

20 great questions to ask the guidance counselor

How can I see the School Counselor?

Guidance request passes are available from any teacher or in the guidance office. Fill one out and turn it in to Mrs. Cooper in the guidance office and the counselors will call you down as soon as they can. If you have an emergency and need to see a counselor right away we would be happy to see you immediately.

What courses do I need to take to be ready for college?

Colleges like to see the following courses completed while in high school:

4 credits of English

4 credits of Math (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and a high level math course)

3 credits of Science (Lab Sciences)

3 credits of Social Studies

1 credit of a Fine Art

2 or more credits of a Foreign Language



How should I plan my schedule so that I'll complete them?

Each year students are given the opportunity to talk with their current teachers to discuss academic options for the following year. This is the time to ask which course you are being recommended for and let your teacher know your academic plans. If you need a certain course for a major in college you can request that you be placed in that course. A good idea is to schedule a meeting with the guidance counselor and ask about the academic requirements for your chosen major.

Which elective courses do you recommend?

Foreign languages are part of a high school college prep curriculum and we recommend that you take at least two years of the same foreign language. If you plan to graduate with honors you will need to take a minimum of three years of the same foreign language or two years of two different languages. One of your four electives required for graduation must be a fine art. The fine arts offered at the high school are: choir, band, art class, multimedia & yearbook. All students are given an opportunity to choose one credit of social studies elective.

How do I graduate with honors?

The criteria to graduate with honors is: 4 credits of English, 4 credits of Math that include (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and a math course above Algebra 2). 4 credits of science that include (Chemistry and Physics), 4 credits of social studies, 3 years of the same foreign language, a fine art, a 3.5 grade point average and an ACT score of 27. Students must complete 7 of the 8 criteria.

What AP courses offered at the high school?

Field offered AP Calculus this year. Most of last year's students who took the AP Calculus test did very well and qualified for college credit.

When is the PSAT/NMSQT going to be given?

Field High School will administer the PSAT/NMSQT on October 16, 2013. Sign-ups are being taken in the guidance office. The test is \$14 and must be paid before you can take the test. There are 30 seats available for the test. If you cannot take the test on October 16 you can take the test at Kent Roosevelt on October 19. The PSAT/NMSQT is a great opportunity for juniors to enter the National Merit Scholarship competition.

**How should I study for the ACT/SAT, and is it given at Field High School?**

There are test booklets in the guidance office, and help is available online. Practice test books can be purchased at most bookstores. It is important to take a practice test to become familiar with the types of test questions and timing. Both the ACT and SAT websites have a "question of the day" that may help with studying. Guidance suggest that you take the ACT/SAT at the end of your sophomore year when much of the information being tested is fresh in your mind.

Field High School is not an ACT or SAT test center. Many of our students take the test at Kent State, NEOMED, Tallmadge High School or other nearby test center. Test centers can be found online at the ACT/SAT websites.

**Are there financial aid sessions scheduled?**

The Field High School Guidance Department will host a Financial Aid Night in January. The date and time will be announced using the school's telephone all call system and will be posted on the school's website.

Does the Guidance Department have college viewbooks or other guides that students can borrow or browse?

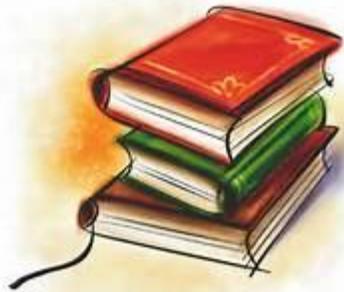
Yes, there are college catalogs and pamphlets in the guidance office. The catalogs are available for students to borrow.

If my colleges need a recommendation from guidance how can I help you know me better, so it can be more personal?

The Guidance Office has a form for students to fill out. The form asks you to list your co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. You are also asked to list your targeted major and strengths that you would like to be part of the recommendation.

What colleges do other students from our school attend?

Many Field students attend Kent State or the University of Akron if they are pursuing a four year degree. Those students pursuing a two year degree often attend Stark State College. These are excellent colleges and students in the Field District are fortunate that these schools are so close to home. Some of the Field students attend private colleges in the area such as Mount Union, Malone, Walsh or Hiram. The Guidance Department suggests that juniors and seniors use their three college visit days to explore college options.



Where do I find scholarship information?

All scholarships that are mailed or faxed to the guidance office are posted online on the high schools website. Websites that are available to students are: Scholarships.com and Fastweb.com. Parents should ask their employer if they provide scholarship money to the children of their employees, it never hurts to ask.

What are the requirements for Post-Secondary?

Each university has its own criteria. Kent State suggests a 3.0 GPA and ACT score of 23. The University Akron would like freshmen/sophomores to have a GPA of 3.75 and an ACT score of 26. Juniors/Seniors at the University of Akron need a GPA of 3.3 and an ACT of 24. Students can attend any university that participates in the post-secondary options program.

Can I see my transcript to be sure everything is as I think it should be?

To order transcripts see Mrs. Cooper in the guidance office. Students should look over their transcripts and see one of the guidance counselors if they feel there is a discrepancy.

I am undecided about a college major. Can I still go to college?

Yes, you may apply and enter college without declaring a major. When filling out your college application select "undecided" or "exploratory." Colleges would like you to decide on a major generally by the end of your sophomore year in college.

Do I have to pay to apply to college?

Generally all colleges have an application fee for all new students. If the application fee would prohibit you from applying you should see the guidance counselor. Some students who meet federal income guidelines may be able to have their application fee waived.

This is also the case for taking the ACT/SAT. Juniors and seniors who meet federal income guidelines may be able to take the test for free. See Mr. Stockley for information.

How do I get into the National Honor Society?

Juniors and seniors who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or above are given a National Honor Society data form. Students are required to list information about themselves such as involvement in community service, leadership roles and co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The data forms are submitted to a faculty council that makes the final decision on students selected as National Honor Society members.

Is it important to be involved in school or community groups while attending high school?

Many colleges ask about your involvement in school or community activities on their applications. Colleges like to know about your interest and may be able to help you decide if the school is a good fit for you.

Most scholarship applications ask about your school and community activities. Scholarship committees like that well-rounded student who has both academic credentials and volunteer work listed on the application.

Some colleges send representatives to the high school. How do I sign up to meet with them?

Every morning on the homeroom announcements a list of colleges that will be on the high school campus is announced. Sign up to meet with those representatives in the guidance office.

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