# **Class of 2023 Course Selection Information**

## **Timeline:**

March 28	11 <sup>th</sup> grade class meeting to review course selection	Administration and Guidance
March 28- April 1	Students in the class of 2023 will conference with their teachers to discuss course recommendations. Teachers will input recommendations into Aspen.	Academic Teachers
April 4- April 8	Guidance Counselors meet individually with students to complete course selection in Aspen.  * Students must meet with their guidance counselor prior to leaving for coop.*	Upper Class Guidance Counselors
Week of April 25	2022-2023 course selection information will be available in Aspen to parents of students entering grades 10-12. Concerns are due back from parents by May 2.	Administration
June- July	Student Schedules are finalized and published in Aspen	Administration

## **Required Courses for Senior Year:**

- English
- Related
- Senior PE
- Shop
- Any other graduation requirements not yet met
  - 2 years of Science
  - 2 years of Social Studies
  - 1 extra year of Science or Social Studies

#### **Recommended Courses for senior year:**

The Common Core for College Admissions Requirements go above and beyond the requirements for Shawsheen and are *important to consider if your child is interested in attending a four-year college*.

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of Math
- 3 years of Lab Science
- 3 years of Social Studies (US 1, US 2 and World History)
- 2 years of Foreign Language\* (waived for Vocational Students)

A complete list of course offerings can be found here -> 2022-2023 Program of Studies

## **Concurrent Enrollment:**

Concurrent enrollment (CE) allows students to take college-level classes during their high school schedule. Classes are taught by Shawsheen teachers who have been vetted by Middlesex Community College. Students are delivered a rigorous college-level curriculum, and concurrently fulfill their high school graduation requirements, while also earning college credit if they elect to do so.

#### Who is eligible for Concurrent Enrollment?

Students in the class of 2023 who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Meets readiness requirements for ENG101
- PSAT or SAT score of 480 or higher for Evidence Based Reading and Writing
- 85% or higher in 11th grade English course
- 85% or higher in 11th grade subject-specific course
- At least a 3.0 high school grade point average
- 11th grade subject-matter teacher recommendation

If your child is interested in Concurrent Enrollment and has not taken the PSAT/SAT, they must register for the May 7, 2022, SAT test by Friday, April 8, 2022, and email me confirmation of their registration, djohnston@shawtech.org. Since we partner with Middlesex Community College for the CE classes, Shawsheen students must meet all of the above-mentioned Middlesex criteria in order to be eligible to participate. More information on Concurrent Enrollment can be found here > Concurrent Enrollment Information and Application

#### **Course Changes:**

- The course-selection process that takes place each spring is conducted with great care and with input from teachers and guidance counselors. It is important that classes are chosen wisely this spring.
- Course changes are disruptive to the continuity of a student's educational program and the master schedule.
- All course change requests must occur prior to the end of the school year.
- Extremely limited course change requests can be submitted within the first two weeks of school. After this time, no other requests will be granted except in extraordinary circumstances which will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

## **Additional Information:**

- You can view the PowerPoint I used during class meetings <u>Class of 2023 Course Selection Information</u>
- If you have specific questions about graduation requirements, or want to discuss plans after Shawsheen, please reach out to your students' guidance counselor.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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