

# Sophomore Stuff

<b>WHO?</b>	YOU
<b>WHAT?</b>	Your Successful Sophomore Year!
<b>WHEN?</b>	Now!
<b>WHERE?</b>	New Castle High School
<b>HOW?</b>	Help from teachers and staff and your hard work.

**What** is the PSAT test? The PSAT test is a practice test that will help you with your SAT test that you should take in your Junior year. The SAT test, or the ACT, is required to be considered for entrance into a 4-year college. The PSAT test is free this year for Sophomores, and that is why most of you will take it. The PSAT test covers English and Mathematics. The test is given in October, during the school day. Students will need pencils and a calculator to take the test. The date of the test, times, and room assignments will be given out later.

**PSAT TEST DATE – Wednesday, OCTOBER 14**

**PSAT/SAT TIP:** [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) has SAT/PSAT practice tests.

**Where** will Core 40 allow you to go? Good grades in Core 40 classes will help you be admitted to a two-year or four year school after graduation. Core 40 will also help you get a job or be successful in the military. Your Sophomore year is a good time to be sure you know the requirements and how you're progressing. Check the [Course Description Guide on the Guidance Website](#) for requirements.

**What** do you want to do your Junior and Senior years? Are you interested in NCCC vocational school programs? If you've thought about Building Trades or Cosmetology or any of the many Career Programs available, you need to be paying close attention to your **attendance**. Most programs are two-year programs that you will apply for **in fall of your Sophomore year. First semester's attendance MUST be good, or you will not be accepted.** There will be a presentation given to all Sophomores in October, followed by tours of some of the NCCC programs for those who choose to take the tours. Talk to your counselor if you have questions.

## **Scheduling for 2021-22**

Scheduling will begin on Jan. 18, 2021. Parents/guardians are welcome to call and be a part of this time with their student and counselor.

# More Sophomore Stuff

**Who** is your counselor?

Last names beginning with A – F

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Last names beginning with G - M

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Last names beginning with N - Z

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**What** kinds of services are available in the counseling center?

The counseling center is the center of your support in high school. Your counselor can answer your questions and be a resource for solving problems you might have while you are here.

**When** will your counselor see you? Counselors talk to all students in classrooms in the fall and then meet individually with students. Counselors meet again with each student in February to plan the next year's schedule. Counselors see students who make requests as soon as possible after a request is made.

**Where** do you go to request to see your counselor?

You may email your counselor or go to the Counseling Center and fill out a purple "Request to see Counselor" form, which you will find on the counter in front of the secretary's desk. You may request to see a different counselor, too, if you have a problem that you feel more comfortable talking to him/her about.

**Alert your parents:** Companies may contact you trying to sell their services to help your parents find money for you for college. It is never necessary to pay for help finding scholarship money or filling out financial aid forms. These services are free from the counseling center or many agencies. Remind your parents to check with your guidance counselor if they have questions!

Quite a bit of information is on the NCHS website. Get familiar with it, because it will come in handy over the next 3 years. The website is at <http://elearning.nccsc.k12.in.us/course/view.php?id=418>.

**When may I take the SATtor ACT?** At any time in your high school career!

[www.RAISE.ME](http://www. RAISE.ME) Check it out for scholarship dollars for you!