

# Executive Summary: Proposed 2026-2027 SVHS Course and Career Planning Guide

## Introduction

Attached for your review and approval is the Stillman Valley High School Course and Career Planning Guide for the 2026-2027 school year. This guide reflects a strategic review of our curriculum to ensure alignment with state requirements, post-secondary pathways, and student interest. Included in the board packet are a "clean" version of the guide for publication and a "red-lined" version detailing all specific edits, additions, and deletions. The guide is reviewed and updated annually.

## Key Curriculum Changes & Approvals

### 1. Mathematics Department

- ❖ New Dual Credit Course: *General Education Mathematics (MTH 115)* has been approved to replace the existing *Quantitative Reasoning* course. This allows students to earn college credit through Rock Valley College while meeting high school requirements.
- ❖ State Compliance: *Technical Math* (via Highland Community College) has been added to serve as a transitional math course for seniors, satisfying the state mandate for a transitional math pathway.

### 2. Science Department

- ❖ New Course: *Forensic Science* has been approved for the 2026-2027 school year.
- ❖ Course Removals: To streamline offerings based on rigor and enrollment, *Conceptual Physics* and *Advanced Placement (A.P.) Chemistry 1* have both been removed from the course guide.

### 3. Education Pathway

- ❖ Expansion: *Introduction to Education (EDU 224)* will now be offered on our campus (previously available at Byron H.S.).
- ❖ Future Planning: A follow-up course, *Students with Disabilities (EDU 244)*, is tentatively planned for 2027-2028, pending successful enrollment numbers in EDU 224 this coming year.

### 4. Business & Technology

- ❖ Graphic Communications: To accommodate advanced students interested in print production without creating a new internship course, *Graphic Communications 3* will now be "repeatable for credit" with teacher approval.

The administration reviewed other proposals that were not recommended for approval at this time.

## Recommendation

The administration recommends the Board of Education consider the approval of the 2026-2027 Stillman Valley High School Course and Career Planning Guide as presented.