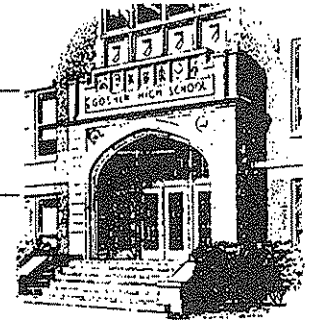

GOSHEN HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent or Guardian

A recent study reports that by the year 2018 nearly 55% of all jobs in the state of Indiana will require some type of college or post secondary training. With reports like these it is becoming more important that all of our students are college and career ready. College and career readiness begins with having the foundational skills in Math and Language Arts to be successful in all types of postsecondary settings. The foundational skills that are needed for CCR (College and Career Readiness) are deeper than what is currently required for graduation.

In order to help students meet these higher expectations, the Indiana Legislature passed a law that says we must identify and assess students that may not be on track to be college and career ready by graduation. If it is determined that a student is not on track, we will then provide the necessary support to help them be ready.

Your student will be provided the opportunity to take a diagnostic assessment test to identify their areas of strength and weakness. This assessment is called the AccuPlacer Diagnostic exam. Your student only has to take the sections where their ECA or PSAT scores indicated the need for assistance. In other words, some students will need to take the reading section while others will need to take the math sections.

This assessment will have several benefits for your student. The most obvious benefit is that it will better prepare students for tests like the SAT, ACT or college placement exams. Results can also be used by counselors, parents and students to make future plans. **This test is not required for graduation but is important because it may have long term effects on college acceptance and high school course schedules.**

We apologize for the rushed timing of this test, but the state of Indiana began the rollout of this program in late December. Regardless of the timing, we hope to use this opportunity to truly benefit our students and help better prepare them for life after high school.

Please feel free to contact us or your child's counselor if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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