

# GUIDANCE NEWS

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[www.glenbardwesths.org](http://www.glenbardwesths.org) → Guidance

### **CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING:**

- Guidance Calendar of Events
- Visit College Websites
- General Scholarship and Search Sites
- How can I reach the guidance staff?  
(e-mail and phone numbers)



## DRIVER'S EDUCATION ELIGIBILITY



District 87 has approved the State of Illinois Driver's Education eligibility law. The law states that:

- Students must have sophomore standing (at least 6 credits) to take Driver's Education. Students must also have passed eight classes for credit in the two semesters before they want to take Driver's Education or they will not be eligible to take the course. Those who have not passed enough classes in the previous semesters will be removed from Driver's Ed. (fees refunded) and placed in a regular physical education class.
- Students taking Driver's Ed. privately must get a form from their counselor to verify they have passed enough classes to sign up for Driver's Education.
- After completion of a private Driver's Ed. program, students must provide proof (a certificate or letter of completion) from the Driver's Ed. facility, so a grade of 'P' can be added to the transcript. Passing the classroom portion of Driver's Education is a requirement for graduation.

## GUIDANCE OBJECTIVES

During March through May, counselors will complete individual meetings with sophomores as a follow-up to their Career Resource Center visits. Students may use the Guidance Website, Connect, and Career Cruising at school or at home at any time for more information. If a student missed his/her appointment, he/she should see Mrs. Pate in the library to re-schedule.

### MARCH

*Thursday, March 17 & Friday, April 15*

Hispanic College Fair

*Friday, March 18*

End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

*Friday, March 25*

Third quarter grades mailed home to families without internet access.

### APRIL

*Wednesday, April 6*

PSAE Registration Convo

*Monday, April 18*

Mandatory Freshman PLC

*Wednesday, April 20*

Senior Meeting

*Monday, April 25*

Last day for TCD changes in 2010-11 schedules

*Wednesday, April 27*

College of DuPage High School Open House  
6-8:00 p.m.

*Friday, April 29*

Last day for schedule changes for 2011-12 school year

## Questions About Academic Achievement?

Please refer to pages 21 and 23 of the *Castle Keys* for Honor Roll, Academic Letter and Gold Bar explanations. The information contained in the *Castle Keys* will give you a detailed explanation of how these honors are calculated.

## COURSE REQUESTS FOR 2011-2012

The final day for students to make changes to their schedule will be **April 29, 2011**. After that date, no changes will be allowed to schedules unless they are being made as a result of class *failures* or other *counselor-initiated changes*. Other scheduling issues can be addressed with counselors during registration week in August. Those changes will also be made according to availability, but no ‘change of mind’ changes will be honored. All TCD changes should be made before **April 25, 2011**, to allow the counselor time to make changes to a student’s schedule for next year.

In May, some students may need to revise their schedules due to conflicts with their choices (i.e., two courses that meet during the same period and are not offered at alternate times). Counselors will meet with those students to resolve only these conflicts.

Current students can log on to PowerSchool to view their course requests for next year. Incoming families will receive their PowerSchool log-in information sometime in April. Please call your counselor if you have questions or concerns.

## SUMMER SCHOOL OPTIONS: Making up credits, enrichment, or adjust load

Counselors are tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 8 and Tuesday, June 9 to communicate the need for summer school or schedule changes necessary due to failing grades. Summer school begins Monday, June 27 with classes run at individual buildings in the district. **It is the responsibility of the students to meet with their guidance counselors prior to registration to discuss appropriate placement and credit acceptance.** Classes are available for incoming freshmen! Many bridge, enrichment, and credit classes will be available at the Glenbard West campus this summer.

Please log on to [www.glenbardwesths.org](http://www.glenbardwesths.org) and click on the link “Summer School” in the left-hand column to get information regarding enrichment, bridge, and credit classes. These classes can be accessed by filling out the online registration under “Registration Options.”

Financial waivers are available (for those who qualify) for all Glenbard West Summer School classes. Copies of all registration and fee waiver forms are available on the Glenbard West and District 87 websites.

Athletes must have passed **2.0** credits in spring semester to be eligible for the fall semester. Driver’s education does not count toward this eligibility. Physical education does count if the athlete received a “P” grade. Athletes may use summer school credits to regain eligibility. If an athlete has not passed 2.0 credits by the beginning of the fall semester, they are ineligible for the entire semester!

**CAUTION:** Students who need to make up credits due to failing grades need to enroll in summer school as soon as possible. Summer schools do limit their enrollment. **The best solution is to work hard now to avoid failing grades and possible summer school frustrations.**



## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES



Want something to do this summer? Consider taking a class or participating in a week-long seminar on a college campus. Colleges look favorably toward students who have done something extra related to their majors. Check the summer file in the library. Current sophomores and juniors can also log on to Connect!, as summer opportunities are added regularly. Speak with your counselor if you need help logging on to Connect!.

## WHAT IS A REVIEW COURSE?

A Review Course is one that a student retakes in an attempt to improve the grade. When a student completes any review course, he/she does not receive credit even if the course is taken at a different level. The better grade will be used in computing the student's GPA.

In terms of athletic eligibility, a review course may not be counted as one of the four majors that a student must pass during the athletic season, or as one of the four courses a student must pass during the semester prior to the athletic season. See your counselor for more information.

## CHANGES IN NCAA ELIGIBILITY

Divisions I and II membership have adopted significant changes in the academic-eligibility standards for practice, competition and receipt of athletic scholarships during a student-athlete's first year of college. Student-athletes who initially enroll as full-time students, will be required to complete 16 core courses (i.e., English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, non-doctrinal religion and philosophy). One of the additional core courses must be in the academic area of mathematics; the other may be from any of the current academic areas. Additionally, changes to the test-score/grade-point average index have been adopted for Division I and are available for your review. You may access the proposed changes through the NCAA website [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org).

## TEST DATES

TEST	TEST DATE	REGISTER BY:
SAT I & SAT II	*May 7, 2011 June 4, 2011	April 8, 2011 May 6, 2011
ACT	June 12, 2011	May 6, 2011
} *Given at Glenbard West		

Students should check college websites or contact their counselors to see if the SAT II tests are required. The SAT II tests are required by selective four-year colleges and are used for admission or placement purposes. Students may want to take the SAT II at the end of this year or next fall depending on their choice of schools.

Juniors planning on attending a four-year college should take the ACT and/or SAT this year.

On-line registration: **ACT** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
**SAT** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

### ACT/PSAE - April 27 & 28, 2011

All juniors will take an ACT test as part of the statewide Prairie State Achievement Examination. There is no charge for the test, and registration will take place at school. Students will be taking the writing portion of the ACT. Juniors will register for ACT/PSAE with their counselors in a group meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2011. Students are advised to register for the June or September e-take scheduled on a National test date.

Note: NCAA will accept the PSAE/ ACT scores, Therefore, students applying for **Division I** and **Division II** will be allowed to use the April 2011 PSAE/ACT scores.

## 2011-2012 COLLEGE TESTING CALENDAR

### ACT

Test Day: Saturday  
 September 10, 2011  
 \*October 22, 2011  
 December 10, 2011  
 February 11, 2012  
 April 14, 2012  
 June 9, 2012

### PLAN

TBA  
 (Given during school day)

### SAT I & SAT II

Test Day: Saturday  
 October 9, 2010  
 November 6, 2010  
 December 4, 2010  
 January 22, 2011  
 (SAT I only) March 12, 2011  
 \*May 7, 2011  
 June 4, 2011

### PSAT

Test Day: Saturday  
 October 15, 2011

### Advanced Placement Exams

Test Dates  
 \*May 2-6, 2011  
 \*May 9-13, 2011

**\*Given at Glenbard West**

## PSAT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

Special Needs students expecting to take the PSAT in 2011 should have their Student Eligibility Form filled out at their *annual review* during their freshman or sophomore year. This form must be filled out and postmarked prior to August 25, 2011 for students to be eligible for accommodations during the Saturday, October 15, 2011 PSAT/NMSQT. Once approved, students are eligible to take the SAT and AP exams under the same accommodations.

If the eligibility form was not filled out in an annual review, please contact your student's case manager for information.

## ACT ACCOMMODATIONS

If you **currently receive accommodations in school** due to a professionally diagnosed and documented disability, you may submit documentation to support a request for one of the following

- **Center Testing #1:** Standard Time National Testing with Accommodations
- **Center Testing #2:** Extended Time National Testing (50% time extension at a National Test Center).

Approved students taking the ACT (No Writing) have up to 5 hours total to work. Approved students taking the ACT Plus Writing have up to 5 hours and 45 minutes to complete all five tests. Both options include time for breaks between tests.

- **Special Testing:** Testing at school with extended time and alternate formats available—**not** as part of national or international testing at a test center.

Students falling under the “Special Testing” option will need to test under a specific ‘window’ of dates. During the fall of 2011-12 at Glenbard West, we’ll allow for two different sets for special testing, because of the amount of time necessary for supervision. The range of dates for Special Testing at West are:

September 10, 2011–September 24, 2011 and October 22, 2011–November 5, 2011

See your counselor for more information.

## SENDING ACT/SAT SCORES FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

Students are responsible for contacting ACT or SAT to have test scores sent directly to the college. ACT and now SAT allow the student to pick specific test scores to be sent.

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and/or [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)

## TEST PREP OPTIONS

It’s not too late to prep for the upcoming spring ACT & SAT tests. Online programs and last-minute “Punch” classes may still be available. Stop in guidance for our Test Prep Guide or check the guidance web site.

## STATISTICS FOR THE CLASS OF 2012

Class Size: 540                      Highest GPA: 5.852  
Semester 5

Top 10%    1-53                      5.822-5.143  
Top 20%    1-110                      5.822-4.9788

1st	Quartile	(1-136)	5.852-4.667
2nd	Quartile	(141-272)	4.655-4.100
3rd	Quartile	(275-406)	4.097-3.423
4th	Quartile	(408-540)	3.407-1.056

\* Some students share the same rank.

## AREA COLLEGE FAIRS SPRING 2011

### Harper College

Tuesday, April 5 – 6:00-8:30 PM

### Lyons Township

Wednesday, April 6 - 6:30-8:30 PM

### North Central College

Monday, March 21 - 6:30-8:30 PM

### St. Charles East

Tuesday, April 12 - 7:00-9:00 PM

### Hinsdale Central High School

Thursday, April 14 - 7:00-9:00 PM

### College of DuPage

High School Open House

Wednesday, April 13

6:00-8:00 PM

## COLLEGE-BOUND JUNIORS

- **ACT/SAT TESTS** If you plan on taking an additional ACT test or the SAT I and/or SAT II, you may either sign up online or pick up registration packets in guidance.
- **COLLEGE VISITS** If you are planning on attending a four-year college directly after high school, start your campus visits now. Even if you are considering out-of-state schools, visiting local campuses can give you an idea of the size and campus atmosphere that best meets your needs. Plan ahead for formal tours. Spaces can fill up several weeks ahead of time.
- **VOLUNTEER** a few hours this summer in a career area that sounds interesting. This will give you the experience you need to help you choose a college major. Check out [www.givingdupage.org](http://www.givingdupage.org) for opportunities in DuPage County.

## College of DuPage Office of Health & Special Services Presents:

Information Night For Students With Disabilities

**Thursday, March 24, 2011 6:30 PM**

Information appropriate for:

- High school juniors & seniors
- Parents
- Teachers
- Other service providers

Located in the SRC North – 2800 A, B, C

For information, call 942-4260

## COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES CAMPUS TOURS

### Eastern IL University

[www.eiuedu/~admissions/visit.php](http://www.eiuedu/~admissions/visit.php)

(877) 581-BEIU (2348)

### Northern IL University

[www.niu.edu/admissions/visit/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/admissions/visit/index.shtml)

(815) 753-0446

### Western IL University

[www.student.services.wiu.edu/admissions/](http://www.student.services.wiu.edu/admissions/)

(309) 298-3157

### University of Illinois - Chicago

(312) 996-4350

[www.uic.edu/depts/oar/prospective\\_students/visit.html](http://www.uic.edu/depts/oar/prospective_students/visit.html)

### IL State University

[www.admissions.illinoisstate.edu/visit](http://www.admissions.illinoisstate.edu/visit)

(309) 438-2181

### Southern IL University/Carbondale

[www.admissions.siu.edu/visit/index.html](http://www.admissions.siu.edu/visit/index.html)

(618) 536-4405

### University of Illinois/Champaign

<http://admissions.illinois.edu/visit/index.html>

(217) 333-0302

## COLLEGE NOTIFICATION DATES



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#### APRIL 1 or APRIL 15

Many seniors are still waiting for an acceptance letter from the college of their choice. Please be aware that you have rights as well as responsibilities.

#### Your Rights Include:

**Receiving full information from colleges and universities about their admissions, financial aid and scholarship policies. Not responding to an offer of admission and/or financial aid until you have heard from all colleges and universities to which you have applied, or by May 1, whichever comes first.**

#### Your Responsibilities Include:

Making sure you understand the admissions, financial aid, and scholarship policies of the colleges and universities to which you have applied.

You should also be sure to understand each college or university's policies about deposits you may be required to make before you enroll, and the policy about when refunds of those deposits are available.

Notifying each college or university that admits you whether you are accepting or rejecting their offer. You should make these notifications as soon as you have heard from all the colleges where you applied, or May 1, whichever is earlier.

Confirming your intention to enroll and submitting a deposit to only **one** college or university by its required notification date, usually May.

**SENIORS:** All colleges require your final high school transcript. Please sign the book available in guidance during May so we know where to send your transcript.

## SEARCHING FOR FINANCIAL AID

### **Glenbard West Scholarship Database**

Glenbard West keeps an active database of scholarships for student use. Application materials are available in the library and posted on the **Guidance Web Site**. New scholarships are added on a regular basis. These scholarships vary in criteria and monetary award.

### **Internet**

There are numerous scholarship search sites available, however, please view with caution any site that requires a fee to gain scholarship information. There are many free sites on the Web and in all likelihood provide the same information as those that are not.

The following are Internet scholarship search services:

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)

[www.collegezone.com](http://www.collegezone.com)

[www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/)

### **College Websites**

Don't forget to check the financial aid website at the colleges you applied to this fall, as well as the **specific** academic departments.

### **FAFSA**

If you have not completed your FAFSA, now is the time. Apply on-line at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

### **GREAT READS**

*College Financial Aid "How to Get Your Fair Share,"* by Peter V. Laurenzo, CFP  
Hudson Financial Press, 2002.

*Fast Web!* by Mark Kantrowitz, Harper Collins Publishers, 2006

## GODS AND GODDESSES OF GLENBARD!

GBW CARES Post Prom

April 16/17, 2011

11:30 pm – 4:00 am

GEPD Ackerman Sports Center



Prom time is approaching and a dedicated group of parents are hard at work to transform the new GEPD Ackerman Sports Center into a Greek Odyssey! This special night of activity is created as an opportunity for your junior or senior to make a safe choice while enjoying a night of fun and excitement with friends. While the name could be deceiving, Post Prom is open to all juniors and seniors. Attending prom is not necessary. Food and drink are generously donated by local businesses. Raffles include cash and prizes donated by other area businesses. A large variety of games, activities and entertainment are provided. Participation in activities guarantees your teen will go home with gift cards valued greater than the cost of admission. The top raffle prizes include a laptop computer for a lucky GBW junior and a flat screen television, including a DVD player and game system, for a GBW senior. If your teen wants to go out on Prom night, encourage him/her to make a safe choice and attend Post Prom.

The invitation for juniors and seniors will be posted on First Class in late March. Tickets go on sale in the cafeteria April 6<sup>th</sup> and the first 150 students to purchase tickets will receive a “Gods and Goddesses” keychain, (\$15 advance purchase, \$20 at the door). Doors open at 11:30 pm, and students must arrive by 12:30 am. The raffle begins at 3:00 am and students must be present to claim a prize.

## GIVS

The Glenbard Instructional Volunteer Student Leader program allows juniors and seniors, with a study hall, to partner with a mentor-teacher and assist in the classroom. GIVS is a beneficial and life enriching experience that allows students to become more engaged in their learning as well as benefit from the experience of giving.

### GLENBARD PARENT SERIES - GIVS

Saturday, March 19

10:30 am-12:00 pm

Glenbard West Library

*How Do I Get to College - Part 2*

College Tests

Essay Writing

Exploring Historical Black Colleges

Summer School and More