

G-TALK PRESENTATIONS

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AGENDA

1. COUNSELOR PRESENTATION
COVER IMPORTANT
INFORMATION (GRAD REQS., POST
SECONDARY INFO., FIN AID,
SCHOLARSHIPS, ETC.)

2. ANSWER GENERAL QUESTIONS

3. PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL THEN
SPEND TIME MEETING WITH
STUDENT (WILL SHARE CAREER
CRUISING/ACP PROGRESS, AND
DISCUSS COURSE SELECTION AND
FOUR YEAR PLANNING)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CLASS OF 2021

23 credits are needed to graduate from GHS:

- ✓ **English – 4 Credits**
- ✓ **Mathematics – 3 Credits**
- ✓ **Science – 3 Credits**
- ✓ **Social Studies – 3 Credits**
- ✓ **Health – 0.5 Credit**
- ✓ **Physical Education – 1.5 Credits (or PE Waiver Jr.Year)**
- ✓ **Personal Financial Literacy .5 Credit**
- ✓ **Electives – 7.5 Credits**
- ✓ **Passed Civics Test**

(General Information sheet in folder)

WHAT IS AN ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLAN (ACP)?

- An ACP is a document that covers:
 - Self-knowledge
 - Career decision-making
 - Educational planning
 - Career planning and success
- Your ACP should be able to answer the following questions:
 - Who am I?
 - Where am I going?
 - How am I going to get there?

Students will continue to work on their Academic and Career Plans during resource period next year

- ✓ Enter Workforce
- ✓ Military
- ✓ Apprenticeship
- ✓ Special Programs
- ✓ Technical School
- ✓ 2- or 4-Year College/University

MANY PATHWAYS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

We are here to serve all students and help prepare them for life after high school

Utilize assessments, reflections, activities to help students ID strengths, skills and goals so they select appropriate post-secondary options (i.e. tech school, apprenticeship, military, work-force, college)

THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IN A COLLEGE/TECH SCHOOL

- ❖ Public or private?
- ❖ In-state or out-of-state?
- ❖ What Majors/programs are offered?
- ❖ Enrollment?
- ❖ Location (urban, rural, etc.)?
- ❖ Student life?
- ✓ Look at the admission requirements and see if you're a good fit
- ✓ Visit the schools you're interested in and take campus tours
- ✓ Check out our College Visit/ Research Questions Form (In your folder)

FOUR- OR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

- Admission Requirements:
 - ✓ High School Diploma
 - ✓ Challenging high school curriculum-Rigor of the courses taken
 - ✓ Most schools will require the following (minimum requirements):
 - ✓ 4 Years of English, 3 years of Mathematics, 3 Years of Science, 3 Years of Social Studies, and additional electives (e.g., foreign language)
 - ✓ Competitive schools will have additional requirements
 - ✓ Check specific admission requirements of the school
- (College Prep Checklist sheet in folder)**

HOLISTIC APPROACH TO ADMISSIONS

- Extra curricular involvement
- ACT/SAT scores
- Volunteer experiences
- Class rank/Cumulative GPA
- Rigor of courses taken
- Admission essay
- Letters of Recommendation

This is a great resource for researching admission criteria...

<https://www.collegedata.com/>

FINANCIAL AID

- ✓ Students can apply for financial aid by filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) starting October 1st of senior year (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>)
- ✓ Types of financial aid:
 - Grants
 - Work Study
 - Loans
 - ✓ Perkins Loans
 - ✓ Stafford Loans
 - ✓ PLUS Loans
- ✓ It's important to apply as early as you can, as colleges/universities only have a certain amount of money to work with each year
- ✓ Other helpful websites:
 - ✓ <http://www.finaid.org>

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Best places to look for scholarships:
 - ✓ Online
 - ✓ <http://www.fastweb.com>
 - ✓ <http://www.scholarships.com>
 - ✓ http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp
 - ✓ Beware of sites that charge a fee for the scholarship search process or that guarantee scholarships
 - ✓ Career Cruising <https://www.careercruising.com/School/Home.aspx>
 - ✓ Germantown Community Scholarship Program
 - ✓ <http://www.germantownscholarship.org/>
 - ✓ Applications become available in January/February of senior year
 - ✓ Germantown High School Website
 - ✓ http://www.germantownschools.org/schools/high/scholarship_info.cfm
 - ✓ Check for specific scholarships at the schools where you are applying
 - ✓ Check with Parents'/Guardians' Employers

(Scholarship sheet in folder)

ACT INFORMATION

- Juniors will take it at GHS during state testing day (no charge) regular testing administration so scores can be sent to schools
- Students wanting to take the ACT before GHS administers it or attempt it again will need to register to take the test on the ACT website <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>
- Cost: ACT \$50.50 ACT with Writing: \$67.00
- ACT Dates: Offered 7 times per year and majority of dates are offered here at GHS

(ACT dates in folder)

ACT PREP RESOURCES

- Free full length practice test **(while supplies last)**
- Albert I.O. free online ACT test prep **(in folder)**
- Also a variety of classes that you can take (costs vary)
- Public Library has resources
- Apps for phones/tablets
- Private tutoring

OTHER RESOURCES IN YOUR FOLDER

- We included a FAQ document to answer some commonly asked questions
- We also included a document briefly describing Career Cruising
- You will find a four year high school plan so you and your student can begin discussing course planning for junior and senior year
- You will find a copy of your student's transcript
- Lastly, you will find a checklist you and your student can utilize to guide you both through Career Cruising.

QUICK OVERVIEW CAREER CRUISING

- Assessments, school searches, scholarships, requesting letters of rec & transcripts
- Resume (keep track activities, awards, volunteer hours)
- Brand new this year: INSPIRE Southeast WI-opportunities to connect students to professionals in a variety of industries
- Discussion Board Posts
- Search for Companies
- Career Based Learning Experiences (CBLE)



QUESTIONS?

THINGS TO SHARE WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN...

CAREER CRUISING

- Invite parent/guardians to *Career Cruising*
- Share results of *Matchmaker*
- Share *Career Clusters*
- Share results of *My Skills*
- Share *Learning Styles* results
- Share resume function (activities/involvement)
- Share goals

PLEASE ALSO DISCUSS

- Review your transcript (Cum GPA, rank, courses taken thus far)
- If any changes need to be made please make the changes on the form and turn them in to the counseling office within one week
- If time allows begin to map out a 4 year plan (this can be completed at home as well).
- Funding for post-secondary education