



Class of 2029: The Sophomore Playbook

A strategic roadmap to graduation, dual credits,
and post-secondary success.

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The Pivot Point: Why Sophomore Year is Make or Break



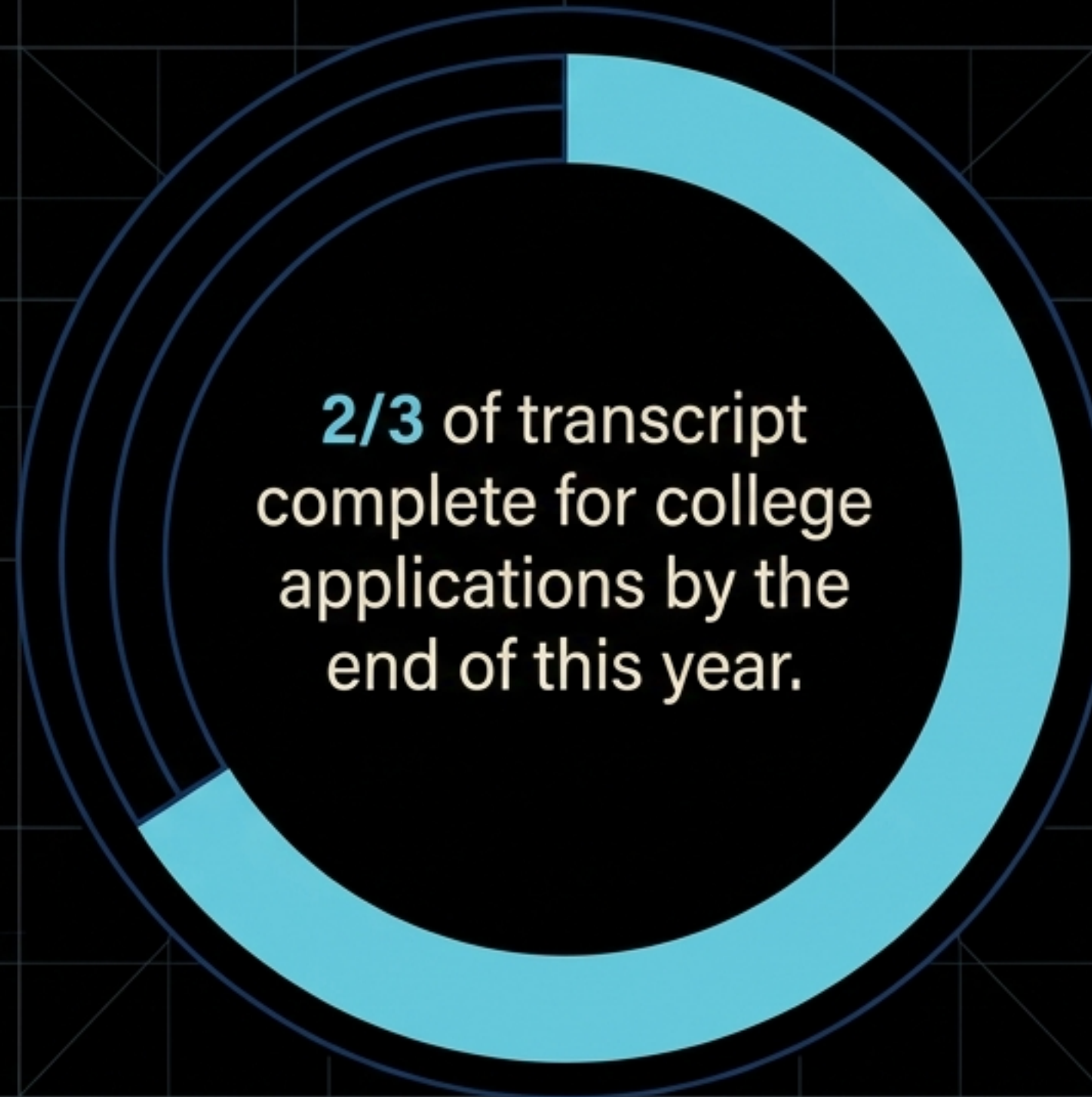
Academic Recovery

Make up any failed freshman classes immediately.



External Opportunities

Lay the groundwork to qualify for Area 31 and Ivy Tech college credit.



Honors Tracking

Maintain grades to achieve an honors seal; minimum C-.



Testing Horizon

Prepare for an intensive year of standard and diagnostic testing.

Core Academic Tracker

What you must see on the transcript by the end of Grade 10 to stay on track.

Core Subjects

- ☐ English (9A, 9B, 10A, 10B/Speech)
 - ☐ English 10B/Speech semester 2 this year-REQUIRED for ALL
- ☐ Math (Algebra A/B, Algebra II A/B or higher)
- ☐ Science (Biology A/B, Chem A/B)
- ☐ Social Studies (World History 1/2, US History 1/2)

Specialized Credits

- ☐ PE Credit
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Preparing for College and Careers (PCC)
- ☐ Personal Financial Responsibility (PFR)
- ☐ Computing Foundation for a Digital Age



"Looking Ahead" Callout Box

Target at least 2 credits in a World Language and 2 credits in a Pathway course sequence.

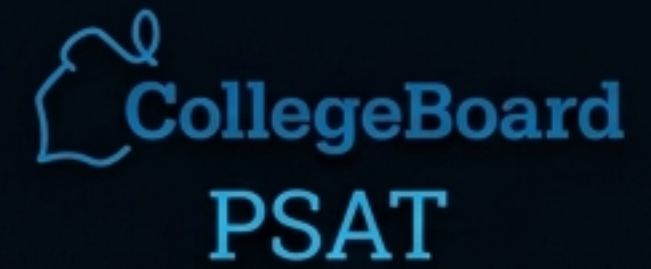
The Daily Engine: Student Learning Community (SLC)

25 minutes each day, organized by grade level (approx. 17 students per class).



CRITICAL REQUIREMENT: Semester 2 includes **Computing Foundations for a Digital Age** (2 days a week). **This is a required graduation credit and receives a GPA-impacting grade.**

PSAT/NMSQT: The Assessment Launchpad



Logistics

- Friday, October 2 (Periods 1-4)
- FREE for freshmen, sophomores, juniors
- Taken on Chromebook
- No make-up dates

Format & Strategy

- All multiple choice and grid-in response
- No essay portion
- Crucial Strategy: Answer all questions, do not omit

Unlocking Access

- Used to qualify for Ivy Tech dual credit classes
- Acts as an athletic recruiting tool
- Reveals individual AP potential

Future Stakes

- Great practice for ACT/SAT
- Prepares students for Grade 11 NMSQT (\$33 million in scholarships to 7,600 finalists)

The Indiana College Core

Banking college credits through our Ivy Tech Partnership
(supported by our on-site 1-day/week College Connection Coach).



Vault Wheel

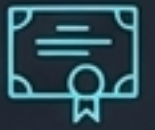


Vault Rules



TOTAL REQUIRED

30 COLLEGE CREDITS



AT LEAST

SOURCE MINIMUM

AT LEAST 15 COLLEGE CREDITS

from Ivy Tech and snailate from the Core Wheel.



DISTRIBUTION



MUST HAVE 3 COLLEGE CREDITS

from each specific discipline section of the Core Wheel.



Cracking the Code: Area 31 Admissions Formula



GPA Component

Base Requirement: Minimum 2.0+ GPA

3.5+ = 15 pts

Scales down to <2.0 = 7 pts



Attendance Component

0-3 undocumented absences = 10 pts

Scales down to 10+ absences = 0 pts



Discipline Deductions

ISS = -0.5 per day

OSS = -1.0 per day

Removal for Behaviors = -25 pts

Timeline: Open House in late January. Online Application in February.

21st Century Scholars Program



**Provides up to 100% FREE
Tuition to a qualifying
Indiana College.**



-  Maintain 2.5 GPA & minimum Indiana Diploma.
-  Complete Scholar Success Program (SSP) - 12 activities.
-  Honor the Pledge: No illegal drug/alcohol use, no criminal acts.
-  Apply & be accepted to an eligible Indiana college as a senior.
-  File FAFSA by April 15 of senior year (and each year in college).
-  Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress and Indiana Residency while in college.

The Driver's License Matrix

With Driver's Education



Age: Exactly 16 years old.



Permit: Hold Indiana learner's permit for at least 180 days.



Training: 30 hours classroom/online AND behind-the-wheel training.



Requirements: Provide signed driving log; pass vision and road test.

Without Driver's Education

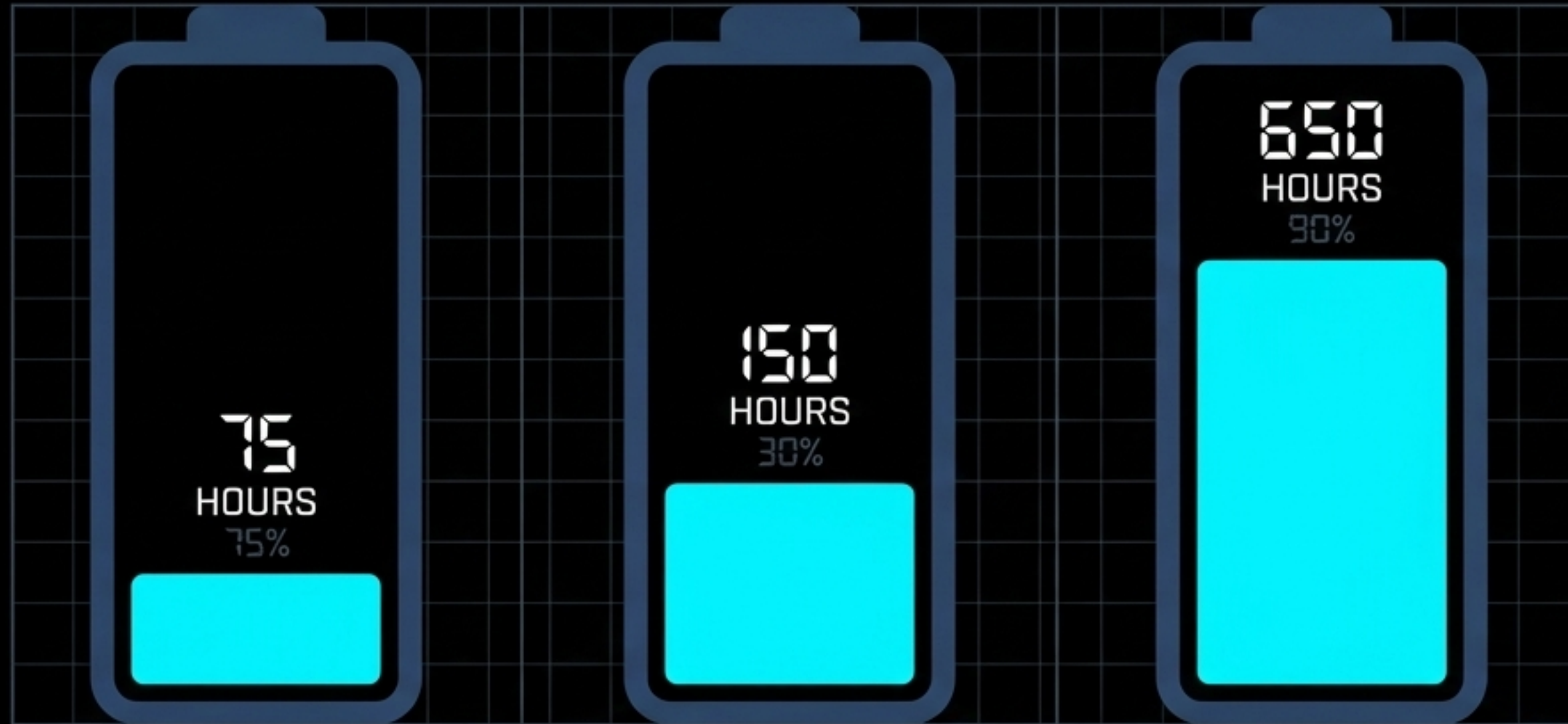


Age: At least 16 years and 270 days old.



Permit: Hold learner's permit for at least 180 days.

Work-Based Learning Tiers



Enrollment Honors
Plus Seal (75 Hours)

Employment Honors
Seal (150 Hours)

Employment Honors
Plus Seal (650 Hours)

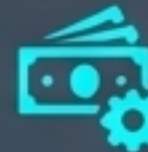
Rules Panel



WBL may include up to 3 experiences.



Minimum 25 hours to count as a single experience.



Can be paid, unpaid, onsite, or simulated.

ACTION ITEM:

State Documentation is TBD. Keep track of your own hours independently for now.

The Grade 12 Master Plan: Earning a Flexible Senior Year

Banking credits early unlocks massive scheduling flexibility for Work Based Learning.

Weekly Calendar Grid

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1					
Period 2	COMM 101		POLS 101		ENGL 111
Period 3					
Period 4					
Period 5	Ivy Tech MATH 136 meets every day				
Period 6	<u>Career Exploration & Internships</u>				
Period 7					

SYNTHESIS CALLOUT:

This 12-24-36 strategy intentionally creates a Flexible Day. Use this newly freed time to pursue a **Senior Internship**, which is highly beneficial for gaining your required Work Based Learning (WBL) hours.

Activating the Network: Partner Job Board

A centralized hub for College and Career Readiness.

If your organization is looking to hire high school students, or if students are seeking placements, leverage the NEW partner job board.



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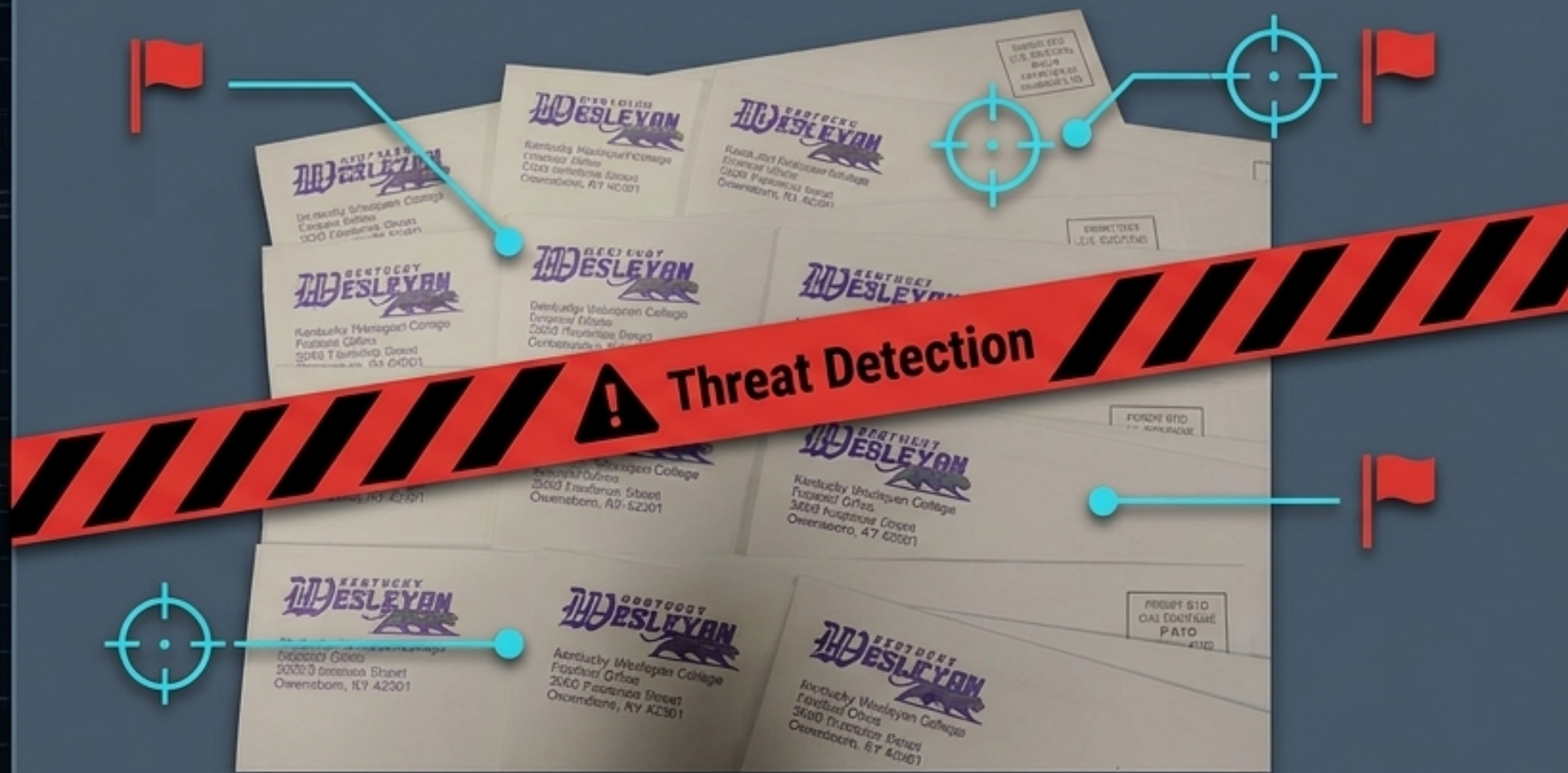
The screenshot shows the MCCSC CCR Job Board website. The header includes the MCCSC CCR logo and navigation links: Home, Features, Job Boards, Blog, Contact, and a Get Board button. The main section is titled "Job Board" and features a "Partner Opportunity Board" with a search bar. Below the search bar is a table listing various job opportunities.

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Partner Service	Sample consideration and individual and business students.	Progress		Tr Company
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Future Planning: Exploration vs. Exploitation

It's not too early. Take a trip, visit campuses, explore careers, and ask questions.

Red Flag Diagram



USE EXTREME CAUTION WITH COLLEGE MAILINGS.

As testing increases, so does the mail. Be aware that many unsolicited letters claiming you've won "awards" or possess "exclusive opportunities" are actually predatory scams or money grabs. Filter carefully.

Ask When You Are Not Sure

The sophomore journey is complex, but you are not navigating it alone.

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