

ARE YOU PLANNING ON GOING TO COLLEGE?

If you are planning on going to college, you must plan your high school experience accordingly.

The following is a summary of minimum high school course requirements for admission of freshmen to Illinois public universities as well as basic college preparation curriculum. This curriculum must be completed to be eligible for many of the State Scholarships.

English - 4 years	Four years of composition and grammar to include content in literature and speech.
Mathematics - 3 years	Two years of algebra and one year of geometry, <u>A fourth year of higher level mathematics is highly recommended.</u>
Social Studies - 3 years	One year of American History, one semester of Government, 3 semesters of Social Studies elective.
Natural Sciences - 3 years	One year each in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
Electives - 2 years	
Foreign Language or Art, Music, Vocational	Two years of one language. Any combination of 2 years.

Factors that influence college admission decisions are listed below in order of importance.

1. Grades in college prep classes.
2. Admission test scores (ACT or SAT).
3. Grade Point Average (grades in all classes).
4. Rank in graduating class.
5. College essay or writing sample (required at selected colleges).
6. Personal recommendation from the counselor.
7. Personal recommendation from teachers.
8. Work and/or extracurricular experiences.
9. Personal interview (required at selected colleges).
10. Personal recognition programs.
11. Ability to pay.