

Course Registration

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opened on December 19th and will remain open until January 15th. Students will select courses aligned to one of five self-identified pathways matching their abilities, skills, and interests. The five SV Career Pathways are:

- Arts, Communication & Media
- Business, Management & Information Technology
- Education, Public Safety & Law
- Health, Medical & Human Services
- Industry, Engineering & Technology

High School Counselors met with current 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students before the Winter break. Current 11th grade students will be invited to scheduling presentations focused on their chosen pathway on January 4th and 5th.

Students will be able to arrange an individual meeting with their counselor to discuss any questions about course selection.

Seniors: Instant College Decision Day at SV

For seniors who are still interested in applying to college and/or seeking other college bound options, there will be an **Instant College Decision Day** on **Wednesday, January 24, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. The eight institutions attending include Butler County Community College (BC3), Indiana University of PA (IUP), PennWest (California, Clarion & Edinboro University of PA), Robert Morris University (RMU), Slippery Rock University of PA (SRU), and the University of Pittsburgh – Bradford Campus. These institutions will be present to **WAIVE APP FEES & deliver INSTANT ADMISSION DECISIONS**. If you would like to discuss these college bound options, please contact your school counselor. Seniors can apply to one or all if interested. Seniors should sign-up [HERE](#) or through the QR code on the flyer below.



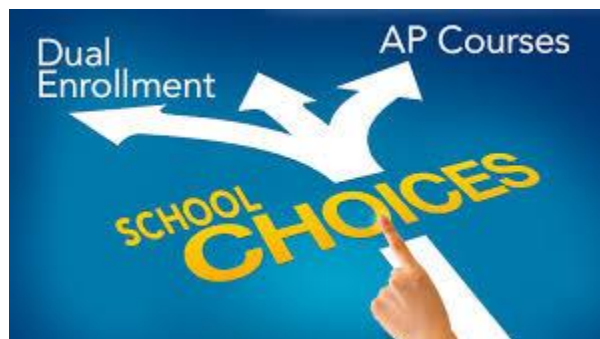
2023-2024 2nd Semester (only) College in High School Courses (CHS):

All 10th-12th grade students who are scheduled for the following **half credit (0.5)** College in High School courses should check with their classroom teacher in the first days of the 2ND SEMESTER (January 16, 2024) regarding deadline dates and/or applications if interested in pursuing college in high school credits. All requirements, applications, and deadline dates are communicated and processed through Seneca Valley teachers and **vary by institution**. Seneca Valley offers over 35 courses through different colleges/universities including the University of Pittsburgh, Carlow University, Point Park University, Robert Morris University, La Roche University, and Butler County Community College. Click [here](#) for the **current 2023-2024 CHS REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS** for a complete list of the current school year's CHS courses and the college/university website links to seek more information.

2nd Semester CHS Courses

- CHS Business Law
- CHS Diverse Voices in U.S. History
- CHS Economics
- CHS Film Studies
- CHS Human Geography
- CHS Introduction to Philosophy
- CHS Leadership & Career Development
- CHS Sociology
- CHS Speech
- CHS Video Production: Broadcast News
- CHS Video Production: Narrative

Advanced Placement vs. College in High School Courses



9th-11th grade students and parents were invited to attend a College & Career Speaker Series session discussing the similarities and differences between AP and CHS or dual enrollment courses on December 14, 2023. If you missed the opportunity to attend, here is a link to the presentation and important links that may assist in course registration for the 2024-2025 school year: [AP vs. CHS](#)

FAFSA UPDATE for CLASS OF 2024:

Filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is necessary in order to receive financial aid. **The 2024-25 FAFSA has been updated** in format and with different questions in comparison to prior years.

ATTENTION: The updated FAFSA IS NOW OPEN and instituting a “Soft Launch” opening. In anticipation of completing the FAFSA, students and parents can each create their own Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID) now by visiting www.StudentAid.gov/fsa-id. It is recommended that you allow 4 days to create your FSA account before access to complete the FAFSA.

Please access the following link [FAFSA UPDATE](#) which provides information regarding the “Soft Launch” of the FAFSA in January.

Graduation: Thursday, May 30, 2024

Graduation Orders -- Seniors: Order your senior graduation announcements, accessories, and cap/gown/tassel unit. The cap/gown/tassel unit must be ordered through Jostens.

- The price of the cap & gown unit (which includes the TASSEL needed for graduation) is **\$24.00 + fee/tax = \$27.43 total**
- Grad Orders will be closed on January 15, 2024
- **Once orders close the Official Custom Designed School Announcements are no longer available to purchase**
- **Orders can be placed online, click [HERE](#) for Seneca Valley’s direct link**
- Cap & gown unit (which includes the TASSEL needed for graduation) are shipped to the school and are handed out during graduation practice in May
- Questions call Jostens at 724-553-5217

9th -12th Grade Students interested in the Healthcare or Education Profession:



Robert Morris University is partnering with Seneca Valley and several other high schools with a virtual **Healthcare AND Education Professionals High School Mentoring Program** during the 2023-2024 school year. The goal of the program is to enlighten and educate students about the varied career opportunities in the healthcare and education industry. Students will participate with professionals and current RMU students devoted to sharing information about the particular healthcare or education topic. A question-and-answer period and networking will be available at the end of each session. Students can earn certificates after participating in all Zoom sessions. The sessions will be taped and available to view to earn credit.

HEALTHCARE SCHEDULE:

January 17, 2024 - Health Sciences

February 14, 2024 - Psychology

March 20, 2024 - Pre-Medicine

TBD 2024 – RMU visits SV for student certificates & final recognition

EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

January 25, 2024 - Careers in Early Childhood & Special Education

February 29, 2024 - Careers in Secondary Education

March 21, 2024 - Multi Language Learners & Study Abroad

April 16, 2024 - ACADEMIC IMMERSION EXPERIENCE at RMU—Final Program/Presentation (permission form required—see guidance office)

Students register for either interest by following the instructions:

- Login to SchoolLinks/CLICK on SCHOOL EVENTS TAB (at top): Find RMU HEALTHCARE or EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS, CLICK on the topic and “REGISTER FOR THE EVENT”
- The virtual meeting link will UNLOCK at event start time (11:30 am or 1:00 pm)
- IN-PERSON students meet in the SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 229 or 2B (2ND FLOOR)—Bring your laptops, earbuds/headphones. CYBER STUDENTS can join at event time from home.
- STUDENTS MUST FILL OUT A BRIEF SURVEY ON SCHOOLINKS AFTER PARTICIPATING.
- THESE SESSIONS WILL BE TAPED! Students who cannot attend day/time can request and view the taped version to get credit.

Contact your school counselor with any questions.

Attention: Student Athletes interested in NCAA Division 1 & 2 Athletics

Seniors: If you are interested in NCAA Division 1 & 2 athletics, are you registered with NCAA? Have you reviewed your 16 core courses for eligibility? Not all SV Math and Science courses are NCAA approved core courses. Contact your school counselor as soon as possible to review eligibility and ask any questions you may have about this process. Visit the NCAA website for more information.

<https://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/core-courses>

9th, 10th & 11th Grade Students: Course registration for the 2024-2025 school year is fast approaching. Schedule an appointment with your school counselor to discuss NCAA and eligibility with the 16 core courses. The NCAA recommends scheduling 4 X 4 core courses 9th through 12th grade to meet the 16 core courses.

CORE COURSES

Only courses that appear on your high school's list of NCAA core courses will count toward the 16 core-course requirement; visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist for a full list of your high school's approved core courses. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

DIVISION I

Complete 10 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

DIVISION II

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

9TH GRADE (1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional 4 CORE COURSES	10TH GRADE (1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional 4 CORE COURSES	11TH GRADE (1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional 4 CORE COURSES	12TH GRADE (1) English (1) Math (1) Science (1) Social Science and/or additional 4 CORE COURSES
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Scholarships

Access **SchoolLinks** and go to **Finances** and then to **Scholarship Matching** to review national scholarship opportunities. Local and some state scholarships we receive throughout the school year will be posted on **SchoolLinks** under the **District Posted** tab. For more information about other scholarship searches and tips visit our website **HERE** and be sure to download the ***SV Guide to Scholarships & Grants***.

2023-2024 COLLEGE CHECKLISTS

All 9th-12th grade students can now access a planning calendar for SV College & Career events and timeline for meeting college planning goals on the Guidance website.

Access these grade level checklists **HERE**.

SAT and ACT Testing

Check for upcoming test/registration dates to meet fall application deadlines. Check our Testing page on the Guidance website for details **HERE**.

Don't forget to follow the school counselors for more events and reminders on Instagram:



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