Course Selection Information

for Rising Seniors
Class of 2023

January 2022

Course Selection Timeline

○ Teachers discuss course options in class **1/25-2/1**

○ Teachers enter course recommendations **by 2/1**

○ Counselors available during lunches throughout student input window **2/3 - 2/14**

○ **Student input window 2/2-2/14**

Program of Studies

- [Download PDF Program of Studies](#)
  - HS Website→ School Counseling → Academic Programs→ Course Selection

- School [Profile](#) (pg 1-2)

- [College Planning Calendar](#) (pg 10-11)

Class of 2023

- 2023 Graduation Requirements
    - Earn a total of 27.5 credits (grades 9-12)
    - Pass all SL required courses (found on [Profile](#))
- Successful completion of Graduation Project
- Completion of graduation pathway via either:
    - *Proficient* on Keystone Exams
        - Algebra, Biology, Literature
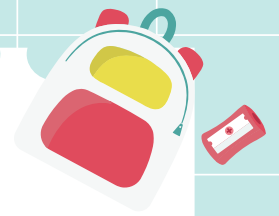   - [Graduation Pathways](#) Pg 13

Senior Year - Schedule

- MINIMUM 7.0 credits
  - 1.0 English
  - 1.0 Math or Science
  - 0.5 PE
  - 4.5 Other Credits

- NOTE: it is recommended that college bound students take 4 years of Math, Science, Social Studies, & World Language

12ᵀᴴ Grade LCTI Schedule

- AM at SLHS
    - English
    - Math or Science
    - 1.0 Elective Credit
    - PE

- PM at LCTI

Dual Enrollment - 2 options

- *On campus:*
  - SLHS course that doubles as college course = dual enrollment
    - Fee associated with earning the college credit
  - [Courses at SLHS](#) (pgs 14-16 in Program of Studies)
    - Information is provided in class at the beginning of the school year or semester
- *Off campus:*
  - Courses at local colleges
  - High School Scholars Program
  - Emerging Health Professionals program
  - Animal Science program
- **Dual Enrollment meeting will be held on *Friday, March 4th* for students interested in dual enrollment senior year**

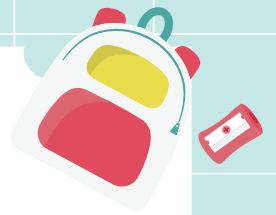# DCO- Diversified Career Occupations

- Must work a minimum of 15 hours per week

- Receive elective credit towards graduation (full year 3.0, half year 1.5)

- Usually 2 blocks – AM or PM

- Required weekly meetings at SLHS with DCO coordinator from LCTI

- Complete assignments relating to work skills

- Must provide own transportation

- **Informational meeting in May for interested students**
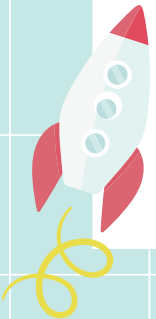
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Senior Privilege

- Reward for Seniors
- Academic, Behavioral & Attendance components
- Must take 7.0 credits
- Takes the place of a block 1 or 4 study hall in schedule
    - Schedule changes to accommodate senior privilege are not permitted
- Application due Spring 2022

Schedule Change Policy

- Changes processed through July 1st

- After July 1st, changes must be requested on the "[Drop/Add Form](#)" and will go before the schedule change committee for a decision

- Semester courses will not be dropped after Sept. 15th

- Full year courses will not be dropped after Sept. 30th

- [Schedule Change Policy](#) found in Program of Studies Pg 5

PLEASE...

- Select courses wisely

- Maintain a healthy BALANCE

- Stretch yourself in the areas that make sense given your strengths and goals

  - *NOTE: Senior year schedule & grades are very important in the college admissions process!*

- Pay attention to teacher recommendations & course prerequisites

Next Steps for you:

- Login to sapphire between **2/2-2/14** and select courses
- ALL students select a **minimum 7.0 credits**
    - Adjustments for: DCO, Emerging Health, Animal Science, Senior Privilege or off campus Dual Enrollment courses are made later in the process

- Students interested in Summer Acceleration MUST take a FULL schedule of 8.0 credits and complete the [Course Planning Document](#)

Upcoming Events

2/11: Registration Deadline for March 12th SAT at SLHS

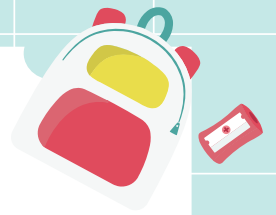**2/24:** College Information Night 6:30pm

4/8: ASVAB for all Juniors

3/12: SAT at Southern Lehigh High School

3/16: *Tentative* NCAA night

NCAA Eligibility

Program of Studies (pg 17) (NCAA) eligibility standards

1. Look at SLHS list of NCAA-approved courses on the [Eligibility Center's website](#)
   a. Enter SL school code: 390830 for a complete list of approved courses
2. Create account on [eligibilitycenter.org](#)
3. Take the ACT or SAT and submit scores to the NCAA (utilize free score send!)
4. [Complete transcript release form](#)