

Sophomore Survival



TIPS FOR SOPHOMORES :

Continue to focus on **strong study habits**, obtaining good grades, participating in **extra - curricular activities** including school based groups and/or sports, and take a set of courses that are challenging for you in order to be well prepared for college and the world of work. In addition, continue to identify areas that are interesting to you and explore potential career fields. **Good school attendance** is critical to your academic performance at school. **Colleges & Employers will see every final grade you earn, your GPA, and attendance record on your permanent record!**

Be Prepared

- Visit Counseling Website at: <http://bradford.kusd.edu> and click on COUNSELING for Career and College Planning for each grade level along with a Calendar and Fast Find information.

Explore careers related to your interests/abilities/colleges/future direction

- Wisconsin Careers at <http://wiscareers.wisc.edu> (Registration code bhs-C806)
 - Login is first initial of first name and entire last name; password is your school ID #
 - Helps students search for careers and colleges across the US by leading students through a journey of “Who am I”, “Where am I going” to “How do I get there” and much more including admission requirements for colleges.
- Careerclusters.org (interest inventory and identification of career clusters occupations/skills)
- www.projectionscentral.com (projection of job availability by nation and state)
- knowhow2go.com (College prep & Wisconsin Public information)

Stay Connected- with Student Connect (keep track of grades, attendance and more!)

- Go to www.kusd.edu/sc
- Log in using your school ID# and password (Don't know it – get it from room 151)

All grades count

- Every year – grades determine your rank!
Your *cumulative rank* through your junior year is reported on your college applications
- If you fail a class and repeat the SAME class YOU can request to have your GPA recalculated. Go to room 151; bring your report card. GPA determines rank.

Scholarship Opportunities

- Fastweb.com
- Local newspaper
- Be prepared: Volunteer and get involved in your school and community! Keep track of hours.
- Keep up with required work on Wisconsin Covenant; <http://www.wisconsincoventant.wi.gov/>

Get Involved

- Work on leadership skills
- Join a Bradford sport or club-there are many to choose from; see room 151 for a listing.
- Volunteer and job shadow

If College is in your future:

- ✓ GET TO KNOW THEIR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS NOW!
 - What high school classes do they require? What rank, gpa, and ACT or SAT score do they want you to have?
- ✓ Take advantage of college representatives visiting Bradford. Listen for announcements
- ✓ Take the ACT/SAT the Spring of your JUNIOR year. Take advantage of practice tests/preparation sophomore year.
 - Actstudent.org #501-005 (ACT); Collegeboard.com (SAT)
 - Test Prep: www.gocollege.com
 - Test Prep: Old ACT booklet available in my office
 - Test Prep: ACT and PSAT prep tests offered in the fall at Bradford; listen for announcements