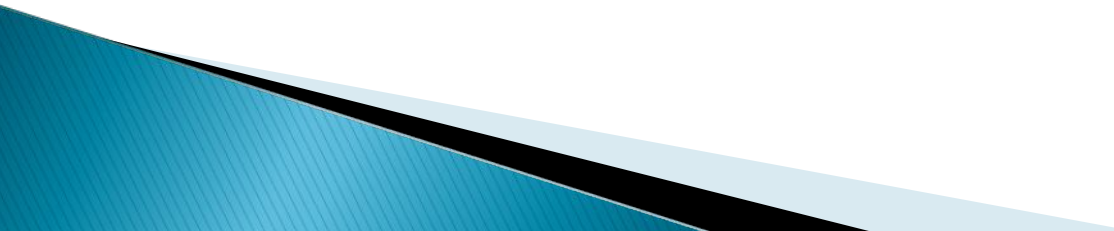


NVTHS Junior Year Guidance Presentation



Class of 2020

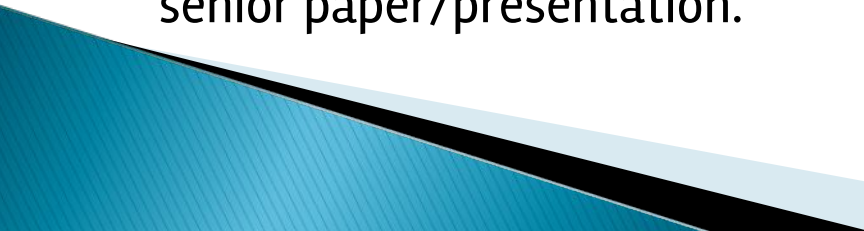
Opportunities for You

- ▶ Join a club or sport here at NVTHS
 - ▶ Participate in after school activities and community service (20 hours are required)
 - ▶ Participate in Drivers Ed (Applications are found in the Security Booth)
 - ▶ Get an after school job
 - ▶ Go out on Cooperative Placement (Co-Op)
 - ▶ Go out on Dual Enrollment
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Cooperative Placement

- ▶ Finding a job – use your resources and get your foot in the door through Co-Op (speak to your technical teachers and Ms. Poulin)
- ▶ Ask adults who know you well to be your references
- ▶ Practice your interview skills
- ▶ Begin building your resume
 - Resumes should include: job experience, school activities (clubs, committees, etc), athletic activities, community activities and service, special awards

Dual Enrollment

- ▶ Dual Enrollment is an option available to juniors & seniors
 - ▶ While still retaining your standing at NVTHS, you can “dual enroll” in one of our local colleges: Middlesex Community College, Mt. Wachusett Community College, or Fitchburg State
 - ▶ If interested, please attend our Dual Enrollment meeting in the Spring, when applications will be available for you to fill out. **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN EARLY MAY.**
 - ▶ Your participation in Dual Enrollment is based on a number of factors: Please see the student handbook.
 - ▶ By participating in Dual, you can earn your NVTHS diploma while earning enough credits to earn an Associates Degree
 - ▶ Students out on dual during their senior year **do not** have to complete the senior paper/presentation.
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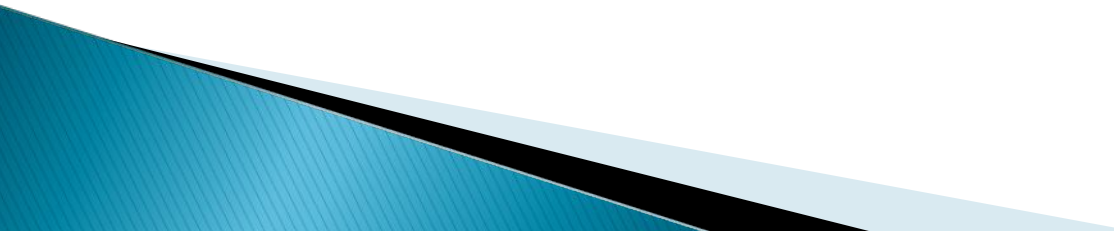
Dual School Comparison

Name of School	Cost (Ranked least – most exp. 1-4)	Course Sign-Ups	Accuplacer
Middlesex Community College (Lowell & Bedford)	1	Sign up with the rest of the students	Needs “College Level” for math and English
Fitchburg State University (Fitchburg)	2	Sign up after ALL other students	Needs “College Level” for math and English
Mount Wachusett Community College (Gardner & Devens)	3	Sign up with the rest of the students	Needs “College Level” for math and English
UMASS Lowell (Lowell)	4 – Costs the same as going there as a freshman, but with no access to FAFSA	Not sure, we have never had a student attend	Needs “College Level” for math and English

Accuplacer Exam

- ▶ The Accuplacer exam is given to our junior class every April at NT, and is administered by people from MCC.
- ▶ If you are considering Dual Enrollment, your results from this test will affect your eligibility to attend at MCC or MWCC.
- ▶ You may prepare for the exam ahead of time with **FREE** testing materials. Please see Mr. Nardi-Williams for access to them.
- ▶ If you are unhappy with your test scores, you may take the test up to three times per academic calendar year.
- ▶ The test includes a reading, writing, editing (English) section and a tiered math section. If you do not do well on the first math section, you do not get access to the second part of the test. The test begins with very basic math so it is a good idea to relearn some material you may have forgotten.

Junior Year is **VERY IMPORTANT**

- ▶ Your GPA (grade point average) is an average of every final grade that you have received for your four years at NVTHS
 - ▶ GPAs are one of the main factors that colleges look at when they decide to accept students
 - ▶ Build your resume: colleges and jobs both want to see that you are involved in school and your community!
 - ▶ Challenge yourself through honors and advanced placement courses
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Start Thinking About Life After High School...

- ▶ **College**
 - 2 year community college
 - 4 year school
 - ▶ **Working**
 - ▶ **Military**
 - ▶ **Post Graduate Program**
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College Search

- ▶ www.collegeboard.org
 - ▶ Filters on the left include selectivity, type of school, location, majors, sports, etc.
 - ▶ Visit Schools & Attend College Fairs
 - ▶ Narrow down the search to less than 10 schools including *safety* and *reach* schools
 - ▶ Speak to College Representatives
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Register for the SATs

▶ SATs

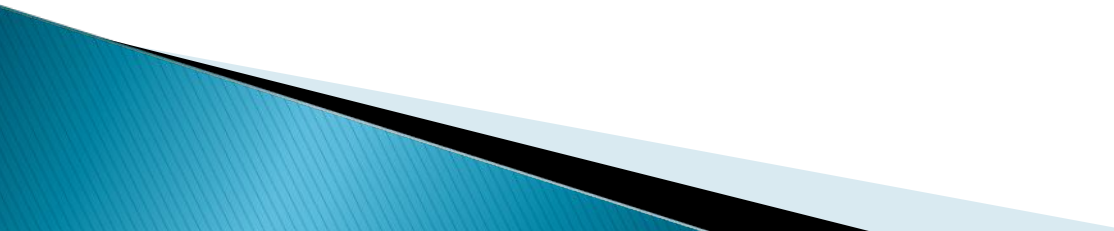
- Take the end of your junior year and beginning of your senior year
- Register on www.collegeboard.org (if you are eligible for free or reduced lunch, register with your Guidance Counselor)
- Spring test dates: March 9th, May 4th, June 1st
- Send colleges your test scores
- **STUDY!!!**

Pay for College

- ▶ Attend the MEFA presentation on November 28th
- ▶ Financial Aid
- ▶ Scholarships
- ▶ You DO NOT pay back scholarships and grants, but you DO pay back loans



Entering the Workforce

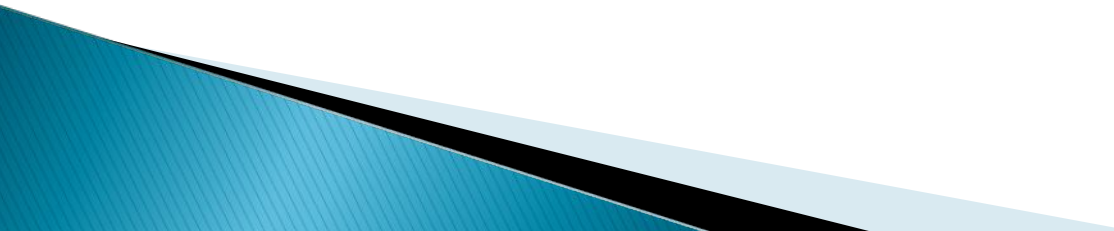
- ▶ If you are planning on entering the workforce after high school, use your resources to get your foot in the door now
 - ▶ Go out on Co-Op!
 - ▶ Ask adults who know you well to be your references
 - ▶ Practice your interview skills
 - ▶ Build your resume!
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United States Military Service

- ▶ If you are interested in the military, do some research – speak to the representatives (don't sign anything until you are sure!)
- ▶ Sign up to take the ASVAB to discover what military careers may be most suitable for you.
- ▶ **ASVAB at NVTHS: TBD**



Post Graduate Program

- ▶ If you decide after graduation that you want to gain experience in a different technical program, NVTHS offers a Post Graduate Certificate Program.
 - ▶ Students are able to pursue certification in one of our 20 programs. Successful completion of Post Graduate programs will qualify the student to earn state and national certifications.
 - ▶ As a resident of our district, You are able to participate **TUITION-FREE!**
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Looking Toward Senior Year...Graduation Requirements

- ▶ To earn a diploma from Nashoba Valley Technical High School all students must meet state MCAS requirements and complete the following:
 - English 4 years
 - Mathematics 4 years
 - Science 4 years
 - Social Studies 4 years
 - Physical Education 4 years
 - Technical Program 4 years

- ▶ Community Service: 5 hours per year (total of 20 hours)

- ▶ Payment of Class Dues: \$20 per year (total of \$80)

- ▶ Completion of senior project and senior presentation

- ▶ Attendance

Additional Questions?

- ▶ We will be meeting with seniors individually to discuss your plans and help you with anything that you need. Feel free to email us or come to Guidance with any questions along the way!
- ▶ Student Services
 - Ms. Lamond: Guidance Counselor, A–F:
jlamond@nashobatech.net
 - Mr. Spencer: Guidance Counselor, G–N:
aspencer@nashobatech.net
 - Mr. Nardi–Williams: Guidance Counselor, O–Z:
jnardi-Williams@nashobatech.net
 - Ms. Callahan: Coordinator of Guidance & Admissions
 - Ms. Gilgun: School Psychologist
 - Ms. Benedict: Student Services Secretary