

This booklet was developed to provide students in grades 9-12 with some important and useful information. We have included information on selecting and applying to schools, entrance requirements, financial aid and scholarships, ACT and SAT tests, the military, the work force, the AmeriCorps Program, along with many other opportunities throughout the year. Hopefully, the booklet will answer many questions for you as well as serve as a resource to you throughout this year.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR STUDENTS**

### **2022**

May	1	CVTC begins accepting applications
August	1	Can access UW applications
	27	SAT test date (SAT & Subject Tests)
September	1 – 15	UW system schools begin processing applications
	1	First day of school
	5	No School – Labor Day
	10	National ACT test date
	14	Picture Day
	21	Wisconsin Education Fair
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Senior meetings with counselors – Make appointment early!!!
October	1	Seniors can apply for Financial Aid
	1	SAT test date (SAT and Subject Tests)
	3	Financial Aid Meeting @ Memorial
	12	PSAT – 11 <sup>th</sup> graders
	13	Family Teacher Conferences
	13 - 17	No School Fall Break
	22	National ACT test date
	25	College Goal Wisconsin
	26	ASVAB – 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>
November	5	SAT test date (SAT and Subject Tests)
	21-25	Thanksgiving Break
December	3	SAT test date (SAT and Subject Tests)
	10	National ACT test date
	23-Jan 2	Winter Break

### **2023**

January	14	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> semester
	16	Course Preview Night
	17-18	No School
February	Early February	Distributing Registration Materials
	11	National ACT test date
	16-20	No School - Mid Winter Break
March	11	SAT test date (SAT Reasoning only)
	18	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
	20-24	Spring Break
April	7-10	No School
	12	Free ACT for Juniors at North
	15	National ACT test day
	19	Forward test (10th) Social Studies
	19	Pre ACT (9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> )
May	1-10	AP Testing
6		SAT test date (SAT and Subject Tests)
	10	Pride Awards Program
	26	Graduation Day – Practice AM, Ceremony PM
June	3	SAT test date (SAT and Subject Tests)
	4	Last Day of school underclassman
	10	National ACT test date

## **REVIEW YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS**

Set up an appointment with your counselor to review graduation requirements, post-high school plans, etc. Those **students who are planning to attend a university or college are advised to review admission requirements and see your counselor with questions.** Entrance requirements for the UW System in general, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Madison, the University of Minnesota, and Chippewa Valley Technical College are listed in this booklet. Counselors have discovered some university-bound students who have not enrolled in courses necessary to meet college admission requirements. We have specifically found students who are short on science credits.

<b>HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS</b>
4 credits English
3 credits Math
3 credits Science
3 credits Social Studies
1.5 credits PE
.5 credit Health
8.5 credits electives
<b>23.5 CREDITS TOTAL</b>

## **POST SECONDARY READINESS AND COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

<b>Wisconsin and Minnesota Universities Entrance Requirements</b>	
English	<b>4 Credits</b>
Social Studies	<b>3 Credits</b>
Natural Science	<b>3 Credits</b>
Math	<b>3 Credits (WI)</b> Including: Algebra (1.0) Geometry (1.0) Algebra II (1.0) <b>4 Credits (MN)</b>
World Language	<b>Required:</b> UW Madison and Minnesota Universities – 2 years of the same language <b>Recommended by UW Madison:</b> 2 or more years
Fine Arts	<b>Required:</b> Minnesota Universities (1.0) credit of fine arts
<b>Remaining coursework should be selected to support an Academic and Career Plan for post-secondary success.</b>  Students should select rigorous courses. Examples of rigorous courses include - AP, Transcribed Credit, PLTW, advanced level world language, art, music or career and technical offerings.	

### **COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES & MILITARY PERSONNEL VISIT NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**

Each year, representatives from universities and technical colleges visit high schools to provide students with information about their schools. These visits take place in the North High Student Services Office. Announcements list the dates and times of representative

visits. Interested students are asked to get a pass in advance from the Student Services secretary.

Military personnel come to North High School once per week and are located in Student Services office during the lunch shifts. The various branches of the military are represented on a rotating basis.

## **NHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Every student must earn 23.5 credits to qualify for a diploma from North High School. Please review your credits with your counselor to ensure that you have not missed any requirements. Listed below are the required courses by grade.

<b><u>FRESHMAN YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>CREDIT</u></b>
English 9	1.0
Math	1.0
U.S. History	.5
Health	.5
Earth Science	.5
Physical Education 9	.5
Minimum Course Load	6.0

<b><u>SOPHOMORE YEAR</u></b>	
English 10	1.0
Biology	1.0
Math	1.0
World Studies or AP European History	1.0
Physical Education 10	.5
Minimum Course Load	6.0

<b><u>JUNIOR YEAR</u></b>	
English 11	1.0
Physical Science (Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Astronomy/Geology, Oceanography/Meteorology, Environmental Science, Physics, or AP Physics)	1.0
Government or AP U.S. Government	.5
Physical Education 11	.5
Math	1.0
Minimum Course Load	6.0

<b><u>SENIOR YEAR</u></b>	
English 12	1.0
Economics, or AP Economics	.5
Psychology, AP Psychology, or Sociology	.5
Science – Depending on number of credits taken so far	???
Math – Depending on number of credits taken so far	???
Minimum Course Load	5.5 to 6.0

## **GPA AND DRIVER'S INSURANCE**

It is important to know that most insurance companies will give you a reduced rate if you currently have a 3.0 GPA or higher. Students who have this GPA need to get a form from their insurance agent and bring it in to the NHS Registrar for verification. The registrar is located in the Student Services Office.

## **HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM AND GPA/RANK**

Once a student begins to attend high school, all grades become part of a permanent record called the high school transcript. Your student transcript includes your grades, attendance record, grade point average and class rank for all four years of high school. Transcripts are kept on file permanently. Your high school transcript may be requested by a future employer and will probably be requested by any school you plan to attend after high school. It is important that you put forth your best effort.

The chart below lists the point value for each grade. Grades are averaged to determine the GPA. GPA determines a student's class rank. Students may make an appointment with his/her counselor to find out class rank and how it relates to their post-secondary plans.

A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
D-	.67
F	0

### **CLASS WITHDRAWAL**

Until mid-quarter (mid-1<sup>st</sup> quarter and mid-3<sup>rd</sup> quarter), students can drop, but not add a class, as long as you don't drop below the minimum course load requirements for your grade level. Students who drop a class at this point will be placed in a study hall. You will need to use a "Course Withdrawal" form, which can be picked up in Student Services. That form requires the signature of the student, teacher, counselor, parent, and principal. Make an appointment to discuss this with your counselor. Once the form is completed, return it to the Student Services Office. Your counselor will then drop you from the class. **After mid-quarter, all drops will result in a Withdrawal/failure (WF), which will be on your permanent record.**

**Until the withdrawal process is completed, you are required to remain in the class.**

**Schedule changes for second semester** should be made during 1<sup>st</sup> semester. If you feel that a schedule change is necessary, either fill out a "Schedule Change Request" form (available in the Student Services Office) or make an appointment with your counselor to discuss your request. For a second semester class mid-quarter is again the cutoff between a withdrawal and a withdrawal/failure.

### **NORTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RECORDS**

Keep a folder with copies of all information regarding plans after high school. Included in this folder should be any acceptance letters from universities or technical colleges, a copy of your financial aid application, and the results of any testing you have had in high school. Examples of test scores that would be helpful are the Aspire, PSAT, ACT and SAT. Also include a copy of your immunization record. You may need all of this information in the next year. After you graduate, North High School only keeps your transcript. The transcript includes courses, grades, attendance records, GPA, and class rank.

### **REMINDERS**

The bulletin board in the Student Services Office provides valuable information regarding universities, technical colleges, and the military. Included is information on scheduled visits to NHS by school representatives and military recruiters. Information on applying for financial aid is also posted. Scholarship information and applications are posted on a bulletin board inside the Student Services Office.

## Start College Now & Early College Credit

District students in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade may participate in this program in accordance with state law requirements and established procedures. It provides eligible students an opportunity to take courses at technical colleges and institutions of higher education while in high school. **Students interested in participating must apply no later than March 1 for a course to be taken in the fall semester and no later than October 1, for a course to be taken in the spring semester.**

The following criteria determines student eligibility for Wisconsin Technical Colleges:

1. The student cannot be credit-deficient\* or identified as a habitual truant.
2. The student must have a cumulative 2.5 grade point average (GPA).
3. The student cannot have any failures in the semester previous to making the Youth Options request.

\*Credit deficient is defined as a student with less than the required 6 credits per year.

Private colleges and universities in Wisconsin establish their own entrance criteria.

The Board or its administrative designee shall determine whether a course taken through the Youth Options Program is comparable to a course offered in the district, whether it satisfies graduation requirements and what, if any, high school credits will be awarded to the student.

Courses taken as part of Early College Credit or Start College Now shall be paid for as follows:

1. The district shall pay for no more than the equivalent of 18 postsecondary semester credits per student (4 ½ high school credits).
2. If the course is taken for high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the district, the Board shall pay as required by law.
3. If the student is attending an institution of higher education or a technical college and the course is taken for high school credit and is comparable to a course offered in the district, the student shall pay as required by law.
4. If the course is taken for postsecondary credit only, the student shall pay the costs associated with the course as required by law.
5. If the student attending courses at a technical college under this program is a child with a disability, the Board shall also pay the costs of any special services required for the student as determined jointly by the district and technical college. The district may refuse to permit a child with a disability to attend a technical college under this program if it determines that the cost to the district would impose an undue financial burden on the district.
6. The district will pay only for the courses that are successfully completed. If a student receives a failing grade in a course or fails to complete the course, the student's parent/guardian, or the student, if an adult, is responsible for reimbursing the district for payment of the tuition and fees paid by the district. If this reimbursement is not made, the student on whose behalf the payment was made is ineligible for any further participation in the Youth Options Program.

The Board is not responsible for transporting students to or from postsecondary courses under this program.

## **PSAT FOR JUNIORS**

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (**PSAT**) is an optional test offered to juniors. North High School usually administers the test in October. See your counselor for more information. This test provides information about a student's academic potential for doing college-level work. **It is also the route of entry to the National Merit Scholarship Program, providing students with the opportunity to compete with other juniors for scholarships.**

The test fee is \$16.00, with checks written out to North High School. Interested students can sign up in the Student Services Office. The test fee is required when signing up. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, see Mr. Woodie for a possible fee reduction.

## **WISCONSIN STUDENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM**

Numerous state tests are administered here at North during the school year. They include: the PreACT, Forward Exam, and the ACT. They are required by the state of Wisconsin. **There will also be a Civics test. It will be required that students pass this test before they graduate.**

## **CHOOSING A CAREER**

If you are unsure of your career plans, explore options using the Career Information Center in the IMC. The broad range of resources available in the Career Information Center includes print information as well as software and internet-based programs that provide information on thousands of careers.

North High School subscribes to an internet-based career information service called Career Cruising. This service allows the user to do self-assessment of interests, abilities and other work-related factors that may be helpful in career planning. Log in information is the same as students use for computer access.

To access Xello:            Go to ECASD Start Page

**Student Technology**

**Xello - Student**

**Login is same as computer**

## **SELECTING A SCHOOL**

**The most complete and current information on these school systems is available on their websites:**

**The website for schools in the UW System is [www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu](http://www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu).**

**The website for Wisconsin Private Colleges is [www.privatecollegezone.org](http://www.privatecollegezone.org)**

**The website for schools in the Wisconsin Technical College System is [www.witechcolleges.org](http://www.witechcolleges.org)**

**UW Colleges** provide another option for students interested in pursuing a university degree. The UW Colleges are smaller schools in the UW System. Students complete the first two years of college and then transfer to a 4-year university to complete the last two years. The UW Colleges are often an appealing option for students because the campuses and classes are smaller allowing for more individual attention, the cost is less, and the admission requirements are not as strict. Lower admission requirements allow students, who are capable of collegiate work, but have not earned the grades and ACT scores necessary for direct entrance into a 4-year school, the opportunity to attend college.

**Students interested in applying to private**  
website of the school on the internet to check

**schools or schools out-of-state** should visit the  
their specific admission requirements.

Admission requirements vary by school.

**Websites that may be helpful in selecting a school are:**

[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)

## **EDUCATION FAIRS**

UW-Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Technical College will be co-sponsoring the Wisconsin Education Fair each fall. North High students are encouraged to attend. Transportation may be provided to all juniors by the district. Over 100 universities and technical colleges from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and surrounding states will be represented. Admission representatives from each school will be available to provide information and answer questions. Information will be handed out in English classes regarding this event.

The Minnesota National College Fair is sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). It will take place early fall at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Approximately 500 exhibitors from all over the United States are represented. Students who are interested in attending this event will need to pre-arrange their absence with the attendance office at least two days in advance. More information is available online.

## **POST-SECONDARY REPRESENTATIVES AT NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**

Each year, representatives from universities, technical colleges, and branches of the military visit North High School to provide information about their institutions. Students are advised to check the Student Services bulletin board and listen to the announcements for dates and times of scheduled visits. Interested students should get a pass, in advance, from the Student Services secretary.

## **25 QUESTIONS TO ASK A COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Student Life**

What type of housing is available?  
How will my roommate be chosen?  
How many students attend your college?  
What is the average class size?  
How big is the largest class?  
Do you have student social activities?

### **Academics**

What majors/programs do you offer?  
What is the average length of your program?  
What percent of your students who enroll graduate?  
Do you have any international programs?  
Will I have an advisor to help me with scheduling?  
How difficult is it to get the classes I need?  
What types of support services are available for health care, academic, and personal issues?  
Are there internship opportunities available?  
If I decide to transfer, are my credits transferable?

### **Career Services**

What type of job placement assistance do you offer?  
Do you offer part-time job assistance?



What is your placement rate?  
What types of jobs are your graduates getting?

### **Admissions**

Do you have an application deadline?  
What standard do you use for acceptance?  
Do I need to take an admissions exam?  
When may I tour the campus?

## **CAMPUS VISITS**

Campus visits can be an excellent opportunity to gain information about a school's educational programs, student body, and community. It is advised that students visit prospective campuses during the second half of their junior year, during the summer months, or early in their senior year. A campus visit can include a meeting with admissions personnel and a guided tour of the campus. Students who want to meet with faculty, coaches or other university personnel may pre-arrange those meetings. Many schools offer a more extensive program on their campus preview days. These programs usually run for a half-day. Students should schedule early for preview days.

### **Refer to the individual school's websites for information on tours**

- **Go off the beaten path.** College tours are naturally designed to show you the best side of a campus. You should see the rest of the school. Have a soda in the student union. If you are comfortable approaching strangers, ask them a few questions about their experiences.
- **If possible, go to a freshman class.** This will give you the best idea of what's ahead. Are all classes for freshmen held in huge lecture halls? Do professors teach undergraduates, or are most classes taught by graduate assistants? How easy is it to schedule classes in your proposed major? These academic concerns should be at the top of your list when you make a college choice.
- **See if you can spend** a night in a dorm. Many colleges allow prospective students to spend a night on campus. Ask a friend who goes to the school if you know anyone. Otherwise, the admissions office may be able to arrange an overnight.
- **Trust your instincts.** That's the advice of a student who went through the college application process. "Sometimes you can't exactly put into words why you don't think a college is right for you," she says, "but you should pay attention to those feelings."

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

When selecting a school, students should check admission requirements. Four-year colleges and universities usually consider course preparation, college entrance exam scores (ACT or SAT), and class rank in determining admission.

Class rank is based on a student's cumulative grade point average. A student may request their rank/GPA through our secretary in Student Services.

## **UW SYSTEM REQUIRED COURSE PREPARATION**

All University of Wisconsin System institutions require a minimum of 17 high school credits distributed as follows:

I.	Core College Preparatory Credits	13 credits
	English	4 credits
	Mathematics	3 credits <b>Minnesota requires 4</b>

Natural Science  
Social Science/History

3 credits  
3 credits

II. Elective Credits 4 credits

Elective credits are chosen from the core college preparatory areas above, foreign language, fine arts, computer science, and other academic areas. Some schools may accept vocational courses for a portion of these four credits.

Specific schools in the UW System and UMN schools may have additional entrance requirements beyond those listed. **A minimum of 2 credits in a single world language is required for admission to UW-Madison along with UMN universities** and may help meet graduation requirements at other UW campuses. One year of a visual or performing art is also required for some four-year schools. Students should check school's website for specifics.

**ONCE ACCEPTED, CHECK WITH SCHOOLS BEFORE CHANGING CORE  
ACADEMIC CLASSES**

**Primary** factors considered in reviewing an application are completion of required courses (see below), class rank, grade point average, ACT/SAT scores, and rigor of the curriculum, including 12<sup>th</sup> grade coursework in progress. **Secondary** factors, such as leadership, community service, and extenuating circumstances, will also be considered.

**FOR INFORMATION AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY OF  
MINNESOTA AND MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES CONTACT:**

University of Minnesota schools- [www.umn.edu](http://www.umn.edu).  
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities- [www.minnstate.edu/](http://www.minnstate.edu/)  
Minnesota Private Colleges [www.mnprivatecolleges.org](http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org)

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE (CVTC) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

To apply for admission for an Associate Degree or Technical Diploma program, the applicant must complete:

1. The online application and pay a one-time non-refundable \$30 processing fee at the time of application.
  - a. [www.cvtc.edu](http://www.cvtc.edu)
  - b. North High School code: HS1215 (just for CVTC)
2. Submit ACT scores or take placement test if required (depending on program).
3. Send transcripts through Parchment – Visit Student Services for more info
4. Refer to the website for additional admission requirements for each program.

Many programs at CVTC have additional requirements for admission. Some have specific course requirements; some require that the applicant achieve a “C” or better grade in those courses, and some have a GPA requirement to get into that program. Refer to the program listings in the course catalog for a description of admission requirements to specific programs; refer to program listings on the CVTC website at [www.cvtc.edu](http://www.cvtc.edu) for the most current admission requirements.

CVTC will accept ACT scores, or another placement test can be taken for admittance. Some programs require specific scores for admission; other programs do not require any test. A representative from CVTC will be here at North every Wednesday morning from 7:30 to 11:00. They are a great resource if you have questions regarding CVTC. Appointments can be made with our secretary in Student Services. Many other technical colleges require the Accu Placer or ASSET test for admission to programs. See your counselor for more information.

## APPLYING TO A UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Students who wish to apply to a school must submit to the school:

- 1) An application
- 2) The application fees
- 3) ACT score
- 4) Your transcript – send through Parchment. See Student Services with questions.

Some schools may require additional materials to support an application, e.g., letters of recommendation, college essay, etc. Check application materials for specific requirements of individual schools.

**Schools prefer online application!!** Information on online applications is also available in the Student Services Office. Contact your counselor if you have questions about accessing or completing an application.

### **WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

Applications are available online at [www.witechcolleges.org](http://www.witechcolleges.org).

### **CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

Chippewa Valley Technical College begins accepting applications the end of August. Several programs have limited openings and may close quickly so **APPLY EARLY**. For more information on CVTC or to apply online, go to [www.cvtc.edu](http://www.cvtc.edu).

### **UW SYSTEM SCHOOLS**

Students are encouraged to apply online. Popular ways to apply to schools are:

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

<https://apply.wisconsin.edu/>

**Please note that the ACT/ETS code for North High School is 500-576.**

### **Transcripted Credit**

Students that successfully complete a TC class at North be sure to contact CVTC if you are going to another college. The credit **WILL NOT** automatically be transferred to another college. You have to request a transcript and give it to the college you will be attending.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

Students can begin applying for financial aid on October 1<sup>st</sup>. **It will be based on taxes from the year prior. Each fall there will be a financial aid meeting at either North or Memorial High School for seniors and their parents or guardians.** Information on this event is sent out to students and families ahead of time. Representatives from a university, technical college, and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will be on hand to present information and to answer questions. CVTC also hosts College Goal Wisconsin. College Goal Wisconsin is a national event that provides free information and assistance to families who are filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), the federally required form for students seeking financial aid, such as grants and loans. Completing the FAFSA is the first and most important step in qualifying for aid. **College Goal Wisconsin is also offered in the fall at CVTC.** It is open to all Technical College and University Students.

Resources for Information:

Financial Aid Office at UW-Eau Claire	836-3373
Financial Aid Office at CVTC	833-6200
Wisconsin Educational Opportunity Program	836-3171 or 855-7685
Federal Student Aid Information Center	1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)

Helpful websites for financial aid are:

[www.heab.state.wi.us/](http://www.heab.state.wi.us/)

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year North High counselors have a portion of their webpage dedicated to scholarships and financial aid. This is where we share information given to us by numerous agencies as well as specific scholarships. We do not recommend that you pay for scholarship searches, regardless of the promises of guaranteed scholarship money. With the information we give you and your due diligence in searching the web, you should be able to find scholarships that apply to you at no cost. We will post a list of available scholarships every week or so. Students and parents are advised to check with their own employers, insurance companies, churches, and civic organizations for possible scholarships.

## **REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR'S CLASSES**

The distribution of registration materials for next year's classes will take place in late January/early February.

## **SUMMER SCHOOL**

If a student fails a core class, he/she will need to attend summer school to make up the credit. Summer school will be held at North High School. If you do not meet the attendance requirement (at least 50% attendance in the class), you will not be allowed to take summer school for that class.

## **WISCONSIN- RECIPROCITY PROGRAMS**

The MN-WI Tuition Reciprocity Program provides tuition reciprocity for Wisconsin residents who enroll in eligible Minnesota public institutions. Students who qualify pay the established reciprocity fee for coursework rather than the fee usually charged to out-of-state students.

Reciprocity applications will be available in the Student Services Office in April. Applications will also be available on the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board website at **[www.heab.state.wi.us](http://www.heab.state.wi.us)**.

Another great opportunity is the **Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP)**. It is a tuition reduction program that makes attending an out-of-state college more affordable for non-resident students. Nearly 100 colleges and universities in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, and North Dakota offer this program. This can save you thousands of dollars. For more information simply visit:  
**<http://msep.mhec.org>**

## **AMERICORPS NATIONAL SERVICE**

Students who would like a time-out period or who are willing to serve our country for money for college are encouraged to explore Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC). NCCC is looking for young people between the ages of 18-24 who are ready to commit up to a year of their lives to making America stronger, safer, smarter, and healthier. While participating in the program, members receive transportation, meals, housing, a modest allowance, and limited health care. In exchange for a year of service, members earn education monetary awards to help pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay off student loans. To request applications or for more information, call 1-800-942-2677 or visit their website at **[www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Community service is often a criterion in selection of scholarship recipients. All students, but especially those seeking scholarships, are encouraged to participate in some type of service to school or community.

The North High School Key Club assists students in finding volunteer opportunities. Key Club, whose parent organization is the Kiwanis Club, is the oldest and largest service program that exists for high school students. Key Club is open to students in grades 9-12. Any student who joins will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills and experience service learning.

## **SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION**

All men must register with the Selective Service when they turn 18. By registering on time, males stay eligible for opportunities like student loans, job training, government employment, and U.S. citizenship for immigrants wishing to become citizens. Students can pick up a form to register at North High School or at the U.S. Post Office. At North High School, the forms are available from Ms. Brown in the Main Office.

The Selective Service System now also offers online registration. When students register online at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov), they receive their Selective Service number instantly. This process can take up to 90 days when done with paper registration. For the many young men who failed to register and were denied financial aid, enrollment eligibility for federal job training programs and Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), or federal employment because of their failure to register, online registration enables them to regain eligibility quickly.

## **MILITARY ACADEMIES AND ROTC PROGRAMS**

### **ACADEMIES**

Seniors who are interested in attending a military academy or joining the ROTC are asked to begin the application process early. That process is normally begun in the junior year, but it is sometimes possible to complete it in the senior year. Submission of college entrance exam scores is part of the application process. Interested students should make an appointment with Mr. Reidt in the Student Services Office as soon as possible.

### **ROTC**

The United States military has three ROTC programs: the Army ROTC, the Navy-Marine ROTC, and the Air Force ROTC. Each year, ROTC programs award thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving high school graduates. Selection is based on academic record, ACT or SAT test results, school officials' evaluations, extra-curricular activities, leadership and athletic activities, a personal interview, and a physical aptitude exam. Interested students should contact Mr. Reidt in the Student Services Office for more information.

### **ASVAB**

If you are interested in the military, you should take the ASVAB during your junior or senior year. It will be offered each year at North. There is no cost for this test and students can sign up in Student Services. Here are some reasons to consider taking the ASVAB.

1. Students learn where their current talents, abilities and skills are on the day they take the assessment!
2. Students will be provided with almost **300** **Occupational Titles** based on their interests!
3. Students are given access to our Award-winning Career Resources for over a year!



([www.asvabprogram.com](http://www.asvabprogram.com))- *check it out*

4. Makes one more valuable tool available for your students to assist them with making difficult college/career decisions!

### **RESOURCES FOR JOBS**

**Wisconsin Job Service** provides excellent counseling, testing, and placement services at no cost to the individual. Students may register at the local office located at 221 W. Madison Street.

Other possible resources include the want ads in newspapers, classified telephone or industrial directories, and non-profit employment agencies, and the following websites:

[www.jobsearch.org](http://www.jobsearch.org)  
<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/>  
[www.manpower.com/](http://www.manpower.com/)

### **APPRENTICESHIPS**

Students can call the Chippewa Valley Technical College at 738-3840 to learn about their apprenticeship programs. It is also helpful to talk with contractors and union representatives.

### **TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING:**

The University of Wisconsin System	1-800-442-6459
Wisconsin's Technical Colleges	1-608-266-1207
Wisconsin's Independent Colleges	1-800-4-DEGREE
Minnesota's State Universities & State Colleges	1-888-667-2848
Air Force Recruiting	832-8486
Army Recruiting	715-834-8141
Coast Guard Recruiting	1-877-NOW-USCG
Marines Recruiting	715-832-0505
Navy Recruiting	715-835-5813

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

No otherwise qualified student shall be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity sponsored by the school district by reason of age, race, creed, religion, color, handicap, disability, marital, parental status, sex, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, arrest record, conviction record, state defense force or any reserve component of the military forces, or use or nonuse of lawful products outside the workplace during non-working hours. In determining qualification for participation, all students shall be judged against the same pre-determined qualifying standards in a manner that is fair and objective.

### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Students are sometimes required to include letters of recommendation when applying to selective universities and when applying for scholarships. These recommendations are usually from classroom teachers, school administrators, school counselors, or members of the Eau Claire community. In order for the recommendations to be helpful, students must present a resume and **give at least two weeks' notice to those who are being asked to write them.** Students need to be aware of deadlines throughout the senior year. Teachers, counselors, etc. cannot be responsible for meeting deadlines if late requests are made. No recommendations are written or processed

over winter break.

## **SAMPLE RESUME**

**ROBERT SMITH  
1770 Eddy Lane  
Eau Claire, WI 54703**

**Grade Point Average: 3.89  
Class Rank: 9/332  
Career Goal: Nursing**

**Advanced Placement course Work:  
European History  
Calculus  
Psychology**

**Colleges:  
UW-Eau Claire (Accepted)  
UW-La Crosse (Applied)  
UW-Superior (Accepted)**

**School Activities:  
National Honor Society  
-Involved with 2005 Toys-For-Tots Program**

**Forensics  
-Member, 2004-06  
-Placed first in state competition  
-Placed third in national competition**

**Community Activities:  
Boy Scouts  
-Member ninth grade through present  
-Eagle Scout earned in January 2006**

**St. Olaf's Catholic Church  
-Taught Sunday School, 2005-present  
-Member of choir, 2003-present**

**Pick N' Save  
-Cashier, 2005-present  
-Worked an average of 15 hours per week**

Note: This is a sample resume. Students are free to make variations. Include all pertinent information and activities from the beginning of grade nine; on a scholarship resume, more is better. Additional resume samples are available in the Learning Center.

## **SUPPORT GROUPS**

The following support groups may be offered through the Student Services Department at North High School. Students interested in participating in any of these groups or some other type of support group should contact their counselor.

### **RECOVERY GROUP**

Support group for chemically dependent students who have completed a treatment program and are working on recovery.

### **INSIGHT GROUP**

Support group for students who wish to explore their own alcohol or drug use.

### **CONCERNED PERSONS GROUP**

Support groups for students who are concerned about the chemical use of someone in their lives.

### **SCHOOL AGE PARENTS GROUP**

Support group for students who are pregnant or have children.

### **GRIEF GROUP**

Support group for students in the event of a death of one of our students.

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## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS?**

Name changes (parent or student) and telephone/address changes should be directed to the registrar at: 852-6614 or 852-6667