

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

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>

ACT

If you are interested in taking the ACT this fall, 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 be 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>

Class of 2024

Final Transcripts

Final transcripts are available. The class of 2024 can request them to be sent electronically at the website www.parchment.com

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://uwosh.edu/capp/students/transferring-credits/request-a-transcript/>

Class of 2025

UW Oshkosh-Fox Cities Campus Closing

We may have discussed UW Oshkosh-Fox Cities Campus as an option during Junior Conferences. In summer of 2025, this campus site will be closing and no longer available. Students who were considering UW Oshkosh-Fox Cities as part of their post-secondary plan will need to reconfigure their path.

Direct Admit to UW System Universities

All incoming seniors have received notice of the Direct Admit program NEW this year. 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 did not opt out 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/>

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. You will need to apply to UW Eau-Claire and UW La Crosse separately as they are not a part of the Direct Admit program.

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. 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:

[Wisconsin Guarantee Link](#)

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/>

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/>

Check Your Email

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

Class of 2026

PSAT

FHS will be administering the PSAT on Wednesday, October 16th. 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 at the start of the school year. For more information regarding the PSAT and what it entails, please refer to the link below:

[The PSAT/NMSQT – SAT Suite | College Board](#)

AP Scores

Over 100 students took Advanced Placement tests this past spring to try to earn college credit. Scores became available on July 8th 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>

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 details on payment due dates.

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

The cost for a CAPP credit CAPP (Cooperative Academic Partnership Program) is \$105 dollars per credit. CAPP Writing 101 and English 214 would be \$315, \$420 for CAPP Bio and CAPP Spanish will be \$525. Cost per credit at UW Oshkosh is \$324.82 for a Wisconsin resident.

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. 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 should have taken the English Placement exam. Students were personally notified of this through several emails and during the CAPP meetings that took place this past spring. After a student applies to UW Oshkosh as a CAPP student, they will receive an email from UWO after applying that 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/chromebook (not their phone).

Please see link below for all things CAPP at FHS.

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

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 2024-2025:

College Credit Precalculus: Math 104, Precalculus

College Credit Calculus: Math 202, Calculus and Analytic Geometry

Enrolling in the University of Wisconsin Green Bay College Credit in High School program courses are a convenient and affordable way for high school juniors and seniors to earn concurrent high school and college credit, while developing key skills for future success. 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.)

The cost for a CCIHS credit (College Credit in High School Program) is \$105 dollars per credit. Math 104 and Math 202 would be \$420.

Payment is due October 3rd 2024 for: students taking a CCIHS Course in Terms 1 and 2

Payment is due February 6th 2025 for: students taking a CCIHS Course in Terms 3 and 4

Payment should be brought to the FHS Counseling office and checks can be made payable to "FHS."

*If you want to pay for a CCIHS course in terms 3 and 4 now, families are more than welcome to.

Please see link below further information on CCIHS at FHS.

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

Class of 2027

FOCUS Program for Teen Drivers (Sophomores)

On Wednesday, October 9th the sophomore class will be participating in the FOCUS program for Teen Drivers. The FOCUS program stands for:

Focus on driving

Others are affected

Clear distractions

Understand that substances impair judgement

Safely 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.

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.

2024-2025 Schedules

Schedules will become available Monday, August 5th. Parents and students should review their schedules on-line. You will be receiving correspondence prior to schedules being released as to how to request changes and when help is available for any questions regarding your schedule. Please note that that schedule changes need to be done prior to August 13th (the date of registration.)

Looking Ahead

High School Schedules Released in Skyward-Monday, August 5th
High School On-Line Registration-Tuesday, August 13th
First Day of School-Tuesday, September 3rd
Homecoming Week-Monday, September 23rd-Friday September 27th
FOCUS Program (Sophomores)-Wednesday, October 9th
PSAT-Wednesday, October 16th
ACT Next Year for Juniors-Tuesday, March 18th (Tentative)
Spring Break Week-Monday, March 24th-Friday, March 28th

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