The Role of School Counselors in Individual Graduation Planning (IGPs)

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Individual Graduation Plans (IGPs)

What is the purpose of an IGP?

- ❖ To ensure the student's plans for high school and beyond align with available options and future goal. The development of the IGP plan involves reviewing an interest inventory, school and state specific information, including high school graduation requirements, high school course options, and postsecondary education and training programs.
- An IGP connects a student's present academic progress and its relevance to future education and/or employment.
- ❖ Per Bulletin 741, IGPs must begin by the end of a student's 8th grade and must be reviewed, updated, and signed by the School counselors, students and families every year until the student graduates.

How can I introduce the IGP process to students and parents in a junior high school?

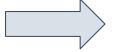
- Classroom Guidance Lessons
- Google Classroom Lessons
- **Career Interest Inventories**
- Field Trips to and from CTE programs and feeder high school
- Coffee w/Counselors (Parent Engagement)
- Future Focus Family Night
- **Career Day**
- **Career Coach Presentations**

How can I obtain signatures on the IGP in a junior high school?

- ❖ JPAMS Robo Calls
- ❖ JPAMS Robo Texts
- **❖** JPAMS Emails
- Informational Postcards
- Informational Flyers
- Personal Phone Calls
- Individual Conferences (pre-determined)

The Transition

8th Grade



9th Grade

Communication is



Starting the Conversation in High School

Each Fall - September/October

Daytime Grade Level meetings with students

Review:

- Diploma Pathways/Areas of Concentration
- LOSFA TOPS, ACT, Financial Aid
- Career Exploration Opportunities
 - My Next Move; LOSFA-Unlock My Future; Occupational Outlook Handbook
- IGPs distributed with copy of transcript (if applicable); Students encouraged to return ASAP

Counselor "To-Do" List for Fall Student Meeting

Prepare



- Communicate
- Present
- Follow-Up & Document

Continuing the Conversation

Early Spring - January

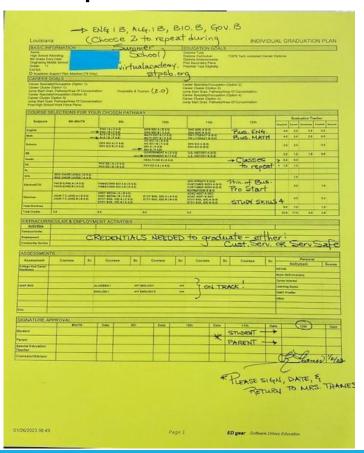
Night-time Grade Level Meetings

- Presentation-Scheduling for following school year;
- All students/parents invited CREATE INCENTIVES;
- Students receive an individualized folder at door, containing:
 - ➤ IGP/Course Request Card;
 - > Other documents needed to make well-informed course requests (including recommendations from counselor based on prior performance);
 - Presentation should include information about other topics to entice participation;
 - > Babysitting, refreshments provided

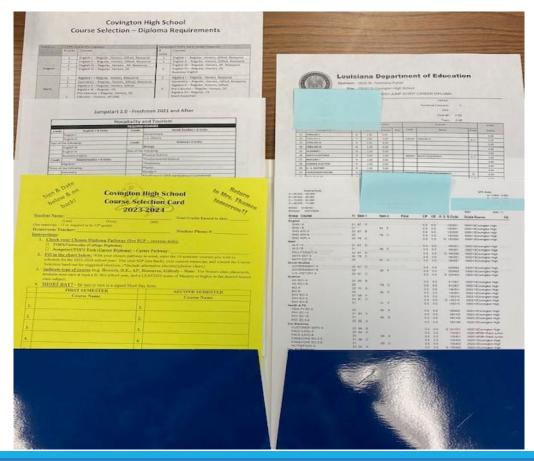
Counselor "To-Do" List for Spring Meeting

(more extensive)

Transcript Review & IGP Mark-UP



Create Student Folders



Spring Meeting Counselor "To-Do" List

(continued)

COORDINATE!

- Administration
- Faculty Members
- Recruiters
- PTO or PTA

ADVERTISE!

Juniors' Scheduling Night

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 6 o'clock sharp to 7:45 PM - CHS Auditorium

Please park in Junior & Senior Parking Lots by the Auditorium

Parents encouraged to attend!
(Babysitting & Light Refreshments provided)

It's Time to Plan for Senior Year!

Be sure to come and get the latest information about:

Next year's Core & Elective Class Offerings

Internship Opportunities



Short Day

ACT

Dual Enrollment

CLEP Testing

A.P. Classes

FAFSA & How to pay for College

Senior Pictures

Senior Celebration

Senior Trip

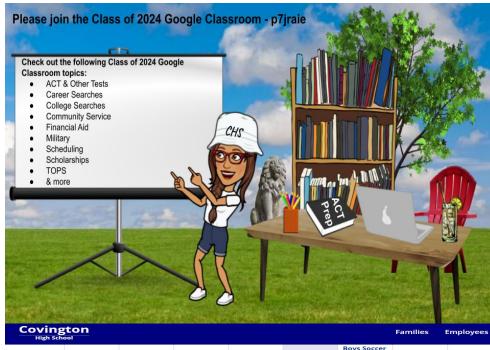


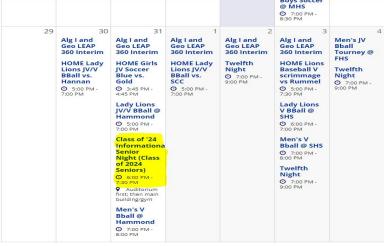
Ring Ceremony & Senior Supply questions? JOSTENS will be here!

Interested in the military? LA National Guard & US Marine Corp representatives will be here!

Questions about colleges? Admissions Counselors from Northshore Technical Community College, LSU, Southeastern and UNO will be here!

PLUS... we'll also be scheduling your senior classes!





Follow up!

Other opportunities to collect IGPs/signatures...

- Individual counseling sessions
- **Attending IEPs/IAPs**
- Small Group or Classroom counseling visits
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Contact Parents Electronic signatures
- Other

Discussion / Questions?