



High School Course
Planning for Junior Year
and Beyond... "high
school's halfway point"

Parent Meeting Class of 2026

A G E N D A

- ✓ Careers and post-secondary planning
- ✓ Graduation credits
- ✓ Advanced Placement (AP)
- ✓ Career Technical Education (CTE)
- ✓ Dual Enrollment college courses
- ✓ Programs, courses and activities night
- ✓ Questions

What are the essentials of career planning in today's world?

- High school diploma alone, not enough.
- The goal is a "post-secondary" credential. This would include two-year degree, four-year degrees, certificates, and certifications.
- Examples community colleges, military service, trade schools, workforce development programs, and universities.
- What to learn more...have your student show you Xello...that's the districts free career exploration program.



What are the high school graduation requirements at CVHS?

- Every student must have at least 22 credits in specific required content areas to earn the CVHS High School Diploma.
- We follow the Michigan Merit Curriculum
- 4 credits of English and Math (with one credits of Math in their senior year).
- 3 credits of Science and Social Studies
- 2 credits of one World Language
- .5 credit of Health and .5 credit of Physical Education
- 1 credit of Visual Performing or Applied Arts

What are my options for English credit in 11th grade?

11th Grade (1.0 Credit)

Students must take one full credit of English. Students can choose Literature and Composition A&B or English 11MA or AP Language

Literature and Composition A: Monsters and Heroes (.5 credit) OR Literature and Composition A: World (.5)

Literature and Composition B: American (.5 credit) OR Literature and Composition B: Historical (.5 credit)

OR English 11 Medical Academy (1.0 credit)

OR AP Language and Comp (1.0 credit)

What Math course am I taking in 11th grade?

- Your math teacher will make a recommendation.
- Most likely it will be Algebra 2 or if you are not “university bound” Algebra 2 over 2 years.
- Algebra 2 over 2 years means that the content is delivered over 11th grade and 12th grade—a slower pace.



AP[®]

What are Advanced Placement Courses (AP)?

- Advanced Placement (AP) courses in high school are rigorous, college-level classes designed to challenge and prepare students for higher education.
- Students have the option of taking the College Board's AP exam(s) to demonstrate their level of knowledge.
- College's can use AP exam scores to award college credit or waive lower-level requirements.

What are the pros and cons of taking AP courses?

Pros	Cons
College credit potential with higher scores on the exams equals financial savings	Increased workload, time commitment, and limited social time (summer work required for some AP courses)
Competitive edge in college admissions	Pressure to perform and possibility of lower GPA
Intellectual growth and depth of knowledge	Commitment to stick it out—no dropping AP courses
Increased opportunities in CVHS and many courses meet graduation requirements	Course schedule conflicts with other courses like Band, Choir, CTE, and other AP courses.
Financial savings	Exams are \$100 each (less with Free Lunch Program)

What AP courses are offered at CVHS?

Course	Course
AP English Language and Comp (11 th gr)*	AP English Literature and Comp (12 th gr)*
AP Calculus AB*	AP Calculus BC*
AP Statistics*	AP Environmental Science*
AP Biology*	AP Chemistry*
AP Physics*	AP Physics C Mechanics*
AP Microeconomics/AP Macroeconomics*	AP World History (9th gr)*
AP US History (10 th gr)*	AP European History
AP Psychology	AP Government*
AP Computer Science	

Most courses are intended for 11th and 12th grades unless specified.

*Course can meet a graduation requirement

How do I sign up for AP courses?

- Place the course on your Course Request Worksheet provided by your counselor at the end of February.
- Complete an Advanced Placement Application Form with parent signature.
- Hand forms to counselor during one-on-one course advising sessions in March.



What are Career Technical Education (CTE) programs/courses?

- High school Career Technical Education (CTE) programs aim to prepare students for careers by offering hands-on learning experiences and skill development in various industries.
- These programs integrate academic knowledge with practical, real-world skills, providing students with a well-rounded education that enhances their career readiness.
- CTE courses satisfy the VPAA credit requirement (Visual Performing Applied Arts)

What are the pros and cons of taking CTE programs/courses?

Pros	Cons
Career readiness and practical skills	Plan high school course sequences careful to make room for more time intensive programs (travel to DHS for some courses)
Alignment with career interest	The need to commit to a career pathway
Early entry into the work force through Internships	Has an impact on after school activities
Potential for college articulation credit	Limited space in most programs grade level restrictions and waiting lists may apply

What CTE programs/courses are available?

Automotive Technology	Family & Consumer Science
Business (4 pathways): Accounting & Finance Business Management Information Technology Cybersecurity	Graphic Design
	Marketing
	Medical Academy
	Mechatronics & Robotics (at Dakota)
Construction Trades (at Dakota)	Careers in Education (formerly Teacher Cadet)
Culinary Arts (at Dakota)	Woodworking & Cabinetmaking (at Dakota)
Design Technology/Engineering	

How do I sign up for CTE courses?

- Just write the course down on your Course Request Worksheet
- For Auto, Culinary, and Construction, have good back up choices because we use a waitlist for these programs (due to the limited space)



What is Dual Enrollment?

- College courses you take while still in high school.
- Student can select college courses that are not available in CVHS.
- Most students go to Macomb and the tuition, books and fees are covered fully in many cases.
- One college class equals one high school class on the student's schedule.
- This is not the Early College of Macomb—that's a separate program through the MISD.

What are the pros and cons of Dual Enrollment?

Pros	Cons
College credit that you can apply to a degree (transferable credits) leading to potential cost savings	Increased college-level workload
Diverse course options and schedules equals more opportunities	Schedule challenges with high school course, jobs, sports, extra-curricular, concerts, etc.
The college experience of being on campus	Transportation and going to school with “adults”
Increased college readiness	Potential for an academic mismatch...lower grades, failing the course, paying back the district for the cost of the failed course.

How do I sign up for Dual Enrollment?

- Schedule high school courses as if you are NOT doing dual enrollment, (this is your plan A).
- **Attend the Dual Enrollment Information meeting on March 25th, 2024 at 7pm in the CVHS Auditorium.**
- Complete all the steps necessary to apply and register for college courses (spoiler alert, this is a lot of work).
- Provide CVSH with proof that you registered with the college.
- Plan on attending college courses in August.



WHAT'S
NEXT?

What will happen next?

- Counselors will visit classrooms at the end of February to hand out course request worksheets and provide all students with helpful info about course offerings.
- In March, Counselors will meet with every student individually to collect their course request worksheets and answer any questions.
- Tonight, teachers and others are waiting to meet with you in the cafeteria to answer any questions you have about their classes and programs.
- Also, everything we went over tonight is available on this website: <http://cvhsguidance.weebly.com/course-scheduling-and-advising.html>

