

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Students are assigned a counselor alphabetically. It is important that parents become acquainted with this person so they can work together to assist the student through the high school years.

A - J Ms. Tamara Nabozny K - Z Mrs. Tina Marcantonio

A student can arrange to see his/her counselor by stopping by the counseling office before or after school and arranging for an appointment. Parents are invited to call the school to make appointments.

Counseling Statement

The primary goal of the Counseling Department is to assist students in becoming self-directed individuals. Throughout their experiences at Annapolis High School students will be faced with making decisions regarding their career, education and personal life. Counselors are experienced and trained in the kinds of problems that confront today's students and are always ready to assist students with their personal goals. Some of the services available through the counseling staff include the following:

Educational Counseling

The high school counselor works with each student to develop a relevant and meaningful plan of work for the four years of attendance at Annapolis High School. Parent, student and counselor input is necessary for the development of the plan of work. It is suggested that each student have realistic post graduate goals to work toward during their high school years.

Career Center

The Career Center, located in the Media Center, offers both print and non-print materials, videos and computer programs to provide career awareness and exploration. Students are encouraged to visit in order to make career decisions, investigate post-secondary education opportunities and seek related financial aid information. The Media/Career Center is open before and after school, during two lunch periods, and is available for use during the school day.

Career Pathways

Career pathways are a set of defined academic, career-technical programs, college or university programs that lead students to a successful and fulfilling career. The Michigan Career Preparation System uses the six categories or pathways listed below. Each contains information on the traits and characteristics included in the pathway. Career Pathway Assessment forms may be found at the Library Media/Career Center and in the counseling office. Students should visit the ECOS system listed above for more information.

- ***ARTS & COMMUNICATION***
Careers related to:
 - ❖ Communications; The performing arts; Visual, literary and media arts
- ***BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, & MARKETING TECHNOLOGY***
Careers related to:
 - ❖ Accounting; Business administration; Finance; Information processing; Marketing
- ***ENGINEERING/MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY***
Careers related to technologies necessary to design, develop, install or maintain physical manufacturing systems:
 - ❖ Engineering and related areas; Mechanics & repairers; Manufacturing technology; Precision production; Electronics; Construction trades and related industries
- ***HEALTH SCIENCES***
Careers related to the promotion of health as well as the treatment of injuries, conditions and disease:

- ❖ Dentistry; Medicine; Nursing; Therapy and/or rehabilitation; Diet and nutrition; Physical fitness
- **HUMAN SERVICES**
Careers related to:
 - ❖ Child and family services; Civil service; Education; Hospitality; Social services; Law enforcement and legal education; Religion and related careers
- **NATURAL RESOURCES & AGRISCIENCE**
Careers related to:
 - ❖ Natural resources; Agriculture & agriscience; Environmental conditions

Career Counseling

Making career and job choices are some of the more important decisions that young people must make. Students are encouraged to use the expertise of the counseling staff and are often referred to the media center where they can access career software to assist them in making career decisions.

College-Bound and Standardized Testing

PSAT - NMSQT - The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is offered annually in October to all juniors. Any junior planning on attending college should take this test. A fee may be assessed.

ACT - The American College Test is available to juniors and seniors. Students should see their counselors for the dates, time and cost.

SAT - The Scholastic Aptitude Test is available for juniors and seniors. This test is required for admission by most colleges in the State of Michigan and is used by the State of Michigan to select Michigan Competitive Scholarship recipients. This test is also now part of the MME (Michigan Merit Exam) taken by all Juniors. If you pass the MME and want to retake the SAT, see your counselor for testing dates and times. There may be a fee assessed for this test retake.

Vocational Aptitude - ASVAB - The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. This test is optional to any junior and senior. Since ASVAB is a vocational aptitude test, its primary value is in relating the test scores to jobs in the vocational-technical fields.

PSAT9-10 - The PSAT9-10 is designed by the Scholastic Aptitude Testing Program (SAT) and is comprehensive assessment that will give your ninth and tenth grader an "edge" in planning and preparing for the post-high school years. As this is a pre-test for students that will take the SAT, the school district gives this test to all freshmen and sophomores to gage their readiness for the SAT that they will take as juniors as part of the MME.

MME - The Michigan Merit Exam (MME) is administered in the spring of the junior year. These test are used by the State of Michigan to evaluate achievement of students in science, mathematics, communication arts, and social studies. This test is comprised of the SAT and State developed tests. The SAT scores will be accepted by colleges. The school district requires that all students take the MME as a part of the graduation requirements.

9th Grade	-	PSAT9
10th Grade	-	PSAT10
11th Grade	-	Michigan Merit Exam (MME)
11th Grade	-	PSAT-NMSQT - The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
11th/12th Grade	-	American College Test (ACT)

- 11th/12th Grade - Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)
- 11th/12th Grade - ASVAB - Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test

College Applications

Students are urged to begin the application process in September of their senior year. The application deadlines vary from college to college. College applications are available online. Counselors request that every effort be made by students to have their applications in by December 1st of their senior year.

College Transcripts

Colleges require that official transcripts be sent with the application. The process to send an official transcript to a college is to go to the AHS website, <http://district7.net/annapolis/index.html>, and at the bottom of the Annapolis High School webpage click on the *Docufide* link, sign up for a password, log in and follow the instructions. There is no charge to have transcripts sent to any Michigan college. Otherwise the charges are listed on the *Docufide* website.

Financial Aid

Financial aid forms for colleges are available only on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov beginning October 1st. The deadline to apply is March 1st.

Personal Counseling

Personal problems are a frequent cause of lower performance in school. Through personal or group counseling, students can learn ways of solving problems that currently exist. In addition, they learn a method that can be used in future problem solving. Counseling of this nature is always conducted on a confidential basis. Types of personal counseling that are available include:

- A. A district-wide social worker available on a scheduled basis or at the request of staff and/or parents
- B. Group counseling
- C. School psychologist
- D. Teacher referrals - students with behavioral or personal problems
- E. Crisis counseling
- F. Peer counseling