

Careerline Technical Center (CTC)

CTC is open to juniors and seniors. Space is limited with placements made through an application process. Students should select a first and second choice program. Applications are accessed online and must be completed by February 16. Course descriptions and application instructions can be found at:

<http://www.oaisd.org/ctc/>

From the CTC website:

At the Tech Center, we're helping students prepare for the future. Recognizing that all students learn differently, we offer a variety of options. If college is the goal, direct credit options and articulation agreements with area colleges allow students to earn college credit while taking a Tech Center class. State and national certifications can be earned in classes like Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Healthcare, and PC & Network Technology.

Students accepted into a Careerline program will attend the morning session. Transportation is provided from the high school with the bus leaving at *7:15 am and returning at 11:20 am. Students will have second lunch and then attend classes at SLHS for hours 4 and 5. Tech center students will earn a letter grade and are on track to earn the same amount of credits as any other student in the high school.

*Please Note: Students who plan to ride the tech center bus must have transportation from their home to the high school. Morning bus transportation from home to the high school arrives after the 7:15 am departure time for tech center.

The 4th and 5th hours will be mainly required classes, particularly in the junior year. A typical course load at the high school will look like:

Junior Year (6 sections)

- 2 trimesters of English
- 2 trimesters of math (Geometry)
- 1 trimester of World History
- 1 trimester of SAT prep

Senior Year (6 sections)

- 2 trimesters of English
- 1 trimester of Chemistry
- 1 trimester of Contemporary History
- *2 trimesters of electives

*If students have completed Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry after the junior year, the 4th year “math related” credit is met through all tech center programs allowing room for electives in the senior year.

Applications for the Careline Technical Center are due on February 16, 2018

Dual Enrollment 2018-19 - General Information

- Students can take up to ten dual enrollment college courses while in high school; classes must be taken in the fall or winter semester.
- Spring Lake Schools will pay \$530 per class for tuition and books. The cost of tuition for a 3 credit hour class at Muskegon Community College was \$416 in 2107-18, not including books. Grand Valley tuition ran \$1,500 for a 3 credit hour class, not including books. The student/parent is responsible to cover costs exceeding \$530.00.
- ***For Muskegon Community College (MCC):*** Students must have qualifying scores from the ACT, SAT or Accuplacer Test to qualify for dual enrollment. Students should make an appointment with their counselor to go over current qualification scores and cover steps in the dual enrollment process
- **Accuplacer Testing:** If a student has not earned qualifying scores on the ACT or SAT, they may take the Accuplacer Test to become eligible for dual enrollment. Accuplacer testing takes place at Muskegon Community College, call 231-777-0394 for an appointment. **Completion of the online MCC application is necessary prior to taking the Accuplacer Test.**
- ***For Grand Valley State University (GVSU):*** Secure a GVSU Dual Enrollment Form from your counselor. All students must call and make an appointment with a GVSU Admissions representative (the number is on the form). You are required to take a completed GVSU High School Dual Enrollment Form and a copy of your high school transcript to the meeting. The minimum high school GPA to dual enroll at GVSU is a 3.0.
- Students taking an online class will complete the course on-site at Spring Lake High School during the school day; a classroom will be assigned to each student as part of their regular schedule.
- Note that with most colleges, the grade earned in a dual enrollment course must be a C or better to be accepted as a transfer credit.
- **The grade earned in a dual enrollment course will be part of a student's high school transcript and will count toward the grade point average.**
- **2018-19 dual enrollment deadlines: Fall 2018 Semester classes – *May 11. Winter 2018 Semester classes – November 16.**

*Note that the SAT results from State testing in April may not be received in time to determine a qualifying score. Juniors (class of 2019) interested in a fall 2018 dual enrollment should consider taking the Compass Test to become eligible for dual enrollment.

Dual Enrollment Agreement 2018-19

It is important for students/parents to understand that college classes require a high level of commitment and an increased amount of study time. A dual enrollment student must be prepared for an academic load requiring self-discipline and time management. Remember that dual enrollment courses are part of a permanent college record.

Please read following details regarding dual enrollment:

- I will adhere to all dates, deadlines, and policies established by the host college and those set by Spring Lake High School.
- I will be assigned to a high school classroom for online courses and understand I must attend that classroom until the end of the Spring Lake trimester.
- I must select *academic* courses (PE/Activity courses are not acceptable).
- It is my responsibility to make sure the requested course is transferable to the college(s) of my choice.
- I am responsible for transportation to the college.
- I understand my schedule must have a combined enrollment of five classes between my high school and college courses (example: one dual enrollment class means a student will take four courses at Spring Lake High School).
- I understand that, in most cases, the grade in a college course must be a C+ or better in order to transfer to another institution. Grades less than a C+ will jeopardize further participation with dual enrollment courses.
- I understand that Michigan State University and Wayne State University will not accept a college course that is also used for high school credit (out-of-state colleges may have a similar policy). It is my responsibility to know the transfer policy of potential colleges for dual enrollment courses as well as my credit situation.
- It is important to know that several departments from the University of Michigan prohibit online courses from transferring to U-M.
- I understand Spring Lake Schools will pay up to \$530.00 for tuition and books. Student/parents are responsible for costs exceeding the amount allotted by Spring Lake Schools.
- Students are responsible to pick up their books at the college.
- Students are responsible to know the start date of their course.
- **I understand the grade earned will be a part of my high school record and will count toward my grade point average.**
- **I agree to reimburse Spring Lake Public Schools for tuition and books if my student withdraws or fails their college course(s).** Failure to reimburse will result in the district holding the student's high school diploma until the debt is paid.

I have read and understand the policies for dual enrollment.

Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Date

Early College at Muskegon Community College

What is Early College?

Early College is a partnership between Spring Lake High School and Muskegon Community College (MCC). Starting in the junior year, students take a combination of high school and college classes that continues in to the senior year and an added “13th” year. Early College is open to those who meet one of the following criteria (1) receive free/reduced lunch (2) are a first generation college student (parents do not have a college degree) or (3) are part of a minority group. The program is capped at 10 students each year.

What are the costs with Early College?

Tuition, textbooks and other additional costs are covered. Students must provide their own transportation to and from the MCC campus. To reduce travel, some college classes are offered at the satellite campus in downtown Grand Haven.

How does “Early College” work?

Early College allows selected students to extend high school by one year in order to earn both their high school diploma and up to 62 college credits from Muskegon Community College (MCC). That’s the equivalent of two years of college credit, enough to earn an Associate Degree.

Will an extra year impact a student’s status as a senior?

Even though students in this program will not have completed diploma requirements after the senior year, they will still be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies with their graduating class. Students will receive their actual diploma upon completion of the program in the “13th” year.

Are these real college credits?

The credits earned in this program are transferrable to four year institutions. Muskegon Community College offers forty-three Associate Degree programs and forty-nine Certificate options to choose from (some programs may have a wait list). From Health Services to Manufacturing, the goal of the program is to reach students from a broad range of interests who are committed to completing an Associate or Certificate program.

Are students on their own with their college academics?

Support services will be available to all Early College participants throughout the program. Services include the accessibility of a mentor to address individual needs. Attending a College Success Seminar along with a weekly MCC class will be required.

Will a student have to give up high school sports?

Students can still participate in high school sports and activities through grade twelve. Students can also enjoy college intramural teams and club sports as well as other college activities.

What will schedules look like for grades 11, 12 and 13?

Here is a typical sequence for the program:

*For the eleventh grade, students will enroll in three courses at their high school each trimester (nine total) along with college courses over two semesters totaling 13 **credit hours.*

The twelfth grade year will have a student enrolled in two high school courses each trimester (six total) along with college courses totaling 22 credit hours over two semesters.

Students will need to take 3 college credit hours in the summer. This can be done after the junior or senior year.

The thirteenth year will have students enrolled in one high school course each trimester along with the balance of college credit hours needed to complete the Associates Degree. The high school course is planned to be online so students will not have a class on the high school campus; all courses will be at an MCC location.

(The number of courses taken may vary depending on the each individual's programming).

******A typical college course that meets one hour, three times per week for one semester will earn 3 credit hours. A class meeting four hours per week equals 4 credit hours. Some courses may vary.

What is the enrollment process?

Students apply to the program in the 10th grade. An extensive evaluation process is in place to select students best suited for this program. The application process includes:

- *Earn qualifying scores on a college readiness evaluation (Accuplacer Test)*
- *A student essay*
- *An assessment of the student's high school performance including grades and test scores from the MEAP, Explore and PLAN.*
- *Letters of recommendation*
- *A student/parent interview*
- ***Students must notify Mr. Sabo of their interest in the program by January 26.***
- ***The application deadline is Friday, February 23***

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