include advanced level math)*
- Natural Science 3 credits(must include 3 lab sciences)
- Social Science 3 credits
- Additional Electives 4 additional units from: English, Math, Natural Science, Social Science, Foreign Language.

*UW Madison now requires 4 credits of math

- A minimum 2 years of Foreign Language (in one single language) are required for admission to UW-Madison, University of MN-Twin Cities, and strongly recommended at all other UW Campuses.
- *Many colleges may also require additional courses in:*
 - *Fine and Performing Arts*
 - *Computer Science*

College Comprehensive Review

Academic Factors

- Academic preparation remains of primary importance
- Rigorous college preparatory course work
- Rank in class and/or grade point average
- Test scores (ACT/SAT)

College Comprehensive Review

Other Factors May Include

- Experiences
- Work History
- Leadership Qualities
- Motivation
- Community Services
- Special Talents
- Socio-economically disadvantaged
- Etc

Exploring Options

- Campus tours (scheduled individually)
- Internet
- College visits
- College guides/rankings
- Finances



The Application Process

- A. Starts fall semester, senior year
- B. Cost for applications: \$30 to \$75 (some free)
- C. Read instructions & follow deadlines
- D. Presentation Matters
- E. Have ready:
 1. Personal resume of accomplishments, awards and activities
 2. Essay, personal statement and/or question responses-be sure to **PROOFREAD!**

E. Have ready (continued):

3. ACT/SAT

- *Know dates and scores

- *Know what the school requires (official score)

4. Letters of recommendation; if necessary (2-3)

- *Ask early

- *Ask someone who knows you well and can write specifically about your leadership and personal qualities (i.e. teacher, counselor, employer, administrator, etc)

TRANSCRIPT REVIEW

- GPA-Weighted/Unweighted
- Class Rank
- 23 credits required for graduation
- Rigor



THANK YOU FOR
JOINING US!!

