

Registration Information 2006-2007

Collins-Maxwell High School

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ACT

- Registration packets in the guidance office.
- Each packet contains a registration form and step by step directions.
- Mail the form and the registration fee in the envelope.
- Transcripts in Guidance Office
- Register online at www.actstudent.org

ACT TESTING DATES

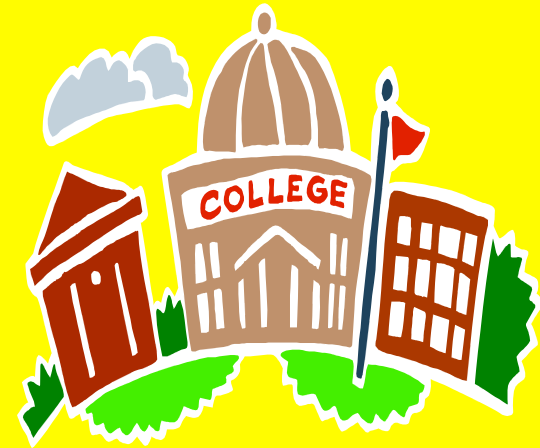
<u>REGISTRATION DATE</u>	<u>TEST DATE</u>
March 3, 2006	April 8, 2006
May 5, 2006	June 10, 2006
(new registration packet required for fall test dates)	
September 22, 2006	October 28, 2006
November 3, 2006	December 9, 2006

College Planning Night

Tuesday, October 31 at 6:30pm

during conferences

Band Room



Preparing for college
Choosing a college
Campus visits
Scholarship scams
Overview of financial aid

College Representatives at Collins-Maxwell High School



- Announcements
- Bulletin Board
- Get a pass from the guidance office

College Visits

JUNIORS

2 DAYS

SENIORS

2 DAYS



Sign out sheet received from guidance and turned into office two full school days before attending

Iowa Private College Week

July 31 – August 4

Application fees waived

www.ThinkIndependently.com

COE

Wartburg

Mount Mercy

Luther

Simpson

St. Ambrose

Loras

Central

Applying to Colleges

- Final grades from 11th grade
- Online applications or paper
- Bring completed applications to guidance office to be mailed with an official transcript



College Application



- Misspellings and grammatical errors
- Applying online, but the application isn't submitted
- Forgotten signatures
- Not reading carefully
- Listing extracurricular activities that aren't

College Application



- Not telling your school counselor where you've applied
- Writing illegibly
- Using an email address that friends might laugh about, but colleges won't
- Not checking your email regularly
- Letting Mom or Dad help you fill out your application

Checklist for Making the Most of High School

- **Take classes recommended for college preparation. Talk to your counselor.**
- **Use testing information. Examine your scores and take extra courses or get tutoring assistance for weaker academic areas.**
- **Establish goals for each school year. Talk to your counselor about what you should be doing in light of your college and career plans.**

Checklist for Making the Most of High School

- Explore careers through research and experiences. Use a career counseling program and job shadow or do internships in careers you are interested in pursuing.**
- Surf the Internet for information on education and career planning.**
- Take a college entrance exam during your junior year.**
- Never stop learning. Education is a lifelong pursuit.**

JOB SKILLS



- All jobs will require some proficiency in computer technology and writing skills.
- Entry-level employees must exhibit a “soft skills set” that includes
 - Commitment to quality
 - A focus on customers
 - Problem solving and critical thinking
 - Communication in writing, speech, listening
 - Mathematics
 - Adaptability and flexibility
 - Computer literacy
 - Ability to work in a team-based environment

STATE RECOMMENDATIONS

By 2009 **80%** must take core (currently about 50%)

- 4 yrs. English (currently 4)
- 3 yrs. math (currently 2)
- 3 yrs. science (currently 2)
- 3 yrs. social studies (currently 2.5)

Plan Your High School Course Selections



Colleges care about which courses you're taking in high school.

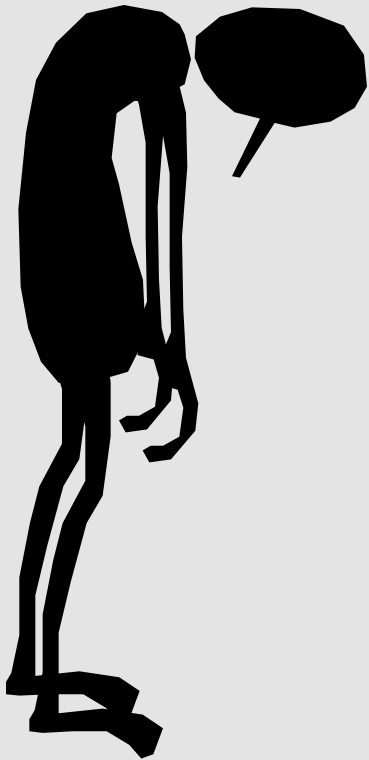
The courses you take in high school show colleges what kind of goals you set for yourself.

- Are you signing up for advanced classes?
- Are you choosing **electives** that really stretch your mind and help you develop new abilities?
- Or are you doing just enough to get by?



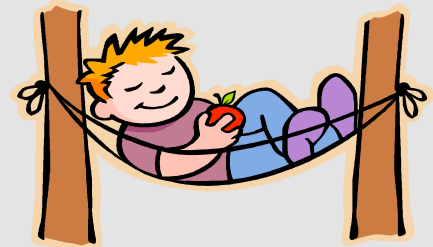
- Colleges will be more impressed by respectable grades in challenging courses than by outstanding grades in easy ones.
- **Do your high school course selections match what most colleges expect you to know?**

SENIOR YEAR – No time to slump



- Once you have a college offer in hand, you may get the urge to coast through the rest of the school year. Maybe you've already decided to slack off. It's your senior year and you deserve it, right?
- Before you give in to senior slump, you should know that the college may be watching you.

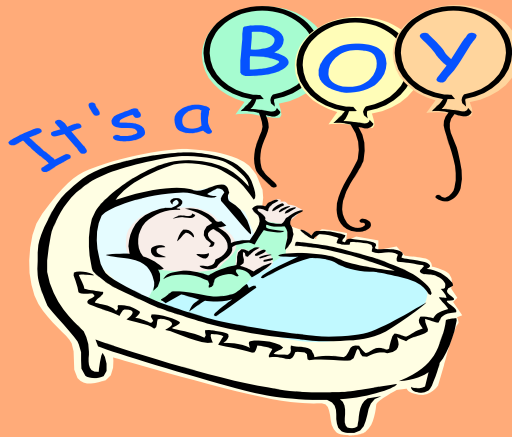
- Colleges, especially selective universities, have been known to withdraw offers of admission to students who drop college prep classes or begin earning uncharacteristically low grades. If you haven't slumped too far, colleges might send you a warning letter and add certain stipulations to your admission, such as requiring a 2.0 grade point average during the first year of college.
- Taking an extended breather during your senior year can make your freshman year in college difficult. So have fun your senior year, but don't give up on your college preparation.



4 YEAR PLAN

- Review Old

- Create New



College Entrance Requirements

Diploma

Admission Requirements

Course Requirements for Admission to Iowa Regents' Universities

- 4 years English
- 3 years Math
- 3 years Science
- 3 years Social Studies
- 2 years of single Foreign Language*

Foreign Language and Iowa Regent Universities

University	Entrance	Exit
IOWA	2 years*	4 years HS 2 years college
IOWA STATE	2 years*	3 years HS 1 year college
UNI	None	2 years HS 1 year college
*Denotes a SINGLE foreign language		*Two year of one foreign language in high school with a C- or above in the last term meet the University graduation requirement. The University highly recommends that students fulfill this requirement while in high school.

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G.P.A.

GPA MYTH

"It doesn't matter which classes I take in high school, as long as my grade point average is high."

- Taking a light schedule that isn't challenging, it will catch up with you at the college level very quickly
- Admissions officers pay attention to course selection throughout high school and especially senior year
- Students should have momentum going into the freshman year. If you sit back your senior year, it's hard to recapture that momentum.
- Course selection can also affect admissions test scores. If you just go for a good GPA, you'll be less prepared for college and will score lower on entrance exams.

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Class Rank

ACT/COMPASS/Other

Activities – volunteer, school related, work

SENIOR MEETINGS

Fall 2006

- Future Plans
- Campus Visits
- College Applications
- ACT
- Community Service
- Financial Aid



Early Graduation

- Be sure you have met all requirements for graduation.
- Apply in the principal's office.
- We don't recommend that you graduate early. There are many advantages to staying:
 - Free college courses
 - Work experience courses
 - Time with friends
 - Enhanced maturity



Helpful Websites as you look into the future

- **Careers & Jobs**
www.iowaworkforce.com
- **ACT – College testing**
www.actstudent.org
- **Iowa Private Colleges**
www.ThinkIndependently.com
- **FASTWEB – scholarship & financial aid**
www.fastweb.com
- **Collins-Maxwell High School**
www.collins-maxwell.k12.ia.us
- **University of Iowa**
– www.uiowa.edu
- **Iowa State University**
– www.iastate.edu
- **University of Northern Iowa**
– www.uni.edu



Graduation Requirements

Class of 2007: 41 Credits

Class of 2008: 43 Credits

Class of 2009: 44 Credits

Class of 2010: 46 Credits

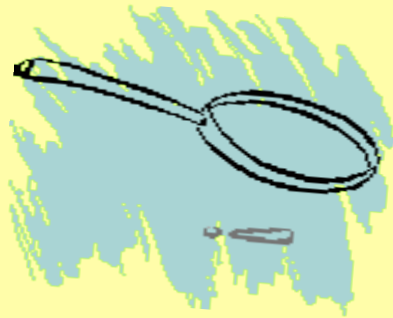
Required Courses

LANGUAGE ARTS	7 Credits	English 9, English 10, English 11, Applied Communications or College Prep
SCIENCE	6 Credits	Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry or Principles of Technology
MATHEMATICS	6 Credits	Any combination
TECHNOLOGY	2 Credits	Computer Applications I & II
SOCIAL STUDIES	6 Credits	Civics, American History, Government, Economics, Electives
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 Credits	.5 credit each of the 4 years of High School
HEALTH	1 Credits	Health

Physical Education

- **9/10 General PE: Meets T & R**
- **11/12 Lifestyle PE: Meets T & R**
- **Weight & Speed PE: Meets daily**
- **Dance PE: Offered when enrollment is sufficient**

COURSE LIST



- Pay attention to the course number, not the page number
- Pay attention to the prerequisite
- Notice which classes offered at your grade level

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DMACC CAREER ADVANTAGE PROGRAMS

- Earn college and high school credit
- Must take 3 classes in addition to DMACC
- Must provide own transportation
- Year long classes
- Morning, Mid-day, or Afternoon classes offered
- Course failure = \$250

DMACC CAREER ADVANTAGE PROGRAMS

- Criminal Forensics -13
- Production Engineering - 13
- Auto Collision - 15
- Auto Technology - 15
- Caterpillar/Diesel Technology - 11
- Culinary Arts - 13
- Health Occupations - 14
- Information Technology - 13

Post Secondary Options

Check out all of the new college credit courses!

Most of these are online so they can fit anywhere in your schedule. Be cautious though- they take more time management skills.

6 credits each semester



SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedules will NOT BE adjusted for the following:

- 1. Preference for a different teacher.**
- 2. Preference for a different period or semester.**
- 3. Preference to be with friends in class.**
- 4. CHANGE OF MIND ABOUT TAKING THE COURSE.**

* All exceptional or unusual circumstance concerning scheduling must be evaluated by the counselor and/or the high school principal.