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If your child is not successfully completing or is at risk of not completing necessary credits for graduation required by Coopersville High School and the Michigan Merit Curriculum, please contact your child's teacher or school counselor about the availability of tutoring or other supplemental educational support that may be available.
Requirements for graduation may be found in the Coopersville High School Student Handbook or Course Description Booklet available online at www.coopersvillebroncos.org

Brains are Wired to Learn (But in Unique Ways!)



Maybe you always knew your brain was different! There are many different theories around learning styles. At Coopersville High School we utilize a very simple on-line assessment. Try it! You may learn something new about yourself and your student.

www.careercruising.com

User name: *coopersville*

Password: *broncos*

Click on "Assessment"

Click on "Learning Styles Inventory"

Answer the short set of questions and get your results.

If you don't know how your brain is wired, it is likely that studying and learning in the classroom will be more difficult for you.

For instance, if you are a hands-on ("tactile" or "kinesthetic") learner, your brain is ready to learn as long as you are

moving. Expecting to learn your vocabulary words by sitting on the couch and staring at the list for 30 minutes isn't going to help you pass the test. Making flashcards and practicing them as a speed game with a friend or walking around the neighborhood practicing them out loud will help you learn. You're moving!

There are 3 main learning styles: auditory, visual, and tactile. For a full list of ideas of how to study and learn based on your learning style, see our school website or just call us and we'll send you a copy.

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Click on Buildings

Click on High School

Click on Student Services

Click on Student Resources

Click on Learning Styles

What Kind of Learner are You?

Auditory



Remembers names of people he/she meets (forgets faces). Difficulties following written directions.

One idea to try:

Read out loud to yourself: notes, reading assignments, study guides, etc. Close your eyes and repeat the information out loud again until you get the entire answer correct.

Visual



Learns best when information is presented visually and in a picture or design format.

One idea to try:

Take notes in class using a 4-color-in-1 pen. Color code the notes you take. Use symbols like "=" instead of the word "equals."

Tactile



Learns best by DOING things, moving around and touching objects.

One idea to try:

Switch study locations while studying. Try twice an hour. When you take breaks, do something physical.

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**CHS Testing:
March 9, 10 and 11**

All freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be participating in standardized testing in March.

Freshmen will be taking the **EXPLORE**. Sophomores will be taking the **PLAN**. Both of these tests will help prepare students for the ACT as juniors.

All juniors in the state of Michigan will be taking the **MME**. Students who are absent will be required to attend a make-up session.

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Please contact the Counseling office and give us your email address!

Dual Enrollment

This policy allows students the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. Our students can take classes at neighboring colleges during 11th and 12th grade. Benefits include:

1. Reduced tuition rates (CAPS actually pays a portion of the tuition),
2. A jump-start in earning college credit, and
3. Access to a wide range of rigorous academic courses not currently offered at CHS.

Students will be invited this winter to attend a meeting to learn more.

MAX the Cash

If your student is a senior and contemplating college, make sure you attend ...

College Goal Sunday

February 14, between 2-4 p.m.

Have an expert help you fill out the FAFSA
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Talk to financial aid professionals about financial aid resources and how to apply.

Get information regarding state-wide student services, admission requirements, and more!

Not sure about college? Apply for the money and decide later!
If you wait, chances are you'll get less.

Go to CollegeGoalSundayUSA.org for details on what to bring

Grand Valley State University—Pew Campus
DeVos Center
401 Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI 49504-6431

Baker College—Muskegon
The Library Learning Connection
1903 Marquette Ave
Muskegon, MI 49442

FRESHMEN

For the first time this year, freshmen will be taking the EXPLORE test as their spring standardized test. In years past, they have taken the Iowa or the Stanford. We have switched to the EXPLORE test, because it helps 9th graders explore a broad range of options for their future. EXPLORE prepares students not only for high school coursework, but for their post-high school choices as well.

JUNIORS

March brings the MME. The ACT is day 1 of this 3-day state required exam. You will have the opportunity to send your ACT score to 4 different colleges for free. Because paperwork is filled out in advance of the test on March 9, you will need to know which colleges to send your scores to THIS MONTH. Although you can take the ACT as many times as you like, it will only be offered for free in March through your high school. Need help picking colleges of interest? See your counselor!!!

To make sure you do your best on the MME, get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast in the morning!

SOPHOMORES

Sophomores will be updating their on-line EDP (Educational Development Plans) in English class in February. Leading to it is a career exploration unit that requires practice making a 10-year life plan. Ask your student about it!

SENIORS

If you haven't completed your college applications yet, do so immediately! Just ask your counselor for help if you have questions. Remember, the deadline for your on-line FAFSA application is March 1!