Stillman Valley High School Course and Career Planning Guide 2025-2026



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Classes Offered at SVHS

AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Business Management 1&2 (AGOC 124) Advanced Agricultural Mechanics (AGRI 182) Agricultural Metal Fabrication Basic Agricultural Science Advanced Animal Science (AGOC/AGRI 116/186) Advanced Plant Science (AGOC 114) Horticulture Production & Management (AGOC 118) Natural Resources Management and Conservation Introduction to Agricultural Industry Landscaping & Turf Management (AGOC 132) Supervised Ag Experience 1 & 2

<u>ART</u>

Art 1 Art 2 Art 3 Art 4 Advanced Placement (A.P.) Studio Art

BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Accounting 1 Accounting 2 Advanced Placement (A.P.) Computer Science Principles **Business Basics Business Management and Entrepreneurship** Computer Programming (CIS 170) **Consumer Education** Gaming Concepts Graphic Communications 1 Graphic Communications 2 Graphic Communications 3 Information & Software Systems: Excel & Word 2019 Computer Applications (Apps) Marketing I Principles of Technology (CIS 102) Video Production 1 Video Production 2

<u>ENGLISH</u>

Advanced English 1 Advanced English 2 Advanced Placement (A.P.) English American Literature College Preparatory American Literature Composition I (ENG 101) Composition II (ENG 103) Contemporary Literature English 1 English 2 Film and Literature Senior English Speech Communication Student Publication I Student Publication II

WORLD LANGUAGE/SPANISH

Spanish for Spanish Speakers I Spanish for Spanish Speakers II Spanish I Spanish II Spanish III Spanish IV Advanced Placement (A.P.) Spanish

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) I Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) II CAD III 3D Architectural Drafting and Animation CAD IV Advanced 3D Architectural Drafting and Animation CNC Fabrication Introduction to Construction I Introduction to Construction II Construction III Construction IV Introduction to Industrial Arts Welding 1/2 Welding 3/4 Woodworking I Woodworking II Woodworking III Woodworking IV

<u>MATH</u>

Algebra I Algebra I AB Algebra II Algebra II – College Prep Calculus (MTH 135) Geometry Pre-Calculus Quantitative Reasoning Statistics (MTH 220)

MUSIC

A Cappella Choir Concert Choir Music and Film Studies Guitar 1 Survey of Music History SVHS Band

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Driver Education Health Physical Education Strength and Conditioning

SCIENCE

Advanced Placement (A.P.) Biology Advanced Placement (A.P.) Chemistry 1 Advanced Placement (A.P.) Chemistry 2/3 Advanced Placement (A.P.) Environmental Science Anatomy Biology Chemistry 1A & 1B Earth Science Environmental Science Introduction to Geology (GEL 101) Medical Terminology (HLT 110) Physics Space Science

SOCIAL SCIENCES

American Government Ancient Civilizations Advanced Placement (A.P.) U.S. Government & Politics Advanced Placement (A.P.) U.S. History I Advanced Placement (A.P.) U.S. History II & III Advanced Placement (A.P.) World History Early Modern World History Modern World History Psychology (PSY 170) Sociology U.S. History I U.S. History II U.S. History III

ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE COURSES AT SVHS

Calculus (MTH 135) Composition I (ENG 101) Composition II (ENG 103) General Psychology (PSY 170) Introduction to Geology (GEL 101) Medical Terminology (HLT 110) Principles of Technology (CIS 102) Programming Logic & Design (CIS 170) Statistics (MTH 22

HIGHLAND COMM. COLLEGE COURSES AT SVHS

Advanced Plant Science (AGOC 114) Advanced Animal Science (AGOC/AGRI 116/186) Horticulture Prod. and Management (AGOC 118)

Advanced Agricultural Mechanics (AGRI 182) Agricultural Business Management (AGOC 124) Landscape and Turf Grass Management (AGOC 132)

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Cosmetology, Aviation, Fire Science

SPECIAL EDUCATION

We offer special education classes based on individual student need.

AGRICULTURE

We offer two Agriculture Career Pathways:

The first one is **Agricultural Business & Management** (01.0100). Courses included in this program are: Introduction to the Agricultural Industry, Supervised Agriculture Experience I, Agricultural Business Management, Agricultural Mechanics and Technology, Biological Science Applications in Agriculture Plant/Animal Science, and Supervised Agricultural Experience II.

The second pathway is **Horticulture** (01.0600). Courses included in this program are: Introduction to the Agricultural Industry, Basic Agricultural Science, Supervised Agricultural Experience I, Landscaping and Turf Management, Horticultural Production and Management, and Supervised Agricultural Experience II.

Career Pathways in Agricultural Education

Orientation Level Courses

Agricultural Business & Management	Horticulture
Introduction to the Agricultural Industry	Introduction to the Agricultural Industry
Supervised Agricultural Experience I	Basic Agricultural Science

9th and 10th Grades

Preparation Level Courses

11th and 12th Grades

Agricultural Business & Management	Horticulture
Agricultural Business & Management (Dual Credit)	Landscaping & Turf Management (Dual Credit)
Advanced Agricultural Mechanics (Dual Credit)	Horticultural Production & Management (Dual Credit)
Advanced Plant/Animal Science (Dual Credit)	Supervised Agricultural Experience II
Supervised Agricultural Experience II	

For all courses in this department:

Participation in FFA student organization and activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects are integral course components for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.

Also, improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus in ALL courses.

Agricultural Business Management I & II*

Grade 11-12 1 Year 1 Credit Weighted Dual Credit

This course will develop students' understanding of the agricultural industry relating to the United States and World marketplace. Instructional units include: marketing and trading of agricultural products, international agriculture, imports and exports, agricultural law, taxes, governmental regulations and policies, and advanced computerized record keeping. Student skills will be enhanced in math, reading comprehension, and writing through agribusiness applications. Employability skills will be developed with resume writing and interviewing techniques to gain employment. Post-secondary education will be explored at agricultural colleges and universities.

*This course is offered as Dual Credit through Highland Community College. (2 credits) (AGOC 124) *This course fulfills the Consumer Education graduation requirements.

1 Credit

Advanced Agricultural Mechanics*

Grade 11-12

State Course Code: 18402A001

This course will concentrate on expanding students' knowledge and experiences with agricultural mechanics technologies utilized in the agricultural industry. Units of instruction included are: design, construction, fabrication, maintenance, welding, electricity/electronics, internal combustion engines, hydraulics, and employability skills. Careers of agricultural construction engineer, electrician, plumber, welder, equipment designer, parts manager, safety inspector, welder, and other related occupations will be examined. **This course is offered as Dual Credit through Highland Community College. (4 credits) (AGRI 182)*

Weighted

Dual Credit

Agricultural Metal Fabrication

State Course Code: 18401A002

Grade 11-12 1 Year 1 Credit

1 Year

This course will emphasize the development of basic welding and metalworking skills necessary to succeed in agricultural careers in the agricultural metal fabrication industry. Topics of instruction include: metal identification and properties, metal preparation, use of oxy-acetylene torch, plasma cutting and cutting operations, arc welding, MIG welding, TIG welding, and project design and construction.

Basic Agricultural Science

Grade 9-10	1 Year	1 Credit
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State Course Code: 18003A001

This orientation course builds on basic skills and knowledge gained in the Introduction to the Agricultural Industry course. Major units of instruction include; agricultural research, soil science, advanced plant science, biotechnology, and advanced animal science. Applied science and math skills and concepts will be stressed throughout the course as they relate to each area. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration, and reinforcement of academic concepts.

*This course counts toward science graduation credit.

Advanced Animal Science*

State Course Code: 18101A001

Grade 11-12	2 1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Prerequisite: 'C' or better in	Weighted	Dual Credit
			Biology or instructor approval		

State Course Code: 18201A001

This course is designed to reinforce and extend students understanding of science by associating scientific principles and concepts with relevant applications in agriculture. Students will examine major phases of animal agriculture and specific biological science concepts that govern management decisions in the animal industry. Topics of study are in the areas of growth and development of animals – embryology, ethnology, nutrition, immunity systems and processing animal products – preservation, fermentation, and pasteurization. The course will be valuable preparation for further education and will increase the relevance of science through the applied setting of agriculture by enhancing literacy in science and the scientific process ***This course counts toward science graduation credit.**

*This course is offered as Dual Credit through Highland Community College. (2/4 credits) (AGOC 116/AGRI 186)

Advanced Plant Science*

State Course Code: 18051A002

Grade 11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Prerequisite: 'C' or better in	Weighted	Dual Credit
			Biology or instructor approval		

This course is designed to reinforce and extend students understanding of science by associating basic scientific principles and concepts with relevant applications in agriculture. Students will examine major phases of plant growth and management in agriculture and the specific biological science concepts that govern management decisions. Topics of study are in the areas of initiating plant growth – germination, plant sensory mechanisms, enzyme actions, absorption, and managing plant growth – photosynthesis, respiration, translocation, metabolism, and growth regulation. The course will be valuable preparation for further education and will increase the relevance of science through the applied setting of agriculture by enhancing literacy in science and the scientific process

*This course counts toward science graduation credit.

*This course is offered as Dual Credit through Highland Community College. (2 credits) (AGOC 114)

Horticultural Production & Management (Adv. Hort.)*	State Course Code: 18051A001

	Grade 11-12	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: None	Weighted	Dual Credit	
This a	advanced course	offers ins	struction ir	h both the floriculture and	landscape area	s of horticulture	. Units of

This advanced course offers instruction in both the floriculture and landscape areas of horticulture. Units of study include plant identification, greenhouse management, culture of greenhouse crops, care and handling of cut flowers, and floral design. Also included are landscape design, installation, and maintenance; horticulture mechanics; nursery management; and turf production. Agribusiness units will cover operating a horticultural business, pricing work, advertising, and sales.

*This course counts toward science graduation credit. *This course is offered as a Dual Credit course through Highland Community College. (3 credits) (AGOC 118)

Natural Resources Management and Conservation

State Course Code: 18504A002

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This course develops management and conservation skills by understanding the connection between agriculture and natural resources. Student knowledge and skills are developed in: the importance of natural resources; fish, wildlife, and forestry management and conservation, and exploring outdoor recreational enterprises. Hunting and fishing as a sport, growing and managing tree forests, and outdoor safety education will be featured. Career exploration will be discussed including: park game warden, campground manager,

forester, conservation officer, wildlife manager, and related occupations. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised. Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration, and reinforcement of academic concepts.

*This course counts toward science graduation credit.

Introduction to the Agricultural Industry

State Course Code: 18001A001

State Course Code: 18054A002

Grade 9-10 1 Year 1 Credit

This *orientation* course provides an opportunity for students to learn how the agricultural industry is organized: its major components; the economic influence of agriculture at state, national and international levels; and the scope and types of job opportunities in the agricultural field. Basic concepts in animal science, plant science, soil science, horticulture, natural resources, agribusiness management, agricultural mechanics, agricultural biotechnology, food science technology, environmental science and aqua-cultural science and technology will be presented.

Landscaping & Turf Management*

Grade 11-12 1 Year 1 Credit	Weighted	Dual Credit
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This advanced course focuses on the landscape, nursery, and turf segments of the horticulture industry. Units of study include: identifying landscape plants, designing landscape plans, hardscape construction techniques, and installing landscape plants. Also included are nursery production, turf grass production, small engine repair, and maintenance of existing landscapes. This course focuses on the greenhouse management, floral design and related segments of the horticulture industry. Major units of study will also include floriculture plant identification, greenhouse structures, and the culture of greenhouse crops. Agribusiness units will be introduced in merchandising, advertising, sales, and managing a horticulture business.

*This course counts toward science graduation credit.

*This course is offered as a Dual Credit course through Highland Community College. (3 credits) (AGOC 132)

Supervised Agricultural Experience I

State Course Code: 18998A003

Grade 9-10 1 Year 1/2 Credit

This experience program is for students in 9th and 10th grades. Students receiving credit in this area must be enrolled in an agriculture class all year. Students will have a minimum of one approved project or acceptable plans for a project. Supervised study, project record book, training plans, training agreements, report writing, and instructor project visitation and supervision are essentials of this SAE. Course work and evaluation will be implemented in each agriculture course.

Superv	vised Agricultur	al Experie	nce II	State Course Code: 18998A00	13

Grade 11-12 1 Year 1/2 Credit Prerequisite: SAE I or Instructor Approval

This experience program is for the 11th and 12th grade agriculture students. The opportunities and responsibilities are similar to those of SAE I with one exception that the experiences are conducted at a more advanced level of skill training. The projects should be expanded as the student progresses through the agricultural program. Course work and evaluation will be implemented in each agriculture course.

Art 1*

Grade 9-10-11-12 1 Year 1 Credit

State Course Code: 05154A000

Art 1 is an introductory level course that emphasizes the production of art while learning to speak the language of art. The course will teach students to see visual structure within an artwork and allow students to explore methods and techniques associated with drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, digital art, and other art media. Students will gain knowledge about the elements and principles of art and design and will also explore influential people in art history.

*A student fee of \$30.00 per student will be applied toward the cost of supplies used in the classroom.

Art 2*

State Course Code: 05154A000

Grade 10-11-12 1 Year 1 Credit Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Art 1

A continuation of Art I, Art 2 exposes students to more advanced media methods, techniques, and to the creative problem solving process. The course will expand exploration of drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, digital art, and other art media. Students will expand their knowledge of elements and principles of design. Development of original ideas (ideation) will be a core principle of this class while continuing to explore influential people in art history and methods of critiquing art.

*A student fee of \$30.00 per student will be applied toward the cost of supplies used in the classroom.

Art 3*

State Course Code: 05154A000

Grade 11-12 1 Year 1 Credit Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Art 2

Art 3 is an advanced level course that will focus on transitioning to creating personal artworks. Students will explore a variety of technical skills and methods to produce individual projects on a large scale. Projects will emphasize developing creative problem solving skills, experimenting with the design process, and creating meaning within their artwork.

*A student fee of \$30.00 per student will be applied toward the cost of supplies used in the classroom.

Art 4*

State Course Code: 05154A000

Grade 12 1 Year 1 Credit Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Art 3

Art 4 is an advanced level course that allows students to explore their own interests in creating artwork much like a professional visual artist. Students will work individually with the instructor to develop their own body of art work. Students will ideate, create, and critique artwork to a high level of production focusing on growth in their artwork. They will organize and coordinate an exhibition at the conclusion of their senior year and learn to articulate purpose and meaning within their body of artwork.

*A student fee of \$30.00 per student will be applied toward the cost of supplies used in the classroom.

AP Studio Art*

State Course Code: 05174A000

Grade 12 1 Year 1 Credit Weighted

AP Studio Art is a year-long independent study course focused on developing a high quality portfolio for submission to the College Board for consideration of college credit. Students will demonstrate inquiry through

art and design and development of materials, processes, and personal ideas. Portfolios will be evaluated on specific criteria. Students may choose between Drawing and Painting, 2D Design, or a 3D Design portfolio. Portfolios are submitted digitally in May.

*Weighted grades each semester will not be applied until all of the required elements of the portfolio have been completed and submitted.

*A student fee of \$30.00 per student will be applied toward the cost of supplies used in the classroom. *Students enrolled in this course are required to take the AP exam at the end of the year. The AP examination fee for 2026 is \$50.00 per exam.

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Business	Information Technology (IT)	Communication & Audio/Visual Technology
Computer Apps (9-12)	Computer Apps (9-12)	Graphic Communications 1 (9-12)
Business Basics (9-12)	Computer Programming (11-12)	Graphic Communications 2 (9-12)
Marketing (10-12)	Principles of Technology (10-12)	Graphic Communications 3 (10-12)
Accounting 1 (10-12)	AP Computer Science Principles (11-12)	Video Production 1 (9-12)
Accounting 2 (10-12)		Video Production 2 (10-12)
Information & Software Systems - Word & Excel (10-12)		
Business Management & Entrepreneurship (11-12)		

Pathways in Business & Technology Education

BUSINESS

Accounting 1

State Course Code: 12104A001

Grade 10-11-12 | 1 Year | 1 Credit |

This is a skill level course valuable to all students pursuing business, medical, marketing and managementlevel programs. This course provides planned learning experiences and activities to develop abilities necessary for keeping, summarizing, and analyzing financial records. In addition to stressing fundamental concepts of terminology of accounting, instruction will provide initial understanding of the preparation of financial reports, and computer applications. Students are expected to work productively in a professional work environment in a manner that helps them develop career-ready skills necessary for college and the work force. Students are evaluated on their job performance.

Grade 11-12 | 1 Year | 1 Credit | Prerequisite: Accounting I

This is a skill level course valuable to all students pursuing business, medical, marketing and management-level programs. Students develop a deeper knowledge of the principles of accounting with more emphasis being placed on financial statements and accounting records as they apply to partnerships and corporations. The students will become familiar with such specialized fields of accounting as cost, tax and payroll accounting. In addition, skills are developed in the entry, retrieval and statistical analysis of business data using computers for accounting business applications. Students are expected to work productively in a professional work environment in a manner that helps them develop career-ready skills necessary for college and the work force. Students are evaluated on their job performance.

Business Basics

Accounting 2

This course is designed to increase the student's opportunities to succeed in work after graduation or continue their education at a community college or university. Students are introduced to the American enterprise system and the role that business plays in the economic well-being of America. Topics included are business-government relations, forms of business ownership, finance, management, stock markets, marketing and economic concepts. It is strongly recommended that each student have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office. Software simulations will be implemented in areas of running a proprietorship. Students will also have a class project of creating a business plan for their own business.

1/2 Credit

Business Management and Entrepreneurship

Grade 9-10-11-12 | 1 Semester

Grade 11-12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit

Business Management and Entrepreneurship I prepares individuals to perform functions and tasks associated with owning and operating a business. Components of business ownership covered will include purchasing, marketing functions, effective selling, distribution, product service planning, customer service, risk management and loss prevention, financing, and personnel management, culminating in a small business plan for an existing business that is for sale. Students will apply these principles in a "hands on" development and operation of a small business of their choosing. Students will develop their career ready skills that will be necessary for college and the work force. They will learn basic management principles as well as real life examples. Virtual Business Restaurant simulation will also be utilized for students to gain an understanding of how to run a restaurant in terms of service, marketing, and management.

Consumer Education

Grade 10-11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	

Consumer Economics is a State of Illinois requirement for all high school students. Consumer Economics is an interdisciplinary course in which students study personal finance management, income management, choosing financial institutions and services, economics systems, global economy, U.S. government's role in the economy, strategies for savings, investing, and using cash and credit. Students will also investigate large purchases such as home, car, land, and insurance. Students will develop career –ready skills necessary for college and the work

State Course Code: 12053A001

State Course Code: 19262A000

State Course Code: 12104A002

force as well as for everyday living. This course is also designed to promote greater citizenship and career planning.

Information and Software Systems – Word*

State Course Code: 10005A001

Grade 10-11-12 | 1 Semester | 1/2 Credit | Prerequisite: Computer Apps

This class is designed for students to prepare to take the MOS certification test for Microsoft Word 2019 during the course of the first semester. MOS certification is an essential element in the process of becoming work and college ready. This is an intermediate level course and is designed to increase the student's knowledge in learning specific specialized features and skills necessary to successfully pass the certification Specialist exam. The course is designed in a manner that will challenge students to make professional decisions in regards to creating and editing professional business documents. Students who pass the MOS test will earn a MOS Certificate in Word. Students are expected to work productively in a professional work environment in a manner that helps them develop career-ready skills necessary for college and the work force. Students are evaluated on their job performance. **Students can earn MOS certification.*

Information and Software Systems – Excel*

State Course Code: 10005A001

Grade 10-11-12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit Prerequisite: Computer Apps

This class is designed for students to prepare to take the MOS certification exam in the area of Excel 2019 during the course of the second semester. MOS certification is an essential element in the process of becoming work and college ready. It is an intermediate level course and is designed to increase the student's knowledge in learning specific specialized features and skills necessary to successfully pass the certification Specialist exam. The course is designed in a manner that will challenge students to make professional decisions in regards to creating and editing professional business documents. Students who pass the MOS test will earn a MOS Certificate in Excel. Students are expected to work productively in a professional work environment in a manner that helps them develop career-ready skills necessary for college and the work force. Students are evaluated on their job performance. **Students can earn MOS certification.*

Marketing

Grade 10-11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit

State Course Code: 12164A001

Marketing will be a focus on the marketing world. It will include topics such as introduction to sales, promotions, distribution of goods, stock handling, pricing and product planning. Students will also be exposed to the concepts of productivity and its effect on cost and profit as well as working with a business/marketing plan. Job opportunities in the marketing field will also be explored. Additional topics include the 4 P's of marketing, SWOT, digital marketing, and market research. Students are shown how marketing coincides with everyday living and help develop their career-ready skills necessary for college and the workforce. A portion of this class will be digital content creation utilizing Canva and video editing software. Virtual Shoe Company simulation will also be utilized and help enforce marketing concepts in a hands-on approach.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Advanced Placement (A.P.) Computer Science Principles* State Course Code: 10157A001

Grade 11-121 Year1 CreditPrerequisite: Computer Apps & Algebra 1WeightedAP Computer Science Principles offers a multidisciplinary approach to teaching the underlying principles of
computation. The course will introduce you to the creative aspects of programming, abstractions, algorithms,
large date sets, the Internet, cyber security concerns and computing impacts. AP Computer Science Principles
also gives you the opportunity to use current technologies to create computational artifacts for both self-
expression and problem solving. Together, these aspects of the course make up a rich curriculum that aims to
broaden participation in computer science. *Students enrolled in this course are required to take the AP
exam at the end of the year. The AP examination fee for 2026 is \$50.00 per exam.

Computer Applications (Apps)*

State Course Code: 10004A001

Grade 9-10-11-12 | 1 Semester | 1/2 Credit | Prerequisite: None This course is designed to increase student opportunities to succeed in classes at the high school and college levels. Students will learn to use computers as tools in conjunction with related software and operating systems. Topics include computer concepts: Malware, Digital Citizenship, Scratch coding as well as a basic introduction to the historical development of computers. Software introduced in the class: Microsoft Word 2021, Excel 2021, PowerPoint 2021. If two semester courses or more of MJHS/Transfer School computer curriculum (Beginning w/ Class of 2027) are fulfilled prior to SVHS, then the student's grad req. will be fulfilled; however, the student must still earn one credit in any other combination of SVHS computer courses. **This course is required for graduation (Grad. Classes 2025-2027). This course will no longer be a graduation requirement, beginning with the Grad. Class of 2028.*

Computer Programming*

State Course Code: 10152A001

Grade 11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Prerequisite: None	Weighted	Dual Credit

This course introduces computer programming and problem solving in a structured program logic environment. It introduces key programming concepts, including structure, decision making, looping, arrays, and files, and enforces good style, modern conventions, and logical thinking. Students will also be introduced to object-oriented programming techniques and events This course is designed to introduce the student to object oriented programming using Python.

*This course is offered as a Dual Credit course through Rock Valley College. (3 credits) (CIS 170) *Student must pay a required \$50 course fee to MCUSD 223.

Principles of Technology*			State	Course Code:	21001A001		
	Grade 10-11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Prerequisite: None	Weighted	Dual Credit	
This cla	ss provides studen	ts an opportu	nity to build a	and refine knowledge and sk	ills in the IT (Info	ormation	
Technology) world. Students will develop a background in the subjects needed to begin understanding							
compu	computing, including the efficient and thoughtful use of computer hardware, software and operating systems.						

Skills covered include solving basic digital-literacy problems, using common production applications and

describing current technologies. This acquired knowledge can then be applied in new circumstances. Students are expected to work productively in a professional work environment in a manner that helps them develop career-ready skills necessary for college and the work force. Students are evaluated on their job performance. **This course is offered as a Dual Credit course through Rock Valley College. (3 credits) (CIS 102) *Student must pay a required \$50 course fee to MCUSD 223.*

COMMUNICATION & AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNOLOGY

Gaming Concepts

State Course Code: 10205A001

Grade 11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Prerequisite: None

In this course students will take a deep dive into the world of video games tied to an accredited STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math) curriculum. Student learning will focus on physical and mental health, as well as practicing positive behaviors pertaining to gaming. Students will also explore the components, functions, and hardware of a computer. Students will present strategies for different gaming genres and be introduced to streaming and shoutcasting. Applicable college scholarships and careers in the field will be researched and discussed, and students will be exposed to several professionals in the field for interviews and Q&A sessions. Please understand that this course is not just playing video games; there is required coursework.

Graphic Communications 1*

State Course Code: 10202A002

Grade 9-10-11-12 | 1 Semester | 1/2 Credit | Prerequisite: None This course is an introductory level class designed to expose students to software, equipment and vocabulary used within the Graphic Communication Industry. Coursework will focus on beginner level Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator. Students will create projects such as photo collages, photo restoration, manipulation, logo creation and cartoon replication. At the end of the semester, students will design custom t-shirts and illustrated storybooks that will be printed and taken home. Graphic Communications 1 is a great solution for students looking to fulfill their tech credit or pursue more advanced tech classes such as Graphic Communications 2, Graphic Communications 3, and/or Video Production classes. #4 student for af \$15.00 per student will be applied toward the cast of supplies used in the classroom

*A student fee of \$15.00 per student will be applied toward the cost of supplies used in the classroom.

Graphic Communications 2*

State Course Code: 10202A001

Grade 9-10-	11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Prerequisite: 'C' or better in Graphic
				Communications 1 or Instructor Approval

This course builds upon the beginning level Photoshop and Illustrator skills students learned in Graphic Communications 1. Topics explored in this class include: Design Principles, Typography, Color Theory, Advanced Digital Imaging, and new trends inside of the graphic communication industry. Additionally, students will learn how to use Adobe InDesign to create page layouts such as: Brochures, Promotional Posters, Newspapers, and Portfolios. All design projects will be printed off on the digital press and added to a portfolio of work. Leadership, employability, and personal/social skills are emphasized throughout the curriculum. **A student fee of \$15.00 per student will be applied toward the cost of supplies used in the classroom.*

Graphic Communications 3*

State Course Code: 11154A002

Grade 10-11-12	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: "C" or better in Graphic Communications 2
			or Instructor Approval

Graphic Communications 3 is designed for students who are considering Graphic Communication as a career and/or for students who want to take their design and print production skills to the next level in Adobe applications. The course will focus on production printing for real world jobs within the district and beyond. Students will become proficient in operating a digital press by designing and printing jobs that include variable data, booklet making, mixed media output, along with various folding and finishing techniques. In addition to digital printing, students will create multi-color t-shirt designs on a screen printing press and fulfill shirt orders for clubs, activities and events at the high school and district. Throughout the course, students will build a portfolio that shows off their work in the design applications and production jobs they produce. The portfolio can be utilized to pursue a degree in Graphic Communication and/or secure a job in the field of print production. Leadership, employability, and personal/social skills are emphasized throughout the curriculum. ***Course is repeatable for elective credit.**

*A student fee of \$30.00 per student will be applied toward the cost of supplies used in the classroom.

Video Production 1*

State Course Code: 11051A001

Grade 9-10-11-12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit Prerequisite: None

This course will include instruction with image editing programs designed to manipulate scanned images, computer graphics, and original artwork. Instruction will include creating graphical headers, interactive menus and buttons, and visually appealing backgrounds. Students will use hardware and software to capture, edit, create, and compress audio and video clips. Utilizing Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and After Effects. Students are expected to work productively in a professional work environment in a manner that helps them develop career-ready skills necessary for college and the work force. Students are evaluated on their job performance. **A student fee of \$30.00 per student will be applied toward the cost of supplies used in the classroom.*

Video Production 2*

State Course Code: 11051A002

Grade 10-11-12	1 Somostor	1/2 Cradit	Prerequisite: "C" or better in Video Production 1	
	i Semester	1/2 Credit	or Instructor Approval	

As a continuation of Video Production 1, students will continue to increase their skill and knowledge in Adobe Premiere Pro editing software. Students will be introduced to Adobe After Effects for animation effects and Adobe Audition for advanced audio editing. The course will emphasize mastery in technical aspects of lighting techniques, audio, and camera operations. Students will be provided opportunities to produce real world content for video boards in the gym, hype videos for high school events, and promotional videos for clubs. Students will continue to work on independent personal projects to strengthen storytelling and technical skills in video production. Teamwork and soft skills are emphasized as students learn and participate in real-world roles in video production.

*A student fee of \$30.00 per student will be applied toward the cost of supplies used in the classroom.

ENGLISH

Advanced English 1*

State Course Code: 01001A000 Grade 9 1 Credit Prerequisite: Jr. High English teacher recommendation 1 Year NCAA

Advanced English 1 is designed to increase proficiency in the communication skills of reading, writing, speaking and critical thinking. These skills are developed through a variety of activities in the areas of literature, grammar usage, writing, and vocabulary study. Special projects are used to give students an opportunity to apply and enhance their communication skills. *Required for graduation unless enrolled in English 1.

Advanced English 2*

State Course Code: 01002A000

State Course Code: 01054A000

Grade 10	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: Adv. English I or English I teacher recommendation
NCAA			

This college-bound course is designed to increase proficiency in communication skills such as reading, writing, speaking, listening, and critical thinking. These are developed through a variety of activities in the areas of literature, grammar, and writing. Writing, both personal and public, is a crucial focus of this course. Students in the course are expected to be highly motivated and independent workers. *Required for graduation unless enrolled in English 2.

Advanced Placement (A.P.) English – Literature & Composition* State Course Code: 01006A000

Grade 12	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: College Prep American Lit or teacher recommendation
Weighted	NCAA		

This course is designed for highly motivated students who will be attending a college or university. Goals of the course will be increasing proficiency in critical thinking, using close reading and analysis of major works of English and world literature. The class will involve a considerable amount of reading and writing. A primary emphasis of the class will be preparation for the College Board Advanced Placement Test in English, which students will take for possible college credit or advanced placement their freshman year of college.

This course is required for Graduation unless enrolled in Composition I (ENG 101) and Composition II (ENG 103) or Senior English (Beginning with the Class of 2026) unless Administration approves due to meeting all requirements for Early Graduation.

* Students enrolled in this course are required to take the AP exam at the end of the year. The AP examination fee for 2026 is \$50.00 per exam.

American Literature*

Grade 11 1	Year	1 Credit	NCAA
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This course provides a survey of selected works in American literature from the 1600s to the Modern Age. Emphasis is placed on historical background, cultural context, and literary analysis of selected prose, poetry, and drama. Upon completion, students should be able to interpret, analyze, and respond to literary works in their historical and cultural contexts. Emphasis is also placed upon expanding grammar and writing skills, and developing a student's vocabulary. *Required for graduation unless enrolled in College Prep American Lit.

College Preparatory American Literature*

Grade 111 Year1 CreditPrerequisite: Advanced English I, II or teacher recommendationNCAA

In this course, primary attention will be placed upon examining American literature from a variety of perspectives and critical viewpoints. Emphasis will be placed upon expanding grammar and writing skills, oral communication, argumentative/persuasive essays, a research paper, and developing vocabulary for the college-bound student. **Required for graduation unless enrolled in American Literature.*

Contemporary Literature

Grade 11-121 Semester1/2 CreditNCAAContemporary Literature focuses on the reading and analysis of literature since the 1950s. The courseemphasizes how contemporary issues are explored in literature. Students are expected to read a variety ofnovels from multiple genres and to develop a sense of how particular genres are used today to represent ideasand events. Students explore issues of interpretation and theme through essays, group discussions, and oralpresentations. Oral and written projects are designed to elicit a more thought-provoking reaction and criticalanalysis of the literature, while developing the individual's communication skills.

Composition I* State Course Code: 01103A000 Grade 12 1 Semester 3 Credits Weighted Dual Credit NCAA

In Composition I, students employ flexible strategies to develop focused, purposeful essays that demonstrate college-level thinking. Students write in a variety of textual forms, including persuasive essays in the latter half of the semester, and learn to address the needs of audiences by increasing their awareness of the rhetorical situations in which they write. Students learn to develop and support their claims effectively, to position their ideas in relation to those of others, and to edit their writing carefully. Students write 16-24 pages or a minimum of 5,000 words of revised prose during the course. This course is required for graduation unless enrolled in Advanced Placement English Literature & Composition or Senior English (Beginning with the Class of 2026) unless Administration approves due to meeting all requirements for Early Graduation. **Prerequisite:** College Prep Am. Lit/American Lit. semester grade of B or better **AND** SAT ERW (English/Reading/ Writing) of 480 or above **OR** ACT English score of 19 or greater **OR** Nex-Gen ACCUPLACER Writing of 250 or greater. Note: For all degrees that require <u>ENG-101</u>, a grade of C or higher must be earned in this course. Credit: 3 semester hours ***Student must pay a required \$50 course fee to MCUSD 223**.

*This course is offered as Dual Credit through Rock Valley College. (3 credits) (ENG 101)

Composition II* State Course Code: 01103A000

Grade 12 1 Semester 3 Credits Weighted Dual Credit NCAA	 						
	Grade 12	1 Semester	3 Credits	Weighted	Dual Credit	NCAA	

In Composition II, the second half of a two-semester writing sequence, students conduct research on academic topics, advance extended arguments, and use sources appropriately and effectively. In doing so, they develop the habits of the mind associated with sound scholarship. Students write 16-24 pages or a minimum of 5,000 words of revised prose during the course, including documented multi-source writing in one or more papers for a combined total of at least 2500 words in the final version. This course is required for graduation unless enrolled in AP English or Senior English (Beginning with the Class of 2026) unless Administration approves due to meeting all requirements for Early Graduation. Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or higher in <u>ENG 101</u>-Composition I. Note: For all degrees that require <u>ENG-103</u>, a grade of C or higher must be earned in this

State Course Code: 01062A000

course. Credit: 3 semester hours.

*This course is offered as Dual Credit through Rock Valley College. (3 credits) (ENG 103) *Student must pay a required \$50 course fee to MCUSD 223.

English 1*

Grade 9 1 Year	1 Credit	NCAA
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English 1 is designed to develop proficiency in language skills, including basic grammar, composition, reading and vocabulary. Lessons spread throughout the year will focus on usage, basic sentence structure, sentence combining and paragraph development. Vocabulary will emphasize not only the meaning of new words, but also learning to use the words properly. Literature study will include units on the short story, novel and drama. *Required for graduation unless enrolled in Advanced English 1.

English 2*

1 Credit NCAA 1 Year Grade 10

English 2 is a required course for sophomores. The course is designed to increase proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and critical thinking skills. These communication skills are developed through a variety of activities in the areas of literature, grammar, and writing. The short story, the nonfiction essay, the novel, and Shakespearean drama are studied. *Required for graduation unless enrolled in Advanced English 2.

Film and Literature

Grade 10- 11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit

In this course, students will study a variety of genres to analyze the customary elements found in both written and cinematic works. The class features a wide variety of genres including: Western, Romance, Horror, Mystery, and Coming of Age. The exploration of each unit will be guided with the use of novels, short fiction, essays, and both short and full-length films. Additionally, students will learn to identify and analyze several features of films, such as shot types, camera angles, camera movements, lighting techniques, and sounds (film scores, dialogue, music, etc.) in order to make connections to the conventional themes of each genre and impact on the audience.

Senior English

State Course Code: 01004A000

Grade 12 1 Credit Prerequisite: American Lit. or College Prep American Lit. 1 Year NCAA

The Transitional English course is designed to provide students with opportunities for continued practice and development in reading, critical thinking, analysis and writing. A key objective of this course is to prepare students for the demands of academic writing at the college level through the analyzing and synthesizing of information to develop articulate, logical, evidence-based written arguments. Curriculum in this course will enrich student learning, preparing students for post-secondary success. The Transitional English course is thematic, exposing students to a wide variety of genres and mediums found in contemporary culture, encouraging students to think critically about a range of topics affecting both the individual and the larger community or world. Students will be introduced to diverse reading and writing strategies, utilizing these to advance their analysis of materials within these units of study, making real world applications.

State Course Code: 01001A000

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State Course Code: 01099A000

Student Publication I*

State Course Code: 11101A000

This course teaches students basic publication skills: interviewing, reporting, copywriting, headline writing, proofreading, editing, photography, caption writing, and page design. Student work may be submitted to The Cardinal yearbook, the school's website, and/or local newspapers. Students are assessed through formal exams, story and photography assignments, and the observation of daily work habits and teamwork. Afterschool assignments and work sessions may be required.

*Course is intended to prepare students for Student Publication II.

Student Publication II*

Prerequisite: Satisfactory Completion of Student Pub I 1 Year 1 Credit

This course is designed to produce the Stillman Valley High School yearbook, The Cardinal, using a web-based publishing program. Students will have the opportunity to build on publication skills learned in Student Publication I and will be involved in every level of the process: theme development, page design, photography, reporting, copy writing, editing, proofreading, advertising, marketing and sales. Students are assessed through story assignments and pages completed according to deadline and the observation of daily work habits and teamwork. After school assignments and work sessions will be required.

*Course is repeatable for elective credit.

WORLD LANGUAGE/SPANISH

Spanish for Spanish Speakers I

State Course Code: 24057A000

Grade 9-10-11-12	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisites: Passing grade in previous year's English course,
			Teacher Recommendation, and 'Spanish' on Home Language
			Survey
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This course is designed for students who understand and speak Spanish fluently. Students will develop proficiency in academic language skills, including; grammar, composition, reading, and vocabulary. The class will focus on formal literacy skills and reading comprehension, which will lead to stronger academic language skills in both English and Spanish. Topics will include; vocabulary – etymology of words, grammar – parts of speech, writing – transition words and strong paragraph writing. The course objectives will be achieved through the use of authentic texts of varying genres, such as; short stories, fiction, non-fiction, and dramas. This oneyear course will meet the requirements of Spanish I and Spanish II.

State Course Code: 01199A000

NCAA Grade 10-11-12 | 1 Semester 1/2 Credit

This class is intended to give an understanding of types of communication and to improve the student's spoken presentation. This course will be devoted to studying proper speech presentation and to giving speeches in a variety of forms and situations.

Speech Communication

Grade 9-10-11 1 Semester 1/2 Credit

State Course Code: 11101A000 Grade 10-11-12

Spanish for Spanish Speakers II

State Course Code: 24057A000

NCAA			
			Teacher Approval
Grade 9-10-11-12	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: 'C' or better in Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1 or

This course is designed for students who understand and speak Spanish fluently. Students will continue to develop proficiency in academic language skills, including: grammar, composition, reading, and vocabulary. The class will focus on formal literacy skills and reading comprehension, which will lead to stronger academic language skills in both English and Spanish. Topics will include: vocabulary – etymology of words, grammar – parts of speech, writing – transition words and strong paragraph writing. The course objectives will be achieved through the use of both authentic texts of varied genres and multimedia. **This one-year course will meet the requirements of Spanish I and Spanish II.**

Spanish I

State Course Code: 24052A000

Grade 9-10-11-12	1 Year	Prerequisite: Passing grade in previous year's English course
NCAA		or Teacher Approval

The purpose of this course is to teach the student basic everyday vocabulary and grammatical skills necessary to begin to speak, read, write and understand Spanish. Students will be engaged in a variety of speaking and listening activities, but the most emphasis will be placed on producing the language; i.e. writing and speaking.

Spanish II

State Course Code: 24053A000

Grade 9-10-11-12	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: 'C' or better in Spanish I or Teacher Approval
NCAA			

Second year Spanish continues to build on vocabulary and the grammatical skills learned in Spanish I. Students are introduced to more complex sentence structures and grammatical concepts. The students are required to do more independent writing assignments and projects outside of class related to a specific grammar concept and/or cultural topic.

Spanish III

State Course Code: 24054A000

Grade 10-11-12	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: 'C' or better in Spanish II or Teacher Approval
NCAA			

Third year Spanish continues emphasizing the structure and formation of the language with more advanced concepts introduced and applied. A heavier emphasis is placed on cultural aspects and independent projects.

Spanish IV

State Course Code: 24055A000

Grade 11-12	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: 'C' or better in Spanish III or Teacher Approval
NCAA			

Spanish IV continues with language production and comprehension skills throughout the year. The focus is to maintain and strengthen skills learned in the previous three years. The application of these skills in independent projects, writings, or other appropriate scenarios will be heavily practiced. A Telenovela video series is utilized throughout the year for listening comprehension. Class will be conducted almost entirely in Spanish. Students in Spanish IV will be encouraged to take the AP test and/or the CLEP test to earn college credit.

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State Course Code: 24064A000

	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: 'C' or better in Spanish IV or Teacher Approval
Weighted	NCAA		

This class will prepare motivated students with the practice and skills to take the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam. Heavy focus on conversational and presentational speaking, interpretive listening and reading of authentic materials, and interpersonal and persuasive writing. The class will be conducted entirely in Spanish. *Students enrolled in this course are required to take the AP exam at the end of the year. The AP examination fee for 2026 is \$50.00 per exam.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) I

Advanced Placement (A.P.) Spanish*

Grade 10-11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit
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Students will be introduced to 2D and 3D drafting, using the latest computer technology available. Students will be concentrating on mechanical and architectural drawings, following industry standards and covering areas of planning, designing, preparing layout and detailed drawings. Students will use the following computer programs: AutoCAD (latest version), Google Sketch-Up, and 3D studio-max (animation).

Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) II

Grade 10-11-12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit

Students will continue to build on the foundation of CAD 1. This will reinforce those concepts and skills already covered. Additional areas introduced are assembly drawings, sections, and a more advanced approach regarding 2D and 3D drafting. Students will be performing layouts, detailed drawings and animations, in regards to Architectural drafting and design. Students will also be creating animation renderings. The 3D computer animations created in class are basic examples of what one sees when watching a movie or cartoon created by computer animation. AutoCAD (latest version), Google Sketch-Up, 3D studio max (animation), and Autodesk Revit will be used.

State Course Code: 21103A002 CAD III 3D Architectural Drafting and Animation

Prerequisite: CAD II (or instructor approval Grade 11-12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit The course is designed for the student with an interest in 3D Drafting, Animation, Architecture, and design. The course provides real-world examples that designers, illustrators, drafters and architects use. Students also have the opportunity to work on architectural design projects that require residential planning. Students will also work with 3D software to create three dimensional drawings and presentations. AutoCAD (latest version), Google Sketch-Up, and 3D Studio Max (animation) are used.

CAD IV Advanced 3D Architectural Drafting and Animation State Course Code: 21103A002

Grade 11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Prerequisite: CAD III (or
(Repeat with approval)			instructor approval

This course is designed for the student with an interest in advanced 3D Drafting and design. This course

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continues the areas covered in CAD 3 and will further develop the students' knowledge and drafting skills. Real world examples that designers, illustrators and architects face will be the student projects throughout the semester. Students will work on architectural design and artistic renderings. AutoCAD (latest version), Google Sketch-Up, and 3D Studio Max (animation) are used predominantly in this course.

CNC Fabrication*

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CNC Fabrication is a culmination of Woodworking, Welding, and CAD (Computer Aided Drafting). In this course students will use the skills that they have learned and developed in previous classes to concentrate on developing projects using CNC technologies such as; CNC router, CNC Plasma cutter, Laser Engraver, Water Jet, and 3-D Printer. Course Requirements: Satisfactory completion of Intro to Industrial Arts and one additional Industrial Arts Course or the satisfactory completion of Welding, Woods, **and** CAD

*Students will be responsible for the cost of the materials used for their projects. The estimated cost for class projects, if smaller to medium in size, will be around \$150-300. Larger projects may be closer to \$500 or more depending on the cost of material(s).

Introduction to Construction I

Grade 10-11-12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit	Grade 10-11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit
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This course will introduce students to basic skills necessary for residential construction occupations. Hands-on activities will provide students with job-like experiences to attain skills in the areas of: concrete construction, rough framing, rafter layout and construction, and installation of roof components. In addition, students will learn how-to and create material estimates as well as utilizing the tools associated with each area of construction.

Introduction to Construction II

Grade 10-11-12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit Prerequisite: Intro Constr. I or instructor approval

This course will introduce students to basic skills necessary for residential construction occupations. Hands-on activities will build upon Construction 1 and include installation of: electrical components, drywall, interior trim, sheeting, and exterior siding. In addition, students will learn how-to and create material estimates as well as utilizing the tools associated with each of the installation processes.

Construction III*

Grade 11-12 | 1 Semester | 1/2 Credit | Prerequisite: Intro Constr. II or instructor approval

This course will allow students to reinforce and apply skills from Construction 2 at a more advanced level. Hands-on activities will focus on the areas of: concrete construction, rough framing, rafter layout and construction, and installation of roof components. In addition, employment opportunities, appropriate work behavior, and job safety will be emphasized.

*Students will have an opportunity to earn a 10-Hour OSHA certification after successfully completing Construction 1, 2, and 3.

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Grade 11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Prerequisite: Intro Constr. III or instructor approval
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This course will allow students to reinforce and apply skills from Construction 3 at a more advanced level. Hands-on activities will focus on the installation of: electrical components, drywall, interior trim, sheeting, and exterior siding. In addition, employment opportunities, appropriate work behavior, and job safety will be emphasized.

Introduction to Industrial Arts*

Construction IV

Grade 9-10 (11 with instructor approval) 1 Year 1 Credit

This course will give students an introductory "hands on" approach to all the areas of the Industrial Technology department. The class is designed to create and design project based activities. This is a full year course, to give each student a basic knowledge and skill set in each area of following areas:

<u>Woodworking</u> – This is covered over an 18-week period so all areas of the wood fabrication facility are covered. Students will be designing and constructing 2-3 woodworking projects that they will be to take home when completed.

<u>Construction/Metals</u> – Students will develop basic carpentry skills related to wall construction, drywall and electrical projects. All activities are project based. A mini welding/metals unit will be included. <u>CAD (Computer Aided Drafting)</u> – Students will create and design various 2D and 3D drawings and

animations using AutoCAD and Google Sketch-Up programs on the latest computer technology.

*A student fee of \$15 will be charged per student for an Industrial Arts kit, which includes safety glasses and a tape measure. *Students will pay for materials for any project(s) that will be taken home.

Welding 1/2

State Course Code: 13207A001

Grade 10-11-12 | 1 Semester | 1/2 Credit | Prerequisite: Intro Ind. Arts or instructor approval This course provides experience in oxyacetylene and shielded metal are welding. Ferrous material will be joined by these two processes. Students will be introduced to basic skills relating to shop safety, and set-up and operation of equipment. They will also begin to develop specific skills needed to weld in the flat and horizontal welding positions. In this course, student learning experiences will build on earlier skill development in oxyacetylene and shielded metal arc welding in the flat and horizontal position. In addition, students begin to develop basic skills in the vertical and overhead welding positions and in thermal cutting methods.

Welding 3/4

State Course Code: 13207A002

Grade 10-11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Prerequisite: Earned a "C" or better in Welding 1/2
			and/or instructor approval

Student learning experiences will build on earlier skill development in oxyacetylene and shielded metal arc welding. The student will develop in depth knowledge and demonstrate advance skills in these processes welding in the flat, horizontal, vertical and overhead welding positions and in thermal cutting methods. In addition, the student will begin to develop skills in gas metals arc welding (MIG). Basic shop math and measurement will be emphasized. In this course the student learning experience will build on earlier skill development in oxyacetylene and shielded metal arc welding. Students will develop additional skills in these processes in the flat, horizontal, vertical and overhead welding positions, along with thermal cutting methods.

State Course Code: 21052A001

The student will increase knowledge and achieve skills that were attained in the previous course. Students will also begin to develop job skills in gas tungsten arc welding (GTAN) (TIG). Basic shop math and measurement will be emphasized.

Woodworking I*

Grade 10-11-12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit

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This course provides learning experiences common to most occupations in the woodworking industry. Students will design, layout and construct furniture of their choice. Examples of projects include but are not limited to coffee table, poker tables, dressers, cabinets etc. Students will become knowledgeable of shop safety, tool and machine usage, material selection and housekeeping procedures. This course is designed to develop, construct and finish high quality furniture. Emphasis is placed on quality of workmanship and safety. *Students will be required to pay for all project materials.

Woodworking II*

Grade 10-11-12 1/2 Credit Prerequisite: W 1 Semester By allowing students to become more knowledgeable in planning and assembling wood products, this course develops skills through safe use of tools and equipment. Review of safety principles and practices is an essential transition into planning layouts. Students will further develop their woodworking skills from the previous level class. Students will also focus on designing and constructing high guality furniture. *Students will be required to pay for all project materials.

Woodworking III*

Grade 11-12

Prerequisite: Woodworking II

This course allows the student to put the experience gained in woodworking 1-2 into practice by planning, designing and constructing wood products at a more advanced level. Again, safety principles and practices are emphasized along with designing cabinetry. In addition, staining techniques and application, types experienced is involved in woodworking II. This course can be repeated. Students will develop high-level skills in advanced furniture projects. Course content also includes advanced machine set-up and operation; offer student the opportunity to specialize in specific areas of woodworking. *Students will be required to pay for all project materials.

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Woodworking IV*

Grade 11-12

State Course Code: 17007A002 1/2 Credit Prerequisite: Woodworking III

This course allows the student to put the experience gained in woodworking 1-3 into advanced practice of planning, designing and constructing extremely high quality furniture/wood products. Safety is again a key principle. Students will develop, design and create custom millwork projects. This course can be repeated. Students will develop highly skilled an advanced furniture projects. Course content also includes advanced machine set-up and operation; offer student the opportunity to specialize in specific areas of woodworking. *Students will be required to pay for all project materials.

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<u>MATH</u>

Algebra I*

Grade 9 1 Year 1 Credit NCAA

This course is designed to introduce students to the concept of working and solving for unknown quantities. Major emphasis is placed on numerical exercises and translating verbal or English statements to mathematical statements. The major units of study will be basic operations with variables, integers and properties, linear equations, formulas, modeling, polynomials and factoring, and an introduction to quadratic equations. **Required for graduation unless enrolled in Algebra IAB or Algebra I was completed in 8th grade.*

Algebra IAB*

Grade 9	1 Year	2 Credits
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This course is a **double-blocked** course that meets every day. It is designed to introduce students to the concept of working and solving for unknown quantities. Major emphasis is placed on numerical exercises and translating verbal or English statements to mathematical statements. The major units of study will be basic operations with variables, integers and properties, linear equations, formulas, modeling, polynomials and factoring, and an introduction to quadratic equations.

*Required for graduation unless enrolled in Algebra I or Algebra I was completed in 8th grade.

Algebra II

State Course Code: 02056A000

Grade 10-11	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: Alg I or Alg I AB and Geometry, or
			instructor consent
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This course is designed to strengthen the concepts of Algebra I, as well as explore more advanced concepts. The major units of study are statistics, trigonometry, quadratic functions, polynomial functions, roots and radicals, logarithmic and exponential functions, rational functions, and sequences and series.

Algebra II – College Prep

State Course Code: 02056A000

Grade 10-11	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: Alg I or Alg I AB and Geometry, or instructor consent
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This course is designed to strengthen the concepts of Algebra I, as well as explore more advanced concepts. The major units of study are statistics, trigonometry, quadratic functions, polynomial functions, roots and radicals, logarithmic and exponential functions, rational functions, and sequences and series. Topics in this course will be studied in depth with preparation for Pre-Calculus and collegiate mathematics.

Cal	cul	us*

State Course Code: 02121A000

Weighted	Dual Cre	dit	NCAA	
				score of 26 or meet RVC Accuplacer requirements
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Grade 12	1 Year	1 Cr	edit	Prerequisite: strongly recommended B- or better in Pre-

This course may be taken for college credit through Rock Valley College. Calculus includes an introduction to

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differential and integral calculus with the study of limits and applications of the derivative and integral. Some emphasis will also be placed on improving mathematical writing skills and various problem solving strategies.

*This course is offered as Dual Credit through Rock Valley College. (5 credits) (MTH 135) *Student must pay a required \$50 course fee to MCUSD 223.

Geometry*

State Course Code: 02072A000

Grade 9-10	1 Year	Prerequisite: Alg. I or Alg. I AB or instructor consent; recommend C or higher in Alg. I
NCAA		

This course is designed to strengthen the concepts of Algebra I as well as explore more advanced concepts. The major units of study are statistics, trigonometry, quadratic functions, polynomial functions, roots and radicals, logarithmic and exponential functions, rational functions, and sequences and series. **Required for graduation.*

Pre-Calculus

State Course Code: 02110A000

Grade 11-12	1 Year	Prerequisite: Alg. II College Prep and Geometry (strongly recommended C or better in both) or instructor consent
NCAA		recommended c or better in both) or instructor consent

This course is designed to prepare students for College Mathematics, Calculus, and advanced mathematics in related sciences. This course will require students to unify the concepts learned in Geometry and previous Algebra courses and become better problem-solvers. The major units of study include functions, modeling, advanced graphing techniques, trigonometry, analytic geometry, exponential and logarithmic functions, conic sections, sequences and series, and polar coordinates

Quantitative Reasoning*

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Grade 12	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: Alg II	NCAA	
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This course is designed to strengthen concepts of Algebra 2 and explore more real-world applications of mathematics. The major units of study will include functions and their graphs (linear, polynomial, rational, radical, and exponential), geometry, trigonometry, statistics, personal finance, and business applications. Problem-solving and critical thinking will be emphasized. This is a college-preparatory course intended for students who may not require Calculus in their intended field of study.

**Earning a "C" or better in this course will ensure placement (non-credit) in a non-remedial math course at Illinois community colleges.*

Statistics*

State Course Code: 02201A000

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Grade 12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	edit Prerequisite: Alg. II with C or better; RVC requires SAT math score of 470 or higher or ACT math score of 18			
			or higher or meet RVC Accuplacer requirements			
Weighted	NCAA	Dual Credit				

This course is a college course offered through Rock Valley College. Statistics is intended primarily for students planning on future majors in life science or social science, or others interested in elementary statistics. Topics included are measures of central tendency and variability, graphical presentation of data, normal and binomial distributions, t- and chi-square distributions, sampling, hypothesis testing and correlation.

*This course is offered as Dual Credit through Rock Valley College. (3 credits) (MTH 220) *Student must pay a required \$50 course fee to MCUSD 223.

MUSIC

A Cappella Choir*

State Course Code: 05110A000

1 Year 1 Credit Prerequisite: Concert Choir and/or Audition Grade 10-11-12 A Cappella is an advanced, audition-only ensemble that studies a variety of choral literature. Members of A Cappella typically have at least one year of previous choral experience and have some experience reading music. The yearly performance requirements for A Cappella includes 4 concerts, singing the anthem at the Homecoming football game, the Coronado Sounds of the Season field trip, the Meridian 223 Caroling tour, and potential additional trips, performances, and contests. All choirs have access to several additional opportunities such as festival choirs and participation in solo or small group numbers throughout the year to extend individual skills. Students in A Cappella should want to participate in almost all extra performance opportunities, have the intention of staying in choir throughout high school, and are interested in continuing their singing post-graduation.

*This course is repeatable for elective credit.

Concert Choir*

Grade 9-10-11-12 1 Year 1 Credit Prerequisite: None

Concert Choir is a beginner to intermediate level ensemble that studies a variety of choral literature. The yearly performance requirement for Concert Choir includes four concerts and additional field trips as scheduled. Students in this course will build on beginning level vocal skills to be applied to singing at a higher level in the future. All choirs have access to several additional opportunities such as festival choirs and participation in solo or small group numbers throughout the year to extend individual skills. *This course is repeatable for elective credit.

Survey of Music History

1 Semester Grade 11-12 1/2 Credit

This course will offer a history of the Western art music tradition from early times to the present day, with an introduction to major composers, styles, and representative works. Music will be discussed with historical perspective providing a thorough understanding and the ability to-define and describe terms, elements, and characteristics of music. A special emphasis will be-placed on contemporary artists of the 20th and 21st Centuries.

Guitar 1*

	Grade 11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit
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Guitar 1 is designed for students, regardless of past music experience, who are interested in learning to play the acoustic guitar. Focus for this course will be on guitar basics, including; proper playing technique, reading notes and rhythms, interpreting chord symbols, and playing and accompanying songs of various genres. Basic music theory, some beginning composition-and songwriting, and music history as it relates to the guitar will also be covered.

*Acoustic guitars will be provided for students to use while in this class. Enrolled students will have the option to purchase their assigned guitars if they so choose. Cost TBD.

State Course Code: 05117A000

State Course Code: 05110A000

State Course Code: 05108A000

Music and Film Studies

State Course Code: 05116A000

Grade 9-10-11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit

This course will study the history and contributions of music in films. Students will learn how to analyze music, film, and other musical theater productions of multiple genres and gain an appreciation of the art of music in film and theater.

SVHS Band*

Band*	State Course Code: 05101A000		
Grade 9-10-11-12	1 Year	1 Credit	

Band at SVHS is the premier instrumental ensemble in District 223. Students in Band will focus on performing advanced, high-quality wind band repertoire as they continue to hone their musicianship skills both individually and within the ensemble. Continued study of more advanced music theory and history concepts will also be part of this course. Students will perform in concert band and athletic band settings, performing four concerts per school year, in addition to performances at home football and basketball games, as well as local parades and select festivals.

*This course is repeatable for elective credit.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/DRIVER EDUCATION/HEALTH EDUCATION

Driver Education

State Course Code: 08151A000

Grade 9-10	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Prerequisite: State law requires having earned 4 credits
			before enrollment

Driver Education is a course mandated by the State of Illinois for all residents who wish to acquire a Driver's License prior to the age of 18. A person must complete at least 30 hours of classroom work within the length of time that each individual course is offered. Therefore, regular class attendance is mandatory. Coursework will include work on the physical, mental, and social aspects of driving as well as dealing with emergency situations, adverse driving conditions, economic factors in car ownership, and application of traffic law. The course also includes behind the wheel training where students may acquire skills and confidence in handling a car in different situations.

Health

Grade 9-10 1 Semester 1/2 Credit

The class is designed to help students make responsible decisions and learn skills necessary to become autonomous adults. Students are encouraged to assume responsibility now for their own health and to be aware of how the choices they make today will affect their health in the future. Topics covered include: healthy choices & behavior, stress management, nutrition, substance abuse, lifestyle diseases, sexuality and responsibility (abstinence-based), body systems, fitness and emergency measures.

Physical Education

State Course Code: 08001A000

State Course Code: 08051A000

Grade 9-10-11-12 1 Year 1 Credit

Students participate in a variety of activities including: flag football, ultimate Frisbee, soccer, softball, tennis, golf, archery, badminton, pickle ball, strength training, basketball, volleyball, speedball, aerobics, and floor

hockey. This course enables the students to improve their skill level in a variety of sports and introduces the students to a wide range of physical activities and sports. Course expectations include pre and post-physical fitness testing as well as written and/or skill testing.

Strength and Conditioning

Grade 10-11-12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit

Strength & Conditioning focuses on components of health related fitness, which include cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, body composition, and muscular strength and endurance. Students will be able to list and describe component parts of health-related fitness and exercises/activities that contribute to the improvement and maintenance of their health-related fitness. This course is aimed at any student focused on health related fitness that may not be the focus of traditional sport/game oriented physical education curricula.

SCIENCE

Advanced Placement (A.P.) Biology*

Grade 10-11-12 1 Year 1 Credit

			(10 th grade requires instructor consent)	
	Weighted	NCAA		
A.P. B	iology is designed f	or college	-bound students to increase concepts dealing with laboratory procedures,	
micro	biology, biochemist	ry, genetic	s, plant and animal physiology and classification of organisms.	
*Students enrolled in this course are required to take the AP exam at the end of the year. The AP examination fee				

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Biology.

for 2026 is \$50.00 per exam.

Advanced Placement (A.P.) Chemistry 1

State Course Code: 03106A000

Grade 10-11	1 Sem.	1/2 Credit	Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Chemistry 1A and
			Algebra I. It is also recommended that students are enrolled
			in or have satisfactorily completed Algebra II.
Weighted	NCAA		

This course is for college bound students intending to study a STEM program, better preparing them to compete in college chemistry coursework. There will be in-depth coverage of concepts introduced in Chemistry 1A along with new units on thermodynamics, quantum mechanics, acid/base equilibrium, solubility, organic chemistry, and electrochemistry. Laboratory experiments are more detailed with a strong emphasis on inquirybased learning and student-directed learning. A strong math background is essential.

Advanced Placemen	t (A.P.) (Chemistry	2/3*State Course Code: 03106A000
Grade 11-12	1 Year		Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of A.P. Chemistry 1 or Chemistry 1A & 1B and satisfactory completion of Algebra I and Algebra II. It is recommended that students are enrolled in or have satisfactorily completed Pre-Calculus.
Weighted	ΝζΔΔ		

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This course is for college bound students interested in pursuing a science related career. There will be in-depth

State Course Code: 08005A000

State Course Code: 03056A000

coverage of concepts introduced in first year Chemistry along with new units on thermodynamics, quantum mechanics, acid/base equilibrium, solubility, organic chemistry, and electrochemistry. Laboratory experiments are more detailed with a strong emphasis on inquiry-based learning and student-directed learning. A strong math background is essential.

*Students enrolled in this course are required to take the AP exam at the end of the year. The AP examination fee for 2026 is \$50.00 per exam.

Advanced Placement (A.P.) Environmental Science*	State Course Code: 03207A000
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Weighted NCAA Grade 11-12 1 Year 1 Credit

The goal of this course is to provide students with the understanding of the interrelationships of the natural world, to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and manmade, to evaluate the risks associated with these problems and to examine alternative solutions for resolving or preventing them. Topics discussed in this course include earth systems and resources, the living world, population, land and water use, energy resources and consumption, pollution and global change.

*Students enrolled in this course are required to take the AP exam at the end of the year. The AP examination fee for 2026 is \$50.00 per exam.

State Course Code: 03054A000 Anatomy Grade 11-12 1 Year 1 Credit Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Biology NCAA

This course is designed to provide an in depth look at how the body is organized structurally and functionally. Extensive terminology is necessary to succeed in this course. One dissection will be utilized to supplement learning and understanding. A research assignment will be completed during the course.

Biolog	У	State Course Code: 03051A000			
	Grade 9 (with instructor consent)-10-11-12	1 Year	1 Credit	NCAA	

This course is designed as an introduction to many of the topics discussed within the life sciences. These include Biochemistry, Cellular Energy, Cell Reproduction, Molecular Genetics, Ecology and Evolution. Content vocabulary is essential for success in this course. Many group activities are used to enhance student understanding of the material presented.

Chemistry 1A & 1B

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Grade 10-11-12	1 Year or 1 Sem.	1 Credit	Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Algebra I
	for AP Chem. 1	or 1/2	
	Students	Credit	
NCAA			

This course deals with matter and energy as well as the changes that can take place through chemical interaction. The emphasis will be on understanding the core topics of theoretical chemistry with a strong emphasis on the mathematical expression of chemical concepts. Topics include: Periodic Table properties, bulkscale chemical and physical of materials, chemical bonding, chemical reactions, and mathematic qualities in chemical reactions, thermo-chemistry, gases, solutions, acids, and bases. Laboratory work is a significant part of

State Course Code: 03101A000

the course. Students enrolling in this course will find themselves adequately prepared for their first year of college chemistry. Students intending to take A.P. Chemistry should enroll in Chemistry 1A and AP Chemistry 1.

Earth Science

State Course Code: 03001A000

Grade 9-10-11-12 1 Year 1 Credit NC	AA
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The study of Earth Science involves investigation of the Earth and the processes that form and change it. Topics covered in this class include Earth systems and cycles, properties of water and its effect on Earth, Earth's history, the structure and composition of the geosphere, plate tectonics, volcanoes and earthquakes. Multiple lab activities and projects are used to reinforce material covered throughout the year.

Environmental Science

Grade 10-11-12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit NCAA

Environmental science is the study of how the natural world works and how humans and the environment affect each other. Topics covered in this class will include climate and climate change, Earth's resources, Earth's energy sources, human impact on resources and the environment, importance of biodiversity and sustainability. The aim is to increase student's knowledge of the environmental challenges of today and to investigate possible solutions for those challenges. Current events will play a role in class discussion and activities. Multiple lab activities and projects are used to reinforce material covered throughout the semester.

Introduction to Geology*

State Course Code: 03002A000

Grade 11-12	1 Year	1 Credit	Weighted	Dual Credit	NCAA
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The focus of this course is on the physical composition of the Earth and dynamic processes that affect the Earth. Topics covered include; plate tectonics, mountain building, volcanoes, earthquakes, glaciers, rivers, minerals, and rocks. This course fulfills laboratory science requirements for students both in and out of the Geology curriculum.

*This course is offered as Dual Credit through Rock Valley College. (4 credits) (GEL 101) *Student must pay a required \$50 course fee to MCUSD 223.

Medical Terminology*

State Course Code: 14154A000

Grade 11-12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Prerequisite: Enrolled in	Weighted	Dual	NCAA
			Anatomy and/or successful		Credit	
			completion of Anatomy			

Medical Terminology is a study of the extensive vocabulary that is utilized within various medical careers. The course is of value to those preparing for careers as health care providers and for diagnostic careers. It is also of value to those preparing for medical office careers, including medical office assistance, medical transcriptionist, medical coding, and other professions. Course content includes: building medical terms from word parts and specific medical terms relating to body systems, diseases, diagnosis, surgical and medical care, abbreviations, and medications. When done, students will be able to differentiate tissues and organs, compare and contrast different body systems, and define the function of each.

*This course is offered as Dual Credit through Rock Valley College. (2 credits) (HLT 110) *Student must pay a required \$50 course fee to MCUSD 223.

State Course Code: 03151A000

Grade 11-12	1 Year	1 Credit	Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Algebra I and II.
			It is recommended that students in Physics are co-
			enrolled in Pre-Calculus, but it is not required.
NCAA			

This course is for the student going on to college possibly majoring in a science related field. Good math and science reasoning skills are essential. The course will cover basic concepts of classical physics including motion, gravity, Newton's Laws, energy, momentum, torque, waves, sound and light, and electricity and magnetism. There is a strong emphasis on real world applications of physics concepts.

Space Science

State Course Code: 03004A000

Grade 10-11-12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit NCAA

This course is designed to help in understanding of the universe and our place in it. Topics that will be discussed include the theories for the formation of the universe, how we view the universe, galaxies, stars, planets and moons, as well as the work of past and modern astronomers. This is a lab class so there will be lab exercises as well as projects that will be completed during the semester.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

American Government*

Grade 12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit NCAA

This required course meets the state-mandated high school graduation requirement for instruction in Civics. It also fulfills the state-mandated high school graduation requirement for a United States Constitution exit examination. American Government examines the origins, nature, and dynamics of the American political system. This is accomplished through a focus on general political philosophies, the structure of government institutions, the discussion of current and controversial issues, exploration of case law, and simulations of the democratic process. Specific topics of study will include origins of political philosophy, civil rights and liberties, elections, political parties, interest groups and voter behavior, and the development of fiscal, monetary and foreign policy in 21st century America.

*This course is required for graduation unless enrolled in A.P. Government.

Ancient Civilizations: The Origins & Growth of Human Civilizations, Prehistory-1500

State Course Code: 04058A000

This course traces the earliest events of human history, with an emphasis on the various religions and mythologies of the civilizations being studied, beginning with the founding, rise, and decline of the Greek, Persian, Egyptian, Roman Empires, and Asian Dynasties. The course places a particular emphasis on the themes of movement/migration, conflict, societal structure, economic development, and technology advancement.

Advanced Placement (A.P.) U.S. Government and Politics* State Course Code: 04157A000

NCAA Grade 12 1 Semester 1/2 Credit Weighted

NCAA 1/2 Credit Grade 10 1 Semester

Physics

State Course Code: 04152A000

The AP course in American Government is designed to provide students with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and issues facing America and its citizens today. The program prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by introductory college political science courses. In May, it is expected that the students will take the AP American Government test for college credit. This course is about the American political system. Students enrolled will study, evaluate, and discuss political ideology, the development of the national political system and our democratic institutions. Students will be able to evaluate the role of the national government and its relationship to the concept of liberty in a pluralistic society. Students will explore general concepts used to interpret American politics, analyze case studies, and examine how our government institutions and political processes produce policies that impact Americans.

*Students enrolled in this course are required to take the AP exam at the end of the year. The AP examination fee for 2026 is \$50.00 per exam.

*There is a \$22.00 fee for a book.

Advanced Placement (A.P.) U.S. History I*

State Course Code: 04104A000

State Course Code: 04104A000

Grade 10	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Weighted	NCAA
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This is required as the entry course for the Advanced Placement United States History program. This elective course may be taken in place of the required U.S. History 1 course. AP U.S. I will establish the foundations requisite for the undergraduate level rigor and expectation for Advanced Placement U.S. II & III. This course will focus upon developing the students' writing abilities and skills of critical thinking and historical interpretation. The course's content will begin in the Pre-Columbian Era, move through the Colonial Period, the Early Federal Period and conclude in the 1840's prior to the Era of Sectional Crisis.

*There is a \$20.00 fee for a review book.

*Required for graduation unless enrolled in U.S. History I.

Advanced Placement (A.P.) U.S. History II & III*

Grade 11 1 Year 1 Credit Weighted NCAA

The advanced placement program in United States History is designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge to deal critically with the problems and materials in U.S. History. The course prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by full-year university introductory courses. A prime objective of this course will be to prepare students to take the College Board Advanced Placement Exam for possible college credit or advanced placement.

*Students enrolled in this course are required to take the AP exam at the end of the year. The AP examination fee for 2026 is \$50.00 per exam.

*Required for graduation unless enrolled in U.S. History II & III.

Advanced Placement (A.P.) World History I & II* Grade 9 1 Semester Each 1/2 Credit Each		State Course Code: 04047A000				
	Grade 9	1 Semester Each	1/2 Credit Each	Weighted	NCAA	
AP Wor	ld History: M	odern is an introduct	tory college-level mo	odern world histo	ory course. Stude	ents cultivate their

understanding of world history from c. 1200 CE to the present through analyzing historical sources and

learning to make connections and craft historical arguments as they explore concepts like humans and the environment, cultural developments and interactions, governance, economic systems, social interactions and organization, and technology and innovation.

*Students enrolled in this course are required to take the AP exam at the end of the year. The AP examination fee for 2026 is \$50.00 per exam.

Early Modern World History: Age of Monarchy & Emergence of the Modern Nation-State, 1400-1870 State Course Code: 04055A000

Grade 9 1 Semester	1/2 Credit
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This course explores the events of World History, beginning with the collapse of the Roman Empire through the Industrial Revolution. Students will study the rise and fall of global empires and dynasties, exploration of the "New World," Scientific Revolution, economic changes, the migration of peoples, ideas, and beliefs.

Modern World History: *The Contemporary World, 1870-2002*

1 Semester NCAA Grade 9 1/2 Credit This course traces the events of World History, beginning with the Unification of New Nations in Europe through the globalization and terrorism. Students will be required to study Imperialism; World War I; Great Depression; World War II; Cold War; the end of colonialism and Rapid Changes in the Modern World.

Psychology*

Grade 12	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	Weighted	Dual Credit	NCAA

Dual Credit Psychology is an introduction to the entire field of psychology with a focus on historical and current theory and research. Topics include research methods, biology of behavior, sensation and perception, learning, memory, development, motivation, personality, and social and abnormal behavior. *This course is offered as Dual Credit through Rock Valley College. (3 credits) (PSY 170) *Student must pay a required \$50 course fee to MCUSD 223.

Sociology

State Course Code: 04258A000

NCAA Grade 11-12 | 1 Semester 1/2 Credit

This course studies the structure, institutions, and workings of human society. Emphasis is placed upon the relationship between society and the individual in terms of behavior and personality. Fields of study will include schools of sociological thought, culture, socialization, race, sex and gender, deviance and crime, and an overview of the major institutions of society; social class, social control, marriage and family, education, religion, and social movements.

State Course Code: 04102A000 U.S. History I: Establishment of the American Nation, 1400-1865*

NCAA Grade 10 1 Semester 1/2 Credit

This course traces the early development of the United States, beginning with the Age of Exploration through the Civil War. Students will be required to study the establishment of the thirteen colonies; the American Revolution; Constitution; War of 1812; Westward expansion, sectionalism and events leading to the Civil War and Reconstruction.

*Required for graduation unless enrolled in AP U.S. History I.

State Course Code: 04053A000

State Course Code: 04254A000

U.S. History II: The Union Divides, Reunifies, Rebuilds and Expands, 1865-1940*

State Course Code: 04102A000

State Course Code: 04103A000

Grade 11 1 Semester 1/2 Credit NCAA

This course explores and surveys U.S. History from the termination of the Civil War to the brink of World War II. The students will review the challenges the nation faced as a result of the Civil War; the Reconstruction of the South; the closing of the frontier, urbanization, industrialization, and social change of the U.S.; World War I; the stock market crash; and implementation of the New Deal.

*Required for graduation unless enrolled in AP U.S. History II & III.

U.S. History III: Recent America, 1930-2002*

		Grade 11	1 Semester	1/2 Credit	NCAA
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This course will survey the 20th century domestic and international events of the American experience. Students will begin by examining causes of the Second World War; the origins and events of the Cold War, and America as a geopolitical power. Students will be introduced to a variety of social and political issues, which have shaped American life and culture during the 1950's, 1960's and through to the present Post-Industrial Era. Students will also study current issues in today's society and America's changing international role with special emphasis upon emerging multiculturalism, globalization and the War on Terror. **Required for graduation unless enrolled in AP U.S. History II & III.*

Credit Recovery Course

Credit Recovery Study Hall*

This course will enable credit-deficient students to recover unearned course credit(s) using one of several options for credit recovery including, but not limited to APEX or Educere, paid for by the applicable student/family.

*Fees vary by program and from year to year (approx. \$100 per course).

Advanced Placement (A.P.) Courses

- A.P. English Literature and Composition
- A.P. U.S. Government and Politics
- A.P. U.S. History I (No A.P. Exam No fee)
- A.P. U.S. History II & III
- A.P. World History
- A.P. Biology
- A.P. Chemistry 1 (No A.P. Exam No fee)
- A.P. Chemistry 2/3
- A.P. Environmental Science
- A.P. Spanish
- A.P. Studio Art
- A.P. Computer Science Principles
 - A.P. Exams are administered in May.
 - Students are responsible for half the cost of the exam (approximately \$50.00), which is billed through the student's SVHS Registration Fees.
 - Students must take the exam if they are enrolled in the class.
 - Colleges/Universities may award credit for scores of 3, 4, or 5 on an A.P. Exam.
 - Colleges/Universities have the right to refuse credit for A.P. Exam scores.
 - Taking A.P. courses in high school, regardless of the exam scores, demonstrates a desire to be challenged by rigorous courses.

ARTICULATED AND DUAL CREDIT INFORMATION

SVHS has agreements with Highland Community College, Kishwaukee College, and Rock Valley College to allow students to receive college credit for coursework completed in high school. In addition to these agreements, students may also choose to enroll in RVC coursework for Dual Credit as part of their senior class schedule. Students will need to meet with their SVHS School Counselor for specific information on this process. Dual Credit courses must be pre-approved by the administration and department division leader and cannot be a course SVHS offers. Information on each college and current agreements are listed below:

Articulated Credit:

Students may earn high school credit with the opportunity to enroll in advanced course work at the college, upon high school graduation. Once enrolled at the college, students may then be awarded college credit for the high school coursework. Students pay for these credits.

Dual Credit:

Students earn high school and college credit simultaneously.

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

-Courses are available for Dual Credit.

-Complete the Highland application with instructor during course

-No tuition or fees for the course(s)

Highland Community College	Credits at institution	SVHS Course	Credits at SVHS
(AGOC 124)	2 credits	Agricultural Business Management	1 credit
(AGRI 182)	4 credits	Advanced Agricultural Mechanics	1 credit
(AGRI 186)/(AGOC 116)	4 credits/2 credits	Advanced Animal Science	1/2 credit
(AGOC 114)	2 credits	Advanced Plant Science	1/2 credit
(AGOC 118)	3 credits	Horticulture Production and Management	1 credit
(AGOC 132)	3 credits	Landscaping & Turf Management	1 credit

CEANCI-Regional Programs - Seniors Only

Cosmetology

- Educators of Beauty, 8:00-9:30 AM or 1:00-2:30 PM Year Long
- Must fill out an online application at ceanci.org, then click on "For Counselors."
- Student must be in good academic standing and on track with graduation requirements. Check with your counselor to make sure.
- Tuition \$2,400 payable to Meridian CUSD #223 by May 1st Other Costs: Students must provide their own transportation.

CEANCI Timeline

March 1 – March 29 – Open registration

- April 1 May 3 Meet with your school counselor to confirm program eligibility & your schedule.
- April 3 Receive an email regarding a *Letter of Interest* from CEANCI w/participation information.
- May 1 Tuition due Payable to Meridian CUSD #223
- May 6 District deadline to confirm student eligibility for CEP enrollment
- May 17 Deadline to withdraw without financial penalty
- June 14 Letter of acceptance with *First Day of School* details

ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE

Dual Credit Classes through RVC - Seniors Only

- How we choose what courses to make available to our students:
 - Start time at RVC campus of 1:30 PM (if an in-person course at RVC)
 - A course that we do not already offer at SVHS
- Students/Families are responsible for all tuition and fees.
- Students are responsible for their own transportation if in-person on RVC campus.
- Students must be in good academic standing, meeting all graduation requirements.
- Students must meet the Illinois Community College (ICC) Board's placement requirements as determined by RVC.
- If at RVC, students must take 2 courses One on M/W and one T/TH due to our A/B schedule.
- Students must remain on our SVHS campus for RVC Online Courses.
- Students must complete all enrollment forms and agreement forms by the deadlines.

Rock Valley College Course	Credits at Institution	SVHS Course	Credits at SVHS
Calculus with Analytic Geometry (MTH 135)	5 credits	Calculus	1 credit
Elements of Statistics (MTH 220)	3 credits	Statistics	1/2 credit
Medical Terminology (HLT 110)	2 credits	Medical Terminology	1/2 credit
Introduction to Computers & Information	3 credits	Principles of Technology	1/2 credit
Systems (CIS 102)			
Programming Logic & Design (CIS 170)	3 credits	Computer Programming	1/2 credit
Composition I (ENG 101)	3 credits	Composition I	1/2 credit
Composition II (ENG 103)	3 credits	Composition II	1/2 credit
Introduction to Geology (GEL 101)	4 credits	Introduction to Geology	1 credit
General Psychology (PSY 170)	3 credits	Psychology	1/2 credit

RVC Courses Taught at SVHS

<u>Statistics (MTH 220)</u> - Requirements: SAT Math score of 470 or greater <u>OR</u> ACT Math score of 18 or greater <u>OR</u> Nex-Gen ACCUPLACER score of QAS 252 or greater <u>OR</u> Nex-Gen ACCUPLACER score of AAF 220 or greater. Students also need to have earned a C or better in Algebra II. The class is a 3 credit hour class offered for one semester.

Calculus (MTH 135) - Requirements: SAT Math score of 620 or greater **OR** ACT Math score of 26 or greater **OR** Nex-Gen ACCUPLACER score of AAF 276 or greater. Students also need to have earned a B or better in Pre-Calculus. The class is a 5 credit hour class offered for the full school year.

Medical Terminology (HLT 110) – Requirements: None.

Principles of Technology & Info. Systems (CIS 102) - Requirements: None.

Programming Logic & Design (CIS 170) – Requirements: None

<u>Composition I (ENG 101)</u> – Requirements: ELA SAT score of 480 or greater <u>OR</u> Reading ACT score of 19 or greater <u>OR</u> Nex-Gen ACCUPLACER Writing score of 250 or greater.

<u>Composition II (ENG 103)</u> – Requirements: Earn a C or better in Composition 1 (ENG 101).

Introduction to Geology (GEL 101) – Requirements: SAT math score of 470 or greater **OR** ACT math score of 18 or greater **OR** Nex-Gen ACCUPLACER score of QAS 241 or greater.

General Psychology (PSY 170) - Requirements: None

2025-2026 RVC Cost for Statistics, Calculus, Medical Terminology, Principles of Technology, Computer Programming, Composition I, Composition II, Intro to Geology, and Intro to Psychology at SVHS:

\$50 per course for MTH 220, MTH135, HLT 110, CIS 102, CIS 170, ENG 101, ENG 103, GEL 101, PSY 170. Student/Family responsible for cost paid directly to Meridian CUSD #223.

SVHS Grading Scale & Weighted Grades/Courses

Letter Grade	Percentage Range	GPA Awarded For All Non – AP or Dual Credit	GPA Awarded For AP/Dual Credit Courses
А	92 – 100%	4.00	5.00
A-	90 – 91%	3.70	4.75
B+	88 - 89%	3.30	4.25
В	82 – 87%	3.00	4.00
В-	80 - 81%	2.70	3.75
C+	78 – 79%	2.30	3.25
С	72 – 77%	2.00	3.00
C-	70 – 71%	1.70	2.75
D+	68 – 69%	1.30	2.25
D	62 – 67%	1.00	1.00
D-	60 – 61%	0.70	0.70
F	0 - 59%	0.00	0.00

SVHS Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:

AP Studio Art

- AP English Literature & Composition AP Biology AP Chemistry 1 AP Chemistry 2/3 AP Environmental Science AP U.S. Government & Politics AP U.S. History I AP U.S. History I AP World History AP Spanish
- **AP Computer Science Principles**

SVHS Dual Credit Courses:

Agricultural Business Management (AGOC 124) Advanced Agricultural Mechanics (AGRI 182) Advanced Animal Science (AGRI 186) & (AGOC 116) Advanced Plant Science (AGOC 114) Horticulture Production and Management (AGOC 118) Landscaping and Turf Management (AGOC 132) Calculus (MTH 135) Statistics (MTH 220) Medical Terminology (HLT 110) Principles of Technology (CIS 101) Programming Logic & Design (CIS 170) Composition I (ENG 101) Composition II (ENG 103) Introduction to Geology (GEL 101) General Psychology (PSY 170)

Including all eligible RVC (RVC campus and/or online) Fall/Spring courses (Sr. Year) as determined by SVHS

CAREER CLUSTERS

Career Clusters are groups of occupations and industries that have in common a set of foundational knowledge and skills. The U.S. Department of Education has identified 16 of these career clusters, all of which include a number of diverse pathways to achieving success. They are outlined below:

Processing, production, distribution, and development of agricultural commodities and natural resources	Designing, managing, building and maintaining the built environment	Creating, exhibiting, performing, and publishing multimedia content	Organizing, directing, and evaluating functions essential to productive business operations
Providing education and training services, and related learning support services	Financial and investment planning, banking, insurance, and business financial management	Executing governmental functions at the local, state, and federal levels	Providing diagnostic and therapeutic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research
Managing restaurants and other food services, lodging, attractions, recreation events, and travel-related services	Providing for families and serving human needs	Designing, supporting, and managing hardware, software, multimedia, and systems integration	Providing legal, public safety, protective, and homeland security services
Processing materials into intermediate or final products	Performing marketing activities to reach organizational objectives	Performing scientific research and professional and technical services	Managing movement of people, materials, and goods by road, pipeline, air, rail and water

Career Pathways are multi-year programs of academic and technical study that prepare high school students for a full range of postsecondary (after high school) options within each of the 16 clusters. Currently, there are 79 nationally recognized pathways.

Programs of Study are sequences of courses within a specific Career Cluster. They serve as a *guide*, along with other career planning materials, as students continue their career exploration path. Courses listed within this plan are recommended coursework and should be individualized to meet each student's educational and career goals.

Agriculture, Food <u>& Natural Resources</u>

Food Products & Processing Systems Plan Systems Animal Systems Power, Structural & Technical Systems Natural Resources Systems Environmental Service Systems Agribusiness Systems

Architecture & Construction

Design/Pre-Construction Construction Maintenance Operations

Arts, A/V Technology & Communications

Audio & Video Technology & Film Printing Technology Visual Arts Performing Arts Journalism & Broadcasting Telecommunications

Business Management & Administration

General Management Business Information Management Operations Management Administrative Support

Education & Training

Administration & Administrative Support Professional Support Services Teaching/Training

Finance

Securities & Investments Business Finance Accounting Insurance Banking Services

Gov, & Public Administration

Governance National Security Foreign Service Planning Revenue & Taxation Regulation Public Management & Administration

Health Science

Therapeutic Services Diagnostic Services Health Informatics Support Services Biotechnology Research & Development

Hospitality and Tourism

Restaurants & Food/Beverage Services Travel & Tourism Lodging Recreation, Amusement & Attractions

Human Services

Early Childhood Development & Services Counseling & Mental Health Services Family & Community Services Personal Care Services Consumer Services

Information Technology

Network Systems Information Support & Services Web & Digital Communications Health, Safety & Environmental Assurance Programming & Software Development

Law, Public Safety, Corrections
& Security
Correction Services

Emergency & Fire Management Services Law Enforcement Services Legal Services Security & Protective Services

Manufacturing

Production Manufacturing Production Process Development Maintenance, Installation & Repair Quality Assurance Logistics & Inventory Control Health, Safety & Environmental Assurance

<u>Marketing</u>

Marketing Management Professional Sales Merchandising Marketing Communications Marketing Research

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

Engineering & Technology Science & Mathematics

Transportation,

Distribution & Logistics Transportation Operations Logistics Planning & Management Services Warehousing & Distribution Center Operations Facility & Mobile Equipment Maintenance Transportation Systems/Infrastructure Planning, Management & Regulation Health Safety & Environmental Management

Sales & Service

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Program of Study:

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
				Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
		-	AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Coursework in the Agriculture department, Art, Coursework in the Business and Information Technology department, Speech, Coursework in the Industrial Arts department, Coursework in the Math department, Sociology

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Agricultural Chemical Dealer, Aqua-culturalist, Bank/Loan Office, Environmental Compliance-Assurance Manager, Equine Manager, Farm Manager, Health and Safety Sanitarian, Meat Cutter/Grinder, Park Manager, Produce Buyer, Recycling Technician, Wildlife Manager, Agricultural Educator, Botanist, Ecologist, Environmental Engineer, Fish and Game Officer, Plant Pathologist, Veterinarian

Correlating World of Work Region

(from EXPLORE and PLAN):

6, 8

Transport Operation & Related services; Ag/Forestry & Related; Computer/Info Specialties; Engineering Technologies; Natural Sciences & Technologies

Architecture and Construction *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
				Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
	-	Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
		-	AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Coursework in the Industrial Arts department, Coursework in the Agriculture department, Art, Business Basics, Business Management and Entrepreneurship, Principles of Technology, Regional Welding program

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Architect, Carpenter, Civil Engineer, Construction Foreman/Manager, Contractor, Demolition Engineer, Drafter, Drywall Installer, Electrician, Electronic Systems Technician, Equipment/Material Manager, General Contractor/Builder, Heating-Ventilation-Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic, Interior Design, Painter, Plumber, Project Estimator, Roofer

Correlating World of Work Region

(from EXPLORE and PLAN):

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Construction & Maintenance; Crafts & Related; Manufacturing & Processing; Mechanical & Electrical Specialties; Engineering & Technologies; Natural Science & Technologies

Audio/Video Technology and Communications *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
				Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Art, Coursework in the Business and Information Technology department, Speech, Student Publication I/II, CAD I-IV, Coursework in the Music Department, Sociology

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Actor, Audio-Video Designer and Engineer, Broadcast Technician, Commercial Artist, Computer Animator, Curator/Gallery Manager, Director and Coach, Fashion Designer, Journalist, Lithographer, Musician, Printing Equipment Operator, Telecommunication Technician, Videographer, Web Page Designer

Correlating World of Work Region

(from EXPLORE and PLAN):

10, 11

Medical Diagnosis & Treatment; Social Science; Applied Arts (visual); Creative & Performing Arts; Applied Arts (written and spoken)

Business, Management and Administration *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
	-			Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Ag Business Management, Coursework in the Business and Information Technology department, Art, Speech, Spanish, Coursework in the Math department, Sociology, Regional Office I-III, Regional Accounting

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Administrative Assistant, Advertising Sales Person, Auditor, Business Consultant, Certified Public Accountant, Corporate Trainer, E-Commerce Analyst, Entrepreneur, Facilities Manager, Finance Director, Human Resources Manager, Investment Executive, Marketing Analyst, Medical Transcriptionist, Office Manager, OSHA/ADA Compliance Officer, Personnel Recruiter, Public Relations Manager, Sales Representative, Wholesale and Retail Buyer

<u>Correlating World of Work Region</u> (from EXPLORE and PLAN):

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Employment-Related Services; Marketing & Sales; Management; Communication & Records; Financial Transactions

Education and Training *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
	-	_		Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Coursework in the Business and Information Technology department, Coursework in the English department, Coursework in Spanish, Statistics, Sociology, Anatomy

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Administrator, Assessment Specialist, Career Tech Administrator, Child Care Worker, Clinical Psychologist, Coach, College/University Faculty, Counselor, Curriculum Developer, Elementary Teacher, High School Teacher, Middle School Teacher, Principal, Speech-Language Pathologist

<u>Correlating World of Work Region</u> (from EXPLORE and PLAN):

12

Health Care; Education; Community Services

Finance *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
				Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Ag Business Management, Coursework in the Business and Information Technology department, Spanish, Coursework in the Math department, Speech, Regional course Office I-III, Regional Accounting

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Abstractor, Accountant, Actuary, Bill and Account Collector, Commodities Representative, Controller, Credit Analyst, Debt Counselor, Economist, Financial Planner, Foreign Exchange Manager, Fund Raiser, Insurance Broker, Internal Auditor, Loan Officer, Non-Profit Manager, Tax Examiner, Title Researcher and Examiner, Treasurer, Trust Officer, Underwriter



4 Communication & Records; Financial Transactions

Government and Public Administration *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
				Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Coursework in the Business and Information Technology department, Coursework in the English department, Spanish, Statistics, Sociology

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Ambassador, Bank Examiner, City Manager, Combat Control Officer, Commissioner, Cryptographer, Election Supervisor, Elected Official, Foreign Service Officer, Immigration Officer, Intelligence Analyst, Internal Revenue Investigator, Lobbyist, National Security Advisor, Planner, Policy Advisor, Tax Policy Advisor

Correlating World of Work Region

(from EXPLORE and PLAN):

2, 3

Employment-Related Services; Marketing & Sales; Management; Regulation &

Protection

Health Science *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
				Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Animal Science, Speech, Art, Spanish, Statistics, Coursework in the Science department, Sociology, Regional Medical Science I & II; Regional Health Occupations; Regional Emergency Medical Technician

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Dental Assistant/Hygienist, EMT/Paramedic, Home Health Aide, Lab Technician, Phlebotomist, Radiographer, Registered Nurse, Athletic Trainer, Biochemist, Biostatistician, Geneticist, Industrial Hygienist, Nutritionist, Occupational Therapist, Physician, Psychologist, Radiologist, Research Scientist, Speech/Language Pathologist, Toxicologist, Veterinarian

Correlating World of Work Region

(from EXPLORE and PLAN):

9, 10, 12

Medical Technologies; Medical Diagnosis & Treatment; Social Science; Applied Arts (visual); Health Care; Education; Community Services

Hospitality and Tourism *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
				Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Art, Coursework in the Business and Information Technology department, Coursework in the English department, Coursework in Spanish, Coursework in the Music department, Sociology, Statistics, Regional Accounting program, Regional Office I-III program

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Baker, Bartender, Casino Manager, Caterer, Concierge, Convention Services Manager, Director of Operations-Lodging, Director of Tourism Development, Event Planner, Executive Chef, Facilities Manager, Museum Director, Restaurant Owner/Manager, Sports Promoter, Theme Park Manager, Travel Agent

Correlating World of Work Region

(from EXPLORE and PLAN):

1, 2, 7

Personal Services; Employment-Related Services; Marketing & Sales; Management; Construction & Maintenance; Crafts & Related; Manufacturing & Processing; Mechanical & Electrical Specialties

Human Services *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
	-	_		Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		27

Elective Courses to consider:

Coursework in the Business and Information Technology department, Speech, Spanish, Statistics, Sociology, Regional Emergency Medical Technician program, Regional Fire Science program

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Buyer, Certified Financial Planner, Community Service Director, Consumer Advocate, Cosmetologist, Director of Childcare Facility, Emergency and Relief Worker, Esthetician, Funeral Director, Licensed Professional Counselor, Market Researcher, Massage Therapist, Personal Fitness Trainer, School Counselor/Psychologist, Small Business Owner, Social Worker

Correlating World of Work Region

(from EXPLORE and PLAN):

6

Transport Operation & Related; Ag/Forestry & Related; Computer/Info Specialties

Information and Technology *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
				Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Art, Coursework in the Business and Information Technology department, Coursework in the English department, Coursework in the Industrial Arts department, Coursework in the Math department

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Animator, Database Administrator, Data Systems Director, E-Business Specialist, Game Developer, Information Technology Engineer, Media Specialist, Network Administrator, Network Security Analyst, PC Support Specialist, Programmer, Software Applications Specialist, Systems Administrator, Telecommunications Network Technician, User Support Specialist, Virtual Reality Specialist, Web Architect/Designer

Correlating World of Work Region

(from EXPLORE and PLAN):



6

Transport Operation & Related; Ag/Forestry & Related; Computer/Info Specialties

Public

Safety, Corrections and Security *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
				Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
	-	Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I	-	

Elective Courses to consider:

Coursework in the Business and Information Technology department, Coursework in the English department, Spanish, Statistics, Coursework in the Science department, Sociology, Regional Emergency Medical Technician program, Regional Fire Science program

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Attorney, Bomb Technician, Corrections Officer, Court Reporter, Criminal Investigator, EMT, Federal Marshall, Firefighter, Gaming Surveillance Specialist, Hazardous Materials Responder, Loss Prevention Specialist, Paralegal, Park Ranger, Police and Patrol Officer, Probation/Parole Officer, Public Information Officer, Security Director, Youth Services Worker

Correlating World of Work Region

(from EXPLORE and PLAN):

3, 4, 12

Regulation & Protection; Communications & Records; Financial Transactions; Health

Care; Education; Community Services

Manufacturing *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
				Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
	-	Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
		-	AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Coursework in the Agriculture department, Art, Principles of Technology, Coursework in the Industrial Arts department, Coursework in the Math department, Coursework in the Science department, Regional Welding programs

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Assembler, Boilermaker, Design Engineer, Environmental Engineer, Foundry Worker, Freight, Stock and Material Mover, Health and Safety Representative, Industrial Machinery Mechanic, Inspector, Labor Relations Manager, Logistician, Manufacturing Technician, Pattern and Model Maker, Production Manager, Quality Control Technician, Safety Engineer, SPC Coordinator, Tool and Die Maker, Traffic Manager, Welder

<u>Correlating World of Work Region</u> (from EXPLORE and PLAN):

7, 8

Engineering & Technologies; Natural Sciences & Technologies

Marketing, Sales and Service *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
	-	_		Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Art, Coursework in Business and Information Technology department, Coursework in the English department, Spanish, Coursework in the Math department, Coursework in the Science department, Sociology, Regional course Office I-III, Regional Accounting

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Copywriter/Designer, E-Commerce Director, Entrepreneur, Field Marketing Representative, Forecasting Manager, Interactive Media Specialist, Inventory Manager/Analyst, Logistics Manager, Merchandise Buyer, On-line Market Researcher, Public Relations Manager, Promotions Manager, Retail Marketing Coordinator, Sales Executive, Shipping/Receiving Clerk, Telemarketer, Trade Show Manager, Warehouse

Correlating World of Work Region

(from EXPLORE and PLAN):

2, 7

Employment-Related Services; Marketing & Sales; Management; Construction & Maintenance; Crafts & Related; Manufacturing & Processing; Mechanical & Electrical Specialties

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Program of Study:

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
				Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Animal Science, Plant Science, Art, Coursework in the Business and Information Technology department, Speech, Spanish, Coursework in the Industrial Arts department, Coursework in the Math department, Coursework in the Science department

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Aerospace Engineer, Agricultural Engineer, Analytical Chemist, Anthropologist, Architectural Engineer, Astrophysicist, Biomedical Engineer, CAD Technician, Civil Engineer, Computer Programmer, Ecologist, Geologist, Geothermal Engineer, Math Teacher, Mathematician, Metallurgist, Statistician, Survey Technician, Zoologist

<u>Correlating World of Work Region</u> (from EXPLORE and PLAN):

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Engineering & Technologies; Natural Sciences & Technologies

Transportation, Distribution and Logistics *Program of Study:*

SVHS Core Coursework:

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	Advanced English I	Advanced English II	American Literature	Senior English
5	English I	English II	College Prep American Literature	AP English
		_		Comp. 1 & 2
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Algebra II	Algebra II – College Prep	Calculus
		Algebra II – College Prep	Pre-Calculus	Statistics
				Quantitative Reasoning
Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	AP Biology
			AP Biology	AP Chemistry
			AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science
				Anatomy
Social Science	AP World History	Ancient Civilizations	US History II/III	American Government
	Early Modern World History	US History I	AP US History II/III	Sociology
	Modern World History	AP US History I		

Elective Courses to consider:

Coursework in the Agriculture department, Coursework in the Business and Information Technology department, Coursework in the Industrial Arts department, Coursework in the Math department, Coursework in the Science department, Regional Automotive programs, Regional Welding programs, Regional Aviation

Occupations Relating to this Career Cluster:

Airplane Pilot/Co-Pilot, Air Traffic Controller, Avionics Technician, Cargo and Freight Agent, Customs Inspector, Environmental Manager, Facility Engineer, Industrial Equipment Mechanic, Industrial and Packaging Engineer, International Logistics Specialist, Locomotive Engineer, Marine Captain, Port Manager, Safety Analyst, Storage and Distribution Manager, Transportation Manager, Truck Driver, Urban and Regional Planner, Warehouse Manager

Correlating World of Work Region

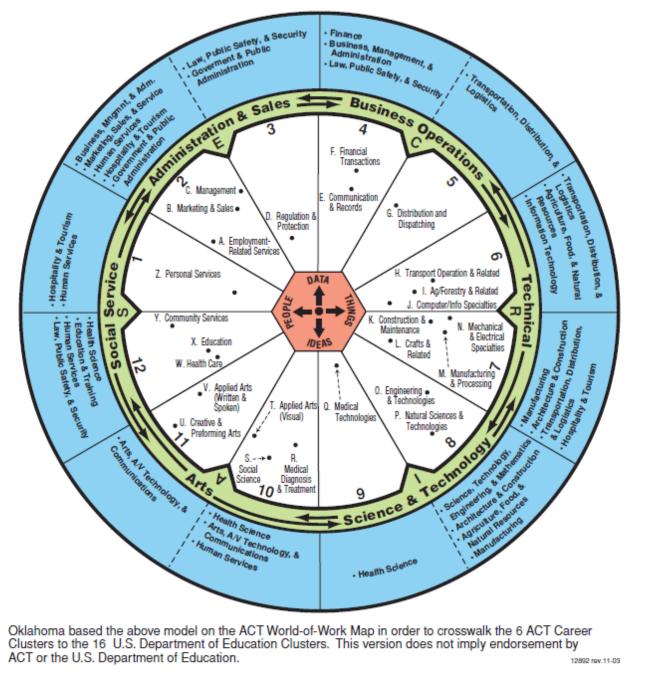
(from EXPLORE and PLAN):

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Distribution & Dispatching; Transport Operation & Related; Ag/Forestry & Related; Computer/Info Specialties; Construction & Maintenance; Crafts & Related; Manufacturing & Processing; Mechanical &

World-of-Work Map and U.S. Department of Education Career Clusters

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SVHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject Area	Credit	Comments
-	Requirement	
English	4 credits	Must pass the following core English (or Advanced
		English) courses: Eng. 1, Eng. 2, American Lit., Senior Eng.
Mathematics	3 credits	Must include an Algebra course & Geometry
Science	3 credits	Must take 2 of the following 3 classes during first 2 years:
		Earth Science, Biology, or Chemistry 1A and 1B/AP Chem 1
Social Science	3 credits	Including 3 semesters of U.S. History and 1 semester of
		American Government
Computer Technology	1 credit	Must include Computer Applications (Apps) for Grad.
		Classes 2025-2027
*Physical Education	1 credit	See below for additional information
Health	1/2 credit	State requirement
Consumer Education	1/2 credit	State requirement - may be fulfilled by either Consumer
		Education or Agricultural Business Management
Fine Arts/World	2 credits	Courses can be selected from Art, Music, World
Languages/Vocational		Languages, Industrial Arts, and/or Business Department
Required Credits:	18	
Elective Credits:	10	
Total Credits:	28	

*The state of Illinois requires Physical Education each year of enrollment in high school. However, Junior and Senior students may be waived from PE class: per school code 105 ILCS 5/27-6 (involvement in an IHSA sport); medical waiver; or by carrying a full academic load (no study hall).

Current SVHS students and Alumni can request transcripts using our online system: *Parchment*. Visit the high school website for a link to *Parchment*.

DECEMBER/EARLY GRADUATION

A senior may graduate at the end of the first semester of his/her senior year if he/she has met the requirements for graduation from Stillman Valley High School.

- A form is available in the Counseling Office for intent to graduate early. It must be completed by October 1st of the student's senior year.
- All required credits, including local and state requirements, must be completed.
- Students graduating early will not be included in their class rank until spring graduation.
- The student may participate in graduation ceremonies if he/she attends all graduation practices and meets other guidelines as may be established by the principal. It will be the responsibility of the student to meet with the principal to discuss dates and times for graduation practices or any other information necessary for the graduation ceremony.
- The student and parent/guardian must sign the completed application for early graduation agreeing to the above conditions.

SVHS Latin Honors Program

Cum Totus Factum

with Total Achievement

National Tests:

ACT	Earn a Composite Score of 21 or higheror
SAT	Score 1060 or higheror
ASVAB (AFQT)	Earn Category IIIA & IIIB (31-64)

GPA: Earn a 2.6-3.44 GPA

Good Citizenship: Demonstrate good citizenship; no suspensions or acts of gross misconduct, acts of aggression or violence during junior or senior year.

Capstone Courses: Pass at least 2 capstone or college level courses with grades of C or above.

Cum Altus Factum

with Highest Achievement

National Tests:

ACT	Earn a Composite Score of 26 or higheror
SAT	Score 1240 or higheror
ASVAB (AFQT)	Earn Category I or II (65-99)

GPA: Earn a 3.45-5.0 GPA

Good Citizenship: Demonstrate good citizenship; no suspensions or acts of gross misconduct, acts of aggression or violence during junior or senior year.

Capstone Courses: Pass at least 4 capstone or college level courses with grades of B- or above.

Stillman Valley High School Latin Honors Capstone/Dual Credit Courses

<u>English</u>

A.P. English Composition I (ENG 101) Composition II (ENG 103)

Social Sciences

A.P. U.S. Government and PoliticsA.P. U.S. HistoryA.P. World HistoryPsychology (PSY 170)

World Language Department

Spanish 4 A.P. Spanish

<u>Math</u>

Pre-Calculus Calculus (MTH 135) Statistics (MTH 220)

Agriculture

Advanced Plant Science (AGOC 114) Advanced Animal Science (AGOC/AGRI 116/186) Horticulture Production and Management (AGOC 118) Agricultural Business Management (AGOC 124) Advanced Agricultural Mechanics (AGRI 182) Agricultural Metal Fabrication Landscape and Turf Grass Management (AGOC 132)

Industrial Technology

CAD 4 Construction 4 Woodworking 4 CNC Fabrication

Business and Technology

Graphic Communications 3 Video Production 2 Business Management and Entrepreneurship A.P. Computer Science Principles Principles of Technology (CIS 102) Computer Programming (CIS 170)

Fine Arts

A.P. Studio Art Art 4 A Cappella Choir SVHS Band

<u>Science</u>

A.P. Biology A.P. Chemistry A.P. Environmental Science Anatomy Physics Introduction to Geology (GEL 101) Medical Terminology (HLT 110)

*Any 100 level or higher college course taken with RVC, Kishwaukee, or Highland in cooperation with SVHS

NCAA GUIDELINES

Divisions I and II Initial-Eligibility Requirements:

Core Courses:

- NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses. NCAA Division II currently requires 16 Core courses.
- NCAA Division I will require 10 core courses to be completed prior to the seventh semester (seven of the 10 must be a combination of English, math or natural or physical science that meet the distribution requirements below). These 10 courses become 'locked in' at the seventh semester and cannot be retaken for grade improvement.

DIVISION I 16 Core Courses

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab science if offered by your high school)
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language, comparative religion, or philosophy)

DIVISION II

16 Core Courses

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab science if offered by your high school)
- 3 years of additional English, mathematics, or natural/physical science
- 2 years of social science
- years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language, comparative religion, or philosophy)

For further information, please visit: www.eligibilitycenter.org

COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS

Dear Student, Parent, or Guardian:

As students request schedule changes, we examine each request individually looking at the following criteria: graduation needs, rationale for change, and the initial course request submission. If your (or your son's or daughter's) course request change is denied, it would be for one or more of the following reasons:

 Rationale for change was insufficient. Examples of insufficient rationale include: Change of mind Teacher placement Wanting to change order of classes
 Student originally selected course
 Student originally selected course as an alternate

_____ Request would decrease rigor of student's schedule

School scheduling is a very complex task in which the school's primary goal is to meet the wants and needs of all students. Unfortunately, situations arise that sometimes prevent us from meeting everyone's wants, although we work tirelessly to meet our students' academic needs.

The scheduling process is based on our students' requests for classes. We are explicitly clear to students to choose carefully and make sure that they put as much thought into their alternative choices as they do their primary choices. At Stillman Valley High School we must often use students' alternative course selections since SVHS offers so many electives and so many 'singletons.' Singletons are classes that are only offered once throughout the course of the two-day block schedule. Not to mention, a limited number of staff exists, so therefore a limited number of possible courses can be offered. Simply put, many of our students will not receive their first choice of classes no matter how hard we try or how much we wish to accommodate the desires of our students.

Additionally, research has indicated that the number one predictor of student success in college and careers is the rigor of their high school courses. Therefore, requests for changes that run in opposition to the original request for a more rigorous course will be denied. As a school our desire is to support our students, and if the teacher and student come together after a few weeks in a course and determine the student would be unable to be successful in the course even while demonstrating an appropriate amount of effort, we at that time will consider a course change.

We apologize for not being able to meet the request as submitted and are hopeful you now understand the rationale behind our decision. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jeff Voltz or myself and one of us will further discuss the situation with you.

Thank you,

Leslie Showers – SVHS Principal



Junior Year Planner



Keep it UP!

- Monitor your grades on Skyward.
- Use study groups and tutors.
- Continue involvement in clubs, sports, and other activities.
- Create a résumé.

Planning for your Future

- Create a list of 10-12 colleges of interest to you.
- Fill out the spreadsheet comparing and contrasting your top college choices (premade sheet available through CCC.)
- Discuss postsecondary and career goals with family, counselor, friends, etc.
- Speak to the College and Career Coordinator about job shadowing opportunities.
- Meet with representatives who visit the high school and/or attend college fairs, manufacturing days, and open houses.
- Visit colleges, trade schools, or technical schools – take tours, ask questions. You may need to make appointments.

Contact the CCC with any questions!

Talk with your Counselor

- Review the strengths and weaknesses of your PreACT.
- Discuss taking the PSAT/NMSQT® in October.
- If you are considering military academies or ROTC scholarships, meet with your counselor before you leave for the summer.

TESTING

- Prepare for the ACT by using free resources available at act.org.
- 2. Take the ACT for free at school in April.
- Review your results. Decide if you want to take it again to try for a better score.
- 4. Take the SAT on your own.
- 5. Prepare for the ASVAB.

<u>Financial Aid</u>

- Estimate your needs use the College Board's "Getting Financial Aid" and use the calculator at bigituture.org.
- Gather the documents needed tax returns.
- Search for financial aid sources.
- Check the CCC website for scholarships.



Senior Year Planner



August - September

- Stay focused on maintaining and increasing your GPA.
- Review your career plans and start to determine which type of postsecondary education is best for you.
- Meet with your counselor for your senior conference. Review your high school records, including graduation requirements. Make sure you are taking the classes needed for your schools of choice. Talk with your counselor about your academic progress.
- Continue taking challenging classes. Colleges look at the rigor of classes.
- Prepare for the ASVAB. You can use the Occu-Find program for more career exploration.
- Narrow your list of colleges and/or trade schools to three to eight top choices. Check out their admission applications. Visit as many of them as you can.
- Begin completing early admission college applications.
- Start writing drafts of your college application essays. Plan on completing at least 3 applications by November 1st and enter the lunch drawing in the CCC.
- · Consider who to ask for a letter of recommendation.
- Meet with college representatives who visit the school.
- Set up your FSA ID. *Your parent needs one too, but cannot sign up until you have one.
- Create a master sheet listing:
 - tests you need to take, the fees, dates, registration deadlines.
 - o application due dates.
 - o Required financial aid application forms and deadlines.
 - Take the SAT or ACT again, if you want to improve your score.
- Make sure your SAT/ACT scores are directly sent to the schools to which you are applying.
- If applying to a military academy, follow through on all requirements and paperwork.
- Athletes should review the NCAA Guide for the Collegebound student-athletes and file with the NCAA Clearinghouse.

<u>October</u>

- Turn in the early graduation form to the counseling office, if applicable.
- Continue working on your
- admissions essays.
- Attend college planning nights.
- Sign up for your FSA ID.
- Start submitting college applications. Some colleges may require test scores and applications between Nov. 1 and Nov. 15 for early decision admission and merit scholarship consideration.
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR). Correct any mistakes.
- Ask teachers, guidance counselors, and employers for letters of recommendation. Create a "brag" sheet to help your people write their letters.
- Register to take spring dual credit courses at RVC.
- Revise your college application essays. Ask teachers to read them and offer suggestions.
- Finalize portfolios, audition tapes, writing samples, or other evidence of talent if maning of far a deviation.
- talent, if required for admission.
 Finish sending your applications and essays.
- Complete the transcript request form through Parchment to send transcripts to your colleges.
- Complete your FAFSA, if open.

Contact the CCC with any questions!



Senior Year Planner



November

- Continue completing admissions applications by their deadlines.
- Request your transcript from Parchment.
- If necessary, register to retake the SAT/ACT.
- Complete applications for scholarships.
- Follow up to ensure your teachers, guidance counselor, employer, etc. send letters of recommendation.

<u>January</u>

- Finish strong in your last semester of high school. Do not let senioritis set in!
- If you have been waitlisted at a school of your choice, contact the admission director to ask how to strengthen your application.
- Visit your final school choices before accepting. You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April.
- Inform every college of your acceptance or rejection.
- Watch for scholarship applications and deadlines. The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois scholarship application is Feb. 1.
- Review your financial aid awards. *Make sure you know what to do to continue receiving the aid year to year.



<u>December</u>

- Complete your SAT/ACT testing retakes.
- Verify that all schools have received your test scores.
- Finalize any remaining admission applications.
- Continue to research and apply for other financial aid, including grants and scholarships. *The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois will have a scholarship fair this month.
- Watch for acceptance letters and emails!
- Research deadlines for housing, schoolspecific financial aid, scholarships, etc.

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February

- If you are considering job training through military service, retake the ASVAB. The sub-scores of the AFQT are used to measure your knowledge and aptitude in various occupational areas and qualify you for jobs within the armed forces.
- If considering an apprenticeship, attend apprentice training open houses.
- Apply to community colleges. Take advantage of priority registration!
- Research if you are ready to take a College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams. Sign up if you feel prepared.
- Rank your top school choices.
- Research local scholarships and apply for as many as are available.
- Send thank-you notes to teachers, counselors, and employers for recommendations.
- Check your email to look for messages from colleges.
- If you were admitted and accepted by early decision, withdraw all other applications.



Senior Year Planner



<u>March</u>

- ✓ Check with financial aid offices to ensure your paperwork is complete.
- Narrow your choices and make final campus visits.
- Watch for acceptance letters and emails.
- ✓ Begin looking for a summer job.
- Complete any remaining student service hours.

<u>May</u>

- Take your Advanced Placement Exam(s) from College Board.
- Be aware of any summer orientation sessions that you must attend at the college you will attend. Make plans accordingly.
- Complete your housing deposit.
 Finalize your summer job plans and save some money.

April

- Review financial aid packages and financial aid award letters (usually between April 1 and May 1) and compare your options.
- Update FAFSA once your tax returns are complete.
- Make your final school decisions and pay your deposits.
- Plan for registration/orientation and housing. Mark your calendar with these important dates.
- Send Intent to Register (usually by May 1) and notify any other schools that you have chosen not to attend.
- Notify the College and Career Coordinator of your school selection and any scholarships received.

<u>June</u>

- Follow up with the financial aid office to ensure all paperwork is complete.
- Attend or register to attend college orientation.
- Complete and submit your final transcript form at Parchment after grades have been posted.
- Order transcripts from any dual credit courses (Highland and/or Rock Valley College) courses you took. Send them directly to your college.
- Work with your parents on "adulting" tasks doing laundry, balancing your bank account, cooking, etc.

<u>July</u>

- Save money from your summer job.
- Keep copies (digital or hard copies) of your financial aid forms, health forms, and other legal forms.
- Start a packing list. Research suggestions for what to take to college.
- Discuss with your roommate who is bringing what items.
- Determine your move-in date and time.
- Enjoy your last few weeks at home!
- Prepare for the next chapter in your life and all of the new adventures that await you!