



NILES HIGH SCHOOL
10th-12th GRADE
Options & Expectations

Graduation Requirements

- **Credits: minimum 26 earned of 28 offered**
- **Michigan Merit Curriculum = 18 specific credits of the 26**
 - English 9-12
 - Math: Geometry, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, final year math
 - Social Studies: US History, Civics, Economics, World History
 - Science:
 - Pathway A: Biology, Physical Science, Earth Science
 - Pathway B: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science
 - 2 credits of same Foreign Language
 - Visual, performing, applied arts - 1 credit
 - PE (½) and Health (½)

Board Scholar

- **4 Years of *progressively* RIGOROUS coursework in all of the following:**
 - Science
 - English
 - Math: Pre-Calc or college course as 4th math
 - Social Studies: additional need beyond MMC
- **2 Years of the SAME foreign language**
- **Cumulative GPA: 3.0 or higher after 1st semester of senior year**
- **Minimum Test Score: 21 ACT or 1000 SAT**
- **These expectations are above & beyond the graduation requirements**

Advanced Placement

- **Advanced Placement Courses: pre-reqs and min test score on PSAT/SAT**
 - **Expect: RIGOR, summer work**
 - **Weighted grades**
 - **Can earn college credit by taking the test and achieving a certain score, set by the college.**
 - **1st: US History(alternates with Government and Politics)**
 - **2nd: Psychology**
 - **3rd: English Language and Composition, recommended for 11th**
 - **4th: Studio Art - 2D Design, 3-D and Drawing**
 - **5th: Biology - was online for 2021-22**
 - **6th: Calculus**
 - **7th: English Literature and Composition, recommended for 12th**

Dual Enrollment: LMC

- **Lake Michigan College:** Ms. Caroline Tubbs, ctubbs@lakemichigancollege.edu
 - **NEW students must complete the Online application:**
mylmc.force.com/apply
 - **Any of the following to qualify:**
 - **SAT Scores:** English: 27 • Math: 23 • Reading: 26
 - **LMC Accuplacer Scores (if you haven't taken the SAT)**
 - Schedule appointment with LMC Testing Services:
testingservices@lakemichigancollege.edu
 - WritePlacer: 5 and Next Generation Math: 230
 - **High School GPA incoming Sophomores 2.5 or higher meet English and Reading**

Dual Enrollment: SMC

- **Southwestern Michigan College:** Mr. Jason Smith & Mr. Brian Howard
 - How to apply:
 - <https://www.swmich.edu/admissions/apply/>
 - How to register once accepted:
 - jsmith07@swmich.edu

Dual Enrollment

- **Three Dual Enrollment Opportunities:**
 - Early Middle College through Berrien RESA, generally only through LMC, application required, generally due in early February
 - Early College Academy through LMC, application due March 15, 2022
 - General dual enrollment, apply directly to LMC or SMC
- **Overview of Dual Enrollment**
 - core college courses (English, math, science and social studies/history) are weighted.
 - Must have a “full” schedule; one period max for transportation
 - NHS Counselors/staff do not directly register for dual enrollment courses.
 - Counselors do need registration sheets to review, approve, sign, and then send to the college.
 - *Registration sheets must be to counselors by Friday, June 10th to participate in dual enrollment for the Fall of 2022.*

Dual Enrollment

- **Overview of Dual Enrollment, continued**
 - Students are responsible for knowing NHS class times. College courses have to work around classes at NHS.
 - Students & parents sign the DE contract that explains expectations, such as paying back the school for Ws or Fs; Ws at college are Fs at NHS, etc
 - Students have accounts to monitor grades through LMC or SMC.
 - NHS does not have access to college grades and parents will not receive a username or password as they do with PowerSchool.

Elective Core Options: On Campus

- **English**

- College Writing (½ cr) 12th grade
- Creative Writing (½ cr) 12th grade
- AP English Language & Composition
 - Recommended for 11th grade
- AP English Literature & Composition
 - Recommended for 12th grade

- **Social Studies**

- Psychology (½ cr): 11 and 12 only
- Sociology (½ cr): 11 and 12 only
- AP US Government & Politics, every other year rotation
 - Fall 2023
- AP US History, every other year rotation
 - Fall 2022

- **Math**

- Probability & Statistics
- Personal Finance
- Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus
 - prereq of Pre-Calc

- **Science**

- Chemistry
- Physics
- AP Biology (online 2021-22)
 - Prereq of Biology

- **Foreign Language: 1 year required**

- Spanish 1-4
 - 2 years recommended for college bound and needed for Board Scholar status

Elective Options (non CTE)

- **Fine Arts:** 2nd art credit can waive 2nd year of Foreign Language
 - **Art 1/2** (semester or year)
 - **Advanced Art 3**
 - can waive 2nd year of Foreign Language MMC requirement
 - **Choir**
 - **Counterpoints** (audition required)
 - **Symphonic Band**
 - **Jazz Band**
 - Must also have Symphonic Band

Other:

- **PE** (semester or year)
 - **Waivers:** 2 years of Band or student requested “Organized Sports Credit” from Mrs. Smuda after a season of a sport
- **Cadet:** office, teacher, library - *12th grade only*
- **Online:** various options, Michigan Virtual High School
- **Peer to Peer Mentoring:** *11 and 12 only*
- **School to Career:** Limited to 3 periods; *12th grade only*; employment must match EDP career plans on Xello, application required and due the spring of your junior year. See Mrs. George.

Elective Options: Career Tech Ed

- **On-Campus Electives: CTE**
 - **Ag Tech (1 period)**
 - **Agriculture & Natural Resources (2 periods): College Credit available through MSU**
 - **Auto Tech (1 period)**
 - **Automotive Technology (2 periods): ASE Certifications**
 - **Culinary Arts (2 periods): ServSafe and Manager Certification**
 - **Graphic Tech (1 period)**
 - **Graphic Arts (2 periods): LMC credit available, must take Graphic Tech first**
 - **Introduction to Business (1 period)**
 - **Introduction to Marketing (1 period)**
 - **School to Career (1-3 periods) 12 grade only. Application required by the Spring of Junior year.**



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**CTE COURSES CAN COUNT FOR VPAA (ART CREDIT);
CAN WAIVE 2ND YR FOREIGN LANGUAGE;
CAN BE USED FOR FINAL YEAR MATH IN YOUR SENIOR YEAR**



**AGRICULTURE &
NATURAL RESOURCES**



**AUTOMOTIVE
TECHNOLOGY**



**WELDING
TECHNOLOGY**



**BUSINESS &
MARKETING**



**GRAPHIC
DESIGN**



ROBOTICS



**CULINARY
ARTS**



**HEALTH
SCIENCE**

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OUT OF DISTRICT CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION OFFERINGS



Buchanan
Community Schools
CISCO



Buchanan
Community Schools
**SPORTS
MEDICINE**



Buchanan
Community Schools
COSMETOLOGY
MICHIANA
beauty college



**BERRIEN SPRINGS
SHAMROCKS**
FIREFIGHTING



**BERRIEN SPRINGS
SHAMROCKS**
**EMERGENCY
MEDICAL
TECHNICAN**



**BERRIEN SPRINGS
SHAMROCKS**
**CONSTRUCTION
TRADES**



**BERRIEN SPRINGS
SHAMROCKS**
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JUSTICE**



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**COMPUTER
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CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION BOARD SCHOLAR



**COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF THREE SEMESTERS AT NILES HIGH SCHOOL
AND TWO YEARS IN THE SAME CTE PROGRAM**



**MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE GPA OF 3.0 OR HIGHER THROUGH THE FIRST
SEMESTER OF SENIOR YEAR**



**EARN AN INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED OR POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL OR PARTICIPATE
IN A WORK BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE APPROVED BY YOUR CTE INSTRUCTOR.**

Academic Resources

- **After School Study Table**
 - Core teachers available for tutoring
- **Connections**
 - During the regular school schedule
 - Smaller class size
 - Intended for assignment completion, study time
- **Seminar**
 - Every Friday
 - Intended for make up work, retakes
- **Credit Recovery**
 - 2nd semester (February-May)
 - 3 days a week for 1 hour after school
 - 2 summer sessions
 - 4 weeks, Mon-Thurs, 8:00-12:00

How to stay in touch:

- ***Announcements:***
 - Provide your email to angie.marciniak@nilesschools.org.
 - Emailed daily
- ***PowerSchool***
 - Parent letter mailed to you with instructions, username and password
 - Access to grades and assignments
- ***Facebook***
 - Provides a look at daily happenings
 - Showcases the good things our students are doing
 - Pages for the high school, CTE, New Tech, and Niles Athletics
- ***Webpage***
 - www.nilesschools.org

Scheduling How To:

- **Audit overview: GET ON POWERSCHOOL - Check credits...**
 - What are core needs: English, math, science, social studies?
 - Other Needs: Fine/Performing Arts, PE/Health, Foreign Language?
 - Credit recovery: any classes need retaken?
 - Interested in dual enrollment?
 - apply online & start the process with LMC or SMC
- **Discuss Options**
 - Course descriptions online: NHS homepage to “Academic and Guidance” to “Scheduling your classes”
 - Options collected on Google Form, emailed to student accts

Scheduling Plan

- **CLASSROOM VISITS:**
 - **Feb 28-March 2: Guidance Counselors & CTE director present options**
 - Google Forms emailed to nilessschools.org emails
 - discuss choices/options with home
 - select options on Google Form &
 - SUBMIT THE FORM
 - Course Descriptions are online
 - **March 7th-March 11th: Guidance Counselors return to review selections**
 - 1:1 with student & counselor
- **FEEL FREE TO MAKE CHANGES UP AND UNTIL JUNE 14**
 - SIGN UP TO SEE YOUR COUNSELOR OR EMAIL THE CHANGES
 - A-K, carrie.rinehart@nilessschools.org
 - L-Z, jenny.bierwagen@nilessschools.org