

Dates to Remember:

November 10—No School (Veteran's Day)

November 9—ASVAB make-up testing for juniors (AM only)

November 22-24—Thanksgiving Break-NO SCHOOL ☺

November 29-Parent-Teacher Conferences (4:00-7:00)



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

NOVEMBER 2023

DUAL CREDIT

Students who are interested in taking classes for dual credit and qualify for free or reduced lunches (does NOT mean they need to eat here) can register for dual credit class(es) in the fall and/or spring and have the credits paid for by the ND College Access Network (NDCAN). Visit with your dual credit teacher or counselor if you have questions regarding qualification☺

HAVE YOU
COMPLETED
THE FAFSA?

Don't wait!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

For the first time in years, the entire FAFSA

application/process has been revamped. Because of this, the application won't be available for completion until at least mid-December. As we get more information, I will send emails to seniors and post in the announcements. For now, you can go in and create accounts, but you can't get past that—it may be a good idea to do this ahead of time, as they anticipate large amounts of activity once the application is finally available for completion!

North Dakota State Scholarship

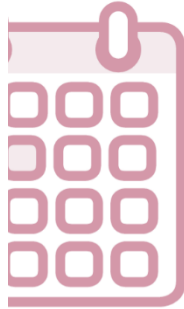
The \$6,000.00 scholarship is available at approved colleges and universities in the state of North Dakota.

Students may use this scholarship a total of eight semesters over the course of six years. Students receive \$1,500.00 per year (\$750.00 per semester).

To qualify for this scholarship, an ACT score of 24 is required, or three WorkKeys scores of "5" or higher. The three WorkKeys tests are Applied Math, Graphic

Literacy, and Workplace Documents. These tests will be offered at DHS in the spring semester. The cost is \$13.00 per test, for a total of \$39.00. If retakes are done, they will also be \$13.00.

SENIORS: If you were not happy with your ACT score, or are just looking to improve it, you still have time to retake the test! Although most colleges are not looking at ACT scores for admission anymore, they do use them for



TEST DATES

United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico

The **ACT**[®]

2023|2024

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	July 5

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

Test Information Release for the 2023-2024 testing year will occur in September, April, and June. See www.act.org/the-act/tir for more information.

scholarships and class placement. Pick up a paper practice with any counselor, or practice online. There are also ACT flashcards that can be checked out from the library.

*****NCAA Eligibility Center*****--This online application checks academic eligibility for students who want to play sports at a Division I or Division II college/university. Once complete, be sure to have your official transcript sent from the front office; have them send another one at the end of the school year as well.

*****College/University Visits*****--(Juniors and seniors) Take the time and schedule a college visit! Many colleges/universities have open houses and tours for prospective students; check with the college's website or a college representative for special activities/events. Stop in and see your high school counselor if you need help making contact.

*****Choice Ready***** -- North Dakota stakeholders have adopted the framework of Choice Ready as an indicator to measure school growth in high schools. This concept focuses on the culmination of academic growth and gains, in combination with specific indicators of school success for post-secondary, workforce, and military readiness. Choice Ready framework is inclusive of all students, and helps students identify career clusters and related skills which will prepare and enhance success in any or multiple areas beyond high school. Students will be hearing more and more about this as we work with this shift in information. Please see the chart below, which helps to identify how students can meet criteria to be considered choice ready.



NORTH DAKOTA CHOICE READY

The North Dakota **CHOICE READY** framework is a tool to assist educators to ensure all students successfully depart high school possessing the **ESSENTIAL SKILLS** necessary to be ready for life. The journey begins by ensuring students leave having the **ESSENTIAL SKILLS** to be successful for whichever path they choose. Students shall then strive to be **POST-SECONDARY READY**, **WORKFORCE READY**, and/or **MILITARY READY**.



ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Earn a North Dakota high school diploma

Complete a 9-week Career Education Course/Individual Counseling (15.1-21-18), Financial Literacy (15.1-21-21), and pass ND Civics Test (15.1-21-27), Computer Science/Cybersecurity Requirement (15.1-21-02.2), and four or more additional indicators:

- 25 hours of Community Service
- Two or More Years in Organized Extra-Curricular Activities
- 95% Attendance (not counting school-related absences)
- Successfully Complete a Capstone Project
- Career Exploration Experience
- Successfully Complete an Online Learning Course
- Two or More Years in Organized Co-Curricular Activities
- Demonstrate Competency in 21st Century Skills

Students shall then complete two or more of the **CHOICE READY** components below.



POST-SECONDARY READY

Complete a **Four-Year Rolling Career Plan**, and earn a **2.8 GPA or greater**, and complete one academic indicator set below:

ACT / SAT minimum or subsections scores:

ACT English – 18
ACT Reading – 22 SAT Reading/Writing – 480
ACT Math – 21 SAT Math – 530
ACT Science – 23

or

Two or more additional indicators:

- Advanced Placement Course (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)
- Dual Credit Course (English or Math) (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)
- Algebra II (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)
- Advanced Placement Exam (3+)
- International Baccalaureate Exam (4+)
- 3.0 GPA in core course requirement for NDUS admission
- CREAM (Eng./Math) Course (70% or greater)
- Complete three Fine Arts Courses (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)



WORKFORCE READY

Complete a **Four-Year Rolling Career Plan**, and complete two or more additional indicators:

- Complete three CTE courses or more (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)
- Complete Career Ready Practices (3.0)
- Dual Credit Course (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)
- WorkKeys (Gold or Silver)
- Technical Assessment/Industry Credential
- Workplace Learning Experience (40 hrs.)
- Work-based Learning Experience (Perkins V) (40hrs)
- NDSA (Reading/Math) Level 3 or greater or (ACT for Accountability: English – 19/Math – 22)
- Complete three World Language Courses (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)



MILITARY READY

Complete a **Four-Year Rolling Career Plan**, **ASVAB score of 31 or greater** (as determined by branch), or acceptance into the military.

Quality Citizenship (No Expulsions/Suspensions)

Physically Fit - Successfully complete required PE courses (A, B, or C) or (4, 3, or 2)

and

Complete **two or more** additional indicators from the **Post-Secondary** or **Workforce** options.

or

Complete two credits of JROTC or Civil Air Patrol