

Indian River High School Guidance – Important Dates

Grading Timeline - First Semester 2007-2008

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>End of Quarter Date</u>	<u>Report cards distributed in</u>
MP01	October 4	October 12
MP02	November 2	November 13
MP03	December 12	December 20
MP04	January 25	February 4

PSAT Information

The PSAT will be given to students on Wednesday, October 17 during school.

This is a test given to underclassmen to give them an idea of what their strengths and weaknesses are when taking the SAT for college. This is only a practice test, and colleges will not see these scores.

- 10th graders and AVID students will take the test for free and do not need to register

- 9th and 11th graders who want to take this test will need to register and pay \$15 during lunches only (checks payable to IRHS) on **October 3-5**.

- All college bound 11th graders should take this test – even if they have taken it before, because only 11th grade scores can qualify students for certain scholarships.

College Information for Seniors and their Parents

- Discussing the College Application Process – counselors meet with Seniors in English 12 and Government classes on Wednesday, September 19, 2007.

- Senior Parent Information Night – Monday, September 24, 2007 at 7pm in auditorium

- Chesapeake College Fair – Monday, Oct. 29, 2007 – 6pm – 8pm at Chesapeake Conference Center

- Financial Aid Workshop – Tuesday, November 27, 2007 – 6:30 pm in the auditorium

- A Scholarship list will be posted in Guidance (next to Mrs. Peterson's door) and on the IRHS Guidance Website. Applications are available in the scholarship file cabinet in Guidance.

- Senior Parents – if you would like a copy of this scholarship list (seniors only) e-mailed to you, please e-mail Mrs. Julie Freeman at freemjhe@cps.k12.va.us and she will put you on the mailing list.

- There will also be a link on the IRHS Guidance Website telling you about “Senior Information and Summer Opportunities”. This will have information that has been sent to IRHS regarding opportunities for seniors regarding employment, colleges, etc. It will be updated once a month.

SOL Test Dates – First Semester

English 11 Writing Multiple Choice (seniors only)	Monday, October 22
English 11 Writing Multiple Choice (juniors and seniors)	Tuesday, October 23
English 11 Writing Multiple Choice (make up)	Wednesday, October 24
English 11 Direct Writing Prompt (juniors and seniors)	Thursday, October 25
English 11 Direct Writing Prompt (seniors and make ups)	Friday, October 26

Other first semester End of Course SOL tests will take place January 3 – January 17, 2008.

Promotion Requirements

In order for a student to be promoted from one grade to the next, the following must occur:

9th grade to 10th grade – the successful completion of 4 credits (including English) and 1 verified credit (passing a science, history, or math class and the corresponding SOL test).

10th grade to 11th grade - the successful completion of 10 credits (including 2 English credits) and 3 verified credits (passing 1 science, 1 history, and 1 math class and the corresponding SOL tests).

11th grade to 12th grade - the successful completion of 15 credits (including 3 English credits) and 4 verified credits (including at least passing one science, one history, and one math class and the corresponding SOL tests).

Summer Opportunities for Students

Any summer programs available to high school students will be listed on the IRHS Guidance Website under “Senior Information and Summer Opportunities”

Summer Residential Governor’s School Program

Guidance will be seeking out sophomores and juniors who are interested in attending the Governor’s Summer School for Academics or Visual and Performing Arts. The Academic Governor’s School is looking for students who typically rank in the top 10% of their class and who are interested in pursuing academic studies this summer. Interested students should write a one paragraph letter expressing their interest in this program, and give to Mr. Cohen no later than November 14. Questions can be directed to Mr. Cohen at cohengsc@cps.k12.va.us or 578-7009.

Virginia High School League (VHSL) and 2.0 Eligibility Rules for Athletes

According to the Virginia High School League (VHSL), a student must have passed 3 classes for credit the previous semester AND be taking 3 credit bearing classes the current semester to be eligible for sports. For current ninth graders in the fall semester, they must have passed 5 classes in the 8th grade. In addition to the VHSL rules, Chesapeake has a 2.0 eligibility rule in place. In order to be eligible for sports, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or a GPA of 2.0 for the previous semester. Only final grades are used to determine GPA’s (not report card quarter grades). In the fall semester, a ninth grader must have a 2.0 for the final grades of 8th grade or the second semester of 8th grade. **For this reason, 8th grade second semester grades are very important to rising ninth graders.** A new student to Chesapeake must also have a 2.0 cumulative GPA or a second semester GPA of 2.0 from the previous year to be eligible.

Virginia Board of Education – Student Advisory Committee

The Virginia Board of Education is looking for student representatives for the 2007-2008 school year. For more information, go to http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/VA_Board/sac/ Applications need to be postmarked by October 31, 2007.