# 2023-2024 <br> Course Scheduling Information for the Class of 2026 (current $9^{\text {th }}$ ) 

## A PATHWAY FOR SUCCESS

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## Course Scheduling Materials

You should have received:

- A Sophomore Course Selection/EDP Sheet (pink sheet)
- A Copy of your Personal Transcript
- An Appointment Time with a Counselor
- A GLHS Summary of Course Offerings (Guide is online)
- An EFA Application (upon request)
- Synergy Instructions

Add your scheduling appointment time to your calendar on your phone or chrome book. It will be your responsibility to remember your appointment time. Appointments will also be posted in the Counseling Office Window.

## Your 2023-2024 Course Selections

## As you make course selections:

- Review the graduation requirements and review the Sophomore Academic and Career Planning checklist in the Course Curriculum Guide.
- Explore courses related to your Career Cluster of Interest and Post Secondary Goal.
- Review the course descriptions for grade level, pre-requisites, homework rating and amount of credit. Plan ahead to cover pre-requisites for future courses.
- Continue to talk with your parents, counselor, teachers and case managers about those courses that are a best fit for you and the right amount of challenge.
- Plan ahead and have a balance of core academic courses and electives each school year. Be sure to fit in the courses that are of personal interest to you.
- Record all your final course selections on the Sophomore Course Selection sheet. Your requests should total 7.5 credits (not including seminar and EFA classes outside of the school day). You must list three .5 credit alternatives on your course sheet and have a parent signature. Teacher recommendations, as needed, will be on the course sheet.


## Scheduling Appointments

## Prior to your scheduling appointment

- Discuss your plans and course selections with your teachers, case manager, counselor and parents. A parent signature is required.
- Make sure to get teacher recommendations for selected courses.
- Complete the EDP Worksheet and Course Request Sheet. Enter your final course requests in Synergy by Wednesday, February 8th.
- Return your completed Course Request Sheet/EDP to your seminar teacher on Wednesday, February 8th.


## At your scheduling appointment

$\checkmark$ We will double check your credits and progress toward graduation.
$\checkmark$ We will review your course requests and make any needed changes.
$\checkmark$ We will review your EDP to make sure your course selections align with your educational and career goals.

## Graduation Requirements

## Total Credits to Receive a GLHS Diploma: 28

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- World Languages
- Physical Education
- Health
- Business
- Visual, Performing, \& Applied Arts

4 credits
4 credits
3 credits
3.5 credits

2 credits
.5 credit
.5 credit
1 credit
1 credit

# Transcript 

## Review your transcript to

 ensure accurate information...

A copy of your


Your transcript is your personal information and a permanent record of your high school coursework. A transcript may be requested by future employers, the military, NCAA, scholarship agencies and post secondary institutions/colleges.

Class Rank is used to determine Valedictorian \& Salutatorian at GLHS. Some colleges will review your rank as part of the admissions process.

GPA is cumulative. As tri-mester grades are added to your transcript, your GPA recalculates as cumulative.

Credits Earned: To be at sophomore status for the 2023-2024 school year, you will need to have earned a minimum of 4.75 credits. If you fail a required course, you will need to repeat that course in $10^{\text {th }}$ grade or take it in summer school.

Please fill out your EDP worksheet as you review the graduation and department requirements.

Write your first and last name on your EDP sheet

Indicate your Career Cluster and Post Secondary Goal.

Are you a first generation college Student? Circle yes or no.

At the bottom, list your activities outside of the classroom

Record the classes you have taken or will take this school year ( $9^{\text {th }}$ )

This is the time to review your interests and abilities and update your information...

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
Name:
1st Generation College Student YES NO
Career Pathway: __Arts/Comm __Business __Engineer/Manufacturing __Health __Human Services __Natural Resources Postsecondary Educational Goal(s): Work __Military Service __Tech/Voc School _ 2 Year Comm College __ Year College


Extra Curricular Activities Community Service, and Work Experience:

## English Language Arts Course Options

## English: Four credits of English are required

Required English/Language Arts courses must include:

- English 9 AB
- English 10 AB
- English 11 AB
- English 12 AB or AP Comp/Lit or Approved College Course

Additional English/Language Arts electives include: Debate, Speech, Creative Writing, Yearbook Publications and Newspaper

Students interested in Yearbook Publications will fill out an online application. Please see your counselor or Mr. Law (in Room 1406) for the link. Yearbook does require a full year commitment ( 1.5 credits).

## Mathematics Course Options

Math: Four credits of math are required and must include:

- Algebra AB/Algebra ABC
- Geometry AB/Concepts of Geometry AB
- Data Analysis AB/Concepts of Data Analysis AB
- Fourth Math/Math Related Credit

Note: A math or math related course must be completed during the senior year.

Additional math courses include: Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus AB, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, Math for College Success, and Personal Finance (See page 28 of course curriculum guide for a listing of math-related GLHS courses and CTE programs.)

Check with your $9^{\text {th }}$ grade math teacher regarding the best placement for you in math for the 2023-2024 school year.

## Science Course Options

## Science: Three credits of Science are required and must

 include:
## Biology AB or Concepts of Biology AB <br> Chemistry A (or Concepts), Physics A (or Concepts), and Earth/Space Science A <br> Choose at least ONE of the three Chem B, Physics B, and Earth/Space B

Additional science electives include: Anatomy/Physiology, Environmental Science, Forensic Science, AP Biology, AP Chemistry and AP Physics. Please talk to your current science teacher to see what would be the best placement for you.

Be sure to plan ahead as AP Physics (2023-2024) and AP Biology (2024-2025) run every other year

## Social Studies Course Options

## Social Studies: Three and one half credits of Social Studies are required and must include:

- Civics AB (9 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ grade)
- US History AB or AP US History ( $10^{\text {th }}$ grade)
- World History AB or AP World History (11 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ grade)
- Economics (12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ grade)

If you did not take/did not pass Civics AB in, you will still need to fulfill this requirement and should add this course to your requests for $10^{\text {th }}$ grade.
You do have the option to take AP US History instead of US History. AP courses are academically rigorous and demanding. Check with your Civics teacher if you are interested in taking AP US History in $10^{\text {th }}$ grade.

Additional social studies electives include: Sociology, Psychology, US History through Film, and History of Religions and Cultures.

## World Language Course Options

## World Languages: Two credits of the same World Language are required.

Spanish I<br>Spanish II<br>Spanish III<br>Spanish IV

Colleges/Universities recommend 2-3 credits of the same World Language.

Students interested in other World Language options or additional credits of French and Spanish should explore options through Michigan Virtual HS (www.mivhs.org) or dual enrollment.

## Additional Course Requirements

Required Courses: If you have not earned credit yet for Health or Intro to Fitness, you should select those courses for the next school year:

- Health
- Introduction to Fitness
- You may complete the Business Elective Credit (1 credit) in grades 9-12.
- You may complete the Visual, Performing, Applied Arts Credit (1 credit) in grades 9-12.

For those of you considering Early Middle College ( $5^{\text {th }}$ year program) you should sign up for College and Career Readiness ( .5 credit) for $10^{\text {th }}$ grade.

## Elective Courses for Sophomores

## Explore your career and personal interests through any of the following Sophomore electives:

Woodworking I/Advanced
Accounting
Marketing
Advanced Computer Science
Computer Science Ind Cert.
Speech
Yearbook
Interpersonal Relationships
Choir
Beginning Guitar
Improvisation
Art
Studio Art
Strength \& Conditioning
Anatomy
Sociology
Spanish I, II, III

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Accounting
Marketing
Advanced Computer Science
Computer Science Ind Cert.
Speech
Yearbook
Interpersonal Relationships Choir
Beginning Guitar
Improvisation
Art 1
Studio Art
Strength \& Conditioning
Anatomy
Spanish I, II, III

Technical Drawing I, II
Intro to Business
Intro to Computer Science
Computer Research \& Dev.
College \& Career Readiness
Creative Writing
Newspaper
Foods \& Nutrition
Band
Introduction to Acting
Creative Development
Drawing \& Painting
Peer to Peer
Intro to Fencing
Forensic Science
Intro to Psychology EFA

## WEB Design

Entrepreneuers \& Business Leaders Computer Science Software Eng
Cyber Security
Debate
Multimedia \& Reporting
Parenting \& Child Development
Independent Living
Jazz Band
Oral Traditions
Stagecraft
Sculpture \& Ceramics
Lifetime Sports
Environmental Issues
History of Religions
US History Through Film

## Education for the Arts Course Options

As a sophomore, you have the option of participating in a number of programs through Education for the Arts: www.kresa.org/efa.

## EFA Evening Programs include:

- Visual Arts Exploration
- Digital Photo Art
- Digital Studio Art


## EFA Programs you may take during the school day include:

- Creative Writing Online (CWOL) (block during the school day)
- Advanced Creative Writing (ACWOL) (block during the school day)
- Comics, Manga, and Novels (CMN) (block during the school day)

Note: Applications are available online and due February 10th. See us for specific details.

## KAMSC Off-Site Program Options

- KAMSC: Kalamazoo Area Mathematics \& Science Center courses are equal to 4.5 credits per year.
- The following KAMSC courses are weighted:
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB and BC
- AP Physics I
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science
AP Environmental Science
AP Statistics
Advanced Computer Science
Advanced Calculus
Advanced Physics
- KAMSC students need to select three credits of courses at GLHS for the sophomore year ( $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ block band will be in addition to the three credits).
- The Entrance Exam Registration Form for current high school students interested in applying to KAMSC please check KAMSC website, it has not yet been posted.
- For KAMSC info go to: www.kamsconline.com


## GL Early College Program

GLEC is a rigorous five year high school program that will combine the best of the high school and an early college experience

Students have the opportunity to earn their high school diploma along with college credits (up to an Associate's Degree or Occupational Certificate) while completing 5 years of high school

Interested students should schedule accordingly:

- Express your intent for EC on your course selection sheet
- Discuss your intent for EC at your scheduling appointment
- Sign up for the College and Career Readiness (. 5 credit) course in 10th
- Attend an EC parent/student meeting and complete your EC application during the spring of your sophomore year.

Additional information is available in the Course Curriculum.

## College Dual Enrollment Course Options

Dual Enrollment is the opportunity for a high school student to take a college course (s) as part of their school day. The course may be offered through KVCC, KCC, GOCC, and WMU.

For details, go to to the course curriculum guide or to the Guidance Department webpage under curriculum options.

Please review the Guidelines for Dual Enrollment and indicate your interest on the course selection sheet. We will follow up with information during your scheduled meeting.

## Planning Ahead: NCAA Athletic Eligibility

NCAA: National Collegiate Athletic Association has set specific minimum academic standards for college freshman athletic eligibility.

Potential college athletes are advised to check the list of NCAA-approved high school courses, test scores and grade point averages on the Eligibility Center's Website. Please note not all Virtual classes are approved. For details go to: www.ncaaeligibiltycenter.org

Please note the GLHS courses identified with a standard code of "NCAA" have been approved by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

## Scheduling Reminders

- A completed Course Selection sheet includes:
- Student/Parent information
- A total of 7.5 credits of course requests (not including seminar and EFA after school/evening programs)
- Three alternative courses
- Courses codes and course titles
- An updated and completed Educational Development Plan (EDP)
- Teacher signatures for teacher-recommended courses and Advanced Placement courses
- Parent signature
- Enter your course requests in Synergy - see Handout
- The Course Selection Sheet/EDP must be completed and returned to your Seminar teacher on , Wednesday, February $8^{\text {th }}$.


## Important Dates

- February 10th: EFA and CTE applications are due.
- February 8th: Your course requests must be entered in Synergy and handed in to your Seminar teachers.
- February 9th - March 21 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ : Individual scheduling appointments with a counselor.
- May - August: The Master Schedule will be built, teacher classes will be assigned and individual student schedules will be finalized (There are NO requests for specific teachers, block preferences or lunch).


## Questions.............

You can review the Scheduling Presentation again and access the Course Curriculum Guide on the GLHS Guidance Department webpage under Scheduling.

Be sure to talk with your parents and teachers about your goals, plans and course requests.

We look forward to meeting with you!!

