9-12 Advanced Placement Exam and College Admission Exams

All students at Burke have the opportunity to enroll in numerous college-level Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment classes which prepare them to pass AP exams and earn college credit while still in high school. For current acceptance policies for regional universities, please contact your college or university.

Two important tests for admission to college are the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT) and the American College Testing exams (ACT). One or the other is required for admission and/or placement in most colleges and universities. Both tests are given several times a year on Saturdays and may be repeated for improved performance – the best scores may be used. It is advisable for students to take them in late spring of their junior year and in the fall of their senior year. Some select colleges require SAT II subject tests. If you have any questions, consult with a counselor.

Student Success Center

These programs are designed to modify inappropriate behavior without loss of school time. They serve as an alternative to short-term suspension for some infractions. Student Success Center takes place during the school hours of 7:40 a.m.-3:05 p.m. on designated school days and the student’s teachers will be contacted to send work for the student to complete. Failure to serve a SSC assignment will result in a two day suspension from school and a student intake conference with a parent and administrator.

School Counseling Department

Burke High School’s Counseling Department offers a proactive comprehensive program. It combines teaching a counseling curriculum to all students and responding to the unique and individual needs of students.

There are eight counselors at Burke High School. Students are assigned to one counselor, but have opportunities to work with all eight counselors. The role of the school counselor is to contribute to the academic success of students. They do this by helping to remove barriers that hinder student success. There are three ways to access a school counselor.

1. Assignment – School counselors are assigned to assist students specifically with registration, course selection and scheduling concerns. Again, students may always request to see any one of their school counselors; however it is likely they will see their assigned school counselor during the registration process.

2. Counselor-of-the-Day – Each day a school counselor is on duty as the Counselor-of-the-day. This school counselor serves as an initial contact for students, staff and families seeking guidance assistance including inquiries if the assigned school counselor is unavailable, delivering classroom lessons, facilitating small groups or out of the office. The Counselor-of-the-day is publicized in the Guidance office.

School Counselor Assignment

Students are assigned to school counselors who can assist them with general information and resources for success at Burke High School. Students may always request to see any one of the school counselors; however, it is likely they will see their assigned school counselor for general needs.

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