



Welcome Junior
Parents!



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CHESTERTON

HIGH SCHOOL

Inspire / Engage / Empower

CHESTERTON HIGH SCHOOL IS DEDICATED TO QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS AND IS COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING LIFELONG LEARNERS WHO WILL VALUE THEMSELVES AND OTHERS, CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITY, AND ACHIEVE INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD.

OUR SCHOOL

Chesterton Senior High School is a four year comprehensive public school located about 50 miles southeast of Chicago in Chesterton, Indiana. Chesterton has a population of 14,500 and is situated at the very southern tip of Lake Michigan. CHS is part of the Duneland School Corporation, which includes five elementary schools (K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), two middle schools (7-8), and one high school (9-12). CHS is accredited by Cognia, is an Indiana Gold Star Counseling Award recipient, an ASCA Ramp school, and an International Baccalaureate (IB) school. 28% of our students are enrolled in the federal Free/Reduced Lunch Program.

CHS is structured using a block schedule. Block scheduling provides each student with seven, 90-minute periods and one 90-minute resource block over two days.

CEEB CODE | 150500

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All course offerings with full descriptions can be found at chs.duneland.k12.in.us/programs-services/school-counseling-office. Indiana requires 40 credits for graduation and 47 credits for the Academic Honors Diploma. Students enrolled in the IB program must complete the full IB Diploma. Minimum graduation requirements include...

ENGLISH
8 CREDITS

MATH
6 CREDITS

SCIENCE
6 CREDITS

HEALTH
1 CREDIT

SOCIAL STUDIES
6 CREDITS

ELECTIVES

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
2 CREDITS

CLASS RANK & GPA

Both class rank and GPA are weighted. Honors points are given in Honors, GT, AP and IB Courses. The highest GPA in the senior class is currently 5.07. GPA is calculated using the non-weighted/weighted scale below.

A+	4.33/5.33	C+	2.33/3.33	F	0.00
A	4.00/5.00	C	2.00/3.00	I	INCOMPLETE
A-	3.67/4.67	C-	1.67/2.67	AU	AUDIT
B+	3.33/4.33	D+	1.33	P	PASS
B	3.00/4.00	D	1.00	W	WITHDRAWN
B-	2.67/3.67	D-	0.67	WF	WITHD/FAIL

GRADUATION RATE	24-25	99.1%
	23-24	98.8%
	22-23	98.0%
	21-22	95.0%

CHESTERTON HIGH SCHOOL at a Glance

1929
STUDENTS



61%
PURSUE
POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATION

114
FACULTY

Class of 2026

7
CANDIDATES

06.03.26
GRADUATION DATE

474
STUDENTS

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ADVANCED COURSES

Chesterton High School offers 18 Honors classes and 24 AP courses.

ENGLISH

English Honors (9-10), AP Literature, AP Language & Composition

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry Honors, College Algebra Honors, AP Statistics, Finite Mathematics Honors, Pre-Calculus: Trigonometry Honors, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC

SCIENCE

Biology 1 Honors, AP Biology, Chemistry 1 Honors, AP Chemistry, AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2, AP Physics C, AP Environmental Science

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Human Geography, AP European History, US History Honors, AP US History, AP World History Modern, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Psychology, AP Government & Politics

VISUAL ARTS

AP Art History

WORLD LANGUAGE

French, German, Japanese, Spanish (Levels 4 & 5), AP Spanish Language & Culture

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Program Courses

GROUP 1 - LANGUAGE A

IB Language A: Literature HL

GROUP 2 - LANGUAGE B

IB World Language B SL

French, German, Japanese & Spanish

GROUP 3 - INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES

IB History HL

IB Philosophy SL

GROUP 4 - SCIENCE

IB Biology SL & HL

IB Environmental Systems & Societies SL

GROUP 5 - MATHEMATICS

IB Mathematics: Applications & Interpretations SL

GROUP 6 - FINE ARTS

IB Visual Art SL & HL

IB Film SL & HL

OTHER COMPONENTS

Theory of Knowledge
Creativity Action & Service (CAS)
Extended Essay



AP TESTING

686
STUDENTS
TOOK AN AP EXAM

1,184



COLLEGES ENROLLING 1 OR MORE CHS GRADUATES

over the past 2 years

Adrian College
Anderson University
Air Force Academy
Augustana College
Ball State University
Bellarmine University
Brigham Young University (Idaho)
Butler University
Calumet College of Saint Joseph
Calvin University
Case Western Reserve University
Central Michigan University
College of DuPage
Columbia College Chicago
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davenport University Grand Rapids
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
DeSales University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Prescott)
Grace College and Theological Seminary
Grand Valley State University
Holy Cross College
Indiana State University
Indiana University Fort Wayne
Indiana University Indianapolis
Indiana University-Bloomington
Indiana University-Northwest
Indiana University-South Bend
Iona University

Ivy Tech Community College (All Campuses)
Kendall College
Kent State University at Kent
Lake Michigan College
Liberty University
Louisiana State University Ag. & Mechanical College
Loyola University Chicago
Manchester University
Marian University
Marian University's Ancilla College
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Morehead State University
North Central College
Northern Michigan University
Ohio State University (Main Campus)
Ohio University-Main Campus
Olivet College
Purdue University Fort Wayne
Purdue University-Northwest
Purdue University-Main Campus
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech.
Saint Mary's College
Sam Houston State University
Santa Clara University
Seaton Hall University
Taylor University
Temple University Japan

Texas A & M University-College Station
The University of Alabama
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Dubuque
University of Evansville
University of Florida
University of Indianapolis
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Notre Dame
University of Pikeville
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
University of Saint Francis-Fort Wayne
University of South Carolina-Columbia
University of Tampa
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Valparaiso University
Villanova University
Vincennes University
Wabash College
Xavier University

TESTING *Data*

ACT

YEAR	COMPOSITE	ENGLISH	MATH
2022	25.9	25.2	25.5
2021	25.5	24.7	25.7
2020	24.7	23.9	24.2

SAT

YEAR	EBRW	MATH
2024	519	498
2023	520	508
2022	518	516

*Indiana requires all juniors to take the SAT starting in Spring 2022

NATIONAL MERIT

	2026	2025	2024
SEMI-FINALISTS	3	1	4
COMMENDED	3	7	2
FINALISTS	TBD	1	4

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APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

- We Build Northwest Indiana:
<https://www.webuildnwi.com/>
- Indiana Build Your Future:
<https://indianaconstructionfoundation.com/build-your-future/>
- Application requirements and deadlines vary by trade
- Skills needed include ability to pass a General Aptitude Test (Algebra and Reading Comprehension), participate in an interview, possess a valid driver's license, pass a drug screening, show proof of graduation (or on-track progress towards diploma)
- Students can begin researching requirements here:
<https://chs.duneland.k12.in.us/programs-services/school-counseling-office/college-career-information/apprenticeship-programs>



NEXT LEVEL JOBS - IVY TECH

- Next Level Jobs is a program that gives the opportunity to earn a FREE credential from Ivy Tech Community College.

- Examples:

- Advanced Manufacturing
 - CNC Machinist
 - Industrial Mechanical Technology
 - Manufacturing Production/Operations
- Arts & Sciences/Public Affairs
 - Addiction Studies
 - Early Childhood Education
 - Paralegal Studies
- Building & Construction
 - Carpentry Specialist
 - Electrical Specialist
 - HVAC
 - Welding Technology
- Health Sciences
 - Dental Assisting
 - Paramedic Science
 - Practical Nursing
- Information Technology & Business
 - Cybersecurity
 - IT Support
- Transportation & Logistics
 - Automotive Service Technology
 - Diesel Heavy Truck Technology
 - CDL

...and MANY MANY more!



<https://www.ivytech.edu/programs/special-programs-for-students/next-level-jobs/>



MILITARY REPS



- Many CHS seniors plan to enlist in military service after high school.
<https://chs.duneland.k12.in.us/programs-services/school-counseling-office/college-career-information/military-information>
- Recruiters often visit CHS to meet with students and will set up tables during lunch blocks
- Students will work with their assigned recruiter to take the ASVAB, complete paperwork, etc.
 - ASVAB prep help can be found at March2Success

<https://www.march2success.com/main/learnmore>



MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES & ROTC

SERVICE ACADEMIES

 USCGA United States Coast Guard Academy	 United States Merchant Marine Academy	 United States Military Academy West Point
 United States Naval Academy		United States Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)

- Some students want the military AND college experience
- Students applying to a service academy have extra requirements beyond just applying, including a nomination from a congressional representative or senator
 - Contact your school counselor if you are thinking of applying to an academy THIS year!

- Many colleges offer [ROTC](#) outside of the academy experience. Scholarships are also available, by branch of service:
 - Army <https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/find-your-path/army-officers/rotc/scholarships>
 - Air Force
<https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/>
 - Navy
<https://www.navy.com/careers-benefits/education/nrotc>



CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

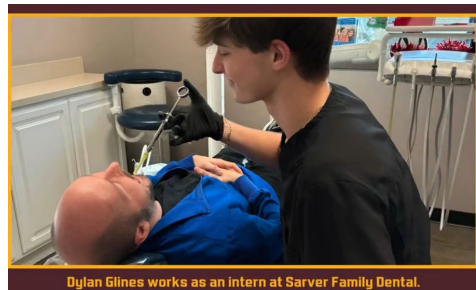
- Applications are open for the Porter County Career Center.
- There are a wide variety of programs available to students.
- Applications are due February 2, 2026 for first year students and December 5, 2025 for second year students.

[Porter County Career Center](#)

INTERNSHIPS

<https://chs.duneland.k12.in.us/programs-services/student-internship-program>

- Internships provide a chance for seniors to explore potential careers/college majors.
- These opportunities can also provide meaningful real world experiences that can be conveyed on college essays/interviews.
- Dual credit is available, as well!



CHS CLASS OF 2025

COLLEGE ADMISSION DATA

288 Seniors submitted college applications

- 342 individual colleges/universities
- Top 10 Schools:
 - 180 applications to Indiana University-Bloomington
 - 101 applications to Purdue University-Main Campus
 - Ball State University-110
 - Valparaiso University-76
 - IU-Indianapolis-72
 - Indiana State University-69
 - Butler University-64
 - IUN-62
 - Purdue University Northwest-52
 - Michigan State University-50



CHS CLASS OF 2025

COLLEGE ADMISSION DATA

- Other Acceptances*
 - Case Western Reserve University
 - Clemson University
 - Dartmouth College
 - Denison University
 - Milwaukee School of Engineering
 - University of Alabama
 - University of Chicago
 - University of Kentucky
 - University of Notre Dame
 - Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 - Temple University

*And many, many more.



PURDUE

// UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2024 //

CLASS SIZE 11,388

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS 78,526

HIGH SCHOOL GPA Middle 50%: 3.62-4.00

SAT (1600 SCALE) Middle 50%: 1210-1470

ACT COMPOSITE Middle 50%: 27-34

ADMIT RATE 49.8%



Campus	High school curriculum & equivalency prerequisites	Class ranking or minimum GPA requirements	Average high school GPA
<u>IU Bloomington</u>	• 8 credits (semesters) of English, such as literature, grammar, or composition • 7 credits (semesters) of mathematics, including: ◦ 4 credits of algebra and 2 credits of geometry (or an equivalent 6 credits of integrated algebra and geometry) ◦ 1 credit of precalculus, trigonometry, statistics, finite, or calculus, or an alternative course demonstrating advanced math preparation • 6 credits (semesters) of social sciences, including: ◦ 2 credits of U.S. history ◦ 2 credits of world history/civilization/geography ◦ 2 additional credits in government, economics, sociology, history, or similar topics • 6 credits (semesters) of sciences, including at least 4 credits of laboratory sciences: biology, chemistry, or physics • 4 credits (semesters) of world languages • 3 or more credits (semesters) of additional college-preparatory courses ◦ Additional mathematics credits are recommended for students intending to pursue a science degree ◦ Additional world language credits are recommended for all students	N/A	3.98 (out of 4.0)



FRESHMAN ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Admission committees use a variety of factors to determine whether the student is a good fit for their campus
- Factors include: transcript (GPA, course rigor), SAT or ACT scores, letters of recommendation, essays, etc.
- Availability in a program/department
- Time of year student applies



TRANSCRIPT

- The transcript gives the admissions committee a very good picture of the student's academic capabilities
- Grades/GPA/credits earned from grades 9-11 and "in progress" senior classes are included
- Includes semester grades only, not quarter grades/final exam grades
- Transcripts are viewable in Skyward under the Portfolio
 - Review your student's transcript ahead of senior year, to make sure it reflects what they need for their post-secondary goals



SENIOR YEAR ACADEMICS

- Senior year is not the time to “pump the brakes” on rigor
 - Colleges will ask counselors to submit a school report indicating each student’s “strength of schedule”
 - i.e. How many challenging courses were available to the student and what did the student choose to pursue?
- Math is always encouraged in senior year, no matter the major a student is pursuing
 - For example, Purdue and IU require BEYOND Core 40 requirements in math
 - Colleges that don’t require additional math for admission may require math for the student’s major, for placement testing, etc.
- Course requests can still be changed up through May 29th!
Students should contact their counselor with any adjustments.

WHAT ABOUT THE NEW “AUTOMATIC ADMISSION”?

APRIL 2, 2025

IU, Purdue to automatically enroll students who meet new high school diploma rule

RACHEL FRADETTE  

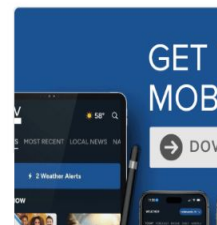
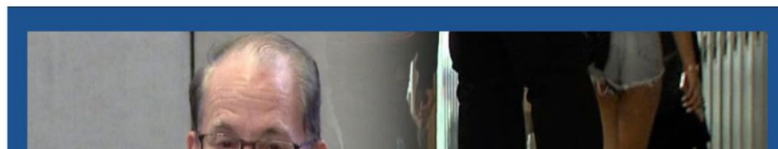
Indiana's state college and university systems have agreed to automatically admit high school students who complete one of the state's new diploma paths.

A 2023 law tasked the State Board of Education with adopting new diploma requirements. They approved three diploma options in December focused on going to college, joining the workforce or enlisting in the armed forces.



Once a student graduates with the diploma seal, they can be automatically enrolled into one of the three paths. (IU/Purdue)

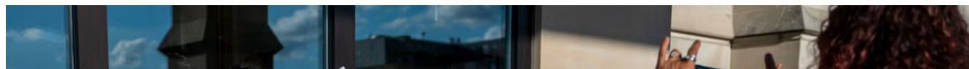
Indiana outlines new high school diploma guidelines highlighting key partnerships



Students will get automatic admission to Indiana public colleges if they earn new diploma

By Aleksandra Appleton | April 2, 2025, 4:34pm CDT



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“Automatic Admission” New Diploma Qualifications



COMPLETE 4 WORLD LANG & 6 SOCIAL STUDIES CREDITS:

- ☐ 4 World Language Credits
- ☐ 6 Social Studies Credits

COMPLETE 8 MATH CREDITS:

- ☐ 8 Math Credits

COMPLETE 6 SCIENCE CREDITS:

- ☐ 6 Science Credits

EARN BOTH GRADE REQUIREMENTS:

- ☐ C or Higher in All Courses
- ☐ Earn a Cumulative B Average

COMPLETE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ 4 Credits in AP & Take Exams
- ☐ 4 Credits in IB & Take Exams
- ☐ 6 College Credits
- ☐ Score 1250 on SAT or 26 on ACT
- ☐ Complete 2 of the Following:
 - ➔ 3 College Credits
 - ➔ 2 AP or IB Credits & Take Exams

ENROLLMENT SEAL



INSPIRE | ENGAGE | EMPOWER

EARN ONE CREDENTIAL OF VALUE:

- ☐ Associate Degree
- ☐ Indiana College Core
- ☐ Technical Certificate
- ☐ IB Diploma
- ☐ AP Scholar with Distinction

COMPLETE 75 HOURS OF WBL:

- ☐ 75 Hours WBL

DEMONSTRATE SKILLS IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- ☐ Communication
- ☐ Collaboration
- ☐ Work Ethic

“Automatic Admission” New Diploma Information

- Students may be eligible to opt in to the new diploma Enrollment Honors Plus Seal if they meet certain GPA and course requirements
 - Counselors will speak with eligible students about this opportunity at their scheduling appointment
- This year is the first admission cycle where students are allowed to opt-in to the new diploma, so we don't yet have data on how this has worked for our students
 - As we get information, CHS will share that with you
 - What we know, so far:
 - “Automatic Admission” to the partner universities
 - Campus of choice is given priority
 - NOT guaranteed major of choice
- Students who are not eligible to opt in to the new diploma or who do not want to switch diploma tracks can still apply to these colleges and may still gain admission



DUAL CREDIT

- **Indiana College Core (ICC)**

- Block of 30 credit hours of college-level courses which fulfills core requirements equivalent to your first year of college.
- To earn the ICC certificate, students must take at least 3 credit hours in six general education competency areas, as well as 12 elective credit hours from the same competencies totaling 30 credit hours.
- Credits transfer to any Indiana public college or university and some private colleges or universities.
- ICC Certificate recipients will receive a green cord to wear at graduation. Students are invited to participate in Ivy Tech's graduation in May.

***Start as a Sophomore can save families
more than \$5,000!!***

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Dual Credit
Information





Indiana College Core (ICC) – Dual Credit Coursework Program

To earn the Indiana College Core (ICC) certificate, students must take at least 3 credit hours in the six competency areas (or boxes) below, as well as, 12 additional elective credit hours from the same competency areas totaling 30 credit hours. 15 credit hours need to be earned through Ivy Tech. **Earning the ICC is equivalent to your first year of college so you can start college as a sophomore!**

QUANTITATIVE REASONING (3-15 CREDITS)

Students must complete a minimum of one but not more than 5 of these courses:

- ☐ Quantitative Reasoning (Ivy Tech-MATH 123)
- ☐ Finite (Ivy Tech-MATH 135)
- ☐ College Algebra (Ivy Tech-MATH 136)
- ☐ Pre-Cal Trigonometry (Ivy Tech-MATH 137)
- ☐ Brief Calculus (Ivy Tech-MATH 201)
- ☐ DC AP Calculus AB (Ivy Tech-MATH 211)
- ☐ AP Calculus AB (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ AP Calculus BC (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ IB Math AI SL (Min. IB score of 4 or 5)***
- ☐ IB Math AI SL (Min. IB score of 6 or 7)***

SCIENTIFIC WAYS OF KNOWING (3-15 CREDITS)

Students must complete a minimum of one but not more than 5 of these courses:

- ☐ Earth & Space (Ivy Tech-SCI 100)
- ☐ Chemistry II (Ivy Tech-CHEM 101)
- ☐ DC AP Biology (Ivy Tech-BIO 105)
- ☐ AP Biology (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ DC AP Chemistry (Ivy Tech-CHEM 125)
- ☐ AP Chemistry (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ AP Physics I (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ AP Physics II (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ IB Biology HL (Min. IB score of 4 or 5)***
- ☐ IB Biology HL (Min. IB score of 6 or 7)***

HUMANISTIC WAYS OF KNOWING (3-15 CREDITS)

Students must complete a minimum of one but not more than 5 of these courses:

- ☐ Spanish 3 (Ivy Tech-SPAN 101/102)
- ☐ Spanish 4 (Ivy Tech-SPAN 201/202)
- ☐ French 3 (Ivy Tech-FREN 101/102)
- ☐ French 4 (Ivy Tech-FREN 201/202)
- ☐ German 3 (Ivy Tech-GER 101/102)
- ☐ German 4 (Ivy Tech-GER 201/202)
- ☐ World Literature I (Ivy Tech-ENG 220)
- ☐ World Literature II (Ivy Tech-ENG 221)
- ☐ AP Literature (Min. AP score of 4 or 5)***
- ☐ AP Spanish 5 (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ DC AP Art History (Indiana University-ARTH 100)
- ☐ AP Art History (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ IB Spanish SL (Min. IB score of 5, 6, or 7)***
- ☐ IB French SL (Min. IB score of 5, 6, or 7)***
- ☐ IB German SL (Min. IB score of 5, 6, or 7)***

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL WAYS OF KNOWING (3-15 CREDITS)

Students must complete a minimum of one but not more than 5 of these courses:

- ☐ US History & US History Honors (Ivy Tech-HIST 101/102)
- ☐ DC AP US History (Ivy Tech-HIST 101/102)
- ☐ AP US History (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ DC AP Microeconomics (Purdue Northwest-ECON 251)
- ☐ DC AP Macroeconomics (Purdue Northwest-ECON 252)
- ☐ AP Microeconomics (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ AP Macroeconomics (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ DC AP Government (Ivy Tech-POLS 101)
- ☐ AP Government (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ AP Government (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ DC AP Psychology (Ivy Tech-PSYC 101)
- ☐ AP Psychology (Min. AP score of 3, 4, or 5)***
- ☐ IB History HL (Min. IB score of 5, 6, or 7)***

SPEAKING & LISTENING (3 CREDITS)

Students must complete the following course:

- ☐ Advanced Speech (Ivy Tech-COMM 101)



Scan for more Dual Credit Information

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (3-6 CREDITS)

Students must complete one, but not more than two of these courses:

- ☐ Advanced Composition (Ivy Tech-ENG 111)**
- ☐ Rhetoric (Ivy Tech-ENG 215)
- ☐ AP Lang (Min. AP score of 4 or 5)***
- ☐ IB English Literature HL (Min. IB score of 6 or 7)***

A score of 70 on BOTH the English and Math STEM Knowledge Assessments (KA) are required for most Ivy Tech courses.

** Prerequisite dual credit course. Must be taken before enrolling in other dual credit courses.

***Minimum AP and IB score requirement varies by each college or university.

Why earn the ICC?

- Save families money!!! Many courses are **FREE**.
- Get ahead on major specific coursework.
- Graduate on time or early.
- Explore more opportunities.
- Students who earn the ICC as part of the Enrollment Honors Plus Seal (New Diploma) will be automatically accepted for general admission to all seven of Indiana's public colleges and universities.

ICC Checklist 25-26



DUAL CREDIT

- **Scheduling:**
 - Juniors are currently meeting with their counselors to schedule for Senior year.
- **CTFL- Crossing the Finish Line**
 - Students will meet with our Ivy Tech College Connections Coach for opportunities to take courses to earn the ICC during Ivy Tech's two spring sessions of their Senior year.
 - Students can also take summer courses to complete the ICC.
- **Associate's Degree: General Studies**
 - Speak with our Ivy Tech College Connection Coach

Ivy Tech College Connections Coach:
Victoria Palomo: vpalomo@ivytech.edu
At CHS every Friday in the cafeteria



TEST SCORES

- ACT and/or SAT scores may be required. Some colleges may be “test optional” or “test preferred” - student’s choice whether to share scores with those schools
- All CHS juniors take the SAT at school, but the test can be retaken on a national test date. ACT is not offered during the school day, but also can be taken on a national test date.
- CHS does not list ACT/SAT scores on transcripts to colleges in accordance with recommendations from College Board and ACT. Students must request the scores themselves:
 - a) During pre-registration for exam (up to 4 free)
 - NCAA Eligibility Center is also destination
 - b) After the exam, within their student ACT/College Board account
- Some colleges superscore - research before deciding if/when to retake
 - ACT will now allow section re-takes, for this purpose

sat.org/register

actstudent.org/start



LETTERS OF REC AND RESUMES

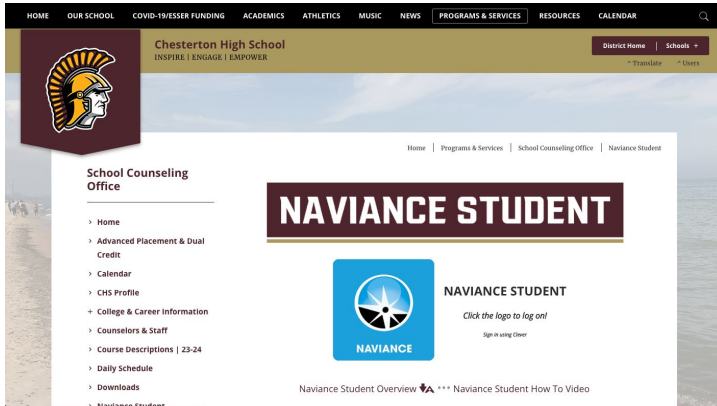
- Admission requirements vary from college to college
 - Letters of rec, resume, essay, etc. requirements may or may not be needed depending on where your student applies
- Spend junior year and the summer before senior year narrowing down the list of colleges your student is considering and researching admission requirements at each institution
 - Consider having your student keep a notebook or Google Sheet or some other tracking tool to note what is required at each of their top choices
 - Be thoughtful about who your student is asking for recommendations
 - Core teachers and counselors are often requested by selective institutions and scholarships to submit letters
- If students do not have robust activities to list on a resume, encourage them to look for opportunities to become involved from now through the end of senior year
 - Examples: summer employment, volunteer opportunities, summer pre-college programs, athletic activities, etc.



COLLEGE & CAREER RESEARCH

- Up through junior year is a time to cast a wide net in terms of researching college options
- If possible, schedule official visits to see schools in person
- By senior year, students should have the list narrowed down to ~5-7 they are strongly considering
 - “More” is not “better”

NAVIANCE



- An online platform to manage post-secondary information.
- Examples: researching college, military, and career options, choosing where to apply, delivering electronic transcripts, learning about scholarship opportunities, and much more!
- Students use Clever to log-in
- Homepage will be customized to student's individual interests

A screenshot of the Naviance Student login page. The page has a light blue background. At the top, there is a 'Back' link. Below it, the text 'Welcome Student!' is displayed. A small icon of a backpack is shown. The text 'Login to Naviance' is followed by a button labeled 'CONTINUE WITH Clever', which is circled in red. Below this button is the text 'OR'. Underneath, there are fields for 'Email' (with the example 'For example navigator@naviance.com') and 'Password' (with the placeholder 'Type password'). There is a checkbox for 'Remember me' and a link for 'Forgot your password?'. At the bottom, there is a 'CONTINUE' button and a link for 'Need additional help?'.

SUPERMATCH COLLEGE SEARCH

III Choose Fit Criteria

Location

Academics

Admission

Student Life

Diversity

Institution Characteristics

Cost

Athletics

Resources

Your Fit Criteria

13 selected criteria
To refine your results, use the arrows to move your criteria into the "Must Have" and "Nice to Have" boxes.

Must Have

X Location [22] →

X Major [1] →

X Campus Surroundings [4] →

X Private (only non-profit) →

X Student Body Size [3] →

X High Graduation Rate →

X No Greek Life →

X Organizations and Clubs [1] →

X Accepts AP Credits →

X Common App Member →

Nice to Have

A *Nice to Have* is anything that's important to you, but isn't an absolute must have.

Saved Searches Choose one ▼

Save Search

Start Over

III Change your fit criteria	Fit Score ⓘ	Academic Match ⓘ	Highlights ▼	Cost ▼	Pick what to show ▼												
Skiamore College Saratoga Springs, NY, Small City 4 year, Private nonprofit ★ PIN TO COMPARE	100% Why?	MAJOR <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Average</th><th>You</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>GPA</td><td>N/A</td><td>4 ⓘ</td></tr><tr><td>SAT</td><td>1225</td><td>1290</td></tr><tr><td>ACT</td><td>29</td><td>N/A</td></tr></tbody></table> Test Optional		Average	You	GPA	N/A	4 ⓘ	SAT	1225	1290	ACT	29	N/A		\$51,456 Room & Board \$14,004	Choose a category above
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Although these institutions don't match 100% of your selected criteria, they still may be a good fit based on your search criteria.

Fit Score ⓘ	Academic Match ⓘ	Highlights ▼	Cost ▼	Pick what to show ▼													
Providence College Providence, RI, Small City 4 year, Private nonprofit, Roman Catholic ★ PIN TO COMPARE	96% Why?	Safety <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Average</th><th>You</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>GPA</td><td>3.6</td><td>4 ⓘ</td></tr><tr><td>SAT</td><td>1275</td><td>1290</td></tr><tr><td>ACT</td><td>28</td><td>N/A</td></tr></tbody></table>		Average	You	GPA	3.6	4 ⓘ	SAT	1275	1290	ACT	28	N/A	Photos/Videos on Profile Virtual Tour	Tuition & Fees \$57,790 Room & Board \$16,540	Customize what you see here— Choose a category above
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OTHER RESOURCES

Who Gets in and Why:

A Year Inside College Admissions

Dream School: Finding the College That's Right for You

Author: Jeffrey Selingo

Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be

Author: Frank Bruni



POST-SECONDARY PLANNING TIMELINES



College & Career Research

Visit colleges, develop a list of schools that you may want to apply to (cast a wide net!), attend rep visits, take the school day SAT

Summer Prep

Take AP exams and final exams for semester 2, complete NCAA/NAIA registration if applicable, review SAT/ACT scores and consider registering for a second SAT or an ACT to take in the summer, look for summer opportunities to add to your resume

Senior Year Prep

Participate in pre college programs, summer employment, athletic training, leadership conferences, volunteer work, etc. Narrow down your list of schools through visits/research. Retake any necessary exams or complete summer school.

Go Time!

College applications open most often on August 1st. Now is the time to start taking action steps on all of your research!



COLLEGE APPLICATION CAMP

August 17, 19, & 21, 2026

- During SRT
 - Students will work to complete the Common Application
 - Begin Common Application essay
- CHS counselors provide instruction and assistance
 - Sign ups available after Spring Break

focused on colleges/universities which use the Common Application for admission

Students are encouraged to have their list of colleges developed prior to coming to camp!



NCAA/NAIA Eligibility

- Student-athletes who plan to continue playing college athletics have [additional eligibility requirements](#) beyond just the college's admission/state graduation requirements
- NCAA requires CHS to send a transcript at the conclusion of junior year for DI and DII recruits
- Register for an account here:

NCAA Eligibility Center (DI or DII only) - eligibilitycenter.org

NAIA Eligibility Center - play.mynaia.org

If your student is being recruited (or hopes to be) - speak with their school counselor THIS year!





Questions can be directed to
your student's counselor!



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