Welcome
Sophomore and Junior Parents

Navigating High School and Planning for College and Careers

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Let’s talk credits and graduation requirements
English: 4 credits required

- Journalism
- Writing for Publication
- British Literature
- Classical Literature
- Twentieth Century Perspectives
- World Literature
- Film as Literature
- AP English Language & Composition (11th/12th)
- AP English Literature (12th grade)
Mathematics: 4 credits required (Mandatory Senior Year)

All students should consult with their math teacher for course selections!

- **Algebra 1**
- **Geometry**
- **Algebra 2 or Algebra 2-Workplace**
- **AP Stats Pre-Calculus FST Data Analysis Consumer Math**
- **AP Calculus AP Stats Pre-Calculus Data Analysis FST Consumer Math**

Mathematical expressions:

- $\frac{2}{3}$
- $0.999... = 1$
- $\pi \approx 3.14$
- $\sqrt{2} = 1 + 2 \cdot 3 \div 5^2$
- $101_2 = 5_{10}$
Science: 3 credits required

- Biology
- Analytical Chemistry
- Geophysical Science
  - Physics
  - Geophysical Science
  - Analytical Chemistry
  - Chemistry
Social Studies: 3 credits required

9th grade
- 20th Century American History

10th grade
- World Studies

11th grade
- Economics and Government Cluster
- Government
  - OR
  - AP Government
- Economics
  - (Alg 2 Pre-Req)
  - AP Microeconomics
  - OR
  - AP Macroeconomics
World Language: 2 credits of the same language
Is your child on track to graduate with their class?

- Students must have a minimum of 11 credits by the end of their sophomore year to be on track for graduation.

What if my child is short credits?

Student must complete some credit recovery or attend a 5th year.

- One credit per semester is allowed.
- Options: Michigan Virtual University, Clintondale Virtual School, summer school, or retake the class at SLEHS
- Most credit recovery costs money and requires transportation.
- Student should meet with counselor for more info.
What is the best fit for post-secondary option?

2 year Community Colleges
- Cost effective
- Can earn an associate’s degree or transfer credits
- Great place to get basics

4 year Colleges/Universities
- Earn a bachelor’s degree
- Wider variety of courses
- Live on your own

Trade Schools
- Skill specific
- Very hands on learning
- Earn a certificate or license in area of study

Military
- Serve your country in 1 of 4 branches
- Can earn money for college
- Variety of skilled programs
5.0 point scale instead of 4.0 point scale
In a weighted GPA system, the GPA point value for each letter is increased by 1 point if it is an AP course.
Enables students to compete for college scholarships and admittance.

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April
- Juniors take the SAT w/Essay, WorkKeys, and M-STEP at school
  - No cost
  - No need to register
  - College reportable scores
  - Valid scores on all 3 days of testing required for graduation

SAT Retakes
- Register to retake at [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)
- The SAT is 3 hours and costs $49.50. If you add the optional essay, the test is 3 hours, 50 minutes and costs $64.50.
- Students take at a local National Test Site
- Dates are available online and in student services
College Board

- College Board creates and manages score reports for SAT and AP exams.
- Students must log-in to College Board to establish an account: https://www.collegeboard.org/
- As soon as students sign-up online with College Board, their scores from previous tests may be viewed.
- Additional Score Reports may be sent to colleges when the student completes the request through College Board.
- For Help with student College Board Account call 866-756-7346
**Academic Opportunities**

- Xello, formally called Career Cruising, Educational Development Plan
- Career Speakers during Cougar Hour
- College Visits during Cougar Hour
- Testing Out- 78% or higher applications due (Dec. 1 & May 1)
- AP (Advanced Placement) courses, 13 AP classes
- Firefighter Academy-Cadets meet at Howell High School, transportation not provided by SLCS
OSTC

Oakland Schools Technical Campus
South-West Campus - Wixom

- Sophomore class presentation in December (date TBD)
- OSTC open-house: January (date TBD)
- For more information go to OSTConline.com or visit Student Services
- Must apply by December 13th! See your counselor for applications and Requests for Consideration forms
- Students attend 1st-3rd hours or 4th-6th hours at OSTC
- Transportation is provided or you may drive yourself
Dual Enrollment

- Community College coursework replaces SLEHS coursework.
- SLCS pays for your coursework and possibly your books or materials up to $650. Additional costs are the parents'/guardians’ responsibility.
- You must have qualifying scores on M-STEP, PSAT or SAT.
- There are restrictions on the type of courses you can take at the community college.
- Courses can be at the college (requires transportation) or online.
- College grades do not factor into your high school GPA.
- May be difficult to dual enroll if student is involved in extracurricular activities at SLEHS.

- Counselor, principal, and parent/guardian must approve dual enrollment.
- Student/parent/guardian must reimburse the district for the cost of the course if the student does not pass the course.
Oakland ACE
Accelerated College Experience

- You can earn an associate degree while still in high school; however, you must meet qualifying standards.

- Students apply in the 10th grade commit to a three-year program spanning grades 11 and 12, plus an additional year as a full-time student at Oakland Community College (OCC). Splitting time between courses at their home high school and college classes at OCC, students work toward their diploma and a college degree at the same time.

- Free tuition, textbooks, fees and Google Chromebook.

- Requires a 13th year; student will walk with initial class at graduation and receive diploma at completion of 13th year.

Contact: Jim Troost, Accelerated College Experience Program Director, james.troost@oakland.k12.mi.us School: 248.209.2396
Oakland Technical Early College is a rigorous three-year program offering high school students an early start in post-secondary training to better prepare them for high-skill, high-demand and high-wage careers.

Oakland Schools Technical Campuses have partnered with Oakland Community College to combine early college opportunities with many of our career technical programs.

During the 11th and 12th grades, students take high school requirements, an OSTC program, and college courses that align with a technical degree. Students attend Oakland Community College full-time during an added 13th year, completing their high school diploma and potentially earning an associate degree.

The cost for college tuition and books are covered for participants in this program. Students and their families are responsible for transportation to Oakland Community College.

Contact: Ben Morin, Early College Coordinator, ben.morin@oakland.k12.mi.us 248-209-2584
What is the seal of biliteracy?

The seal of biliteracy is an award given to graduating seniors by the Michigan Dept of Education in recognition of students who have attained proficiency in English and one or more languages by high school graduation.

How to qualify:

- Qualified students have met graduation requirements
- Demonstrated intermediate high school proficiency on world language assessments
- Complete STAMP Assessment
STAMP Assessment Test

- Given to achieve seal of biliteracy
- 4-part test: Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking
- Test Date: February 5, 2019
Academic Support

The Problem Solving Loop
1. Identify the problem.
2. Explore information and create ideas.
3. Select the best idea.
4. Build and test the idea.
5. Evaluate the results.

Library Resources

Khan Academy
Clubs and Organizations

- Marching Band
- Drama
- Debate Team
- National Honor Society
- Career Club (New)
- Art Club
- Game Club
- Bowling Club
- Robotics Club
- Japanese Anime Club
- Key Club
- Running “The Edge”
- Science Olympiad
- Student Council
- Latin Club
- History Club (New)
How Students May Begin To Get Ready For The Next Step

- Create a professional email address.
  - Good example: elwartm@slcs.us
  - Not so good example: bikerchick@yahoo.com

- “Scrub” social media.
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBASXK3y8so

Start a folder or make an electronic version in Xello to keep everything organized.
- SAT scores
- Transcripts
- Letters of recommendation
- Information from the schools
- Notes from your visits
- Essays
- Scholarships
- Financial aid
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

- Best Career Assessment Test offered at EAST for **FREE**.

- ASVAB measures strengths, weaknesses, and potential for future success.

- ASVAB provides career information for various civilian and military occupations and is an indicator for success in future endeavors.

- Sign up for the ASVAB in Student Services
  - Test Date:
    - Thursday, November 21, 2019
    - 7:20-10:30 AM
Important Dates

**Financial Aid Night:**
September 19, 2019
East Auditorium - 7 p.m.

**College Night**
Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Schoolcraft College 6-8 p.m.

**Future Senior Parent Night**
Thursday, January 16, 2020
SLHS Auditorium - 7 p.m.
Field Trip Opportunities

- **Manufacturing Day** morning visit to Kawasaki Robotics, Wixom Friday, October 4, 2019 – only 2 spots remain.
  - No Charge

- **Youth Law Conference** visit Oakland County Bar Association Management Education Center, Troy
  - Cost $2.50
  - Tuesday, November 12, 2019
  - 7:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

- **MiCareer Quest** visit Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi
  - Career Focus: Health Sciences, Construction, Information Technology, Advanced Manufacturing
  - Friday, November 8, 2019
  - 7:40 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
  - No Charge
How does a student meet with support staff?

Schedule appointments in Student Services

- Ms. White (A-L) or Mrs. Elwart (M-Z)
- Mrs. Thelen- Eberhart, Social Worker
- Mrs. Couyoumjian, Career Development

WE ARE HAPPY TO MEET WITH STUDENTS AND PARENTS😊