

Welcome!

Project Plan Ahead

September 18, 2025

Minimum Graduation Requirements

- * Four Years of English
- * One Semester of Senior Seminar/ College & Career (Counts as English)
- * Three Years of Math
- * Two Years of Science
- * Two Years of Social Studies
 - * US History Government
 - * Civics
- * One Semester of Computer Apps/Keyboarding
- * One Semester of Media Lit
- * Driver's Education (optional)
- * One Semester of Health
- * One Semester of Consumer Economics
- * Four Years of Physical Education
- * One Year of Fine Arts (Spanish, Music, Art)
- * One year of CTE (Business, Ag, FACS)
- * High School Credit – typically 0.5 for semester and 1.0 for year. Newark students can earn 8 credits per year.
- * 28 credits are required to graduate.

College-Bound Graduation Requirements

- * Four Years of English
- * Three or Four Years of Math
- * Three or Four Years of Science
 - * Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- * Three or Four Years of Social Studies
 - * US History Government
 - * Civics
- * Senior Seminar/College & Career
- * Consumer Economics
- * Driver Education
- * Health
- * Computer Apps/Keyboarding
- * Media Lit
- * Physical Education
- * One Year of Fine Arts*
- * One Year of CTE

*Check Foreign Language Requirement for each college

Transcripts: Credits, GPA, and Class Rank

- * Transcript – a permanent academic record (kept for 60 years)
- * Credits
 - * 0.5 credit earned per class per semester at NCHS
 - * 28 credits required for graduation
- * GPA
 - * Semester GPA
 - * Cumulative GPA
- * Class Rank
- * Sample Transcript
- * Do you know how to check your student's grades in PowerSchool?

Xello

- * **Xello**

- * www.newarkhs.k12.il.us/_resources.html
- * Students who choose Xello from our website while using their Chromebook will be logged in automatically.
- * From another computer, log into school email and then choose the Xello link from the website.

- * **Career Exploration**

- * Interest Inventories
- * Ability Profiler
- * Learning Styles Identification
- * Career Searching
- * The Four-Year Plan
- * College Information
- * Transcript & Recommendation Requests
- * Resume
- * Scholarships & Financial Aid

The Four Years of High School

* Freshman

- * Begin Career Exploration
- * Learn How to Study
- * Pick Classes that Interest You
- * Get involved/Community Service
- * Algebra Grade Counts!
- * Science Grade Counts!

* Sophomore

- * Continue Career Exploration
- * Really Focus on Grades and Classes
- * Continue Involvement
- * Pick a career field of interest
- * Geometry Grade Counts!
- * Science Grade Counts!

The Four Years of High School

* Junior

- * Job Shadow & Narrow Focus
- * Take One or More College Entrance Exams
 - * PSAT for juniors at school on 10/15/25
 - * ACT at school on 4/8/26
 - * SAT
- * Part-Time Job
- * Continue Involvement
- * Attend a college fair/
research colleges

* Senior

- * Internship/Job Co-Op
- * Decide Post-Secondary Path
 - * College Apps
 - * Military Enlistment (todaysmilitary.com)
 - * Union Apprenticeship (cisco.org)
 - * Work
- * FAFSA & Scholarships
- * Part-Time Job
- * Continue Involvement

ACT

- * **April 8, 2026- All 9th, 10th, 11th will take an ACT assessment**
- * **9th: Pre-ACT9**
- * **10th: Pre-ACT**
- * **11th: The ACT: This is the official ACT and the score will count for college admissions.**

Military

- * Must be on target to graduate
- * Meet with a recruiter with the parents
- * Take the ASVAB test
- * Meet the physical and medical requirements
- * Sign at 18 to enlist

OR

- * Attend a four-year school with an ROTC program then be commissioned as an officer upon graduation and serve for four years afterwards.

OR

- * Apply for an appointment from your local legislator

Apprenticeships

Applications only accepted on certain days during certain times of the year

Need a high school diploma & transcript

Must fill out application at the union office

Must have a valid driver license & a reliable car

Will take a test in Reading, Math, and overall aptitude

The higher the overall score, the higher on the call list.

Most apprenticeships are four years in length; some are 3 years and some are 5 years.

Paid while learning.

Classes at night; on-the-job training during the day.

Exploring Colleges

*Research colleges, try to attend a college fair & go on college visits.

College Fair at Waubonsee: October 6 from 6-8pm

<https://www.waubonsee.edu/programs-courses/transfer-programs/transferring-credit-waubonsee/college-night>

College Fair at JJC: October 22 from 6-8pm <https://jjc.edu/getting-started/schedule-visit/college-fair>

NACAC [Virtual College Fairs](http://www.nacacattend.org) - www.nacacattend.org

Fall 2025 College Fair Schedule

In-Person

Virtual

Sunday, September 14, 2025

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

NACAC Virtual College Fair September

[More Info](#)

Sunday, October 19, 2025

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

NACAC Virtual College Fair October

[More Info](#)

Sunday, November 9, 2025

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

NACAC Virtual College Fair November

[More Info](#)

Indian Valley Vocational Center (IVVC)

- * For juniors & seniors
- * In Sandwich across from Sandwich High School
 - * Cosmetology – Hair Professionals in Oswego, Debutantes in DeKalb, Franklin in Morris
 - * Construction – at IVVC and job site
- * Application and Interview Process during December & January of Sophomore Year
- * Must be on target to graduate & all paperwork must be turned in on time.
- * Accepted students attend IVVC every afternoon. They receive 2 credits per semester (equal to 4 classes)
- * Students may be eligible to receive articulated credit for some programs- See Newark High School Articulated Credit handout

High School Employment

- * **Must be 16 or obtain a work permit**
 - * **Student must request in person**
 - * **Student must have a letter of intent to hire that describes the work the student will be doing**
 - * **Receives work permit from Mrs. Ingraham**
- * **Restrictions for work permit and restrictions for 16-18 year-old students (See Labor Laws handout)**
- * **ICE (co-op) Program for juniors and seniors- Apply in December of 10th or 11th grade**

Involvement & Community Service

- * **Clubs**
- * **Sports**
- * **Volunteer Work**
 - * **Kendall Co Food Pantry**
 - * **Helmar Food Pantry**
 - * **Charles B Phillips Library**
 - * **Caring Hands Thrift Store**
 - * **Feed My Starving Children**
 - * **Special Olympics**
 - * **PADS**
 - * **Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley**

NCAA & NAIA

Students hoping to play a sport in college need to register with NCAA or NAIA Eligibility Center.

NCAA

- * [Eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org)
- * Div I & Div II
- * Must meet core course & GPA requirements (16 core courses with a 2.3 or higher core course GPA)
- * Cost is \$110

NAIA

- <https://play.mynaia.org/>
- Must meet two of these three:
 - 18 on ACT; 970 on SAT
 - 2.0/4.0
 - Graduate in top ½ of class
- Cost is \$110

Dual Credit and Articulated Credit

- * **Dual Credit** – Students can choose to take a college class for college credit and the high school also awards high school credit for up to 4 credits.
- * **Early Entry at JJC**
 - * Must be 16
 - * Must get paperwork filled out by counselor
 - * Must apply and register at the college
 - * May have to take placement exams
 - * Cost belongs to the family
 - * Approximately \$151 per credit hour
 - * Books
 - * Transportation

Articulated Credit – Student must earn and A or B in the eligible course every semester

Student fills out an articulated credit form, attaches a transcript to prove grades, and pays \$10 per credit hour to the VALEES office

Articulated credit is eligible at Waubensee Community College, Joliet Junior College, and Kishwaukee College. Some courses are at NCHS and most are through IVVC (see pages 7 & 8 of the course description book)

Advanced Placement Courses

- * Newark offers 8 AP classes. Some of them are only offered every other year (AP Music Theory, AP Studio Art).
- * Students can choose to take a national exam for each AP course in May. Each exam costs \$99
- * Students who earn a score of a 3, 4, or 5 may be eligible for college credit at the university they decide to attend.

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**Understanding Financial Aid Presentation at Newark:
Oct. 7 at 6:30 PM**