

Freshman Year Meeting

- Graduation requirements
 - How do you earn credit for a class?
 - If you took two years of a language in middle school, work to pass that same language class if you're taking it now so that you can pull up your grades from middle school and earn you credit.
- Now that you're a freshman, it's time to get serious about your post-secondary plans. By starting early, you'll be better prepared.
 - The transcripts that colleges will see will only cover your first 3 years of school.
 - Investigate other avenues to earn credit: 3rd session KCC, iSchool, or documenting volunteer hours and completing a credit by choice form.
 - Talk with your counselor and family about your post secondary interests and plans. Begin to look at what your interests are and what high school, trade, vocational, certifications, college, or other requirements needed to work towards those interests.
- Try taking small steps towards independence this year. Perhaps take on more responsibility around the house, volunteer, get a part time job, or manage your course load and grades with minimal input needed from your parents/guardians.
- Find out about Honors, AP, and IB courses. Some you can't start until your junior year, but don't be afraid to challenge yourself!
- Explore other academic interests such as KCC, participating in academic enrichment programs, summer workshops, and camps with a specific focus. Many have scholarships available and some can earn you credit with a completed credit by choice form.
- Continue extra curricular activities or consider getting a part-time job or doing volunteer work (if you have time). Remember, admissions officers look for well-rounded students who participate in activities outside of the school day.
- Start keeping your awards, certificates, and other materials documenting your accomplishments for your portfolios, these could be money in your pocket for college and vocational opportunities.
- Continue to talk with counselors, teachers and other adults about your plans after high school. If you are NCAA bound, let your counselor know.
www.eligibilitycenter.org (NCAA clearinghouse)
acpe.alaska.gov (Alaska Performance Scholarship)
- If you or a friend is dealing with a crisis, please come and see your counselor. Sometimes being a friend isn't enough, you need a counselor that can provide resources and be confidential source of support.