

WHAT SOPHOMORE PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

2022



LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

□ Career Opportunities

□ Military Service

□ College Opportunities



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Get the most out of the elective courses that we offer here at CHS:
 - Electronics, Robotics, Computer Repair, Entrepreneurship, College Accounting, Public Speaking, Web Design, Cosmetology, etc.
- BOCES Opportunities on the horizon
- Look for outside internships or opportunities to volunteer in your chosen field



MILITARY SERVICE

- Recruiters come to the HS throughout the year
- Counselors can provide interested students with the recruiter's contact information
- ASVAB test is given in the fall here at the HS



COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES

□ What Colleges consider important:

- Class rank/GPA
- Sports and extra-curricular activities
- SAT/ACT scores
- Community Service
- Well-rounded student
- Something that stands out from the crowd

CLASS RANK/GPA

Class rank is determined based on the student's overall GPA throughout HS; in fact, it starts at DMS in our district as students typically achieve 3 HS credits in 8th Grade

Students should challenge themselves academically when developing their schedules since courses are weighted based on their degree of difficulty

- AP courses
- College or Honors level courses
- Regents or elective courses



SPORTS AND EXTRA-CURRICULARS

- Students that are currently playing or plan to play a varsity sport must speak with their counselor about the NCAA Clearinghouse
- Scholarship opportunities exist
- Students should invest their time, effort and expertise in events for which they are passionate

CHOOSING A SCHOOL

□ Determine the criteria that is the best fit:

- What are you interested in studying; how easy is it to switch majors
- Small school vs large school
- How far is too far => Local vs. Distant
- Dorms, off-campus housing, or Mom and Dad's basement
- State school vs Private school
- Financial packages \$\$\$
- Start visiting local schools this summer

□ NAVIANCE is the best tool

SOPHOMORE TIMELINE

- October – PSAT administration
- December/January – Begin looking at Course Offering Book for next year's classes
- February – Meet with Counselor to create a schedule
- February – National Honor Society Interest meeting and applications are posted on-line
- March – SAT test is offered (typically Juniors) – Method Test Prep classes and on-line review
- April – course requests for schedules are finalized
- May – Sophomore meetings with counselors to explore Naviance – Career Key
- May – Advanced Placement exams (AP World & AP Seminar)
- Summer college visits