

## **FHS School Counseling Summer Newsletter**

Enclosed is a newsletter from the FHS Counseling Department containing pertinent information for this time of our school year. As you read through this newsletter, please note and share any questions that may arise as we are happy to help! We hope you enjoy the start to your summer and as always, please reach out with any questions!

### **Skyward**

PARENTS~*Please be sure* we have your current email address listed in Skyward. We communicate events, important dates, and reminders to you via your Skyward account and through the email address that is listed there. We also provide updated information on our link off of the school district's website. Here is the link:

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsedufreedomwi/seplog01.w>

### **Class of 2026**

**CONGRATS! We will miss you! A few reminders below are listed for accessing AP Scores and transcripts.**

### **Final Transcripts**

Post-Secondary schools will require final transcripts to be sent to them. You can access them on the Parchment website linked below:

<https://www.parchment.com/>

### **Placement Testing**

Many of you are in the throes of placement testing for four-year colleges. Placement testing is a necessary process for universities to determine which level of classes students should take in core areas. Below is a link that contains more information on placement testing the UW System.

<https://testing.wisc.edu/centerpages/contentsofplacementtests.html>

### **AP Scores**

Approximately 75 students took Advanced Placement tests this past spring to try to earn college credit. Scores became available on July 6<sup>th</sup> through the College Board website. Below is link that contains further information and specifics as to how to access your scores electronically.

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/view-scores>

### **CAPP Transcripts**

Remember that in order to get credit for the CAPP Courses, you have taken, you must send a transcript from UW Oshkosh with your final CAPP grade on it. Please see link below for instructions.

<https://www.uwosh.edu/capp/students/transferring-credits/>

### **CCIHS Transcripts**

Remember that in order to get credit for the CCHIS Courses, you have taken, you must send a transcript from UW Green Bay with your final CCIHS grade on it. Please see link below for instructions.

<https://registration.parchment.com/member/7f80d0b4-c65c-11ec-ab1e-778d6e48a8f0>

### **Class of 2027**

#### **Campus Visits**

If you haven't already, it is very important that you visit four-year and two-year campuses, virtually or in-person if available to narrow down the list of where you would like to apply. Below is the link from the UW Help website that will assist you with setting up Campus Visits within the UW System.

<https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/prep-for-college/campus-tours-visits/>

## **Check Your Email**

Please try to check your school email and personal email accounts weekly to ensure you're receiving pertinent information.

## **ACT**

If you are interested in taking the ACT this summer, you will need to go the website below to register. If you are unsure if you should take the ACT again OR take it early to get the experience, your best bet is to research colleges you may interested in applying to and see what their requirements are. Keep in mind that there are also merit-based scholarships that will also look at ACT scores.

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

## **Direct Admit to UW System Universities**

All incoming seniors have received notice of the Direct Admit program this year via electronic communication and through junior conferences conducted last fall. This process eliminates the need for students to fill out an application, pay application fees, and be responsible for sharing their transcript with the following institutions:

UW-Green Bay	UW Parkside	UW Steven Point	UW Whitewater
UW-Milwaukee	UW Platteville	UW Stout	
UW-Oshkosh	UW River Falls	UW Superior	

All incoming seniors who opted in will be receiving a letter in their Skyward messages center that will state which UW schools they have been accepted to. There will be instructions as what steps they will need to take to complete the process. Please see link below for details and know that we are here to help with this process.

<https://www.wisconsin.edu/direct-admissions/>

If you are looking at schools outside of the UW System, please refer to that specific school's website that they will be able to direct you further. Below is the link for the private colleges within Wisconsin.

<https://www.wisconsinprivatecolleges.org/>

Incoming seniors can begin to apply to the UW System on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Below is the link to apply. The high school counseling office will also run application meetings in September for those choosing to wait until the school year starts.

<https://apply.wisconsin.edu/homepage>

## **The Wisconsin Guarantee**

Incoming seniors who are in the top 10% of their graduating class will also be eligible for the *Wisconsin Guarantee*. The Wisconsin Guarantee offers guaranteed admission to all Universities of Wisconsin (UW) universities for all who qualify. First-year applicants from Wisconsin high schools who are in the top 10% of their class at the end of 11th grade are guaranteed to all UW universities except UW-Madison.

Additionally, first-year applicants from Wisconsin high schools who are in the top 5% of their class at the end of 11th grade will be guaranteed admission to UW-Madison provided that they apply on or before the Early Action deadline established by the university (check their website.) You will need to apply to UW-Madison as they do not participate in the Direct Admit program.

Below is an informational link that explains the difference between the UW Direct Admit Program and the Wisconsin Guarantee:

<https://www.wisconsin.edu/wisconsin-guarantee/>

## Class of 2028

### PSAT

FHS will be administering the PSAT on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are an incoming junior next year who is academically strong, you will want to consider taking the PSAT as merit-based scholarships may be linked to the results. Cost is \$18 and more information will be sent to incoming juniors this summer. For more information regarding the PSAT and what it entails, please refer to the link below:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>

### Wisconsin Education Fairs

Any student (9-12) who is considering going to college should plan on attending a college fair. Wisconsin Education Fairs (WEF's) are a great way to learn more about prospective universities in person and all in one place. There is no cost and you can register at the link below. Two local upcoming fairs will be:

#### **St. Norbert College**

Tuesday, Sept 30 9:00-11:00 a.m.

#### **UW Oshkosh**

Thursday, Oct 1 9:00-11:00 a.m.

<https://www.wefs.org/register-for-fairs/>

### Visiting Campuses

FHS students can take virtual campus tours of potential colleges to help explore the options that are available. Upper classmen should be exploring and narrowing down their campus choices. If you are able to establish an in-person campus tour, that is ideal. This helps immensely with the decision-making process. College websites contain the information needed to set up a visit and it is typically listed under their admission's link.

### Junior Conferences (SPECS)

Juniors will have the opportunity during October-December to have a **SPEC (Student Parent Educational Conference)**. This is will also take a more in depth look at opportunities for our students after they graduate from FHS. The SPECS are conducted with the school counselor, parent(s) and student during the school day and will last 30-40 minutes. Parents will be able to register electronically. Sign up information will be sent out shortly.

Talking Points Include:

- Student's Strengths, Accomplishments, Co-Curricular Involvement, Volunteer and Work Experience
- High School Coursework/GPA/Class Rank
- Post Secondary Options
- Vocational/Educational Goals
- Discuss Direct Admit, Wisconsin Guarantee and Application Process

SPECS serve as an excellent opportunity to gather individual information and resources for post-secondary planning.

There are several activities that juniors will need to be complete prior to conferencing during College and Career Planning activities with Mrs. Vander Loop and Mrs. Peters. These will be conducted in late September and early October.

## **General Information**

### **FOCUS Program for Teen Drivers (Sophomores)**

On Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

The FOCUS program stands for:

**F**ocus on driving

**O**thers are affected

**C**lear distractions

**U**nderstand that substances impair judgement

**S**afely reach your destination

Each year, students from dozens of school districts join together to watch the program at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, showing students the process of a trauma situation, what it is like to be airlifted and to need emergency surgery. The core of the program will always remain the same – we are here to educate, engage and save lives. There will be a parent component as well and information is forthcoming.

### **Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (C.A.P.P.)**

At this time, Freedom High School is running the following CAPP Courses next year.

CAPP College Writing 101

CAPP American Literature 214

CAPP Spanish Intermediate Structure and Expression 204

CAPP Biology 105

Enrolling in the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) courses are a convenient and affordable way for high school students to earn concurrent high school and college credit, while developing key skills for future success. CAPP students pay less than half the standard per-credit tuition rate with the cost based upon the number of credits assigned to each class. It may also reduce the amount of tuition paid when you get to college because of the courses you can transfer (meaning fewer classes you have to take in college!)

If your child indicated that they were planning on taking a CAPP course next year, please review the link below for further information on cost, due dates and payment details .

<https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/schools/fhs/students/capp.cfm>

The first item that ALL future CAPP students need to complete is to APPLY to UW Oshkosh. Many students already attended the application meetings held in April and May. If a future CAPP student has NOT applied to UW Oshkosh as a CAPP student, they *must do so immediately*. Students need to reapply every year they take a CAPP course. Please see link below for instructions.

<https://uwosh.edu/capp/students/apply/>

Students taking CAPP Writing 101 need to have taken the English Placement exam by *Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>*. Students were personally notified of this through several emails and during the CAPP Application meetings that took place in April and May. Mr. Fogarty also connected with those students who had indicated that they were taking After a student applies to UW Oshkosh as a CAPP student, they will receive an email from UWO after applying the provides you with a net ID and password. Please activate and follow the directions/link below.

<https://uwosh.edu/testing/placement-testing/>

Students will need approximately 90 minutes to take the English Placement Test.

Students should do it all in one sitting in a quiet place and on a laptop/chrome book (not their phone). Our guidance office will communicate with students via email have *not scored* high enough on the placement test to take the CAPP Writing 101 Course.

### **College Credit in High School Courses through UWGB (CCIHS)**

Freedom High School is running the following College Credit in High School Program (CCIHS)-UWGB Math Courses in 2026-2027:

College Credit Precalculus: Math 104, Precalculus

College Credit Calculus: Math 202, Calculus and Analytic Geometry

Personal Finance 182

If your child indicated that they were planning on taking a CCIHS course next year, please review the link below for further information on cost, due dates and payment details .

<https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/schools/fhs/students/college--credit-courses-uwgb.cfm>

### **CCIHS Scholarships**

Scholarships are available through UWGB for the upcoming year to cover costs of the CCIHS courses we offer at FHS. Please refer to our scholarship link below for further details:

<https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/schools/fhs/students/scholarships.cfm#d881658>

### **AP OR CCIHS?**

If you are wondering what the best path will be for the advanced math route, please refer to the link below to help determine if AP or CCIHS is the best fit.

<https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/schools/fhs/students/ap-or-ccihs.cfm>

### **Scholarship Website:**

It is never too early to familiarize yourself with the scholarship link on our website. Please continue to check back regularly throughout the year for updates.

<https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/schools/fhs/students/scholarships.cfm#d881658>

### **Volunteering**

We often receive questions about ways to volunteer. One way to explore opportunities is through the website listed below. Students can review the website to search for ways to volunteer throughout the Fox Cities.

<https://www.volunteerfoxcities.org/>

## **National Honor Society**

Underclassmen who have a goal of being in National Honor Society as a junior or senior should note the requirements and what they can be focusing on in the meantime.

- Keep those grades up! 3.67 cumulative GPA after sophomore year
- Lend a helping hand! Keep track of volunteer work, how much time and/or how often they you give to each volunteer activity
- Get involved! Extra-Curricular participation-another area to keep track of.

In National Honor Society, students learn to plan and carry out different activities preparing them for the future. Under the advisement of Mrs. Hauser, NHS members become a part of a group of students who support each other and have fun supporting those outside of their normal groups. In the past, they have worked on tie blankets for various organizations in the area, food drives for the Freedom Food Pantry, yard clean-up for the seniors and disabled members of the community, and participated in the Polar Plunge.

Another item to note is that there is an organization with the initials NSHSS (National Society of High School Scholars) that sends out mailings that is NOT affiliated with the school. This is an entirely different organization that charges a membership fee.

In late summer, prior to the start of the school year, a letter will be sent to all incoming juniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.67 from Mrs. Hauser regarding the application process.

## **Schedules for Next Year**

The 2026-2027 high school schedules are on track to be released on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please continue to check Skyward for your schedules on that date as we do not have an exact time of release. When you receive your new schedule, we want you to know that each of you were placed in core area classes (English, Math, Science, & Social Studies), foreign language class, AP class, CAPP class, and Youth Apprenticeship program that you chose, and we did our very best in trying to get you into as many elective classes as possible.

Some electives were not possible due to a few reasons:

1. A class that you originally signed up for may not have been run because we did not have enough total students interested in the class to run a section of the class.
2. Students who did not select the required classes (ie: graduation requirements) for their grade levels were assigned the required classes thus possibly eliminating an elective.
3. If you chose to “double up” in an academic area (ie: take two full science courses in the same year) it may have eliminated an elective.
4. Some electives are run only once (only one (1) class offered at one time) due to original student requests. We made every effort to assign upperclassmen to these specific classes, thus the section may be full.

See link below for schedule change information. Students should refer to the Master Schedule when filling out the Course Change Request Form. The most updated version will be posted the day schedules are released—it is not currently available.

<https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/schools/fhs/students/requesting-a-course-change.cfm>

If you want to request a schedule change please complete the form listed on the link above and follow the instructions. **Schedule changes will be made on Monday August 3rd-Thursday August 6th from 10:00-3:00 p.m.** If you can't make it in person to FREEDOM ELEMENTARY, ROOMS 012 and 013, **please submit electronic requests during this four-day window.** Do NOT plan on waiting until August 11<sup>th</sup> as classes may be filled by that time and your requests may not made.

### **Looking Ahead**

High School On-Line Registration-July 27<sup>th</sup>  
High School Schedules Posted-August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Schedule Change Requests-August 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>  
In-Person Registration-August 11<sup>th</sup>  
First Day of School-September 8<sup>th</sup>  
CAPP and CCIHS Payments Due-October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
FOCUS Program (Sophomores)-October 14<sup>th</sup>  
PSAT-October 14<sup>th</sup>  
AP Payments Due-October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
AP Notification of Not Testing-March 4<sup>th</sup>  
ACT Next Year for Juniors-tbd  
Mini-Spring Break-March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> (Thursday and Friday before Easter)  
Senior Academic Award Ceremony-May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Graduation-May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Last Student Day of School-June 3<sup>rd</sup>

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