



COUNSELING CONNECTION



Students can schedule a meeting with their counselor through these [booking links](#).

Upcoming Dates

Go to the "[Upcoming Events](#)" section of the Counseling page on the high school website for details on all events, including college admissions rep visits and college fairs.

EVENT	WHO	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
PSAT Alternate Date	Interested 10th and 11th grade students	October 29th/ 7:15 arrival	West Gym
NACAC Virtual College Fairs	11th and 12th grade students and parents	November 8	Virtual
Wisconsin Education Fairs (Virtual Series)	10th-12th grade students and parents	3-6pm on the following dates: Nov 8, Feb 10, Mar 10, April 11	Virtual

College Admissions Rep Visits to KM go Virtual

Students are invited to virtual meetings with college admissions representatives during advisory to future options. All grades are welcome. Details, including the Google Meet link for each visit can be found in the "[Upcoming Events](#)" page on the Counseling section of the high school webpage (click on calendar event name for these details). From here students can add the meeting dates to their personal Google calendar for a reminder. The following schools have scheduled virtual meetings for KM campus students:

- UW-La Crosse - October 27
- Lawrence University - October 28
- UW-Madison - October 29
- Beloit College - October 29
- UW-Milwaukee - November 3
- George Williams College - November 4
- UW-Platteville - November 5
- Iowa State University - November 10
- Washington University in St. Louis - November 11
- Wisconsin Lutheran - November 12
- Columbia College Chicago - November 17
- Carroll University - November 19

AP Test Registration

The deadline to sign up for exams, without an extra fee, is quickly approaching. Please ensure that you are enrolled in your courses in both Total Registration and AP Classroom. [Here](#) are directions to sign up for your exam in AP. All information and deadlines are included in this [presentation](#) that was shared in AP classes at the beginning of the year. Note that this year all ordering and payments will be done online.

Please note a couple VERY important pieces of information:

- ★ Kettle Moraine has set our school deadline for the first round of ordering as November 6th. This is different from the RECOMMENDED date provided by the College Board. This allows time to ensure an accurate order.
- ★ If you do not pay your balance by the end of the day on November 6th will cancel your order, which then results in having to sign up late, which requires a \$40 late fee.
- ★ Students MUST sign up for their exam in BOTH Total Registration and AP Classroom. Failure to identify intent to take an exam in either system will result in not ordering a test, which then results in having to sign up late with a \$40 late fee. Leaving your exam status as undecided in AP Classroom is the same as saying “no” during ordering.
- ★ Students who have not started their AP course are on a different timeline for fees, however they can sign up for their exam now.

The specific links for Total Registration for each of our schools are linked below. Students are required to sign up for the exam in the school in which they are taking the course, so students may have to create two accounts if they are taking courses in different schools.

[KMHS](#)

[HS^2](#)

[Global](#)

[Perform](#)

If you have any questions or issues please contact our AP Coordinator, Pete Rortvedt (rortvedp@kmsd.edu)

PSAT Information

Please email Mrs. Petersen at petersenm@kmsd.edu if you are interested in testing on the new October 29th test date.

Dick Ohm Merit Award

The Dick Ohm Merit Award application is now available! This is an opportunity for Kettle Moraine High School campus students to be recognized for their participation in school activities, positive attitude in the classroom, service in our school community, and leadership through good behavior and citizenship during the school year. The application can be found in the [counseling section](#) of the high school webpage. *Please note that the requirements for the 2020-21 Dick Ohm Merit Award have been adjusted due to COVID restrictions.*

Test Prep Opportunities

- Method Test Prep - FREE online test prep course for Kettle Moraine students. Go to [XELLO](#) account to find the *Method Test Prep* course on the main dashboard, Links and Resources. Students must be logged into their KM Google account on browser to get into Xello.
- Kettle Moraine will be offering three 6-week courses through Wisconsin Test Prep. The sessions will focus on each of the ACT content areas and students will have the opportunity to take a pre and post practice test. Visit www.wisconsintestprep.com (School Schedules and Registration) for details.

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- Watch the [Class of 2021 Post High School Planning presentation video](#) to help answer questions about academic and career planning after high school. Here is a [PDF](#) of the presentation for access to links.
- Monitor application timelines, so you don't miss a deadline.
- All official transcripts are sent through [Parchment](#) (high school webpage, Counseling, "Transcript Request"). Once a personal account is set up, students can place transcript orders. Students are encouraged to use the [Step by Step instructions](#) to help with the process.
- ACT score reports must be sent directly from ACT.
- Check out this [LINK](#) for senior scholarship opportunities.

Post High School Financial Planning

- Sign up to attend [College Goal Wisconsin](#) for one on one virtual assistance to receive free information and assistance on completing the FAFSA. Sessions will be held in October and November.

Post High School Planning - Common App

Common App is a college application portal that is used to help prospective students apply to multiple institutions at once. Here is some information to assist students planning to use the Common App.

- [Application Guide](#) for Common App
- 2020-21 [Common App Essay Prompts](#)
- List of [institutions](#) using Common App
- Website - <https://www.commonapp.org/>

Post High School Planning - Letter of Recommendation

Interested in going to college but unsure where to start? Here is a link to a timeline created by KM students: [College Application Timeline](#).

Letters of recommendation: who to ask and what to include when asking someone. Here is a [link](#) to more detailed information from our website including a "[brag sheet](#)" to provide your recommender.

Post High School Planning - The Personal Statement

Seven tips for writing a quality college essay. 2020-21 essay prompts:

- [University of Wisconsin systems](#) application essay prompt(s).
- [Common App Essay Prompts](#)



7 TIPS FOR WRITING YOUR COLLEGE ESSAY

1. Brainstorm a list of your strengths
2. Make an outline and get your ideas on paper. (Don't worry about making your first draft perfect).
3. Develop a three part essay: intro, body paragraphs, and conclusion.
4. Take a specific angle on how your personal qualities relate to the essay question. Make sure what you write supports that viewpoint.
5. Be honest.
6. Show the first draft to family, friends, and teachers for feedback. Ask them if the essay reflects your personality and strengths.
7. Fix errors. Have someone else proofread.

Post High School Planning - Campus Tour Tips (Virtual)

Right now is a great time to start thinking about your post secondary plans. Whether it is the workforce, Military, or college that you are interested in, we have you covered.

FROM COLLEGE BOARD:

10 WAYS TO LEARN ABOUT COLLEGES ONLINE

1. Take a Virtual Tour

In addition to basic information—(size of campus and student body) many college websites offer virtual campus tours. Get a closer look at different parts of the campus using interactive maps and tools.

2. Learn About Everyday Life

A college's website, Facebook page and Twitter feed can tell you all about campus living. Look for info on campus clubs and organizations, cultural events, student government, sports, and more.

3. Browse the Course Catalog

Basic course information is often available in an online catalog. You can read short descriptions of all the current classes, learn about frequently offered elective classes and find out the requirements for each major.

4. Visit an Academic Department

Check out a posted syllabus to learn about the subjects a course explores and to estimate a class's workload. Read about professors' interests and expectations to find out what sorts of teachers you'll learn from. If you find a particular professor's research interesting, consider sending him or her an email.

5. Investigate Support Services

On a college's website, you can learn about the services it provides to help its students succeed. Academic support can include tutoring, writing assistance and study-skills courses. Other support includes things like help with the financial aid process, counseling and career-planning services.

6. Look into Housing Options

Find out what sorts of housing options are available for both freshmen and upperclassmen. You may be able to see images of dorm rooms, on-campus apartments and more.

7. Visit the Library

Curious about how large a college's book collection is? Browse the online library catalog, find out which databases the college uses and learn how the library informs new students about its services.

8. Explore Dining Options

College campuses offer all sorts of dining choices, such as restaurants, cafés, dining halls and more. Many college websites feature menus so you can see what sorts of food a college serves.

9. Read the Newspaper

A college's newspaper can reveal campus issues and introduce you to a college's activities. What types of stories do current students report on? What local events get coverage? College papers can also give you a feel for the level of student thinking and writing on campus.

10. Contact Alumni & Current Students

Find out what sorts of housing options are available for both freshmen and upperclassmen. You may be able to see images of dorm rooms, group houses, on-campus apartments and more.

Counseling Center Team

Students can schedule a meeting with their counselor through the booking links below

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