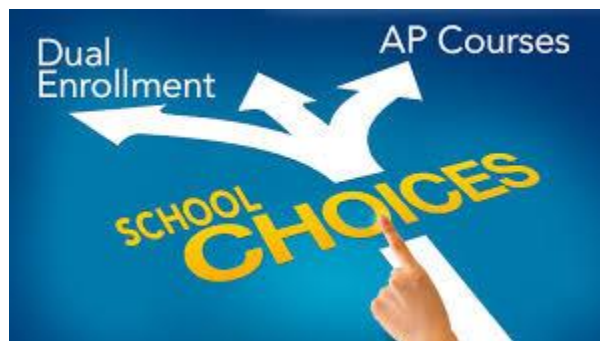




College & Career Speaker Series – Advanced Placement vs. College in High School Courses



9th-11th grade students and parents are invited to attend a College & Career Speaker Series session discussing the similarities and differences between AP and CHS or dual enrollment courses. This event is scheduled for **Thursday, December 14, 2023, from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm** in the SHS Library.

Join college partners and SV counselors as they present and answer questions just in time for the 2024-2025 course registration process. The benefits of AP and CHS courses include:

- Increasing GPA
- Potentially assisting with gaining college credit while in high school
- Potentially assisting with less college debt and/or finish a college degree at a faster pace

The program will include a fair-like setting to ask questions about AP, and CHS questions respective to specific college partners.

Interested **PARENTS** register here on the Guidance website: [PARENT RSVP](#)

Interested **STUDENTS** register in their SchoolLinks account <https://app.schoollinks.com/dashboard> under the **School Events** tab. Students must communicate their attendance for this event to their teacher. Students click on “**Log in with Active Directory**” if it does not automatically log you in.

FAFSA Virtual Completion Session (Senior Parents & Students)



Do you need assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid?

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. Join Wendy Dunlap from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) in a FAFSA virtual tutorial presentation on **Monday, December 18, 2023, from 6:00-7:30pm**. This session will assist SV senior parents and students with any questions. Find out more about these changes and learn about important filing deadlines.

ATTENTION: The updated FAFSA may or may not be open for this event but guaranteed to be open by December 31, 2023. 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.

To participate in the FAFSA tutorial, parents and students **must** pre-register with PHEAA link here: [PHEAA RSVP](#)

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. A representative from Jostens will be at SV on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, during lunches for graduation questions/ordering.

- 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

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



Robert Morris University is partnering with Seneca Valley and several other high schools with a virtual **Healthcare 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 industry. Students will participate with professionals and current RMU students devoted to sharing information about the particular healthcare topic. A question-and-answer period and networking will be available at the end of each session. Students can earn certificates after participating in five Zoom sessions. The healthcare sessions will be taped and available to view to earn credit.

December 13, 2023 – Nursing

January 17, 2024 - Health Sciences

February 14, 2024 - Psychology

March 20, 2024 - Pre-Medicine

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

Students register by following the instructions:

- Login to SchoolLinks/CLICK on SCHOOL EVENTS TAB (at top): Find RMU HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, CLICK on the topic and “REGISTER FOR THE EVENT”
- The virtual meeting link will UNLOCK at event start time (11:30 am)
- IN-PERSON students meet in the SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 229 (2ND FLOOR)—Bring your laptops, earbuds/headphones. CYBER STUDENTS can join at event time from home.
- 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>

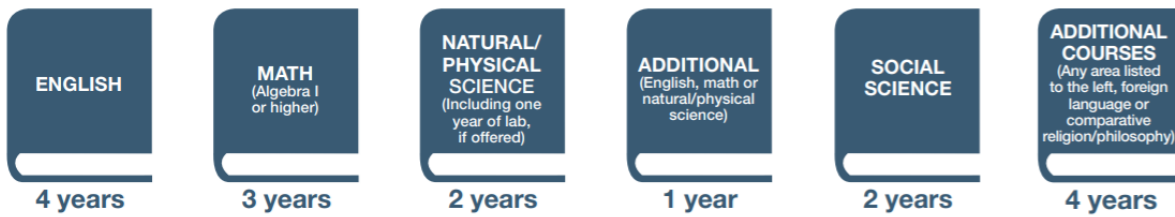
9th, 10th & 11th Grade Students: Course registration for the 2024-2025 school year is fast approaching. Schedule an appointment with your school counselor to discuss NCAA and eligibility with the 16 core courses. The NCAA recommends scheduling 4 X 4 core courses 9th through 12th grade to meet the 16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

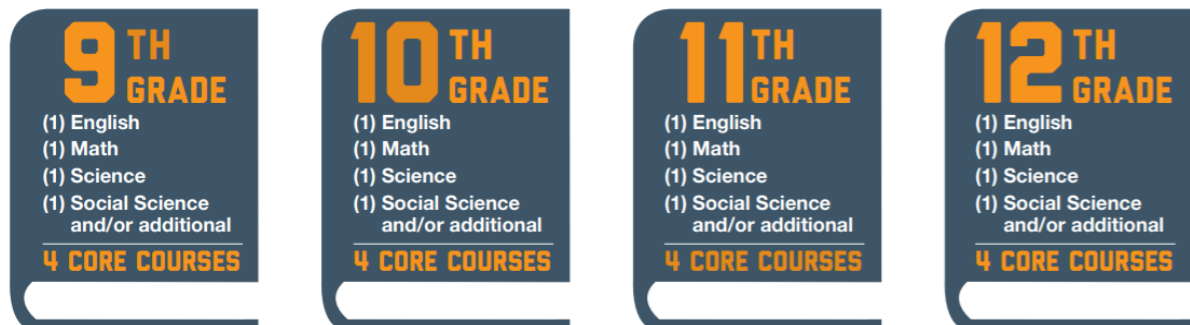


DIVISION II



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

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$



ACT test on Saturday, December 9, 2023

The ACT will be administered to registered students at Seneca Valley Senior High School on Saturday, December 9, 2023. All students are to enter the senior high building through entrance S16 accessed from the upper student parking lot. Students will not be admitted without an Admission Ticket and a government issued or current school Photo ID. Please visit the ACT Test Day Checklist at:

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-day.html>

to learn more about test security and identification requirements related to gaining admission to the testing center.

Students should arrive by 7:30 a.m. and no later than 7:45 a.m. Come prepared with an approved calculator and at least two #2 pencils. Testing will conclude at approximately 12:30 p.m. for the ACT without writing and by 1:15 p.m. for the ACT Plus Writing.

In the event that the ACT is cancelled due to severe weather, this information will be posted on the district homepage under announcements.

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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