

Road to College Counseling Office Spring Semester Parent Night

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Parent Night
North Hills Preparatory
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AGENDA

6:00 – 6:15 PM

**JUNIOR CLASS SPONSOR:
SENIOR YEAR EXPECTATIONS**

6:15 - 6:45 PM

**ACADEMIC COUNSELORS:
THE 3 C'S: COLLEGE READINESS TESTS, COURSES AND CREDITS**

6:45 – 7:30 PM

**COLLEGE COUNSELORS:
COLLEGE IS COMING**

7:30 – 8:00 PM

**UPPER SCHOOL DEAN:
IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME**



Accessing College Board Results

All student College Board scores are available online. If scholars input their email addresses onto the score sheet, they should receive an email giving them access to these scores.

All PSAT score reports were distributed the week of December 19th, 2019.

If your scholar does not receive the invitation to view scores, your scholar should contact ACT or College Board (PSAT, AP).

Please check your Inbox, Spam, and Clutter for this information from College Board.





- Taken in Fall of Junior Year (PSAT)
- Results given in Spring of Senior Year
- Selection Index is a combination of your Critical Reading, Writing and Math scores
- Top 3-4 % are commended
- Top 1% are semi-finalists
- Scholars find out if they're Semifinalists in September
- Finalists in Feb/March



College Admissions Practice Testing @ NHP

Grade Level	PSAT	ACT
9 th		Pre-ACT
10 th		Pre-ACT
11 th	PSAT/NMSQT	ACT
12 th	Off campus (SAT)	Off campus



ACT: What Do My Scores Mean?

- Your scores are between 1 and 36 on the ACT.
- Your Composite score is simply the average of your test scores in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science (rounded to a whole number).
- College Ready Scores (out of 36):
 - Math 22
 - English 18
 - Reading 22
 - Science 23
 - These indicate college readiness, but not necessarily for selective schools.



Graduation Requirements

- Math – 4 Credits (*Multiple sequences*)
- English – 4 Credits (*English I-IV*)
- Science – 4 Credits (*Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 4th Science*)
- Social Studies – 4 Credits
(*World Geography, World History, US History, 20th Century World Topics*)
- Gov't/Econ – 1 Credit = two ½ credits
- Foreign Language – 3 Credits (*Same language in high school*)
- Fine Arts – 2 Credits (*Same fine art earned in the high school*)
- PE – 1.5 Credits
- Professional Communications – ½ Credit (*One semester*)
- Interpersonal Studies – ½ Credit (*One semester*)
- Technology – 1 Credit
- TOK – 1 Credit = two ½ credits
- Other Electives – 2.5 Credits

- ** IB Diploma Candidates will have additional requirements based on the program*

TOTAL # of Credits = 29
*Successful completion of the EOCs and STAAR tests
*Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) requirements

Credit Recovery

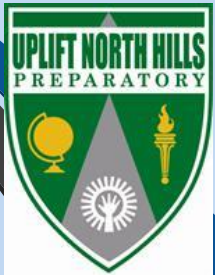
- For students who fail a ONE semester course (ex. Government, Economics):
 - Summer School in June at NHP using the PLATO online self-paced learning system.
 - Cost per semester will be communicated in May.
- For students who fail a TWO semester course (aka year-long course; ex. English, Math)
 - If a scholar fails both semesters, they must recover each semester for the full year credit
 - If only ONE semester is failed (Ex: English II S₁=64% S₂=72%), scholar recovers only the semester failed
 - Keep in mind, any recovered credit from PLATO will show on the transcript and colleges will see it



Updates on Credit Recovery

Summer School NOW!

- Any scholar that has failed a course for S₁ will be provided the opportunity to recover the credit, prior to summer school through [Summer School Now](#).
- Scholars will be able to recover S₁ credit online during the second semester - IN ADDITION TO REGULAR S₂ COURSES. Students will be awarded credit upon successful completion of the online course.
- The cost for one semester is \$100, cost for 2 semesters is \$150.
- We will be in contact with all parents in Jan/Feb if your scholar failed a subject for S₁.



Course Registration

- Academic Counselors will register
 - Rising 11th graders for 2020-2021 courses in their English classes on February 4th - 7th.
 - Rising 12th graders on Feb 20, 21 and Feb 24, 25.
- Course registration sheets with lists of course offerings will be distributed in class.
- Counselors will perform credit checks to ensure all students have their credits from 9th, 10th, and 11th grade, and students missing credits will be on credit recovery plans.
- 12th graders have 6 required courses.
 - English, Math, Science, Social Studies, one semester Theory of Knowledge, 1 semester Economics
 - Three elective periods, often used to satisfy Diploma Program requirements



Course Registration

1. Any student that has failed at least one semester of the preceding course will not be permitted to take 2 or more courses in the same subject area. (ex. Failing one semester of Algebra II, then enrolling in AP Stats and Pre-Cal the following year)
2. AP Psychology
 - a. Available to all incoming 11th graders
3. AP Chemistry



Thank You For Coming!!!

