

# COURSE SELECTION

CLASS OF 2026



# UPDATED Graduation and Competency Determination (CD) Requirements

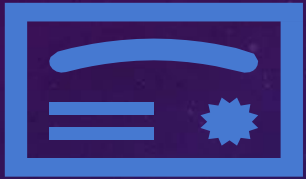
Graduation - To fulfill graduation requirements, a student must have successfully completed or demonstrated the following:

- Thirty-five (35) senior credits
- Four (4) years of English, four (4) years of Wellness, three (3) years of shop, three (3) years of related theory, three (3) years of Mathematics, two (2) years of Social Studies (including United States History I and II), two (2) years of Science, and a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) year of Social Studies or Science.
- Participate in MCAS testing for ELA, Mathematics and STE
- Successful completion of Shawsheen Valley Technical High School competency determination requirements:**
  - Students, in the class of 2025, who have previously earned a Competency Determination (CD) through a regular or retest administration of the MCAS (including the November 2023 retest) or through a DESE appeal process, have earned their competency determination.
  - Students at Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School who have not yet earned their competency determination through previous MCAS administrations can meet the requirements for a competency determination through the following:
    - Receive a passing grade in the equivalent of a grade 10 English course**
    - Receive a passing grade in the equivalent of an Algebra 1 and Geometry course**
    - Receive a passing grade in the equivalent of a Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Science and Technology course.**

# COURSE SELECTION TIMELINE

Class Meeting	March 1	
Course Recommendations from Teachers	March 17- 28	Teachers meet with students to discuss course recommendation
Student meets 1:1 with guidance counselor to complete course selection in Aspen	March 31- April 11	Schedule is created
Schedules sent to students and families (via email)	Early May	Feedback and schedule changes due May 15 (after this point, schedules are final*)

# IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT SENIOR YEAR



**Must pass 35 credits to be eligible for graduation**



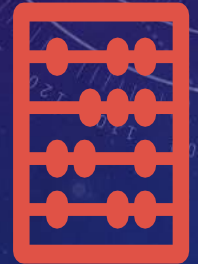
**Students must be in good academic standing to participate in Co-op**



**Opportunities for Concurrent Enrollment Classes**



**Consider Mass Core Graduation Requirements in addition to Shawsheen Tech Requirement**



**Must meet the CD requirements set forth in the Program of Studies**

# CREATING YOUR SCHEDULE FOR SENIOR YEAR

## Required Courses

English

Related

Senior PE

Shop

Math\*

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

Common Core for College Admission

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\*

Classes needed for post-secondary plans.



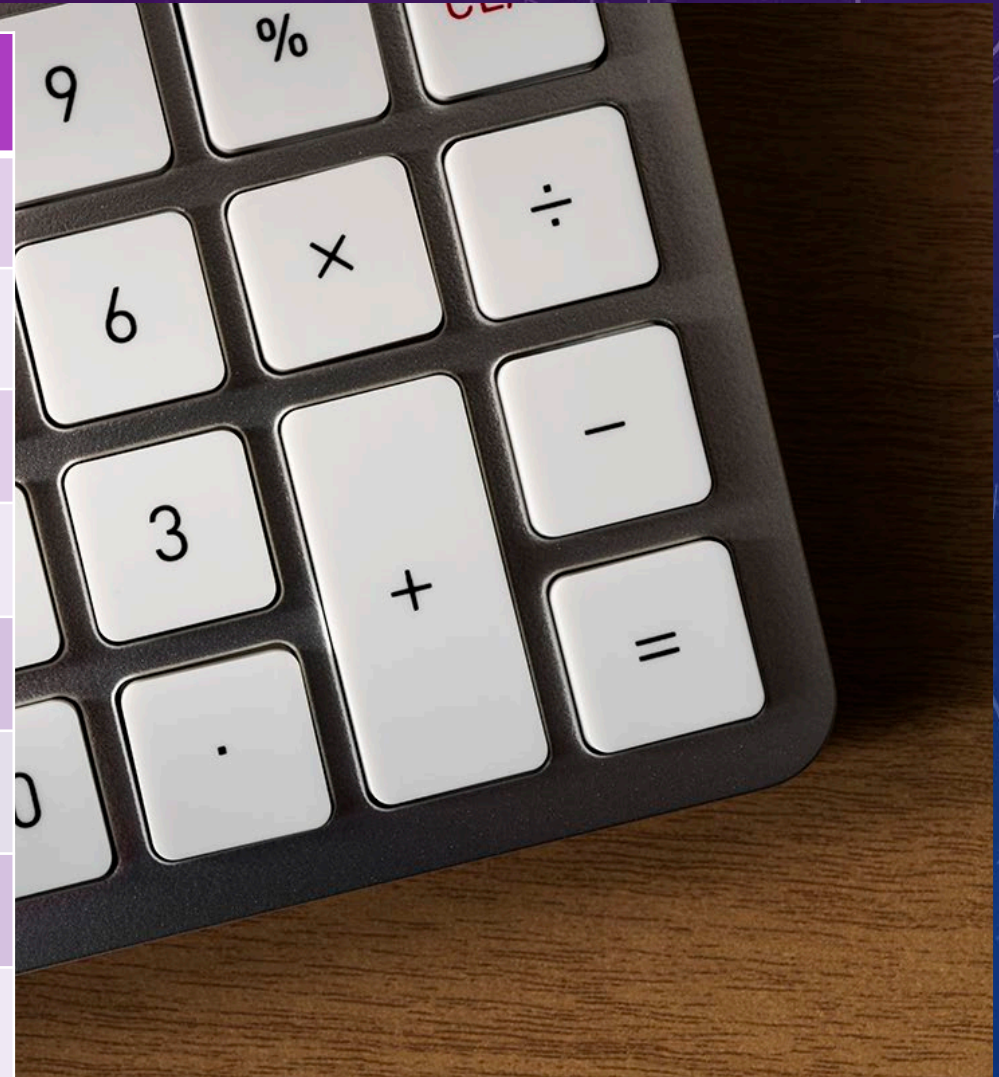
# GRADE 12 ENGLISH COURSE OFFERINGS

<b>English Language Arts</b>		
<b>English Composition 1, CE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>English Composition 1, CE + Honors Literary Analysis</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>CP Senior English</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>CP Senior English</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>CP Senior English</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>CP Senior English</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>Senior English*</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.0</b>



# Mathematics Offerings Senior Year

Mathematics		
Statistics, CE	1	5.0
Calculus 1, CE	1	5.0
CP Pre-Calculus	2	5.0
CP Statistics	2	5.0
CP Functional Analysis & Trig.	2	2.5
CP Probability & Statistics	3	5.0
CP General Applied Mathematics	4	2.5
General Applied Mathematics*	4	2.5



# SCIENCE OFFERINGS

SCIENCE			
5PHY151	Honors Physics	1	5.0
5048	Honors Lab Anatomy & Physiology	1	5.0
5041	CP Lab Physics	2	5.0
5042	CP Lab Chemistry	2	5.0
5043	CP Lab Anatomy & Physiology	2	5.0
5047	CP Lab Environmental Science	2	2.5
5044	CP Lab Physical Science	3	2.5
5045	CP Lab Horticulture	3	2.5

Recommend at least three years of lab-based STE\*

# SOCIAL STUDIES OFFERINGS

\*RECOMMEND AT LEAST THREE YEARS-  
INCLUDING US 1, 2 AND WORLD\*

SOCIAL STUDIES		
American Government, CE	1	2.5
CP America at War	3	2.5
CP Legal Issues	3	2.5
CP Introduction to Psychology	3	2.5
CP Modern World	2	2.5
CP Untold History	3	2.5
CP Personal Financial Literacy and Economics	3	2.5
CP Digital Literacy and Citizenship II	3	2.5
Legal Issues*	5	2.5

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WORLD LANGUAGE			
4041	CP Spanish I	3	2.5
4042	CP Spanish II	3	2.5
4047	CP Spanish III	3	2.5
*PHYSICAL EDUCATION/WELLNESS			
6441	Weight & Cardio Training	4	2.5
6442	Team Games & Outdoor Adventures	4	2.5
6431	Living Well	4	2.5

**\*Students may only take one PE elective senior year.**

# 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.

# GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR CE



Meets readiness  
requirements for ENG101



PSAT or SAT score of 480  
or higher for Evidence  
Based Reading and  
Writing\*



At least a 3.0 high school  
grade point average



11<sup>th</sup> grade subject matter  
teacher recommendation



\*Subject-specific  
requirements may also  
apply depending on the  
course selection. See the  
program of studies for  
additional information\*

\*As long as a student meets Shawsheen's requirements, then the student is allowed to take the class without enrolling in MCC course.

# Important Information about Concurrent Enrollment Courses

**College-Equivalent (CE) Courses & GPA Impact:** CE courses appear on a student's **college transcript** and contribute to their **overall college GPA**.

**Building a Permanent College Transcript:** Enrolling in CE courses means **starting a college transcript** that will **follow you throughout your academic and professional life**. These grades become a **permanent part of your record**, impacting future college and career opportunities.

**Credit Transferability:** CE course credits are **accepted by all Massachusetts Public Colleges and Universities** and by **most private colleges** – please use **this link** to do your own research.

**<https://www.mass.edu/masstransfer/equivalencies/main.asp>**



# Sample Senior year Schedules (without PE)

Period 1	English
Period 2	English
Period 3	Pre-Calc
Period 4	Pre-Calc
Period 5	Modern World (2.5 credits)
Period 6	Environmental Science (2.5 credits)
Period 7	Related
Period 8	Related

Period 1	English
Period 2	English
Period 3	Calculus
Period 4	Calculus
Period 5	Physics
Period 6	Physics
Period 7	Related
Period 8	Related

Period 1	English
Period 2	English
Period 3	Functional Analysis & Trig (2.5 credits)
Period 4	Spanish I/PE/History/Science(2.5 credits)
Period 5	America At War (2.5 credits)
Period 6	Physical Science (2.5 credits)
Period 7	Related
Period 8	Related

# COURSE CHANGES



The course-selection process that takes place each spring is conducted with great care and with input from teachers and guidance counselors. **CHOOSE YOUR CLASSES WISELY.**



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.

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QUESTIONS