Champaign Unit #4 School District

Mission Statement

The mission of the Champaign Unit #4 School District, in partnership with the community, is to guide all students in gaining knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to direct their lives, improve a diverse society, and excel in a changing world by providing dynamic, resource-rich learning environments and experiences in which people and lifelong learning are valued.

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HIGH SCHOOL MILESTONES

Summer
- Get a physical exam from your doctor.
- Interested in athletics? Contact the athletic office. Summer is a time for training.

August
- School registration.
- Freshman Transition/New Student Orientation Day – the first day of school.
- Watch for Quad Day after school starts.

September
- School physical due September 1st for upcoming freshmen and athletes
- Focus on organization. Get involved in extracurricular activities. Keep an eye on your grades.

October
- ACT Aspire or the practice ACT – your pre-ACT measurement.
- Focus on using your study time wisely. Meet with teachers for reteach/retake opportunities.
- Academic Letter Night

November
- It's never too late to bring those grades up!

December
- Final Exams
- Begin Registration for next year's courses

January
- New semester, fresh start.
- Complete registration for next year's courses.

February
- Finish course selection for the next year.

March/April
- PARCC

May
- AP Exams
- Honor's Day
- Graduation
- Final Exams
High School Goals Checklist

Freshman - Start Strong!

- Take advantage of Advisory time:
  - Set personal & academic goals; seek supports when needed.
  - Keep Career Cruising. It's designed to help you explore colleges and professional careers.
- Find extracurricular activities that interest you.
- Get organized and do your homework. Homework is your practice - tests/quiz/es aren't.
- Sign up for AVID supports to help with college preparation.
- Get at least 5 full credits. You need 22 to graduate.
- Update your 6-year plan (4 years of high school + 2 years after). Does your course selection match your plan?
- Know the District Grading Policy
- Ask about Standards Based Grading (SBG) 9th through 12th grades

Sophomore - Keep Career Cruising!

- Use your Advisory time:
  - Revisit personal & academic goals; seek supports when needed.
  - Keep Career Cruising.
- Take the PSAT in October; the practice really helps to prepare for SAT and ACT.
- Organization makes your school year easier, counselors can help; so can AVID.
- Get at least 6 more credits. You need 22 to graduate.
- Update your 6-year plan. Does your course selection match your plan?

Junior - A Crucial Year!

- Use your 6th period lunch to study, seek help from a teacher, attend math or science lab.
- What are you going to do to prepare for the ACT?
- Preview your transcript and review your high school and post-high school plans with a counselor.
- Research colleges, programs, military, and/or jobs.
- Use Career Cruising to research colleges and careers. Start solidifying plans.
- Get at least 6 more credits.
- Update your 6-year plan. What do you need to do now to get to your goal?

Senior - End Strong!

- Start early on college essays. Select your schools for application and get that done ASAP (November Deadline).
- See your counselors early; don't wait until the last minute, especially for letters of recommendation.
- Do you need to take the ACT again?
- Submit FAFSA documents for financial aid on or directly after January 1.
- Search and apply for Scholarships.
- Double and triple check everything.
- Get the remainder of your credits. You need 22 to graduate.
- Graduate!