

Welcome to Highpoint!

School Counselor Orientation

Today's Agenda

What can my school counselor help me with?

Credits and graduation requirements

Grade level breakdown

Plan Of Study

Meet the Counselors!

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Counselor Support

Create your schedule

Discuss credits needed for graduation

Update/maintain your graduation plan (Now referred to as "Plan of Study")

Help with any sort of personal/social issue going on

College/Career Questions

FAFSA Support

Naviance Support (Moving to Naviance)

Provide Scholarship resources

Counselor Corner & DE/EMC Seminar



Counselor Corner

If you are assigned to one of these counselors, you will attend a live session of Counselor Corner once a month from 11:45-12:15!

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Required-DE & EMC Seminar

Dual Enrollment students will attend seminar on Wednesdays at 2:45!

Early Middle College students will attend seminar on Tuesdays at 2:45!

DE, EMC & College & Career Counselors



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Graduation Requirements

22 Credits

4 credits of English

4 credits of Math

3 credits of Science

3 credits of History

4 credits of Electives (Personal Finance requirement)

2 credits of World Language (in the **same** language)

1 credit of Art

.5 credit of PE

.5 credit of Health



Prom/Graduation Save the Date:

May 27 & May 28 (East Lansing, MI)

Grade Level Breakdown

- Grade level is based on how many credits you have. Here is the breakdown of credits and grade level:

- 0-4.99 credits: 9th grade
- 5-9.99 credits: 10th grade
- 10-14.99 credits: 11th grade
- 15-22 credits: 12th grade

*If you are not at the grade level that you should be in, talk to your school counselor about how to get caught up.

*We have a great credit recovery program to get back on track & graduate on time if need be.

Plans of Study- Naviance

We will be using a platform called Naviance to keep track of graduation progress and input course requests for the next year

We will introduce Naviance to all students in October so hold tight!



DE (Dual Enrollment)

- Students can take up to 10 college courses at ANY college/university in the state of Michigan that allows dual enrollment students
- Students must have an established high school GPA (2.5+) to apply
- Applications open up in October & January
- Most DE students will take “pre-requisite” classes that can be transferred to several different colleges/universities (ex: Michigan Transfer Agreement courses)
- Baker College/Davenport University (Partner Schools): 100% covered
- Any other school - \$838 per 3 cr/hr course covered

EMC (Early Middle College)

- Students will take college classes at one of our partner schools: Baker College or Davenport University to earn their Associates Degree (up to 60+ college credits)
- Students must have an established high school GPA (2.5+) to apply, cannot be failing any classes when they apply, and must be a current 9th or 10th grader to apply for the following fall
- Applications open up January
- Baker College Programs: We have 16 and counting programs at Baker. Some examples include: Michigan Transfer Agreement, Game Design, Cybersecurity, Education (to name a few)
- Davenport University Programs: Computer Information Systems (think programming)
- Most common Associates Degree program that students take is: Michigan Transfer Agreement followed by Psychology

Additional Resources:

- Visit your counselors Canvas classroom
- HS Counseling (on HVAM website): <https://hvam.k12.com/school-career-counseling/high-school-counseling/>
- Dual Enrollment & Early Middle College Smore: <https://secure.smores.com/w4k39-de-emc-information>

Questions?

