

East St. Louis Senior High School

Flying to Excellence

2024-2025

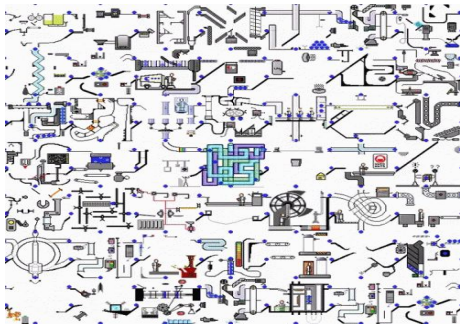
STUDENT HANDBOOK



The City of Champions

Dr. Brittany Green, Principal



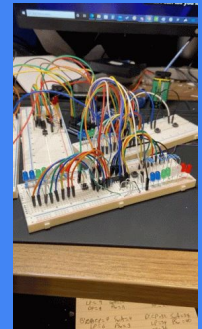
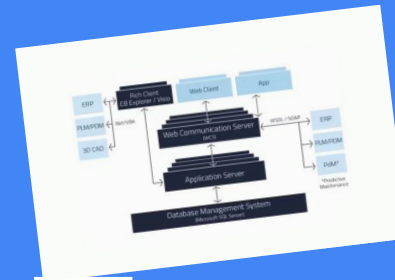


VISION & MISSION

ESLSHS



- Build the dream
- Engineering Excellence



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- ★ Attend all of your classes! You will not learn if you miss class.
- ★ If you are absent from class, check your Skyward for missing assignments, as well as email your teachers.
- ★ Complete and turn in your homework assignments.
- ★ Take notes and review them daily; be organized.
- ★ Study where you are comfortable.
- ★ Ask questions and participate in class.
- ★ Form study groups or have study buddies.
- ★ Schedule breaks! Your brain needs to relax in order to focus.

How to be successful in high school



English 4 Credits

Eight semesters are required for graduation and must include two intensive writing courses.

Math 3 Credits

1 year must be Algebra 1, and the 2nd year must be a course that includes Geometry content.

Science 3 Credits

From the following courses: Biology, Earth Science, Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics, Forensics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, Human Anatomy

Social Studies 3 Credits

Students must pass the U.S. & IL Constitution Tests. 1 semester Civics plus 1 year must include U.S. History or a combination U.S. History and American Government and 1 year of additional social studies,

Elective 4.5 Credits

Art, Music, Foreign Language, CTE, Business, Family Consumer Sciences, and JROTC.

Physical Education 1 Credits

1.00 Credits minimum

Basic Health .5 Credits

Sophomore Year

Driver's Education .5 Credits

Junior Year

Consumer Education .5 Credits

Students fulfill the IL State requirement upon completion of one of the following courses: Personal Finance

How do I earn credits?

- You will take 6 classes each semester.
- You can earn a 0.5 credit for each PASSED class.
- There are 2 semesters in a year.
- $6 \text{ classes} \times 0.5 \text{ credit} = 3.00 \text{ credits for 1 semester}$
- **Earn 6 credits in 1 year**
- You need 20 credits to graduate. (Plus the State Requirements - ACT & FAFSA)

Automatic Acceleration Policy

All students whose test scores meet or exceed on the previous year's state assessments will AUTOMATICALLY be enrolled in the next most rigorous course for the upcoming school year.

ELA:

Grade 8~ Enrolled in Honors ELA 9

Grade 9~ Enrolled in AP Seminar &/or AP World History

Grade 10~ Enrolled in AP Language and Composition &/or AP US History

Grade 11~ Enrolled in AP Literature and Composition or SWIC Dual Credit ELA

Math: Enrollment for future course will be based on last course completed.

Grade 8~ Honors Geometry or Algebra 1

Grade 9~ Honors Algebra 2 or Geometry plus Computer Science Discoveries. Students may also choose to double up on math.

Grade 10~ AP Pre-Calculus or Honors Algebra 2

Grade 11~ AP Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, AP Statistics or AP Computer Science Principles

Science:

Grade 11~ Options will include AP Biology, AP Chemistry, Honors Human Anatomy

12th

Events:

*Senior Sunrise (“Last First Day”)

*Ribbon Pinning

*Senior Luncheon

*Field Day

*Prom

*Senior Sunset

*Graduation

*Senior Week

*There will be other opportunities for senior events throughout the year that will be planned with the help of your Senior Class Officers.

***Senior Class Dues are \$230 with the first payment of \$50 due on September 3, 2025.

Please see Mrs. DeBoe in room 408 with any questions and be on the lookout for Class of 2025 emails, social media posts, and letters home.

*Seniors will enter their measurements of height and weight into Google Form for Caps and Gowns

11th Grade Activities

Principal Round Table

Attendance Incentives

ACT Incentives

Block Party

11th Grade Field Trip

Flying to College and Career Readiness (11th Grade On-Track Incentives)

Class of 2027 Half Cap - TBD

- What is it?
 - This ceremony is a rite of passage for eligible sophomores who have completed all graduation requirements thus far and are considered “half-way” to graduation. Your family is invited to attend the celebration.



Class of 2027 Half Cap - Events

➤ Date - TBD

- MANDATORY ceremony rehearsal. If the student does not attend the rehearsal, they do not participate in the ceremony.
- A special, celebratory lunch will be served, name cards distributed, and students will be lined up. Parents cannot join their students at this time.
- Half Cap Field trip to Six Flags. In order to attend the field trip, students **must** attend the Half Cap rehearsal and participate in the Half Cap Ceremony.
- Class of 2027 T-shirt/Sweatshirt

Class of 2028 Main Goal

The main goal for Freshman of the Class of 2028 is to be on track when entering their Sophomore year.

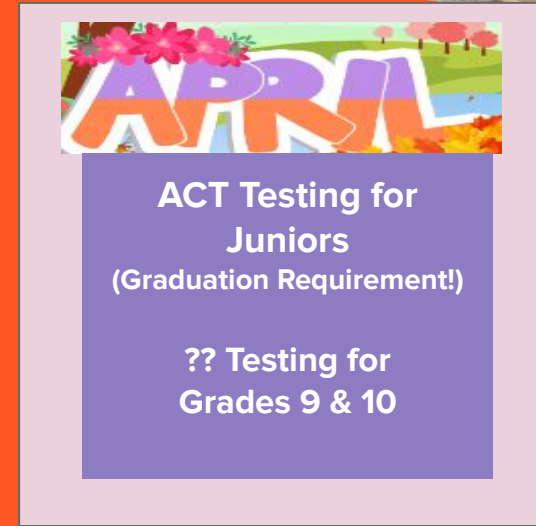
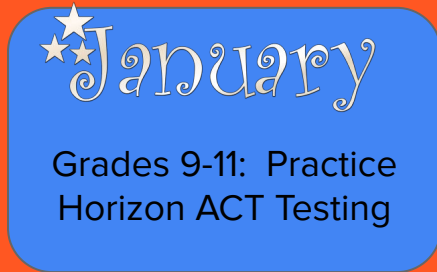
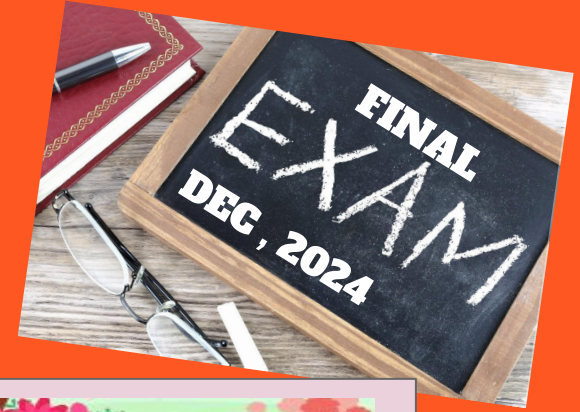
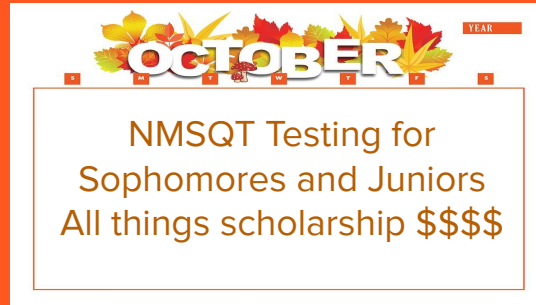
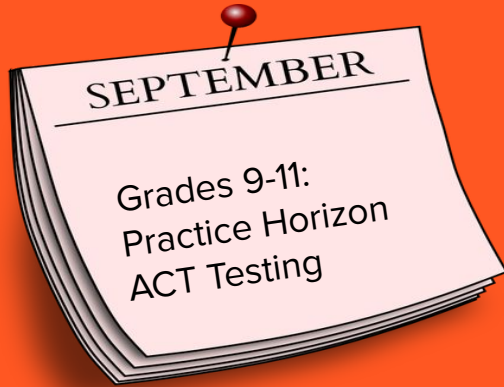
Freshman On Track

Students identified as “on track” have earned at least five full-year course credits (10 semester credits) and have earned no more than one semester “F” in a core course (English, Math, Science, or Social Science).

Students who finish the ninth-grade year on track are almost four times as likely to graduate from high school as students who are not on track.

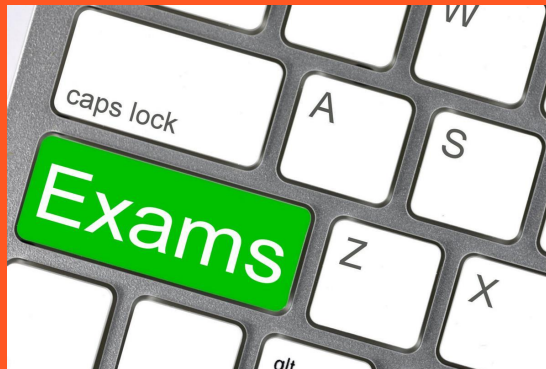
Research shows that the number of students on track and the graduation rate rise when schools actively intervene by identifying freshmen at risk and providing support tutoring, additional instruction, and other individualized services.

Testing...scores really do matter!



AND THEN COMES MAY...

2024 AP EXAM SCHEDULE	
MAY 6TH 8:00 AM AP US GOV & POLITICS	MAY 13TH 8:00 AM AP CALCULUS
MAY 6TH 12:00 PM AP CHEMISTRY	MAY 13TH 12:00 PM AP PRECALCULUS
MAY 7TH 12:00 PM AP SEMINAR	MAY 14TH 8:00 AM AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION
MAY 7TH 12:00 PM AP STATISTICS	MAY 15TH 8:00 AM AP WORLD HISTORY: MODERN
MAY 8TH 8:00 AM AP ENGLISH LIT & COMPOSITION	MAY 15TH 12:00 PM AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES - DIGITAL
MAY 9TH 12:00 PM AP PSYCHOLOGY	MAY 16TH 12:00 PM AP BIOLOGY
MAY 10TH 8:00 AM AP US HISTORY	
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT AP.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG	



**Senior Final
Exams**

Early May

**Grades 9 - 11
Final Exams
Late May 2025**

College and Career Readiness

Our Goal: Helping students prepare for life beyond high school

What's Your E?:



- Enrollment
- Employment
- Enlistment
- Entrepreneurship



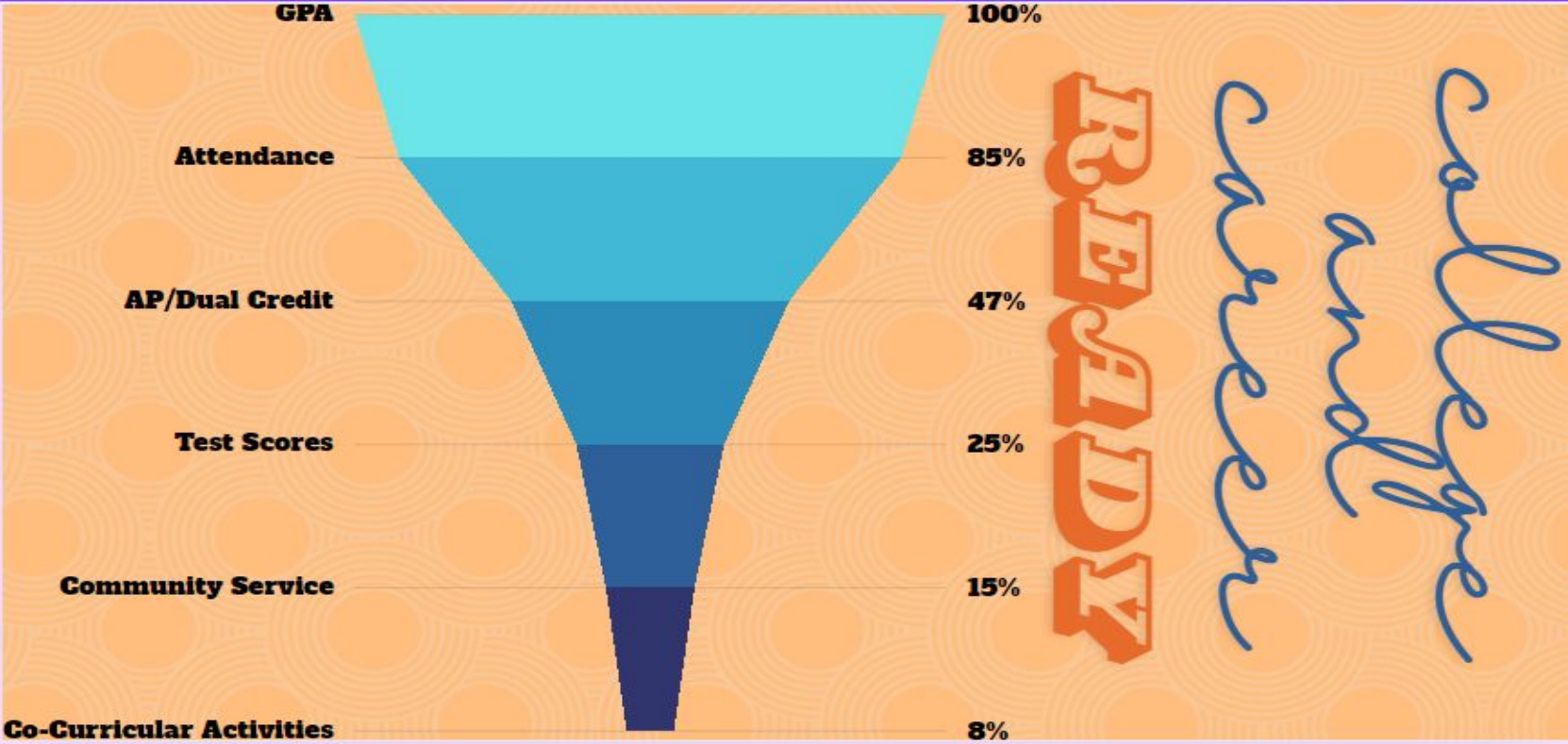
Our Team:

Dr. Kareem Mateen, College and Career Counselor

Katre White, Career Pathways Counselor

Whittnee' Jones, College and Career Specialist

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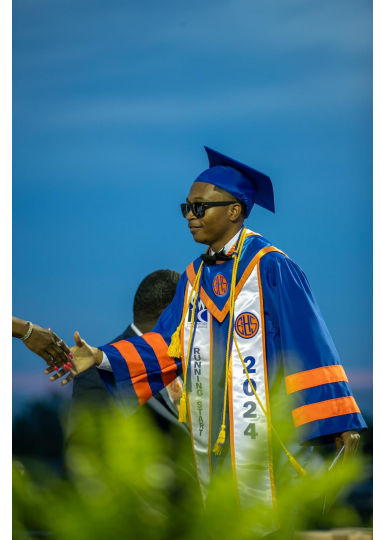
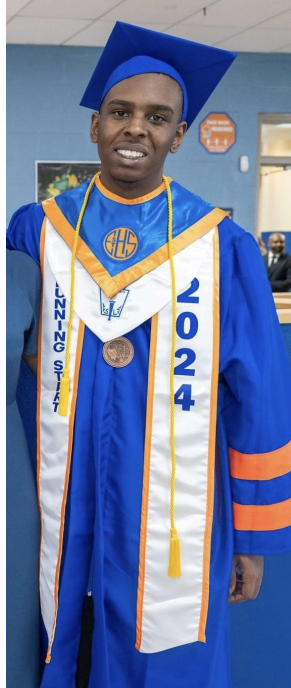
What is Running Start?

- ▶ For students interested in earning a college degree while also earning their high school diploma
- ▶ Dual Credit program for qualified high school students to attend Southwestern Illinois College for their junior and senior years.
- ▶ Meets requirements for both high school diploma and an Associate degree from Southwestern Illinois College simultaneously.
- ▶ 3.2 Cumulative GPA after 1st semester of 10th grade year (January 2025)

Running Start

Running Start

East St. Louis Dist. #189 and Southwestern Illinois College
(SWIC)



Want to become a college student-athlete? You have to have G.A.M.E.

Grades and test scores.

Ability.

Motivation.

Exposure.

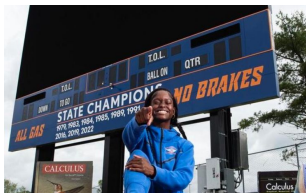


Grades

2.3 Core GPA

Your core GPA is the unweighted average of the grades you receive in all core classes attempted in grades 9-12.

The NCAA core-course GPA is calculated using only the NCAA approved core courses in the required number of core units.



Student-Athletes



Important Info

- Develop and review your goals and objectives
- **Set academic goals** that exceed NCAA requirements
- Participate in high school extra-curricular activities
- **Keep record of ALL academic and athletic achievements and statistics**
- Meet with your College Guidance Counselor
- **Work to get good grades and establish good study habits**
- Be sure you're taking appropriate classes



College and Graduation options

What's Your E?:

- Enrollment
- Employment
- Enlistment
- Entrepreneurship

**Are you interested in graduating early or having a shorter day?
It is possible!!**

At East St. Louis Senior High we have a dual credit program with SWIC, Running Start program, Advanced Placement courses, CTE certification programs and more!

If you are a junior or senior and are interested in any of these opportunities please see your grade level administrator and/or counselor.

East St. Louis School District 189 continues to look for ways for students to work while in school. If you are interested in a part time job please reach out to your administrator.

Student Expectations

➤ Entering the building

- All students must enter at the checkpoint to have their clear bags checked, make sure they have an ID displayed and be sure that they are in compliance with the dress code.
- All IDs must be worn around the necks. Temporary IDs must be visibly displayed on the upper chest. IDs in pockets and /or below the waist are out of compliance and students will be asked to adjust as necessary.
 - If a student does not have their ID they will be required to purchase a temporary sticker ID for \$1.00 for the day. New hard IDs are always available and cost \$5.00 each.
- All bookbags must be clear. Any book bag that is not clear will not be allowed inside the building. The school is not responsible for bags left outside of the building.
- All purses male/female must fit within district size guidelines (5 1/2 x 8 1/2). Any item larger than that will not be allowed inside the building. The school is not responsible for bags left outside of the building.

Student Expectations

- Entering the building
 - No liquids will be allowed into the building. These include but are not limited to:
 - Bottled water/juice
 - Perfume/cologne
 - Body sprays/lotion
 - Spray bottles
 - Mouthwash
 - Spritz or other hair products in a bottle
 - Empty bottles can be brought in and refilled at water fountains.
 - No food deliveries are allowed. (Doordash, Uber Eats, Postmates, etc will be turned away and food will not be accepted.) Staff is not allowed to order or retrieve food for students.
 - Any student who smells of marijuana will not be allowed in the classroom until they are evaluated by the nurse. The parent/guardian will be contacted to come get the student if needed.

Student Expectations: Attendance/Tardies

➤ Tardy to class policy

- Students are to be inside of the classroom when the last bell finishes ringing.
- Tardy students will go directly to class and sign the tardy log.
- No passes will be given during the first and last 15 minutes of class except in cases of emergencies.
- If a student does not go to their assigned class, showed up very late, or left the room with permission but did not return, they are skipping. Students are to adhere their schedule always.
- If the student gets 5 or more tardies:
 - Administrative conference with student
 - RWP
 - Administrative consequence-In or Out of school suspension

➤ Tardy to school policy

- Students are tardy after the 7:30 bell finishes ringing.
- Late students are to enter through the checkpoint throughout the day.
- Breakfast snacks are provided until 7:45 am.

Student Expectations: Passes/Lunch

➤ Passes

- Students are to be inside of the classroom when the last bell finishes ringing.
- If you are not inside of your classroom when the bell stops ringing you are late.
- Students must have a pass from their teacher to go to:
 - The nurse
 - The counselor
 - Social worker
 - Any office
 - Anywhere in the building!

➤ Lunch

- Students are required to be in the cafeteria for lunch. You must be on time for lunch.
- Students who are caught in areas outside of the cafeteria without a pass will face consequences for skipping.

Student Expectations: Dress Code Policy

- A dress code approved shirt must be worn at all times by everyone (no crop tops or see through materials). Security may have students open their jackets upon entering to be sure students are properly dressed. Students who have their shirt tied in the back will be asked to remove the knot as to not show any skin.
- No pants with holes above the knee, leggings, jeggings, yoga pants or short skirts are allowed!
- Students who are out of dress code will be asked to change clothes, wear an article of clothing provided by the school, or call a parent to bring appropriate clothing and will not be allowed to go to class.
- Clothes must not display paraphernalia of guns, sexual nature, marijuana, RIP/SIP, advertising, etc.
- Head coverings
 - Hoods, bonnets, hats, scarves, durags, and sunglasses, are not allowed at any time, anywhere in the building.
- Shoes
 - Students must wear shoes that cover the toes and are secured behind the heel. If wearing Crocs they must be in sport mode” while on District property.
 - Open-toe shoes are not allowed. Students wearing slides or other open toe shoes will be asked to change shoes to get in compliance. Those who refuse to comply, or intentionally break the rule after being corrected will face consequences.
- Students who refuse to adhere to the dress code or frequently and intentionally disregard the code

More Student Expectations -School IDs

➤ IDs

- Students are issued a free ID and lanyard at the beginning of the school year. This ID must be worn around their necks by every student at all times while in school. Having the ID in a pocket is unacceptable.
- Students who do not display their ID will be reminded to have it displayed at all times. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action.
- ID's must not be altered in any matter. If the picture is covered or destroyed it is no longer valid and the student must purchase a new ID.
- If the student lost their ID it is \$5.00 for a new one.
- If the student knows where their ID is and forgot it that day, a temporary ID sticker will be issued for \$1.00. A temporary ID is only good for one day and must be displayed on their shirt where the regular ID would be.
- Students who are without an ID 3 times will result in progressive discipline according to the handbook.

More Student Expectations

➤ Cell Phones

- Teacher is to warn students to put it away and silence the phone (turn off all notifications).
- Teacher is to make a phone call home and document if the student does not comply.
- Disciplinary action will be taken for repeated violations of the cell phone policy, up to and including suspension.

➤ Marijuana/Tobacco

- Any student found to have marijuana or tobacco on their person, in any form (vape pens included), will be suspended for 10 days. This offense will result in a recommendation for expulsion.
- Students who smell of marijuana will not be allowed to go to any class until evaluated by the nurse.
- Any student who is in the building and appears to be under the influence of marijuana will be sent to the nurse for evaluation. If found to be under the influence school progressive discipline code will be followed.
- Students will be referred to the SEL staff for intervention.

District Goal 3: Safe & Healthy Environments



Student Handbook & Code of Conduct

- East St. Louis School District 189 Goal 3 is to Foster a positive culture and climate that supports the health and social-emotional well-being of every student.
- The Student Handbook & Code of Conduct is a guide of expectations for students to support a safe, healthy and inclusive school community that is conducive to learning.
- Persistent severe violations or level 3 violations to the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action that require a recommendation for expulsion.
- Expulsion hearings are conducted by the district's hearing officer and support team.

Expulsion Hearing Team Members

Lori Chalmers, Director of Pupil Services Ext. 3340

Maria Burton, School Turnaround Specialist Ext. 3028

Dr. Kareem Mateen, Student Support Services Ext. 3076

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- Students who fight will be suspended from school according to the Student Code of Conduct.
- Any student who is suspended may result in being placed on the Do Not Admit List for 30 days. Being on the Do Not Admit List bans you from all school sponsored activities such as but not limited to athletic events, field trips, etc.
- Students who let administrators know of potential threats of fights and /or bullying will be recommended for restorative interventions and/or other preventative measures.
- Anyone participating in a mob fight will be suspended for 10 days with an automatic recommendation for expulsion.

CTE Career Pathways

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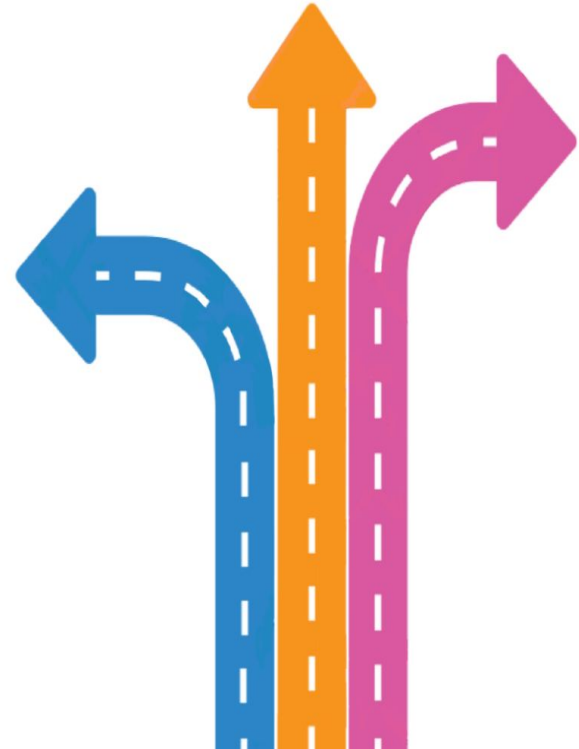
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CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

East St. Louis Senior High School CTE Career Pathways

1. Audio Visual Production
2. Automotive
3. Business Education
4. Cosmetology
5. Construction
6. Culinary Arts
7. Education
8. Electrical Trades
9. Healthcare Science
10. Welding
11. Work-Based Learning



Dual Credit Enrollment Programs through SWIC

- **Audio Visual:**
 - MGMT 213 (Human Relations in the Workplace)
- **Business:**
 - BUS 101 Introduction to Business
 - OAT 146 – Information Processing I
- **Construction:**
 - CMT 145 – Building Trades Craft Survey I
 - CMT 146 – Building Trades Craft Survey II
- **Culinary Arts:**
 - CUL 228–Culinary Occupations II
- **Electrical Trades:**
 - EET 131 – Electrical Wiring Practices
- **Health Care:**
 - HRO 105 – Nurse Assistant
 - HRO 160 – Medical Terminology
- **Welding:**
 - WLDT 101 – Weld Tech I
 - WLDT 152 – Weld Tech II



Industry Credentialing/Certification(s) in CTE

Automotive: Ford Motor Company Certifications

Cosmetology: State of Illinois Cosmetology License (State Assessment)

Culinary Arts: National Restaurant Association ServSafe Managers and Food Handlers

Healthcare Science: **Nursing** Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Certification (State Assessment)

Industrial Trades and Transportation: OSHA 10 Safety Certification

- Construction Trades
- Electrical Trades
- Welding

Welding: American Welding Society (AWS) Certification, nationally recognized: a skill-based assessment that tests welders to AWS Weld Procedure Specifications (WPS) of the AWS D1.1 welding code

Work-Based Learning

Work-based learning is an educational strategy that provides students with real-life work experiences where they can apply academic and technical skills and develop employability skills.

- Internships
- Pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships
- Job shadowing

Work-based learning opportunities provide:

- Career awareness
- Career exploration opportunities
- Career planning activities
- Help students understand and develop positive work attitudes



Food Service

- ❖ Under the NSLP/SBP
- ❖ Provides breakfast and lunch
- ❖ Provides breakfast after the bell/second chance breakfast
- ❖ Provides after school snacks and supper
- ❖ Breakfast: 6:45 am - 7:25 am
- ❖ Lunch: 10:45 am - 12:30 pm



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for coming!**

Calculating Your G.P.A.

A, B, C, & D's are passing grades.

F's are not passing grades; retake the class during evening school or summer school.

Step 1:

- Convert each letter grade to the respective points.
 - (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0)

Step 2:

- Add up all the grade points.

Step 3:

- Divide the total number you added up, by the number of classes you took.

Note:

- Honors/ AP classes earn an extra G.P.A. point.
 - A=4.5, B = 3.5, C = 2.5, D = 1.5, F= 0



Ex: Calculating G.P.A.

Student A Earned:

- English 1 - **A**
- Biology/Physical science- **B**
- Algebra I- **D**
- Civics- **B**
- Elective - **C**
- PE (*not calculated*)

$$4+3+1+3+2= 13$$

- Total (13) is divided by 5 (# of classes)

→ **2.6 = G.P.A.**

Reminder: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1

Student B Earned:

- English 1 Honors- **A**
- Biology/Physical science Honors- **B**
- Algebra I Honors- **D**
- Civics- **B**
- Elective - **C**
- PE (*not calculated*)

$$4.5+3.5+1.5+3.5+2.5= 15.5$$

- Total (15.5) is divided by 5 (# of classes)

→ **3.1 = G.P.A.**

Reminder: A=4.5, B=3.5, C=2.5, D=1.5