



Amery High School

Parent Conferences Information Spring 2024

Recently we transitioned the high school to a new format for conferences where the Warrior Time teacher meets with the student and parents to discuss Academic and Career Planning (ACP).

To keep our students, staff, parents, and community safe, we are giving you the choice of in person, Zoom Video Meeting, this fall. You are welcome to set up a time slot using the Pick-a-Time website to have a conference with your child's Warrior Time teacher. Below is some information by grade level you may find useful as you continue Academic and Career Planning this school year.

9th Grade

When a student becomes a freshman, everything starts to "count." Freshman grades are used in determining a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA), and freshman courses, grades, and credits all become part of a student's permanent record called a transcript. Freshman activities, honors, and awards can also be listed on college and scholarship applications.

Monitor academic progress.

- ✓ Help your son/daughter set realistic academic goals at the beginning of each term.
- ✓ Make sure you check your Power School account and see report cards.
- ✓ Know when our P/T conferences are and make sure you attend. This is a crucial time to connect with your students' teachers and to gain important information.
- ✓ Don't assume someone will call you if there is a problem. Always feel free to call or email your son/daughter's teachers. Phone numbers and email address can be found on our school website- www.amerysd.k12.wi.us
- ✓ Make sure you help your son/daughter understand freshman grades are important.

Encourage involvement in a wide variety of activities.

- ✓ Encourage your son/daughter to join some activities and if possible, take some type of leadership role (class/club officer, yearbook editor).
- ✓ Don't forget activities outside of school (scouting, church activities) or volunteer activities such as Kinship or Habitat for Humanity.
- ✓ Keep a record of all activities, honors, volunteer work, employment, and update this once a year. This information will be helpful when your son/daughter fills out college or scholarship applications down the road.
- ✓ *Trust us when we tell you it is easier to fill out this document as you go through high school than to remember back three years when you are applying for admission/scholarships.*
- ✓ Why is this important? Colleges/scholarship/National Honor Society applications want to see that students are involved and are interested and willing to take on leadership roles.

Select appropriate 10th grade courses.

- ✓ Students have an opportunity to select a wish list of courses for their 10th grade year. This happens during parent conferences in the spring. Please make every effort to attend these conferences with your son/daughter. This gives you another opportunity to talk about goals and career plans.

Know where to find information.

- ✓ If you have a question or concern about your child, know where to go for information. A great resource for general school information is our school website which can be found at www.amerysd.k12.wi.us We encourage you to check out our guidance information which can be found on the Amery school district website under the high school page. Guidance announcements are updated weekly.
- ✓ You are also welcome to communicate directly with high school staff/teachers. Their contact information can also be found on the school's website.

Important Dates for Freshmen	
August 25, 2023	Freshmen Orientation
September through May	Career seminars during WT by career specialist (once every other month)
October 5, 2023	Scheduled P/T conferences
February 12, 2024	PT conferences scheduled with WT teacher. Discuss schedule for your sophomore year
February 15, 2024	PT conferences scheduled with WT teacher. Discuss schedule for your sophomore year
February 28, 2024	Warrior Check Screener
February 29, 2024	Warrior Check Screener
April 10, 2024	ACT Aspire Test

10th Grade

The sophomore year is a time for growth both academically and personally. Academically the sophomore has settled into high school, established a cumulative GPA, and understands the social climate of a high school. This is a time to help your son/daughter explore their interests, aptitudes, and talents.

Monitor academic progress.

- ✓ Help your son/daughter set realistic academic goals at the beginning of each term.
- ✓ Make sure you are checking Power School for your son/daughter's academic progress
- ✓ Stay on track academically, meet with your high school counselor anytime you have questions
- ✓ Know when our P/T conferences are and make sure you attend. Making a connection with your son/daughter's Warrior Time teacher will provide you with important information and help you make a connection with school staff
- ✓ Don't assume someone will call you if there is a problem. Always feel free to call or email your son/daughter's teachers. Phone numbers and email address can be found on our school website- www.amerysd.k12.wi.us
- ✓ Make sure you help your son/daughter understand sophomore grades are important. Make sure your son/daughter is choosing classes that complement their future post-secondary options.
- ✓ Understand your student will be required to take the ACT Aspire in April, this is a pre-ACT test and will give you an estimate of how your student will do in the ACT junior year.

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- ✓ Keep a record of all activities, honors, volunteer work, employment, and update this once a year. This information will be helpful when your son/daughter fills out college or scholarship applications down the road.
- ✓ Why is this important? Colleges/scholarship/National Honor Society applications want to see that students are involved and are interested and willing to take on leadership roles.
- ✓ Explore college/technical schools. It is never too early to visit a school or do some research on the internet. Colleges and technical colleges are happy to guide you through a tour and give you information on admission requirements. For more information on the schools in the area please visit our post high school planning guide found on our school website under high school guidance.
- ✓ Keep talking to anyone you know who's been to college. Ask them about their experience and if they have any advice.
- ✓ Keep Saving if you have already started saving money for college, keep saving. If you haven't started, start saving. The more you save now, the less you'll have to borrow later.
- ✓ Make summer count. Summer is a time for fun, but you can also use it to your advantage. Build up your college savings with a part-time job.

Select appropriate 11th Grade courses.

Students have an opportunity to select a wish list of courses for their 11th grade year. This will happen with your Warrior Time teacher during spring P/T conferences. Please make every effort to attend conferences with your child in the spring. This gives you another opportunity to talk about goals and career plans.

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Important Dates for Sophomores	
September through May	Career seminars during WT by career specialist (throughout the year)
October 5, 2023	Scheduled P/T conferences
November, 2023	Career Day Northwood Technical College (formerly WITC) optional for sophomores if room
February 8, 2024	ASVAB- optional test for military entrance/career interest inventory
February 12, 2024	PT conference scheduled with WT teacher. Discuss schedule for your junior year.
February 15, 2024	PT conferences scheduled with WT teacher. Discuss schedule for your junior year
March 12, 2024	Remote Learning Day for 9 th , 10 th , 12 th 11 th take ACT test
April 10, 2024	ACT Aspire Test

May 1, 2024	Polk County Skills Career Day
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11th Grade

This is the year to do your research and challenge yourself while you explore your options for after high school! This timeline is a general guideline to help you navigate your year, but it is your responsibility to know when your deadlines are. Remember you are an individual and your timeline will be different than your classmates based on your plans. This is just a general document, timelines will vary.

Fall

- ✓ Start thinking about how your talents and interests could lead to a career
- ✓ Start thinking about where you would like to go to college/military. Consider what you would like to study and where you want to live.
- ✓ Learn admission requirements of schools you are interested in
- ✓ Make sure you are taking the right classes to graduate from high school and get into college.
- ✓ Consider taking the PSAT test (October 18)
- ✓ Schedule/visit campuses on your list
- ✓ Attend College Fair in October for more information
- ✓ Sign up to visit with college representatives/military recruiters at Amery High School
- ✓ Attend a financial aid night with your parent/guardian, dates TBD, learn about college costs
- ✓ Register for AP tests if interested
- ✓ Shadow someone who is working in a career that interests you
- ✓ Take test prep sessions seriously to prepare for the ACT test

Spring

- ✓ Schedule your junior conference with your HS counselor
- ✓ Consider taking the ASVAB test (military admission/career interest opportunity February 8, 2024)
- ✓ **Take the ACT test (March 12, 2024, during the school day)**
- ✓ Get involved in extracurricular activities/volunteer experiences
- ✓ Build an academic portfolio, keep it updated with volunteer activities, extracurricular activities, work experience (update this every semester)
- ✓ Make or update your resume
- ✓ Know where to find scholarship applications (www.amerysd.k12.wi.us)
- ✓ Identify people that can write letters of recommendations for you. Make connections with teachers/employers/advisors
- ✓ Schedule your senior year classes based on your goals for after high school. Attend P/T conferences with your parent/guardian
- ✓ Apply for summer jobs
- ✓ Work and save what you can-college is expensive

Important Dates for Juniors	
Wednesday, October 18, 2023	PSAT Test – optional for juniors
Thursday, October 5, 2023	Scheduled P/T Conferences
November, 2023	Career Day Northwood Technical College (formerly WITC) optional juniors
Thursday, November 16, 2023	ACT Practice Test for juniors

Thursday, February 8, 2024	ASVAB test-optional for juniors Blocks 1,2 during the school day
Monday, February 12, 2024	Scheduled P/T conferences- discuss final HS schedule
Thursday, February 15, 2024	Scheduled P/T conferences-discuss final HS schedule
Tuesday, March 12, 2024	ACT TEST given at AHS, students dismissed after test
Tuesday, March 26, 2024	ACT Make up day
Wednesday, April 10, 2024	Junior College Visit Tours, Locations TBD
Wednesday, May 1, 2024	Polk County Career Fair

COLLEGE FAIRS--Wisconsin and National

College Fairs provide an opportunity to learn about many colleges at one time. This year the Wisconsin College Fairs will host both in person and virtual options. If you have no idea what you want to do next year or have many schools, you are considering you may want to attend a college fair. WEFS are Wisconsin Education Fairs but will have colleges from the Midwest. Over 150 colleges, universities, specialty schools, and military branches to explore. Filter through all your post high school options and interests.

[Wisconsin Education Fairs – Wisconsin Education Fairs \(wefs.org\)](http://wefs.org)

Register at: [WEF Student and College Registration \(swoogo.com\)](http://swoogo.com)

National College Fair information can be found at [NACAC National College Fairs- NACAC Fairs](http://nacac.org)

COLLEGE VISITS

Many colleges have opened college visits in person. An easy place to find visit opportunities for Wisconsin colleges is [Campus Tours & Visits - UW HELP \(wisconsin.edu\)](http://wisconsin.edu) or all college websites have visit opportunities listed.

You can also check out [School District of Amery - What are colleges looking for? \(amerysd.k12.wi.us\)](http://amerysd.k12.wi.us) for colleges representatives coming to Amery High School to visit.

Post-Secondary and Career Planning Websites

www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu

www.witechcolleges.com

www.northwoodtech.edu

www.minnstate.edu

<https://www.wisconsin.edu/transfer/>

www.actstudent.org

www.amerysd.k12.wi.us

www.fafsa.ed.gov

12th Grade

Senior Timeline

This is a busy year! Please plan accordingly. This timeline is a general guideline to help you navigate your year, but it is your responsibility to know when your deadlines are. Remember you are an individual and your timeline will be different than your classmates based on your plans. This is just a general document, timelines will vary.

Fall

- ✓ Learn admission requirements of schools you are interested in if you are deficient talk to your counselor.
- ✓ Schedule/visit campuses on your list
- ✓ Attend College Fair in October for more information.
- ✓ Sign up to visit with college representatives/military recruiters at Amery High School
- ✓ Do and submit applications (general guideline is to submit ALL documents by end of November)
Documents include-completed application, ACT scores, HS transcript, fee to apply, letter of recommendation if required.
- ✓ Ask for letters of recommendation, provide your writer with a list of your accomplishments/resume
- ✓ Know where to find scholarship applications (www.amerysd.k12.wi.us)
- ✓ Get your FSA ID (you will need to know your social security number to get your ID)
- ✓ Attend a financial aid night with your parent/guardian, dates TBD
- ✓ Fill out your FAFSA form with your parents/guardian starting in December. This year only FAFSA will be delayed due to updates on the FAFSA, should be available in December (www.fafsa.gov)
- ✓ Register for AP tests if interested.
- ✓ Continue to watch your email/snail mail for information from your colleges.
- ✓ 18-year-old males register with selective service www.sss.gov
- ✓ Register with NCAA if you plan to play Division 1 or 2 college athletics.

Spring

- ✓ Watch for admission decisions if you have not already received them.
- ✓ Students attending WI schools, sign up for placement testing starting Feb. 1st
- ✓ READ, READ, READ your snail mail and email from the colleges you have applied to. They are communicating important information about “next steps” with you.
- ✓ Fill out your housing contract.
- ✓ Read your financial aid offers if you don’t understand them ask!
- ✓ Continue to apply for scholarships.
- ✓ Finish your Senior Exit Project and be ready to present it to your WT on April 18 or before.
- ✓ When you have decided to accept an offer of admission, put your enrollment deposit down. Notify other colleges that you will not be attending their campus.
- ✓ Do a second visit to your top two campuses if you are undecided.
- ✓ Apply for summer jobs.
- ✓ Continue to apply for scholarships.
- ✓ Attend AHS Awards night in May.
- ✓ Work and save what you can-college is expensive.
- ✓ Plan for your college orientation/registration (usually happens in the spring/summer)
- ✓ Have final HS transcripts sent to your college.
- ✓ Do not forget to provide required documentation to claim any scholarships you have received- usually done July/August specific information is written in Award Letters.

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www.fafsa.ed.gov

Important Dates and Information for Seniors	
September, 2023	Jostens Meeting during Warrior Time to explain cap and gown orders--all Seniors should attend
September, 2023	Jostens orders for cap and gown due online (by September 16) Jostens will deliver early spring to the High School for pick up All graduation questions should be directed to Dava Manning at manningd@amerysd.k12.wi.us
Wednesday, September 13, 2023	Senior Meeting during Warrior Time *ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED* Class of 2024 Group Photo

November, 2023	Northwood Technical College (formerly WITC) Career Day (optional for Seniors)
Monday, January 15, 2024	Deadline Submit Senior Photo for Yearbook to Ms. Lockwood at lockwoodr@amerysd.k12.wi.us
Tuesday, March 12, 2024	Seniors Scholarship/Senior Exit Project Workday Remote Learning Day for Seniors
Thursday, March 14, 2024	Senior Local Scholarship Applications Due
Thursday, April 18, 2024	Senior Exit Projects Due/Celebration of Seniors
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	Final Senior Meeting during Warrior Time *ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED*
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Senior Awards Night High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Senior Class Trip Interstate Park **All students must ride school transportation (arrive to school by 8:00 a.m.)
Friday, May 17, 2024	Last day for Seniors ***All fines and fees must be paid by this date by 8:00 a.m.*** Senior Breakfast Graduation Rehearsal ***All students planning to walk must attend rehearsal***
Sunday, May 19, 2024	Graduation Ceremony High School Gym at 2:00 p.m. Be at school by 1:30 p.m.

Other Items	
Cap and Gown for Graduation	Jostens Representative Ted Annis: ted.annis@jostens.com or 715-832-0762
Submit Senior Picture for Yearbook	Email photo to Ms. Lockwood ASAP lockwoodr@amerysd.k12.wi.us 715-268-9771 ext. 365 Submit your photo by before winter break in December if possible (contact Ms. Lockwood if you would like us to take one for you). Deadline January 15, 2024
Senior Form and Picture for The Amery Free Press Graduation Edition	More information coming in the spring from the office (we will share copies of the Senior pictures we have with The Amery Free Press)

Senior Exit Project PowerPoint	Presentations April 18 with your Warrior Time but during Block 2 (Revised Schedule)
Order 2024 Yearbook	www.jostensyearbooks.com contact Ms. Lockwood at lockwoodr@amerysd.k12.wi.us 715-268-9771 ext. 365
Complete Scholarship Applications	Information on the Amery School District website under the "Guidance" section Most LOCAL scholarships are due around March 14, 2024 http://www.amerysd.k12.wi.us/high/hs_guidescholar.cfm
School email	You will no longer have access to your Amery school email once you graduate. Seniors are encouraged to provide a personal email for college applications/scholarship applications NOT your school email. We also send out a graduate follow up survey to your personal email the year after you graduate. We are required to collect follow up data for DPI State Reporting.

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