

The Mighty Lions of SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL...

Who We Are...

South Lyon High School is a comprehensive secondary school that is home to approximately 1200 students in grades nine through twelve.

Facilities include a large media center/library, a guidance resource center, eight computer labs, technology in all classrooms, auditorium, lecture hall, career center, two triple gymnasias, pool and mirrored dance studio. WSLH broadcasts daily from our in-house television studio. Numerous athletic fields and the football stadium (*aka "The Jungle"*) all support our student athletes.

SLHS is a community resource, as well, housing the Center for Active Adults and a laboratory nursery school for 3- and 4-year-olds. Community groups make use of our facilities year-round for meetings and major events.

Where We Are...

Located in the southwestern corner of Oakland County, Michigan, South Lyon has seen two decades of explosive population growth. As commuters employed in the Detroit suburbs and nearby Ann Arbor seek affordable housing paired with excellent schools, our farmlands are giving way to subdivisions and mobile home parks. The area is convenient to expressways and benefits from the advantages offered by several nearby colleges and world class universities.

The South Lyon Community School District covers nearly 100 square miles, including South Lyon and several smaller towns spread across three counties. The school district consists of

two high schools, two middle schools, and seven elementary schools.

What We Do...

Our curriculum is aligned with the Michigan Merit Curriculum and Michigan Career Pathways. Our course offerings include traditional college preparatory courses, dual enrollment opportunities, independent study and award-winning programs in the fine, performing & technical arts.

We offer two Honors English courses and 10 Advanced Placement Courses in English, Calculus AB, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, American History, World History, and American Government.

Our technology department prepares students for certification testing by Microsoft, Cisco and CompTIA. More than 100 students spend ½ of each day at the Oakland Schools' Technical Center in nearby Walled Lake in 20 different technology programs.

All students take the state-mandated *Michigan Merit Examination* (ACT, WorkKeys, & Subject Area Tests) in March of their junior year and compare favorably to their peers in neighboring districts.

Assessment/Achievement...

The Graduating Class of 2009's average ACT Composite Score: 21.3

Our teachers use a variety of methods to facilitate learning. Progress is evaluated using "authentic assessment" which allows students to demonstrate what they have learned. Our GPAs are based on a 4.00 scale and are not weighted.

We are accredited by *AdvancED* (formerly North Central Association of Secondary

Schools) – a distinction we have maintained since 1972 with a continuing process of self-improvement and evaluation.

Credits & Calendar

South Lyon High School is structured on a traditional 6-period day within two semesters per 175-day school year. Students earn ½ credit per course per semester with 24 credits possible over four years.

Graduation Requirements

- Classes of 2010: 23 credits
- Classes of 2011 & Beyond: 23 credits and the state-mandated graduation requirements.

Where We Go...

A 2009 survey shows that South Lyon graduates embarked on a variety of paths:

50.4%	Four-Year College or University
39.2 %	Two-Year or Community College
4.2%	Career/Technical School
1.3%	Military
1.9%	Work Force
3.0%	Undecided

Note: Preceding percentages are estimates.

South Lyon is fortunate to be located close to several major universities and three community colleges which have attracted an increasing number of high school graduates with their innovative programs designed to provide an educated workforce for the 21st Century.

As calculated by the Michigan Department of Education, our '09 graduation rate was 93.63%.