Strategies & Tips for a Strong Sophomore Year

Sophomore Year

Sophomore year is a very important year for students. It is time to really focus on your academics and continue to participate in extracurricular activities.

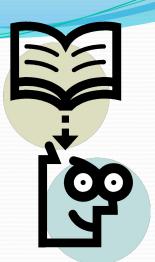
During 10th grade you should focus on:

- Strong Study skills/Study habits.
- Start thinking about career paths/areas of interest that you would like to pursue in the future.
- -Stay involved in activities!



Academics

- Stay focused on your grades and classwork.
- Make sure you complete your homework and any projects/assignments on time.
- Please ask for help if needed. Your teachers and counselor are great resources for extra-help!
- NHS Tutors will be available during lunch periods see your counselor for more information



Extra - Help

- English Writing Club
 - Virtual and In-Person
 - Mondays and Wednesdays after school in room B48
 - Mrs. Pastor Poe and Mrs. Soltis
 - Google code: uvwnate
- Math Round Table
 - Virtual and In-Person
 - Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays after school in B5
 - Mr. Cook and Mr. Arias
 - Google class code: x6acrsx

 Please visit the Guidance Department website for more resources: https://krhsguidance.weebly.com/academic-help.html



Benefits of Academic Success:

- Honor Roll
- National Honor Society
- Eligibility for Scholarships and Awards
- Receiving college credits through Advanced Placement courses
- Acceptance into college
- Acceptance into other Post-Secondary Schools (Business, Technical, Vocational)
- Build your resume for future opportunities

- It is important to volunteer and become involved in clubs, sports and community service activities.
- Getting involved helps you become a leader, explore your interests and develop passions.
- Students must pass 7 courses to stay eligible for sports and activities. For more details regarding eligibility, please refer to your Student Handbook.

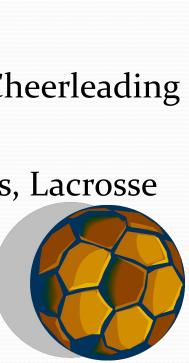
Sports:

Fall: Football, Cross Country, Soccer, Girls Tennis, Cheerleading, Field Hockey

Winter: Basketball, Swimming, Wrestling, Cheerleading

Spring: Baseball, Softball, Track, Boys Tennis, Lacrosse





<u>Clubs/Activities</u>:

Book Club

Debate Team

FBLA

International Club

Interact

LMTI/Cougar Pride

Marching Band/Jazz Band

Math League

Mock Trial

Newspaper (The Chronical)
Peer Leadership
Play/Musical/Stage Crew
Robotics
Ski Activity
Student Council
TSA
Yearbook

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- Visit the Kittatinny Guidance Department Website!
 - Volunteer opportunity websites:
 - www.volunteernewjersey.org
 - www.unitedway.org
 - www.volunteermatch.org
 - www.habitat.org
 - www.passitalong.org
 - Internship opportunities through the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce
 - http://www.sussexcountychamber.org/affiliates/index.php
- Having a part-time job is a great way to make extra-money and show future colleges/employers that you are responsible.

What Do Colleges Consider?

- Strong GPA
- Rigor of Courses
- Higher than average SAT (1050) or ACT (21)
- Active involvement in clubs or sports. Leadership within these groups is important!
- Community service Quality over Quantity
- Part-time employment
- Letters of Recommendation

What Do Competitive Students Do?

- Attend school regularly
- Earn the best grades you can by:
 - Working hard
 - Completing all homework assignments and projects on time
- Participating in after school activities and/or sports
- Make positive contributions to school/community

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1nHtq10HD4



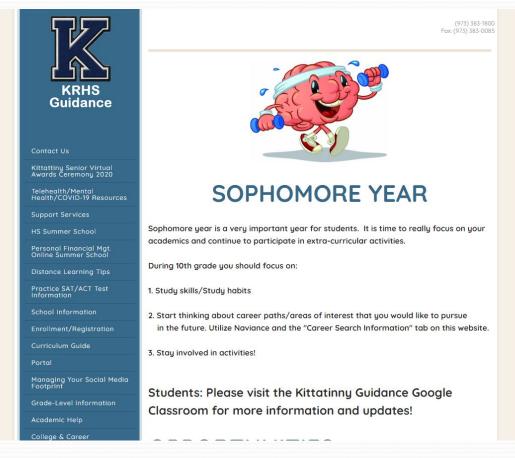
Working Papers

- If you are between the ages of 14-18 and have been promised a job, you will need to complete working papers.
 - The papers can be printed from the Kittatinny website.
 - The form must be signed by your parent, employer, and doctor.
 - Once all signatures are complete, please bring the form to Mrs. Fuchs/Mrs. Bakker in the Guidance office for final approval.

Visit the Guidance Dept. Website

www.krhsguidance.weebly.com

Click on "Grade Level Information" then "Grade 10 Info"



GPA Calculation

- GPA's are calculated on a 100 point scale and are based on our final number grade.
- To calculate your GPA:

COURSE GRADE x COURSE CREDIT = QUALITY POINTS

TOTAL QUALITY POINTS ÷ TOTAL CREDIT ATTEMPTED = GPA

Note:

- PE, Lunch, and Study Hall are not included in the calculation
- AP and Honors courses are weighted. To get the correct number of Quality Points, you must:
 - Add 8 points to your final average for Honors
 - Add 10 points to your final average for AP

GPA Calculation

- Calculate your quality points for each class except for PE
- Divide total Quality Points by Total Credits to calculate GPA:
 - Ex. 3293/36 = 91.472
 - GPA = 91.472

Course	Grade	Weighted Grade	Attempted Credits	Quality Pts
English I	90	90	5	450
W. Hist. H	92	100	5	500
Biology I H	85	93	6	558
Algebra I	8o	8o	5	400
Spanish I	90	90	5	450
PFM	95	95	5	475
Studio Found	92	92	5	460
	Total:		36	3293

Graduation Testing Requirement

- Students in the Class of 2024 must demonstrate proficiency in State Testing.
- Be on the lookout for more information throughout the year!

*Please note, this may change in the future – if it does you will be informed.

Source: New Jersey Department of Education

NJ START STRONG

September 21st - 23rd(tentative)

Make sure you bring your chromebook charged!

Be on the lookout for more information!

Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference



-Become the KRHS representative to attend an all-expenses paid experience at the HOBY Conference.

-Meet with other students and leaders in various industries.

-Please visit the website to learn more: www.hoby.org

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Kittatinny Guidance Google Classroom

Please make sure you sign up for the classroom to stay up-to-date with the lasted information!

Code: 40jb570

THANK YOU!

Have a wonderful school year!

Please stop by the Guidance Office with any questions or concerns! We are here to help!