Senior Update
James F Rhodes High School Class of 2013

Student Progress Towards Graduation

Senior year is finally here, and it's full of things to do to get ready for career/college planning. Use this senior year checklist to keep track of your progress and upcoming deadlines for testing, admissions and financial aid. Review the front of the document to ensure you are on track towards graduation. If you're off-track quickly schedule time with your school counselor/administrator to determine how to get back on track!

Career / College Checklist

August – January

☐ Visit with your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements
☐ Make sure your Naviance account is active - this is your tool to communicate with college/career counselors, high school counselors and parent/guardian(s)
☐ Now is the time to line up your references for scholarships and college/work applications
☐ Ask for personal references from teachers, school counselors, or employers early in the year or at least two weeks before application deadlines
☐ See your school counselor or CollegeNow advisor for scholarship applications as well as check out scholarship page on Naviance weekly.
☐ Keep working hard all year; second semester grades can affect scholarship eligibility
☐ Visit with the career/college admissions counselors who come to your high school
☐ Attend a college fair
☐ Begin your college essay(s)
☐ Apply for college admissions via Naviance or directly through the college/university site
☐ Find out if you qualify for scholarships at each college you have applied to
☐ Start the financial aid process
☐ File only one FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) regardless of how many colleges you are considering
☐ Forms are available at the FAFSA website, your high school counselor offices, or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information hotline (800/433-3243)
☐ REMEMBER - See your school counselor for help finding financial aid and scholarships

My Game Plan for the Next Five Weeks

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Senior Year—No Time to Slump!
Students must meet both academic and testing requirements in order to earn a diploma. The following information will assist you in tracking your child's progress towards graduation.

### CORE COURSES

**ENGLISH:**
- **Required Courses:** English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12, Senior Seminar (1)
- **Minimum Credit:** 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 0.500
- **Earned Credit:** 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 0.000, 0.000

**MATHEMATICS:**
- **Required Courses:** Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Mathematics (2)
- **Minimum Credit:** 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000
- **Earned Credit:** 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 0.000

**SCIENCE:**
- **Required Courses:** Phys. Sci., Biology, Advanced Science (3)
- **Minimum Credit:** 1.000, 1.000, 1.000
- **Earned Credit:** 1.000, 1.000, 1.000

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**
- **Required Courses:** World History, U.S. Hist, U.S. Gov, SS Elective (4)
- **Minimum Credit:** 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 1.000
- **Earned Credit:** 1.000, 1.000, 1.000, 0.000

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE (5):**
- **Minimum Credit:** 1.000
- **Earned Credit:** 1.000

**FINE ARTS (6):**
- **Minimum Credit:** 1.000
- **Earned Credit:** 1.000

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION (7):**
- **Minimum Credit:** 0.500
- **Earned Credit:** 0.500

**ELECTIVES (8):**
- **Minimum Credit:** 5.500
- **Earned Credit:** 6.500

### TOTAL CREDITS, INCLUDING REQUIRED COURSES:
- **Minimum Credit:** 22.000
- **Earned Credit:** 22.500

### CUMULATIVE GPA UNWEIGHTED:
- 1.6610

### CUMULATIVE GPA WEIGHTED:
- 1.7119

### OGT - Ohio Graduation Tests (Required):
- Reading: Met Requirements
- Writing: Met Requirements
- Mathematics: Met Requirements
- Science: Met Requirements
- Citizenship: Met Requirements

### College/Career Readiness Exams (Suggested):
- PSAT
- SAT
- ACT
- ASVAB

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Legend:

1. Local school districts are permitted to require additional graduation requirements at their discretion. Students must take Senior Seminar in order to fulfill the CMSD graduation requirements.
2. Students are required to take a minimum of three credits of Mathematics. However, students are encouraged to pursue additional math credits if their schedule permits.
3. Students are required to take a minimum of three credits of science. Credits must include at least one credit of Phy. Sci. and one credit of Biological Science. The third credit may be one of the following: Chemistry, Earth or Physical Sciences.
4. Students are required to take a minimum of three credits of Social Studies. Credits must include at least half of a credit of U.S. Hist and at least half of a credit of U.S. Gov.
5. Students are required to take a minimum of one credit of foreign language. However, most post-secondary institutions prefer two - three credits of foreign language on a student's transcript.
6. Students are required to take a minimum of one credit of fine arts. Some examples of fine arts courses are Choir, Concert Band, Art, Music Theory, etc.
7. Students are required to take a full year of Physical Education; however, the course is reflected as half a credit.
8. Students are required to take a minimum of a half a credit of health (semester course). This half credit does not apply to their overall electives.
9. Students must complete a minimum of five and half credits in electives. The following are examples of courses that meet this requirement: Journalism, Math Intervention, and Freshmen English Seminar.

Questions or concerns? Contact your School Counselor at (216) 659-4200 or call the Academic Office (216) 574-8378

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