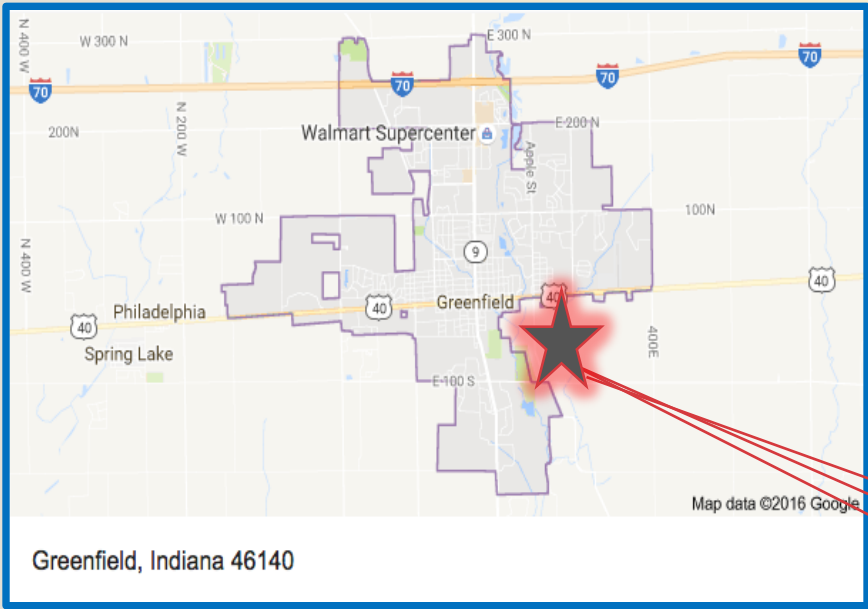


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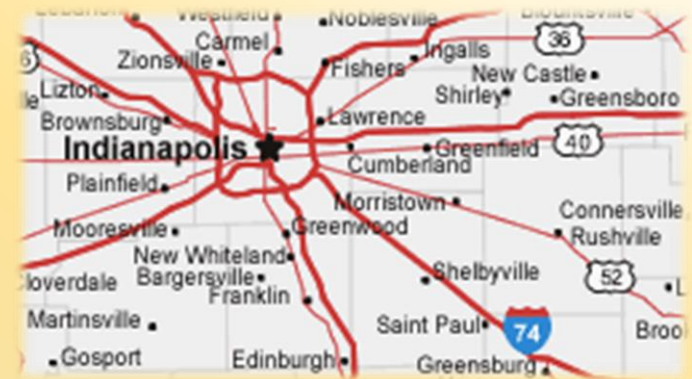


# MAKING YOUR NEXT MOVE

What you need to know about taking your next steps

# STEP 1: FIND THE PERFECT FIT

- College Campus Visits
- College Visits to G-CHS
- College Fairs
- Application Process
- Standardized Testing
- Career Exploration



## COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS

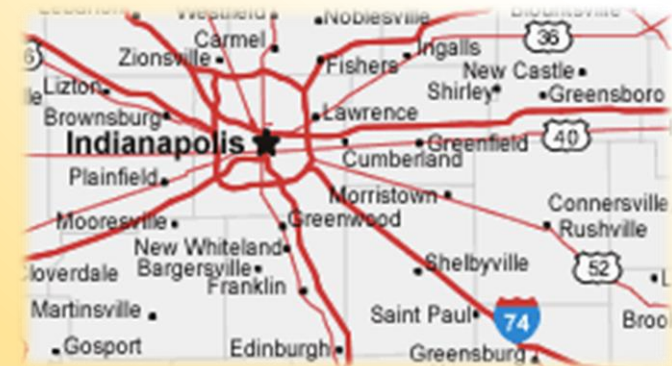
- Juniors & Seniors are allowed 2 per semester
- Family makes the appointment and informs the counselor of the date
- Counselor shares with attendance office
- Parent calls in the visit to the attendance office the day of the visit
- Student brings back a confirmation to attendance the next day
- Seniors: schedule a visit for October 30 NOW!

## COLLEGE FAIRS – PLEASE ATTEND ONE!

- Education Expo – Hancock County 4H Fairgrounds
  - Monday, Oct. 21 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM with workshops @ 5:30
  - <http://educatehancockcounty.com/education-expo/>
- National College Fair
  - Tuesday, Sept. 24 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (register ahead of time) – can use a college visit day for this event

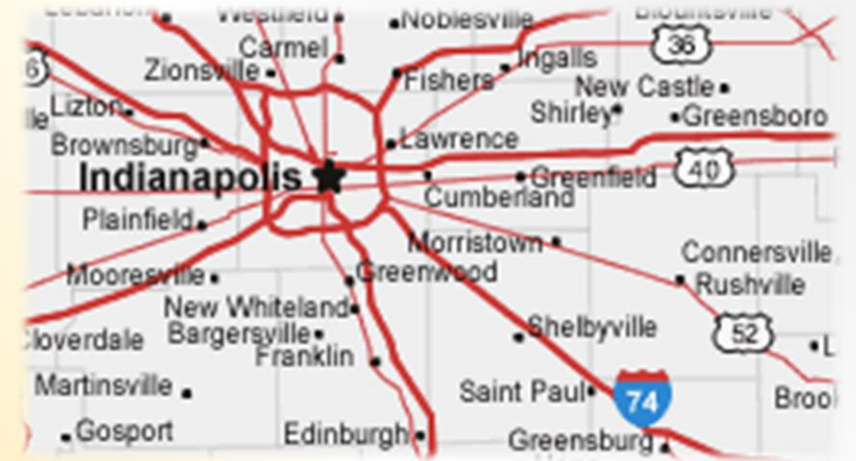
## COLLEGE VISITS TO G-CHS

- Juniors and Seniors are allowed to attend 3 visits each year
- Students sign-up online through Naviance Student and use their electronic confirmation as their pass



# THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

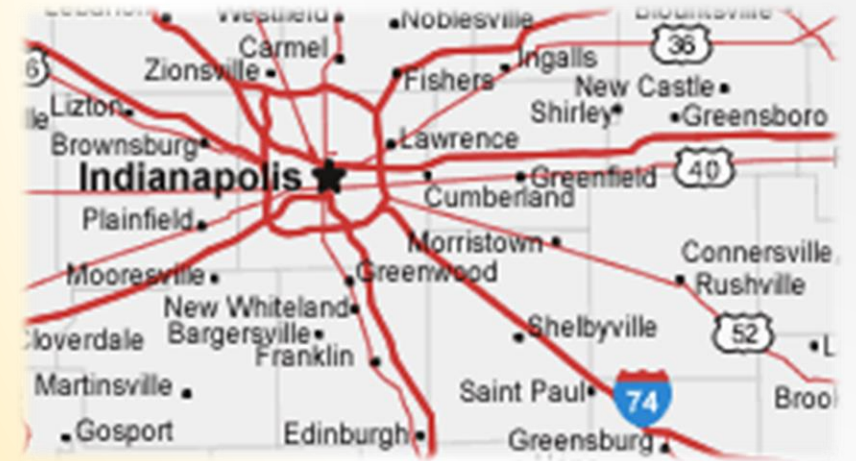
- Most admission applications are done online
- Students can use an individual college or university application or the Common Application (required by Purdue/IU Bloomington is using it this year, too)
- Students will submit counselor information so we can complete counselor recommendations electronically
- ALL transcripts are submitted electronically through Naviance Student. Students must submit the application and request a transcript.



*Students need to give the counseling staff at least a week to process secondary school reports and transcripts. Please do not expect these to be uploaded the same day you request it so pay attention to application deadlines.*

## STANDARDIZED TESTING – SAT & ACT

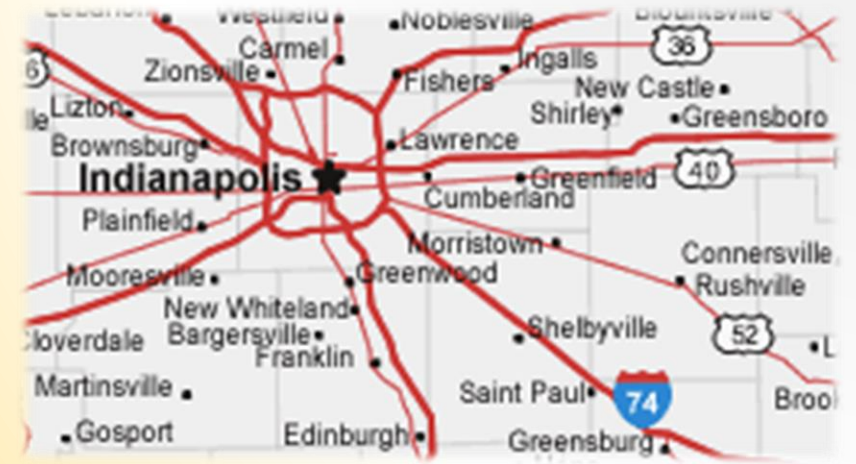
- Seniors should be registered for the October 5 SAT if they have not already taken a test or want to improve their current scores before college application priority deadlines.
- All test registration is done online so students must create accounts with The College Board (SAT) and ACT.
- The registration deadline for the October SAT is Friday, September 6! G-CHS is hosting this test.
- Juniors should take an ACT and SAT no later than the spring of their junior year (April-June) – earlier is OK.
- Most colleges “super score” the tests so taking it multiple times is fine.



***Students who plan to participate in NCAA collegiate athletics must submit their test scores directly from The College Board (SAT) and/or ACT. The NCAA will not accept test scores from our transcript.***

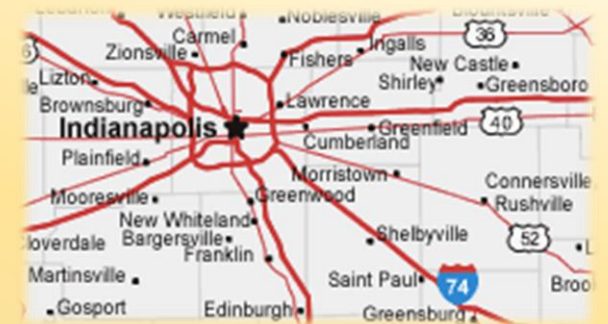
# NEED HELP IMPROVING YOUR TEST SCORES?

- **G-CHS is hosting a test prep workshop (ZAPS) Friday, September 13 during the school day for juniors and seniors who would like to raise their test scores.**
- **Registration is still open and there are plenty of seats still available. Register by visiting [www.doorwaytocollege.com](http://www.doorwaytocollege.com) or calling (877)-927-8378.**



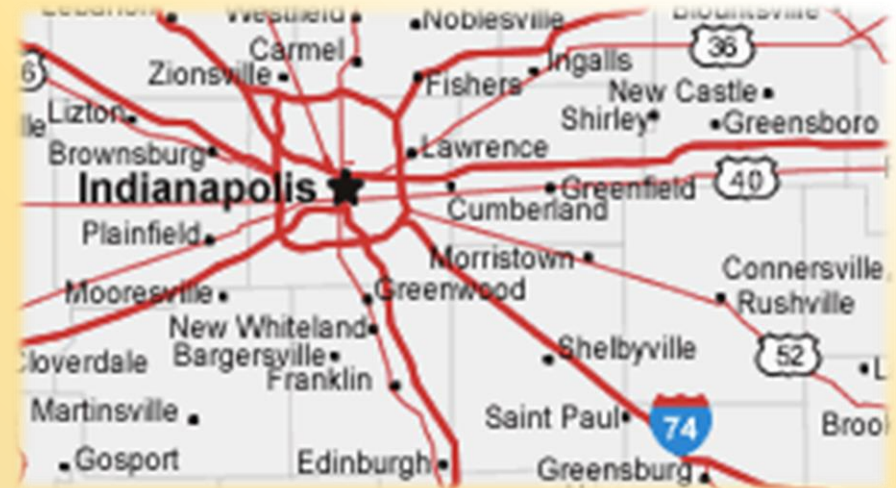
# CAREER EXPLORATION

- Naviance Student Resources
- Job Shadowing Opportunities
- NextLevel Jobs
- Military Recruitment



# STEP 2: FINANCE THE WAY

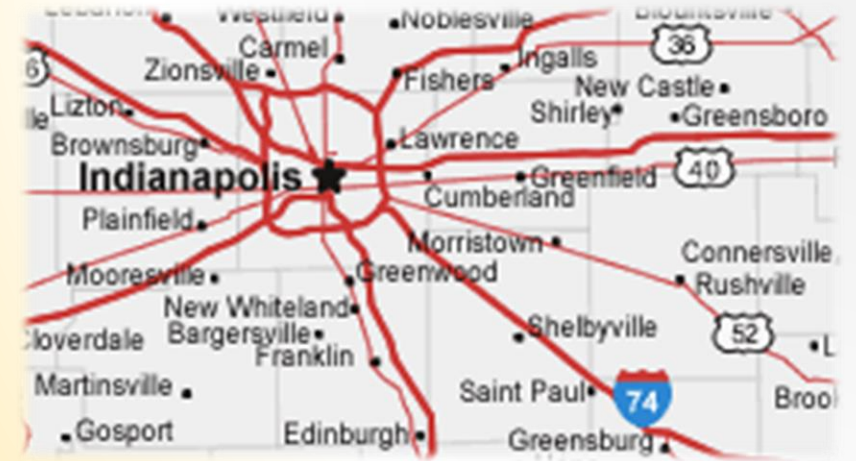
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships





# FINANCIAL AID

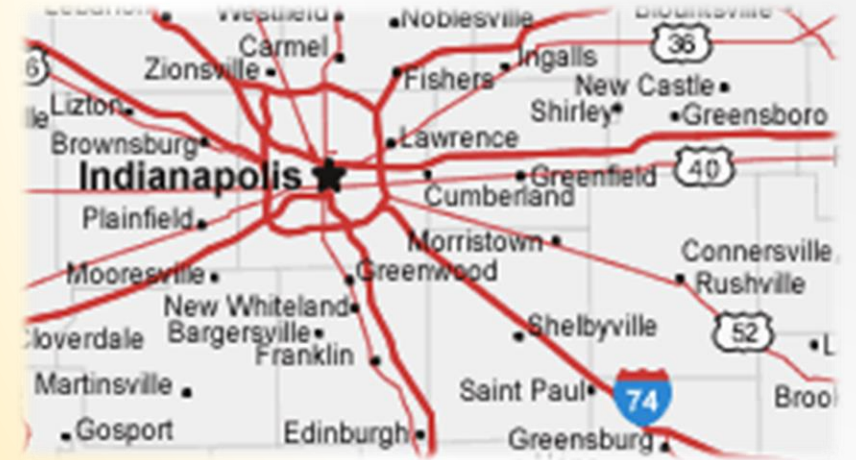
- The first day to file the FAFSA form is October 1, 2019.
- Families will use “prior prior” tax information meaning you will use your 2018 tax return - no need to wait to use your 2019 information!
- G-CHS will be hosting a FAFSA completion day on November 21 from 2:00 – 7:30 PM. Parents and students who have questions about filing the FAFSA or need help getting started or completing it should plan to attend.



*Both students and parents will need to create FSA IDs before filing the FAFSA. Seniors can do that now, but don't forget them!*

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

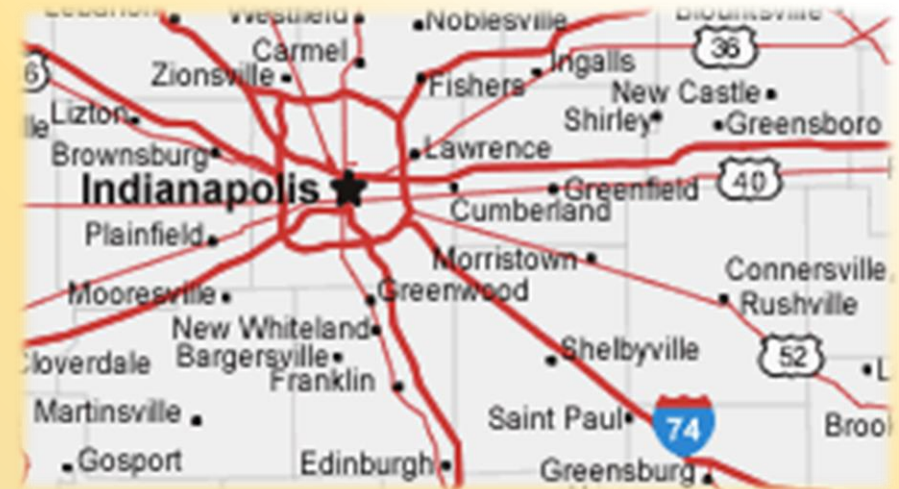
- The counseling office posts all received scholarship opportunities in Naviance Student,
- Seniors and their parents should check Naviance Student weekly for the most up-to-date scholarship information.
- Look for a mailer from the Hancock County Community Foundation this fall for their scholarship process.



*Students need to give the counseling office time to process and send transcripts for scholarships. Applications that need “official” transcripts must be processed by us.*

# STEP 3: STAY ON THE RIGHT PATH

- Important Dates
- Important Links



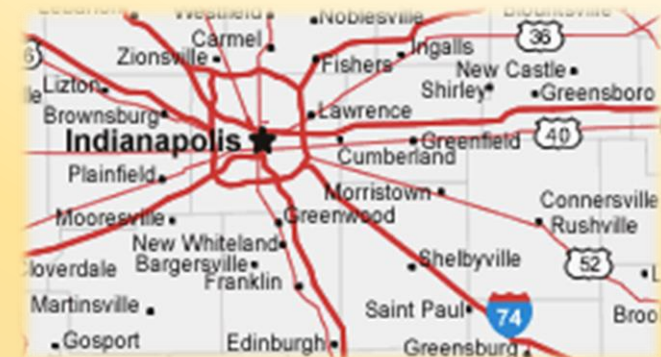
# GRADUATION PATHWAYS

Students can now graduate two different ways

- 1.) Credits and pass ISTEP
- 2.) Utilize Graduation Pathways

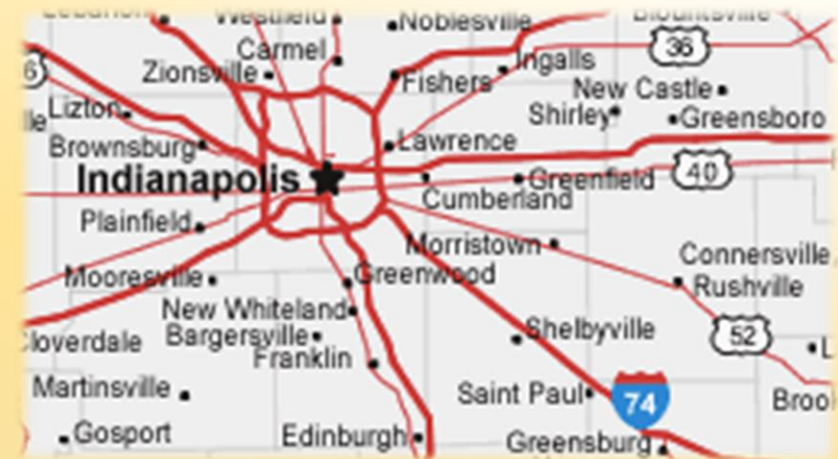
Graduation Pathways requires three different boxes:

- 1.) Credits
- 2.) Demonstration of employability skills (project-based learning, service-based learning or work-based learning)
- 3.) Completion of postsecondary-readiness competencies (do you have a path for after graduation?)



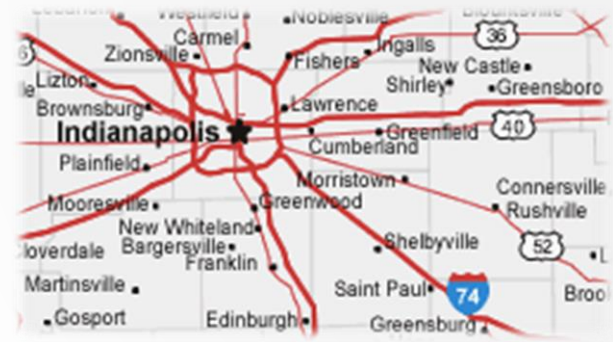
# IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 6: Registration deadline for Oct. 5 SAT
- Sept 14: ACT @ G-C (late registration deadlines is 8/30)
- Oct 7: SAT @ G-C
- Oct. 21: 6:00 – 7:30 PM Hancock Co. Education Expo College Fair
- Oct 30: “Don’t Fear the Future”
  - Seniors: College Visit, Job Shadow, Mentor/Protégé, ASVAB or Life Skills class at GCHS
  - Juniors: PSAT or ASVAB\*
- Nov. 21 FAFSA Completion Day at GCHS (2:00 – 7:00 PM)
- April 4: ACT @ G-C
- May 52: SAT @ G-C



- \*Students recommended to take the ASVAB may take the PSAT.

# IMPORTANT LINKS



## Education Expo – College Fair

<http://educatehancockcounty.com/college-fair-checklist/>

## National College Fair (pre-registration)

<https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/indianapolis-national-college-fair/>

## Naviance Student

<http://connection.naviance.com/greenfieldchs>

## The College Board (SAT test registration)

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat?navId=gh-sat>

## ACT (ACT test registration)

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/register.html>

# STEP 4: KNOW THE EXPERTS

## College Admission

*Becki Taylor, Assistant Director of Admission of Student Programs at Butler University (Cougar Meeting Room)*

## Financial Aid

*Alex Samuel, Marketing Associate of Outreach, INvestED (Auditorium)*

## Scholarships

*Janet White, Education Officer, Hancock County Community Foundation (Library)*

## Career Option and NextLevel Jobs

*Ali Szymanski, Outreach Coordinator East Region, Indiana Commission for High Education (Cafeteria)*