

# DECEMBER 2024 COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER

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Dear Students and Families,

As we welcome December, we hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the holiday season. This time of year is filled with opportunities for celebration and creating lasting memories. We want to take a moment to express our gratitude for your continued support and partnership in your student's education.

- **End of Semester One:** The end of the semester is approaching quickly! Please take a moment to check in with your student about their grades and attendance to ensure they are in good shape for the upcoming break.
- **Attention Seniors:** If your Senior has received acceptance letters or scholarships, we kindly ask that you send a copy to Ms. Madensky. We want to celebrate their achievements!
- **Winter Concerts:** We are excited to announce that our band, orchestra, and chorus will be performing in their winter concert starting next week. We encourage you to come out and support our talented Fine Arts students!
- **IGP Season:** It's that time of year again! If you have not yet signed up for your Individual Graduation Plan (IGP), please see our links to select a time to meet with your counselor. This is an important step in helping your student plan for their future.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school community a wonderful place for our students to learn and grow. We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing this journey together. Wishing you a joyful and peaceful holiday season!

## SAT or ACT

**Attention Juniors and Seniors:**

**Deadline Dec 10th**

Students are being offered the opportunity to take the SAT or ACT at their high school during the regular school day at no cost in the Spring 2025 semester. The State Department of Education (SCDE) will be paying for one assessment per student this year. However, students must sign up in advance in order to take one of these tests. All students must designate one choice. Below are the options they will get to pick from. Please talk over these options with your student in advance. Please note, that students who have accommodations such as an IEP or 504 those accommodations are subject to approval by SAT or ACT not HCS.

**[Options Information Form & Agreement Form](#)**

We have some great SAT/ ACT test preparation websites to share with you in the counseling office. Additional test dates and registration can be found on our Guidance webpage. This is a test you can prepare for!

# Overview of EOC



The End-of-Course Examination (EOC) is a statewide assessment program that awards units of credit in English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The EOC encourages instruction in the specific standards for the courses, encourages student achievement, and documents the level of students' mastery of the academic standards. EOC examination scores count 20 percent in the calculation of the student's final grade in gateway courses. Defined gateway courses currently include Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2, and United States History.

## **AHS EOC Dates:**

English 2 Part One: Writing Dec 11th  
English 2 Part Two: Reading Jan 7th  
Biology: Jan 9th  
Algebra: Jan 10th  
US History: Jan 10th



# SCHEDULE IGPS

9th Grade



10th Grade



11th Grade



12th Grade



**SPECIAL  
EDUCATION,  
MLLS, 504**



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## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Attendance

Please click [here](#) to  
review the HCS  
Attendance Policy.



### Wednesday School

**Last one for the semester**

**Dec. 18th: 3:30-5:00**

### Saturday School

**Attendance Recovery**

**Dec. 14th: 8:00-2:00**

**Please arrive on time the  
doors will close at  
8:00 sharp!**



# Counseling TEAM

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