



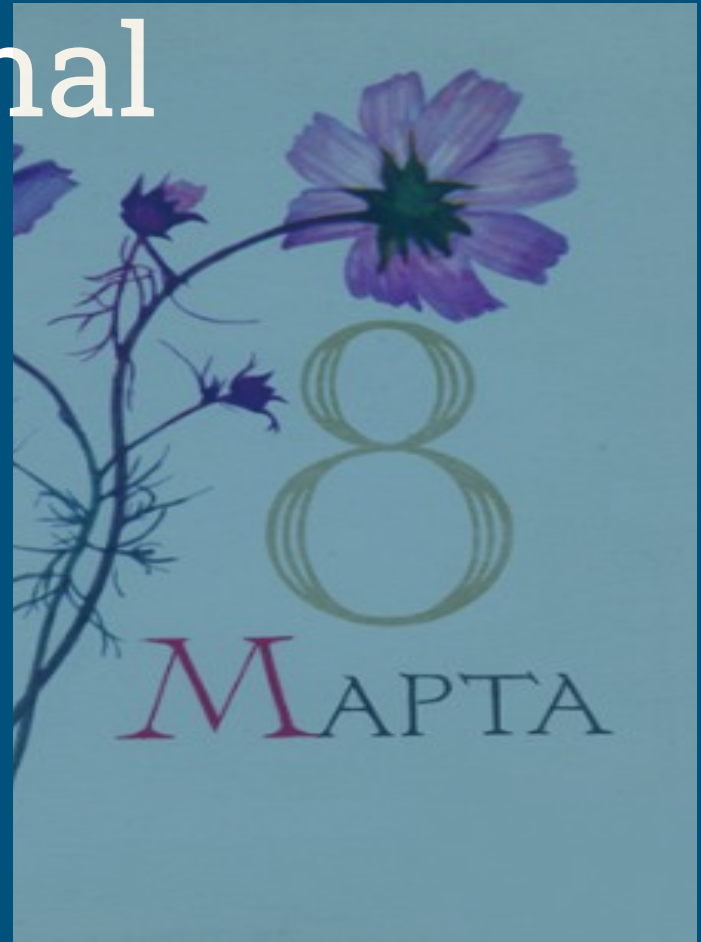
# Welcome to District 214's BPAC Parent Evening for Russian-Speaking Families

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Learning about the  
American School System



Happy International  
Women's Day



# Agenda

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*\*Please complete survey*

6:30-7:15 pm: Learning about the American School System Presentation

7:15- 8:00 pm: Transitioning from high school planning to post-secondary planning

# Learning About the American School System

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## ❑ Educational Structure

- ❑ Developmental Curriculum
- ❑ District & State Graduation Requirements
- ❑ State Testing
- ❑ Staff and their roles
- ❑ Student Expectations

## ❑ Grading System

- ❑ GPA
- ❑ General, Honors, AP courses, Dual Credit
- ❑ Transcripts

## ❑ District 214 Career and College Readiness Indicators

# Educational Structure

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# Developmental Core Curriculum

## FRESHMAN

HOW TO  
SUCCESSFULLY  
NAVIGATE/TRANSITION  
TO HIGH SCHOOL



## JUNIOR

POST HIGH SCHOOL  
PLANNING +  
DECISION-MAKING



## SOPHOMORE

CAREER PATHWAYS  
EXPLORATION +  
SELF-REFLECTION



## SENIOR

APPLYING TO  
COLLEGE,  
POST-SECONDARY  
PLANNING, LIFE  
AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

# District & State Graduation Requirements

## 21 Total Credits

<b>ENGLISH:</b> 8 semesters	<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE:</b> 6 semesters Must include: Human Geo World History US History
<b>MATH:</b> 6 semesters Must include: Algebra I Geometry	<b>SCIENCE:</b> 4 semesters Biology (2 semesters) Chemistry (2 semesters) (Physics required for 4 year universities)
<b>PE:</b> Must have a PE for every semester of attendance (Dance, Gymnastics) *OR* PE Waiver  <b>HEALTH:</b> 1 semester	Constitution Test 1 Year CTE/WL credit Consumer's Ed Fine Arts Civics Requirements

# College Admission Recommendations

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4 credits English

4 credits Math

3 credits Science

3 credits Social Science

2 credits World Language



# State/Standardized Testing

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All Students will take the SAT Junior Year. The SAT is focused on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education. It measures:

What you learn in high school & What you need to succeed in college

- a. Reading Test
- b. Writing and Language Test
- c. Math Test
- d. SAT Essay

# Staff and Their Roles

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Teachers: reach out to teachers if you have questions about your child's grades and attendance in class.

Counselors: reach out to counselors if you have general questions about school, classes, grades, college, career planning, and any concerns for your child.

Deans: reach out to deans regarding attendance and behavior

Attendance office: call your child out of school for illness

# Student Expectations in each class

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Attendance

Infinite Campus

IPad

Schoology

Naviance

SAT Preparation

Seeking help for academics

# Student expectations continued...

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- Set academic goals
  - Do your best in all classes . The last set of grades seen by most post-secondary opportunities are your Junior Year Grades
- Review transcript on Infinite Campus website (see counselor regarding questions or concerns)
- Get to know your teachers; you may need to ask them for letters of recommendation for senior year
- Check if you are on track to meet all graduation requirements

# Grading System

General, Dual Credit, AP, EL

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# Grading System

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## General

4.00 scale

A=4.00

B=3.00

C=2.00

D=1.00

F=0.0

## Honors & Dual Credit

4.50 scale

A=4.5

B=3.5

C=2.5

D=1.5

## Advanced Placement (AP)

5.0 scale

A=5.0

B=4.0

C=3.5

D=2.5

# Grade Point Average (GPA)

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Two grade point averages are computed and recorded on report cards and transcripts.

The **weighted GPA** is computed by dividing the sum of the weighted grade points by the number of credits attempted.

The **non-weighted GPA** is computed by dividing the sum of non-weighted grade points (A = 4, B = 3, etc.) by the number of credits attempted. Grades earned in physical education and driver education are not included in either GPA.

# What is a transcript and why is it important?

Buffalo Grove High School of Transcript  
 Tel: (847)718-4000 Fax: (847)718-4122  
 1100 W Dundee Rd, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-4054

Student

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Student Information				Work In Progress					
<div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>				08662 ADV STRENGTH & COND	0.250				
				05112 CHEMISTRY	0.500				
				01772 CONCERT/MARCHING BAND	0.500				
				04730 GEOMETRY	0.500				
				07382 HNRS SPANISH 3	0.500				
				02282 TRANS ESL PROG-SS	0.500				
				07582 WORLD HISTORY	0.500				
				03842 WORLD LIT & COMP	0.500				
				<b>GPA Summary</b>				<b>Credit Summary</b>	
				Cumulative GPA (Weighted)	3.83	<b>High School</b>		<b>Attempted</b>	<b>Earned</b>
Cumulative GPA (Unweighted)	3.80	Elusive		1.500	1.500				
<b>#2253 Summer School</b>				English Language Arts					
<b>Course</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Credit</b>	1.500 1.500					
<b>2016-2017 Grade 08 Term 3</b>				Fine Arts					
02291 TRANS ESL PROG-SS	B	0.5000	0.5	0.500 0.500					
Credit: .500 GPA: 3.00 U/W GPA: 3.00				Health/Physical Ed					
<b>#0008 Buffalo Grove High School</b>				1.000 1.000					
<b>Course</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Credit</b>	Mathematics					
<b>2017-2018 Grade 09 Term 1</b>				1.500 1.500					
04700 ALGEBRA	A	0.5000	0.5	Science					
05021 BIOLOGY	B	0.5000	0.5	1.500 1.500					
08031 ESL 1	A	0.5000	0.5	Social Science					
08021 ESL 1 STRATEGIES	A	0.5000	0.5	1.500 1.500					
08510 FRESHMAN PHYSICAL EDUCATION 1	A	0.0000	0.25	World Languages/CTE					
09311 HUMAN GEO	A	0.5000	0.5	1.500 1.500					
07361 SPANISH/NATV SPKRS2	A	0.5000	0.5	<b>Total</b>					
Credit: 3.250 GPA: 3.83 U/W GPA: 3.83				<b>10.500 10.500</b>					
<b>2017-2018 Grade 09 Term 2</b>				<b>Comments</b>					
04710 ALGEBRA	A	0.5000	0.5	Beginning with the Class of 2018, District 214 GPAs are reported on a 4.0 scale, all prior years are reported on a 5.0 scale.  **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**					
05022 BIOLOGY	B	0.5000	0.5						
08032 ESL 1	A	0.5000	0.5						
08022 ESL 1 STRATEGIES	A	0.5000	0.5						
08520 FRESHMAN PHYSICAL EDUCATION 2	A	0.0000	0.25						
09312 HUMAN GEO	B	0.5000	0.5						
07362 SPN/NATV SPKRS 2	A	0.5000	0.5						
Credit: 3.250 GPA: 3.67 U/W GPA: 3.67									
<b>2018-2019 Grade 10 Term 1</b>									
05111 CHEMISTRY	A	0.5000	0.5						
01771 CONCERT/MARCHING BAND	A	0.5000	0.5						
04720 GEOMETRY	A	0.5000	0.5						
08691 HEALTH EDUCATION	A	0.5000	0.5						
07391 HNRS SPANISH 3	A	0.5000	0.5						
07581 WORLD HISTORY	A	0.5000	0.5						
03841 WORLD LIT & COMP	A	0.5000	0.5						
Credit: 3.000 GPA: 4.07 U/W GPA: 4.00									



# Frequently Asked Questions

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What is a typical class load?

*The school day consists of 8 periods. Students generally enroll in 7 classes, plus lunch.*

*WHS school day consists of 9 periods. Students generally enroll in 8 classes plus lunch.*

When may I take Driver's Education?

*This course is generally taken during sophomore or junior year. Students must be 15 years old on the first day of the school year. The course is year-long, consisting of one day of class and four days where they use that time as a study hall. Students may elect to take Driver's Education privately. Students must have passed at least 8 classes in the previous 2 semesters to be eligible. Driver's Education is offered during summer school. Driver Education is NOT a graduation requirement.*

# Frequently Asked Questions

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Should my student take a full-period study hall, or a seventh class? (8 classes for WHS)

*We recommend that all students consider the following before selecting a class:*

- *A seventh ( WHS 8th) class allows students to explore career options.*
- *A study hall provides a structured time and place for homework assignments, to make-up tests, and time for a student to see his/her counselor.*

How may my student see his/her counselor privately?

*Students are encouraged to come to the office during lunch, open period, study hall or after school. If his/her counselor is not present, they may fill out a message sheet with the administrative assistant.*

# Frequently Asked Questions



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What kind of support services are available?

*There are several support groups offered during the school day. Parents and students may contact the counselor to access services by the school psychologist and social worker.*

How do I obtain homework for my absent child?

*For brief absences (3 days or less), please e-mail individual teachers for homework. If your student will be absent 10 days or more, please contact the Student Services Admin Assistant at [REDACTED]. Homework requests may take 24 hours to fulfill.*



District 214  
College & Career  
Readiness

# Educational Readiness

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## Academics:

- GPA of 2.8 out of 4.0
- A, B, or C in an Advanced Placement Course
  - Score of 3+ on AP Exam
- A, B, or C in Algebra II

## Additional Factors Contributing to College Success:

- Earning As, Bs, and Cs
- Enrollment in a Career Pathways Course
- College Academic Advising
- Participating in college bound bridge program
- Completion of a math course after Algebra II

## Standardized Testing:

- Get ready for future standardized tests
- Investigate whether you should take AP or SAT subject tests

# Career Readiness

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## Career Indicators:

- Identify a career interest
- Meet two experiential benchmarks listed below
  - 90% attendance
  - 25 hours of community service (Harper Promise and in general)
  - Workplace learning experience
  - Dual credit Career Pathway course
  - Two or more organized co-curricular activities

## Career and College Research:

- Explore careers
- Participate in career treks and D214 Career Nights
- Explore different types of colleges



## Technology/Engineering :

### Architecture and Construction

Woodworking  
Drafting - CAD  
Geometry & Construction  
College Architectural Construction

### Engineering - STEM

PLTW Engineering & Design  
PLTW Principles of Engineering  
PLTW Aeronautical Engineering  
AP Stats, AP Calculus  
AP Physics, AP Chemistry

## Information Technology

Computer Programming - Mobile Apps  
College IT Fundamentals - A+ Operating  
Computer Principles - Networking  
AP Computer Science - Cyber Security

## Manufacturing

Fashion Design and Construction  
Computer Integrated Manufacturing  
College Adv. Machine Technology  
College Adv. CNC Manufacturing

## Transportation

Automotive Systems - Personal Auto  
Diagnostics and Testing  
College Vocational Auto  
College Auto Engine Performance & Electrical

## Fine Arts

### Fine Arts, Audio/Visual Technology, Communication

Graphic Arts/Adv. Graphic Design/AP Graphic Design  
Journalism and Broadcasting  
Visual Arts: Photography  
Visual Arts: 2D Painting/Drawing, 3D Sculpture  
Acting 1-4, Adv. Theater Workshop, Fine Arts Workshop  
Performing Arts: Acting/Band/Choir/Dance/Orchestra  
College Speech, College Composition

## Business Marketing Education

### Business Finance, Marketing Administration

Introduction to Business  
Small Business Management (Business & Graphics Interdisciplinary)  
College Entrepreneurship - Sports Marketing  
College Accounting, College Business  
AP Economics

## Legal & Government Administration

### Legal Pathway

American Law  
Criminal Law  
Constitutional Law  
AP Government/AP Psychology

## Family and Consumer Sciences

### Educator Prep

Foundations for Learning & Development  
Introduction to Teaching Methods  
College Introduction to Education/ECE  
Teacher Internship Program  
Education Academy

### Culinary

Foods 1, Foods 2  
College Culinary Arts/ProStart I & II

### Human Services

Sociology  
AP Psychology  
Personal Care Services: Cosmetology  
World Languages: French, Italian, Spanish

## Agricultural Education

### Agricultural, Food, Natural Resources

Food Science  
Plant and Animal Systems  
Veterinarian Science  
AP Environmental Science

## Health Science Technology

### Health Science

Intro to Health Careers  
Medical Terminology  
Nursing Assistant Training  
Experiential Medical Physiology Biochemistry

# Next Steps..

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- Attend District 214 college/post-secondary planning events.
- Colleges come to WHS and BGHS - You can find out which colleges are coming through the announcements and Naviance
- Develop Career and College goals



# How To Explore College

- Campus Visits
- Junior Core and Junior Registration
- Naviance/Website (college searches & personality inventory)
- Appointment with counselor or me
- Family discussions
- College representatives      March - April in CCC
- First Generation College Trip      daytime field trip - Wednesday, April 17th
- Essay Writing Workshop      per. 3,4 - Tuesday, March 12th @ BGHS
- Evening events:
  - “Ask the College” Night      7:00 pm - Wednesday, February 20th @ FVEC
  - “Junior Financial Aid” Night      7:00 pm - Tuesday, March 12th @ RMHS
  - “D214 College Fair”      6:30 pm - Tuesday, April 9th @ FVEC
  - “Selective School” Night      TBA

# “Right Fit” What Colleges Look At

## #1 Transcript

- Freshman - Junior year
- Current senior year courses in progress
- Rigor of your senior year
- Overall level of difficulty
- Grades in core courses
- Cumulative GPA

## #2 Standardized Test Scores

- ACT
- SAT



## #3 Non-Academics

- Essay/Personal Statement
- Letter of recommendations (Teacher/Counselor)
- Activities - How colleges view them (quality vs. quantity)
- Level of interest
- Interview
- Deadline dates

# WHS College Symposium- April 18, 2019

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Central College

Elmhurst College

Florida Atlantic

Harper College

Marquette University

Robert Morris University

Saint Louis University

North Park University

University of Cincinnati

University of Illinois Springfield

Western Illinois University

Military

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# SIGN UP FOR THE D214 COLLEGE FAIR

<https://app.strivescan.com/students>

# Examples of College Visits at BGHS and WHS

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MacMurray College

University of South FL @ Tampa

University of Pittsburgh

University of Illinois Chicago

Northern IL University

University of Alabama

University of IL @ Springfield (UIS)

University of IL @ Chicago (UIC)

Missouri State University

Harper College

Columbia College Chicago

University of St. Francis

McKendree University

Western Michigan University

University of Wisconsin Platteville

Elmhurst College

# CHOICES: ASSOCIATES DEGREE = 2 YEARS

## Public (Harper College)

- Open enrollment - still need ACT for placement
- Transfer to 4 year or seek full-time employment
- Commuter/District 214, 211, 220

## Private (Lincoln College & Kirkwood College)

- Open enrollment - still need ACT for placement
- Transfer to 4 year or seek full-time employment
- Residential

# CHOICES: BACHELOR DEGREE = 4 YEARS

## Public (12 in Illinois)

- Regional/Comprehensive
- Medium - Large (10,000-40,000 enrollment)
- Liberal - Selective admissions
- Admissions based on academics
- Cost

## Private

- Liberal Arts based or
- Technology based or
- Specialty based
- Small - Medium (1,000-10,000 enrollment)
- Liberal - Selective admissions
- Conservative-liberal atmosphere
- Religious or Christian based
- Look at the “whole student”
- Cost

# Types of Schools

— Develop a final list with colleges of EACH type:

- **Safety schools:** Exceed admission requirements and chances for admission are strong (Make sure at least one is affordable)
- **Target:** Chances for admission are 50/50. You fall within average range for the most recently accepted class
- **Dream/Reach:** Chances for admission are less than 50% (you fall below average based on admission criteria)



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# SuperMatch

*\*Make sure you save your search\**

# Financial Aid

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- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):
  - Required by every college and university
  - 2019-20 FAFSA: Available Oct 1, 2019
  - Will ask for 2018 income
  - You must create a FSA ID **BEFORE** applying to the FAFSA

# Financial Aid Continued

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What is a Grant?

What is a personal loan? Bank loan? (paying back with interest)

What are scholarships and how to look for them?

Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May

Applications

FAFSA

Scholarships

Admissions Decisions

Award Letters

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Questions?

Thank you for attending!