



Senior Year

Graduating & Choosing a College or Career

Graduation Requirements for Kenosha Unified School District Students

- **23.5 Credits**
- **10 hours of Community Service**
- **Pass the Civics Exam**

Transcript – 7th semester transcript in January will include GPA and Rank for students. You can request an official transcript be sent by calling Julie Stancato at 262-359-7715 or Kim Gorman at 262-359-7764. You can also request an unofficial copy for yourself. This can be e-mail, mailed, or picked up at the eSchool office.

Community Service Hours Form – All students must complete a total of 10 hours of community service. Those students who have 100 or more hours will receive an Honors with Distinction recognition on their diploma. The community service form can be found on the eSchool website.

Taking the Civics Exam – All students must earn a 60 out of 100 on the Civics test. You can schedule to take the test in the eSchool lab with Kim Gorman at 262-359-7764 or Sandy in the lab if you didn't schedule it ahead of time. The study guide can be found on the eSchool website.

End of Senior Year Reminders... Don't Procrastinate

- ✓ Graduation Cap & Gown ordering & Ceremony details come out in the Spring
- ✓ Last Finals Week for Seniors – May 22nd – May 25th
- ✓ Deadline to submit Community Service Hours – May 25th
- ✓ Deadline to pass the Civics Exam – May 25th

Graduation Ceremony – Monday, June 5th at Indian Trail H.S. , 6:00 P.M.

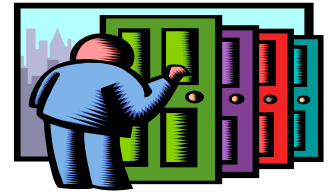
What's next?

There are many directions students' choose to take after they graduate, but the planning needs to begin now, if it hasn't already. Students have many options, such as attending a 4 year colleges/university, attending a 2 year college, going into the military, or starting in the work force right away.

What is your next step?

Career Cruising is available to all KUSD students to help you explore interests, colleges, scholarships, and help you prepare for the ACT.

Career & College Planning



Career Cruising – Is a Career and College search website supported by the district. It provides valuable information in helping students identify careers and colleges that match the student. It allows students to:

- Take interest inventories to identify career matches
- Compare colleges side by side
- Search for scholarships
- Look up colleges by state
- Learn about career paths and required majors
- Learn about what majors mean and what colleges across the whole US offer the major

HOW DO I GET STARTED? (Two Options)

- ➔ To Access **Career Cruising**, go to the eSchool Website at eschool.kusd.edu
 - ❑ Scroll down and on the left side you will see the link that is titled KUSD Gmail and Google Apps. Click on this and it will bring you to your Goggle Account to Log in. You can log into career cruising here.
- ➔ To get to the **ACT Practice Method Test Prep**: Log onto www.kusd.edu
 - ❑ You will click on the Student Information tab.
 - ❑ Select Method Test Prep
 - ❑ You will use your Goggle Account Information to Log in.

Welcome to Career Cruising!!

Below you will see a list of tasks you should complete in your career cruising account for Grade 12. Tasks are divided up by grade level. These tasks are the minimum of what you should complete each year. However, you may utilize any and all of the tools and resources that are available to you in Career Cruising at any time. You will be exploring different careers, educational institutions, your interests, learning style, goals, and complete a four year academic plan. The information will be saved in your account for you to view in the future.

Visit [Career Cruising](#) to see a list of tasks for grades 9-12

GRADE 12

Careers of Interest (choose a minimum of three careers)

Career Selector

Schools of Interest (choose a minimum of three schools)

Four Year Education Plan

Post-Secondary Plan

Career and Life Goals

College

There are about 3,500 colleges and universities in the United States — and, like the students who attend them, they're all different. They are private and public, large and small, located in cities and small towns. Some are church-related, others are not. Some offer the liberal arts and sciences, while others are specialized or technical. As you look at colleges, you will have to ask yourself how important these factors are to you.

Picking a School, Meeting their Criteria, and Applying

- What colleges look for in prospective students.
 - Courses taken
 - Grades Earned
 - Rank/G.P.A.
 - Scores on the ACT or SAT
 - Activities participated in outside of the classroom
 - Recommendations
 - Essay or Personal Statement

<https://www.essayedge.com/personal-statement>
- Applying to your schools
 - Watch for deadlines
 - Pick 3 to 4 schools you want to apply to
 - Go on Campus visits
 - Evaluate the colleges based on criteria of importance to you
 - Make a final decision by their deadlines (usually in the Spring)



Applying For College

The Pre-College Planner Guidelines

<http://www.acm.edu/uploads/cms/documents/acm-pre-collegeplanner.pdf>

FAFSA (Free application for Federal Student Aid)

www.fafsa.gov

College Goal Wisconsin

<http://collegegoalwi.org/locations/>

Applying for Financial Aid



What is the FAFSA?

Web Worksheet

College Goal Wisconsin

Steps to take after applying for financial aid

Unfortunately, money doesn't grow on trees!

Resources!!

There are great resources available to help you through the process of applying to your colleges. I have provided a couple of pages in your packet of great websites you can go to for help and assistance as questions arise. Keep in mind that every college/university is different, so communication with prospective colleges is critical.



Questions?

Please contact me...

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