

**GREAT** things  
are happening at  
Irvington High  
School!



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- Located at 1253 Clinton Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey
- New, state of the art Outdoor Athletic Complex including a turf football/soccer field and new track and field facilities
- Home of the Blue Knights!

# Vision Statement

The students of Irvington High School will reach their full academic potential through exposure to a challenging and rigorous curriculum that addresses the learning styles of all students through differentiated instructional strategies and authentic assessments.

## Mission Statement

The Irvington High School Staff will be dedicated to student academic success through a rigorous and relevant curriculum that empowers students to become productive, responsible, and self-directed citizens. Through the collaborative efforts of staff, parents, and community, activities will be designed to strengthen school pride and character among students.



# GO BLUE KNIGHTS!



# What Guidance Can Do for You

- Schedule your classes each year.
- Assist you with your program of study planning.
- Provide information on college, trade and technical schools.
- Provide support if you are having trouble with any of your classes.
- Provide information regarding extracurricular activities.
- Help you understand your report card, your GPA, and your transcript.



# Irvington High School Guidance Department

GREAT THINGS ARE  
HAPPENING AND WE ARE  
CELEBRATING STUDENT  
SUCCESS!

Inspire...to Dream...to Pursue...to Achieve



# Career & College Preparation

## GOALS:

- Increase student exposure to career & college opportunities
- Increase the number of students taking the SATs
- Increase the number of college applications processed
- Establish a Career Center for students with computers and various career/college planning resources
- Organize a Career Fair in both Middle Schools



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- More than 15 College presentations featured state and private institutions, such as Rutgers, Seton Hall, and Harvard.
- A total of 90 on-site college admission interviews were conducted.
- 8 Instant-decision days resulted in **22 offers of admission** and 21 EOF Referrals.
- Financial Aid awards exceeded **\$100,000** in scholarships, with an additional savings of **\$4,500** in application fees
- Both Middle Schools hosted a Career Fair
- 179 SATs were administered to IHS Students, an increase from 103.

# IHS College & University Presentations

*“Prepare to be Surprised!”  
~ Carmen Fazzolari,  
IHS Counselor*

## WHAT'S NEXT...

- Increase number of college workshops for students
- Increase in college applications
- Increase the number of students taking the SATs
- Utilize a Web-based Career & College Planning Program
- Increase workshops to prepare our students with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life & Career Skills



*“Dreams Don’t Work  
Unless You Do”  
~ Angela Lawrence,  
IHS Counselor*

# CAREER & COLLEGE CENTER

Located in the West Wing, the Career Center provides the following services for our students:

- 1) Computers for college research, completing college applications, scholarship application submissions, career assessments, and interest inventories.
- 2) Resource Library of resources pertaining to colleges, scholarships, careers, and other opportunities.
- 3) Staffed with a Counselor, during lunch periods, daily.
- 1) Extended AM hours on Wednesday & Friday (7:30-8:15am) and Afternoon Hours on Monday & Thursday (2:30-3:30pm)
- 1) College admission visits & career-related programs/presentations.







# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT AREA	CREDITS REQUIRED
English Language Arts	20
Mathematics	15
Science	15
Social Studies	15
Health/PE, JROTC, Dance	20
Visual & Performing Arts	5
Career, Consumer, Family, Life Skills	5
World Languages	5
Electives	22.5
Financial Literacy	2.5
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>125</b>



# CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION

25 CREDITS Earn 5 credits in both grade level Math and English		GRADE 10
55 CREDITS Earn total of 10 credits in grade level Math and English		GRADE 11
85 CREDITS Earn total of 15 credits in grade level Math and English		GRADE 12
125 CREDITS Earn total of 20 credits in English and 15 credits in Math		GRADUATION

# LEVELS OF INSTRUCTION

- General
- Honors
- Advanced Placement

# English Language Arts

- Teachers are working in common planning groups 2 times per month to develop lessons and create formative assessments.
- They are also working on a protocol to analyze the results of formative and summative assessments.
- The analysis of assessment data will help to drive instruction in an effort to meet the needs of all learners.



# New Core ELA Program and Technology

Our new CORE ELA Program HMH's *Collections* has been adopted to work in tandem with our already successful READ 180 elective.

New SMARTboard technology has now been added to every ELA room.





# LANGUAGE ARTS ELECTIVES

- Journalism
- Creative Writing
- Expository Writing
- African American Literature
- American Ethnic Literature
- Drama
- Public Speaking
- READ 180 Next Generation



# MATHEMATICS

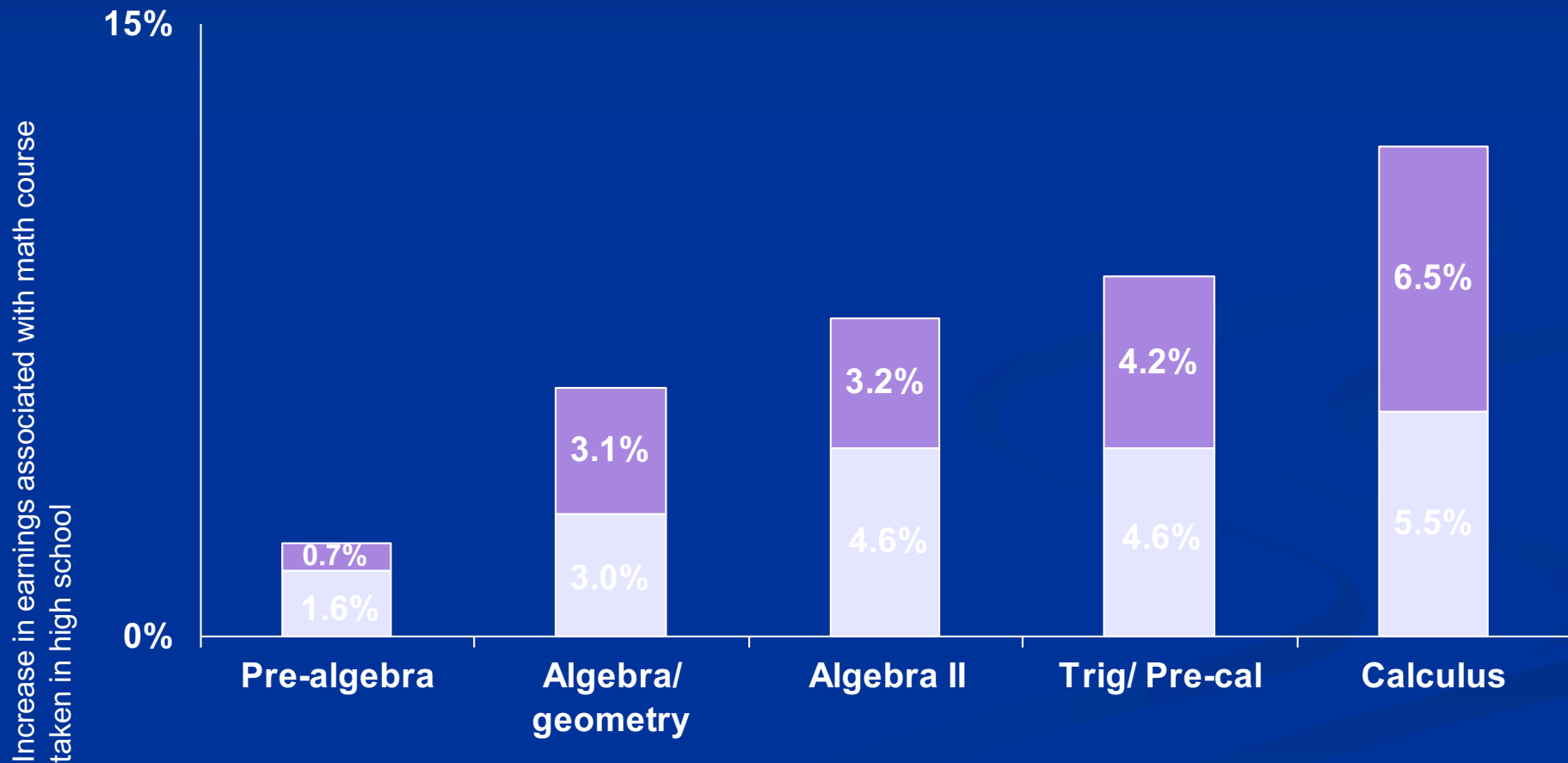
- Irvington Public Schools offer Many Opportunities for Students to Enroll in Advanced Math Classes
- Our Core Program Grade 6-12 : The Progressive Mathematics Initiative (PMI) is Aligned to the CCSS.
- Students are Encouraged to Take 4 Years of Mathematics Compared to the 3-year Recommendation by the State.
- The Mathematics Program Prepares Students for College and Career Readiness.
- Enrollment in Higher Level Math Courses steadily increases year to year.

# MATHEMATICS COURSES

- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry
- Pre-Calculus
- Calculus
- Probability and Statistics
- Calculus AB Advanced Placement (AP)
- Advanced Placement (AP) Statistics

# Advanced Math Improves Earnings

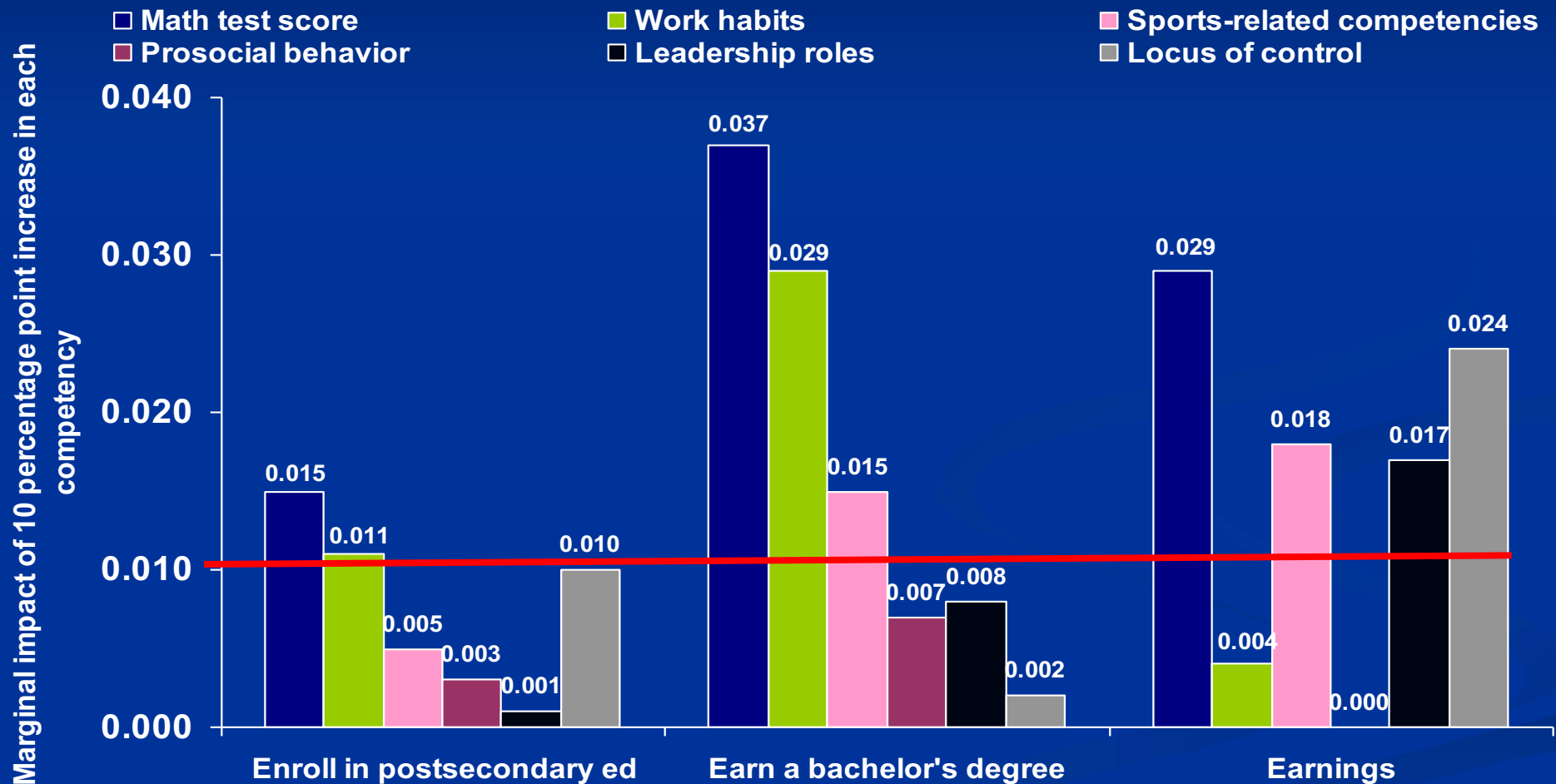
■ Due to college completion boost ■ Due to cognitive boost



Source: Rose, H. & Betts, J. R. (2004, May). The effect of high school courses on earnings. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 86(2), 497-513.  
Based on data in Table 2 on p. 501.



# Math Skills Are More Consistently Related to Postsecondary Success than Other Competencies



Source: Deke, D. & Haimson, J. (2006, September 15). *Valuing student competencies: Which ones predict postsecondary educational attainment and earnings, and for whom?* Princeton, NJ: Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (p. 21, TABLE IV.1)

NOTE: Only the values at or above the red line were statistically significant.

# SOCIAL STUDIES

- World History – (Honors)
- US History I – (Honors)
- US History II – (Honors)
- AP US History
- Financial Literacy (half a year)

## ELECTIVES

- African American History
- Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology (half a year)
- Social Issues (half a year)

# Science

High School science  
course sequence is  
changing to

Physics  $\implies$  Chemistry  
 $\implies$  Biology

Renovations to science  
rooms and labs

- 2 physics classrooms

- 1 physics hybrid  
room/lab

- 1 chemistry hybrid  
room/lab

- 1 chemistry room



# SCIENCE ELECTIVES

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP  
Environmental  
Science
- Forensic Science





# Science Success

The success of the Progressive Science Initiative has made Irvington High School a model school for the New Jersey Center for Teaching & Learning.

Pictured here are members of NJCTL, Irvington staff, NJEA and NEA officials, and representatives from East Orange School District



# WORLD LANGUAGES

- French
- Spanish

## Online Courses

- Arab
- Japanese
- Mandarin (Chinese)
- Italian

# Microsoft Office Certification

- Microsoft Office Certification Program
- Students will take classes in PowerPoint, Excel and Word and upon passing Microsoft Office Certification Test, will receive actual Microsoft certification as well as college credit from Berkeley College.

# Marketing Business Track

- Sales and Marketing
- E- Commerce
- Business Law

# Cosmetology Track

- Introduction to Cosmetology
- Cosmetology 1
- Cosmetology 2



# Additional Applied Technology Courses

- Accounting
- A+ Computer Repair
- Introduction to Computers
- Digital Publishing I and II

**G****R****E****A****T** Things  
Are Happening in  
**VISUAL AND**  
**PERFORMING**  
**ARTS!!**

# SUBJECT AREAS OF INSTRUCTION

- Visual Art
- Dance
- Music
  - Vocal
  - Instrumental



# VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

## VISUAL ART OFFERINGS

- Arts I, Grades 9-12 , Credit Hours: 5
- Arts II, Grades 9-12 , Credit Hours: 5
- Arts III, Grades 11-12 , Credit Hours: 5
- Artistically Talented, Visual Arts Grades 9-12
- Crafts I, Grades 9-12 , Credit Hours: 5
- Crafts II (Elective) Grades 9-12 (elective)
- Fashion Design Grades 9-12 (elective)
- Photography, Grades 9-12 (elective)
- Ceramics, Grades 9-12 (elective)
- Cartooning and Animation Grades 10-12 (elective)
- Sculpture
- Ceramics



# VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Half–Year Course Offerings Include:

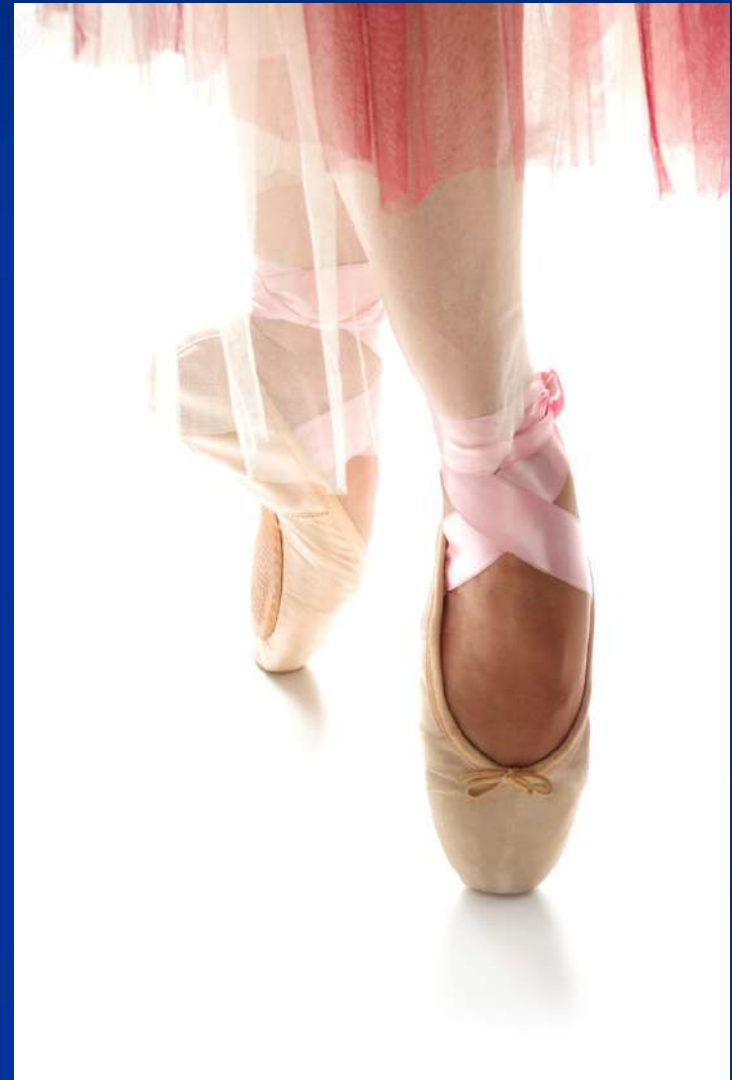
- Art I
- Crafts I
- Yearbook Design
- Dance - Jazz
- Dance - Hip Hop
- Dance - Modern





# VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS: DANCE

- Dance I
  - Hip Hop
  - Jazz
  - Ballet and Modern
- Dance /Physical Education Option II
  - Health Education
  - Hip Hop
  - Jazz
  - Ballet and Modern





# “Blue Knights Den”

a collaborative program provided by  
Care Plus NJ and Irvington High School  
Special Services Department



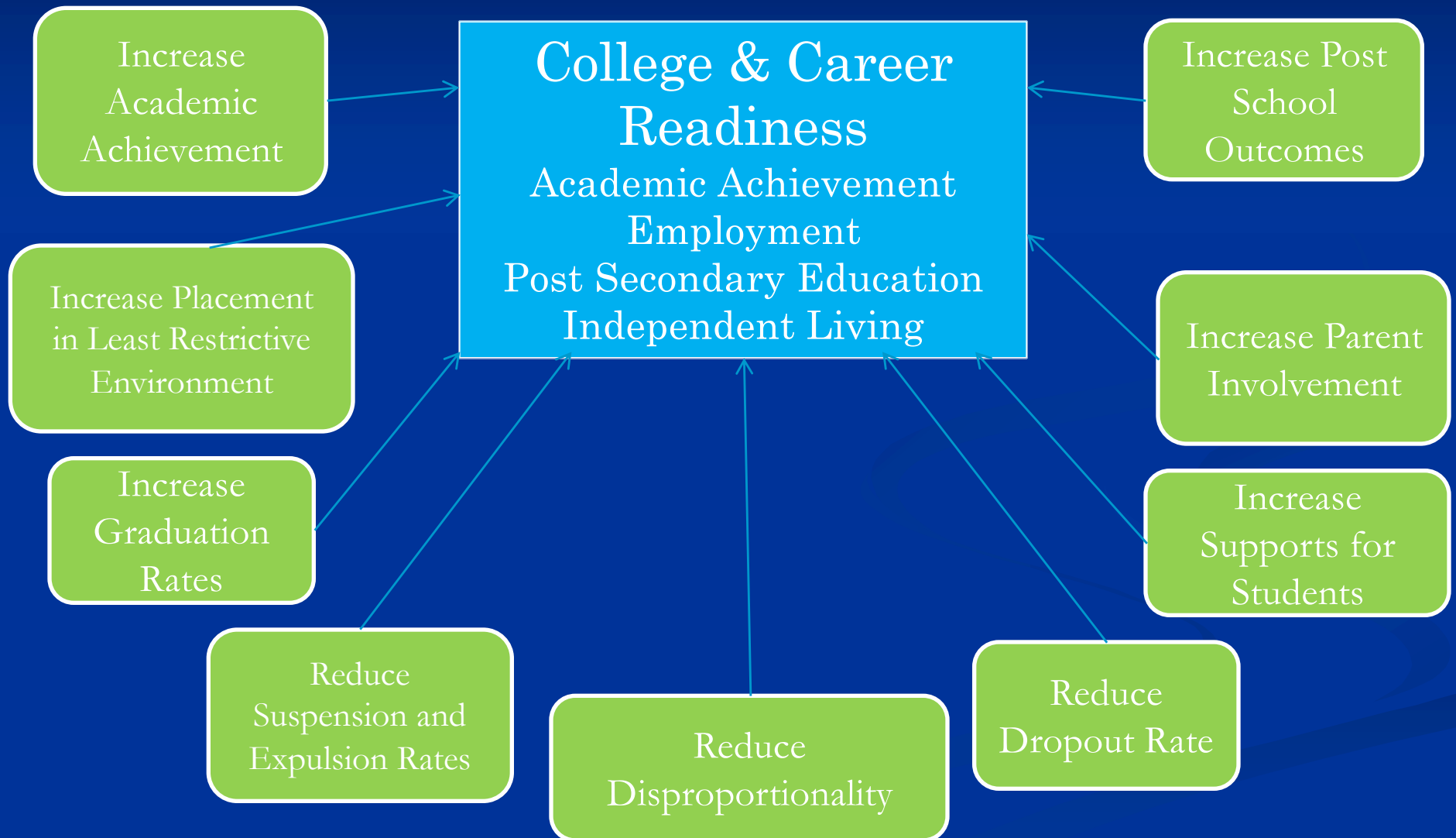
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# BLUE KNIGHTS DEN

- The Care Plus school-based service at Irvington High School - called the Blue Knights Den - opened its doors officially on December 19, 2013. It's the "home base" from which resident staff from Care Plus will work to provide school-based services for Irvington high school students.
- The program is based on the philosophy that students are more likely to realize academic success when provided with school-based therapeutic services.
- Care Plus provides individual and group counseling services, student workshops that assist in building a range of skills, two school wide events, six faculty workshops, monthly parent support groups, and assistance with crisis intervention.

# Special Education High School Goals





# Child Study Team Support at Irvington High School

School  
Psychologist,  
LDTC, Social  
Worker

## Special Education Team Meeting

Determine Eligibility  
Develop and Monitor IEP  
Annuals, Reevaluations

## Collaboration with Teachers

Observing students in class  
Support teachers in the IEP process  
Design strategic interventions to  
support teacher and student learning

## Intervention and Support Planning

Consultation with other professionals  
Support Teachers and Students to Improve Student Learning  
Problem Solving Process with parents to develop  
Intensive Interventions

Behaviorist,  
Counselors,  
Speech Therapist,  
Consultants

# #1 Tip for Freshmen

**STUDY.**

**DO YOUR BEST WORK.**

Freshman year GPA is one of three years that colleges and other schools will look at when deciding whether to admit a student.

# FRESHMAN YEAR SUCCESS TIPS

- Make good first impressions, especially on your teachers.
- Do not procrastinate, especially with projects and reports.
- Make new friends!
- Begin thinking about your future after Irvington High.
- Talk to a teacher, guidance counselor, coach, or administrator if you are having difficulty with academics or friends.



# #2 TIPS FOR FRESHMEN

## Get Involved

- Get involved in clubs, sports, and activities.
- Do community service!
- Be a volunteer!
- Get and stay organized!



# POWERSCHOOL PARENT ACCESS

The on-line PowerSchool  
**Parent Access** is a service that  
allows parents to keep track of  
their scholar's academic  
progress and attendance.



# DRESS CODE

- Irvington High School adheres to a strict dress code.
- Shirts (Polo or Dress Shirt, Navy Blue or White. Only the Irvington School logo is permitted.)
- Sweater (Navy Blue Sweater are the only outerwear that is permitted.)
- Pants, Skirts, and Shorts (Navy Blue or Khaki, Tights are not permitted.)
- Shoes and Sneaker are permitted . ( Flip-Flops and Sandals are not permitted.)

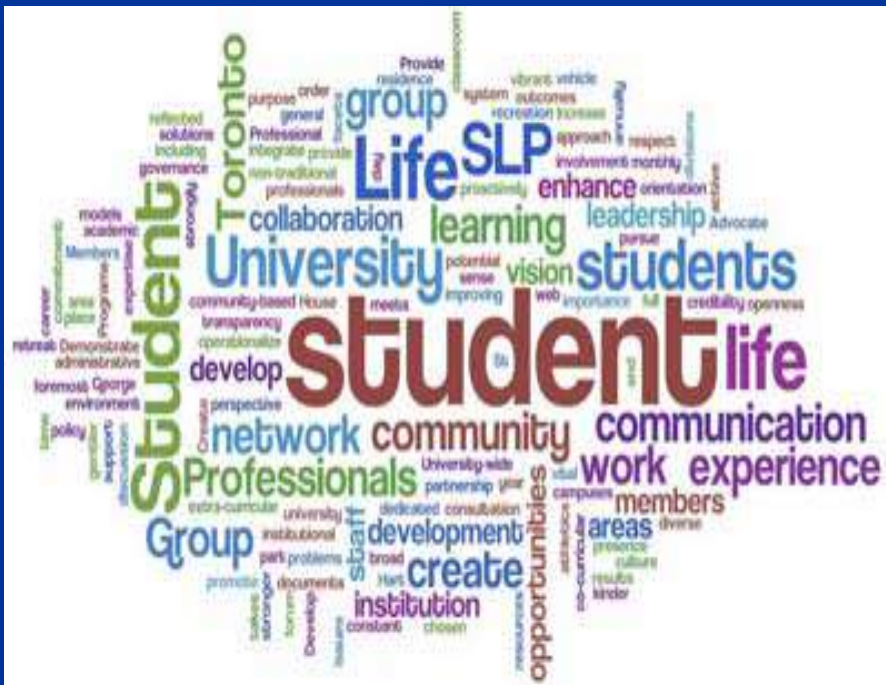
# DRESS CODE

- The administration has considered the three important areas of modesty, cleanliness and safety in determining appropriate school dress.

## NOT ALLOWED:

- Clothing with crude meaning or phrases or imprinted with drawings or slogans that appear to promote or condone the use of violence, alcohol or drugs, or contain profanity or sexual references;
- Coats, gloves, hats, bandannas, hair curlers, head scarves, etc. are not to be worn in classrooms/building;
- Shirts, blouses, dresses, etc. that display bare back or midriffs;
- “Muscle” shirts, tube tops, halter tops, tank tops, low cut shirts, spaghetti strap shirts, etc;
- Underwear worn as outerwear, underwear cannot be exposed and belts must be worn at the waistline;
- Sunglasses;
- Pajamas/pajama pants and/or slippers;
- Spiked jewelry and chains;
- Shorts, skirts, dresses must be 3-inches above the knee

# Student Life



- Graduation
- Proms
- Yearbook
- School Spirit Week
- Pep Rallies
- Clubs

# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

African American  
History Club  
Environmental Club  
Future Business  
Leaders of America  
Blue Knight  
Newspaper  
Cancer Awareness  
Club  
Consumer Bowl Club

JROTC  
Library Club  
Literary Journal  
National Honor Society  
Multi-Pot Dance Troupe  
Robotics  
Step Dance Club  
Student Council  
Yearbook



# ATHLETICS

- A 9th grade student will automatically be eligible to participate during the Fall and Winter seasons. To be eligible to participate in the Spring season he/she must be on their way to earning at least 30 credits towards the following school year.
- A student entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grades will be required to achieve 30 credits in the year prior to participate in Fall and Winter sports. To be eligible for Spring sports students must be on their way to earning at least 30 credits towards the following school year.



# FALL SPORTS

- Boys Soccer
  - JV and Varsity
- Cheerleading
  - Varsity
- Boys Cross Country
- Girls Cross Country
- Football
  - Freshman, JV and Varsity
- Girls Soccer
  - Varsity
- Girls Tennis
- Marching Band
- Band Front
- Girls Volleyball



# WINTER SPORTS

- Boys Basketball
  - Freshman, JV and Varsity
- Girls Basketball
  - JV and Varsity
- Cheerleading
  - Varsity
- Indoor Track
- Bowling
- Wrestling





# SPRING SPORTS

- Baseball
  - JV and Varsity
- Boys Spring Track
- Boys Tennis
- Girls Spring Track
- Softball
  - Varsity



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At Irvington High School

Graduation is Possible...

College is Possible...

A Career is Possible!