



East Aurora High School New Course Proposal 2025-2026



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EAST AURORA
SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

Skills for Success (Grades 9, 10, 11)

(1.0 elective credit for each year-long course)



Rationale:

These courses are designed to help students navigate high school course work toward future college and career success

- On a weekly basis, students will participate in tutorial sessions where they will set goals, evaluate their attainment of benchmarks toward meeting their goals, and adapt goals if necessary.
- Strong emphasis will be placed on students practicing Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading strategies.
- Designed to prepare students for college readiness and success, focusing on skills like note-taking, time management, and organization, with the goal of helping students achieve academic excellence.
- Opportunities for students to learn about college and career options. This may include college visits, guest speakers, and research on different career paths.

Freshman Skills for Success Specifics



Freshmen will focus on:

- **Foster critical thinking and communication:** Through inquiry-based activities and collaborative discussions.
- **Develop organizational skills:** Emphasizing time management, material organization, and assignment tracking.
- **Introduce career exploration:** Utilizing the SchoolLinks platform for initial career cluster discovery.
- **Cultivate a college-going culture:** By creating a supportive and encouraging learning environment.



Sophomore/Junior Skills for Success Specifics

Sophomores and Juniors will focus on:

- **ACT Preparation:** including comprehensive review sessions, practice tests, and personalized strategies to maximize performance on the ACT, a key component of college admissions.
- **Expanded Post-Secondary Exploration:** Building upon the career exploration from Freshman year, students will examine specific pathways through researching appropriate colleges, universities, trade schools, and military options that align with their chosen career interests.
- **Development of Professional Skills:** Craft resumes and portfolios that highlight their achievements and abilities, as well as master effective interview techniques to confidently present themselves to admissions officers or potential employers.

Cost Proposal Overview:

Proposed Course	Approximate Cost	Funding Source
Skills for Success (Grades 9, 10, 11)	No additional cost	Teaching & Learning
Total:	\$0	



