



Top 10 Guidance Questions



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1. **Do you have any information to help me start exploring careers?** A great place to start is learnmoreindiana.org. This website has a lot of great information about careers! Another great website is bigfuture.collegeboard.org
 2. **Where do I find the courses Carroll High School offers?** The Carroll High School Course Description guide will answer many of your questions regarding courses offered, prerequisites, credits earned, etc.
 3. **How do I know what science course to take?** All students are required to earn 2 credits in biology, 2 credits in EITHER Chemistry, OR Physics, OR Integrated Chemistry Physics and 2 credits in an additional core 40 science course. Read through each course description for each science course offered. Consider your interests, strengths and discuss it with your current science teacher.
 4. **Should I take the SAT or ACT or both?** It never hurts to take each test one time. Then, you can see if you scored better on one test than the other. Think about taking the one you scored higher on a second time to try to improve your score. However, remember that many colleges are now going to "Test Optional" which means that you can get admitted without taking the SAT or ACT. Talk to the college admission's office to get more information about that.
 5. **What are the requirements for The National Honor Society?** To be eligible for National Honor's Society, you need to have a 3.5 overall GPA at the end of your **sophomore or junior year**. You also must maintain that GPA as well as complete 30 hours of community service. At the end of your sophomore **or junior** year, if you are eligible, you will receive a letter inviting you to NHS which will inform you about your required service hours and when they need to be completed. **Then, in June after your sophomore or junior year, you will receive a confirmation letter stating that you have indeed qualified for NHS.**

6. **How can I start building my college resume?** Get involved! Join a club, sport, or other extracurricular activity here at Carroll. If you attend a church, see if they have a youth group you could join. Do volunteer work regularly out in the community. Get a part-time job. Whatever you decide to do, make sure you are investing quality time and effort into those activities over an extended period of time. Colleges like to see consistency and dedication to non-academic activities.
7. **How do I apply for FAFSA?** [Click here](#) to see the CHS FAFSA info page. Every Fall, Carroll High School offers a Financial Aid night at the high school where an area college representative comes and talks to parents and students about the FAFSA and how to complete it.
8. **How do I send my high school transcript to colleges?** There are a few different providers you can use to send your high school transcript to colleges. A few that our students use are Parchment, SendEdu, and Common Application with Parchment being the most popular. Our first recommendation is to check the specific college's admissions website to see what provider they prefer student to use. [Click here](#) to see Parchment Guide to Ordering Transcripts.
9. **Where can I find scholarships?** Start with the Carroll High School Guidance website under "Scholarships". Also, try using Fastweb or just googling "Scholarships" and see what all you can find!
10. **What are my options if I don't want to go to college?** If you're not interested in attending a four year college, that's okay! You could apply for an apprenticeship program (some examples: bricklayers, carpenters, electricians, floorlayers, iron workers, millwrights, plumbers and pipefitters, roofers, sheet metal workers, and much more). Apprenticeship programs are an "earn and learn" model that combines on the job training with classroom instruction that increases an apprentice's skill level and wages. You can find more information here:

<https://www.ivytech.edu/apprenticeships/>

<https://www.builttosucceed.org/>

You could also join the work force right out of high school. Indiana Career Connect is a website where you can search for jobs, training and education in Indiana:

<https://www.indianacareerconnect.com/vosnet/Default.aspx>

You could also look into joining the military. More information on military career options can be found here:

https://ch.nacs.k12.in.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_21017048/File/Guidance/Welcome/U.S.%20Military%20Service%20Information/Military%20Career%20PP.pdf