

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is Honor Roll determined?

Honor roll is based on a student's quarter, not semester, grades. Students are on the honor roll if their quarter GPA is 9.0 or higher with no grade below a C-. High Honors is based on a quarter GPA of 11.0 or higher with no grade below a C-. Luers Scholars are seniors who have been on the High Honor Roll every quarter of his/her high school career.

What is the main difference between the Core 40 and Academic Honors Diploma?

The main difference between these two diplomas is that the Academic Honors Diploma requires more math, more world languages, more fine arts, no grade below a C (a C- is acceptable if it is in a weighted class), a final cumulative GPA of 9.0, and one of the following:

- Take two AP classes/exams
- Take two dual credit classes
- Take one AP class/exam and one dual credit class
- Earn a 1200 on Critical Reading and Math SAT combined
- Earn a 26 composite on the ACT

Click here to see exact requirements for each diploma. [LINK](#)

What are dual credit classes?

Dual credit classes are college level courses taken while in high school. Students enrolled in a dual credit class will receive high school credit AND college credit. You must apply for dual credit classes through the college as well as through high school. There are numerous ways to earn dual credit classes so speak with your guidance counselor if interested. In most instances, additional tuition will be assessed through the college.

Why are my grades being held?

All financial obligations must be current in order for report cards to be picked up. Fees for athletics, transcripts, class changes, library fines, course fees and/or participation fees must be paid before records can be released. Typically students are notified prior to the end of the quarter so bills can be paid before report card distribution. Once the fees/fines are paid in the business office a report card is issued.

How and when can I change a class?

Students have 2 weeks from the start of a class to determine if they want to remain in the course. There is a \$10.00 course change fee. Pick up a "Class Change Form" from the guidance office. This form must be completed, signed, and the fee paid before the change can take place. After the deadline to

drop a class, student may switch at the recommendation of the teacher in consultation with parents and guidance.

What kind of help is available for my student who is struggling?

Tutoring is available before school (Room 262) and after school (Room 230) nearly every day. A monthly calendar is posted throughout the building. Teachers are also available to help before and after school. Students should speak with individual teachers regarding office hours and appointments.

Academic Success is a guided study hall built into the school day for freshmen and sophomores who are struggling. The emphasis of this class is organizational and study skills. Enrollment in the Academic Success program is by recommendation only.

How does my student get a work permit?

Once hired, the student must bring a birth certificate and a completed "Intent to Employ" form to the office (Room 144 during the school year and the front office during the summer.) A "completed" form is one that is fully filled in and signed by the employer, and then signed by the parent and the student. If the employer does not have an "Intent to Employ" form, one can be obtained at Luers. During the school year allow one or two days for processing; summertime work permits can take a bit longer due to restricted office hours.

What is Anthis Career Center and who may attend?

Anthi Career Center is an educational facility that offers career education in a variety of career-related areas. During a regular school day, students attend BLHS for 4 periods and Anthi for 3. Students can attend beginning in their junior year. If you are interested in one of these programs, you will need to work closely with your guidance counselor to make sure the program fits into your four-year plan. Registration is handled by guidance, during the normal registration period. Space is limited, and depends heavily on what school corporation you live in and the program availability. To see specific program details, log onto www.anthi.fwcs.K12.in.us

What is the 21st Century Scholar Program?

The 21st Century Scholars Program began in 1990 as Indiana's way of raising the educational aspirations of low- and moderate-income families. The program aims to ensure that all Indiana families can afford a college education for their children.

Income-eligible 6th, 7th and 8th graders who enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship to the state are guaranteed the cost of four years of undergraduate college tuition at any participating public college or university in Indiana. If the student attends a private institution, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a public institution. If the student attends a participating

proprietary school, the state will award a tuition scholarship equal to that of Ivy Tech Community College. (<http://www.in.gov/ssaci>) Students must earn a Core 40 Diploma with at least a C average.

Which college admission test should I take and how many times should I take them?

Most colleges will accept either the SAT or the ACT. (If you are unsure, please check with the admission counselor at the college in question.) The SAT is a reasoning test based on critical reading, math and writing. The ACT is a curriculum-based test with sections in English, Math, Reading and Science. When registering for the ACT, most colleges ask that you take the optional writing section.

When considering whether or not to retake either test consider:

- Is your score sufficient for what you want/need?
- Check the scores of the freshman class at the college you are interested in to see how you measure up
- Look at scholarship minimums, if applicable
- Typically a score of 1300 on the SAT (critical reading and math only – not including writing) is scholarship range
- Retaking will often increase your score
- NCAA, some colleges, and some scholarship competitions will combine scores from different testing dates to give you the best possible score

What is FAFSA and who should file?

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and is the federal gateway for all financial aid offered through colleges. The FAFSA becomes available in January of the year your student will enter college. You must apply online using a secure PIN; the PIN must be obtained prior to filing the paperwork. The FAFSA consist of two parts, a family section and a student section. It is highly recommended that all families file the FAFSA, even if you do not expect to qualify for financial aid. If a financial emergency unexpectedly arises, your college financial aid officer has the ability to reconsider your student's aid if a FAFSA is on file and perhaps render a different decision. Be sure when you apply that you are using the official site, as some sites try to charge a fee. It is free, so log on to www.fafsa.ed.gov to begin the process.