

2025 Senior Packet

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The mission of Skyline High School is to build and sustain a community that promotes personal connections, inquiry, agile minds, and determination. We nurture these qualities every day in everyone.

Senior Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2024

MON 9/16 - FRI 9/20

FRI 9/20 Homecoming Spirit Week
Homecoming Parade (5:30 pm - Skyline Campus)
Homecoming Game (7:00 pm)

SAT 9/21

Homecoming Dance (8:00 pm - 11:00 pm)

OCTOBER 2024

MON 10/1 Senior Parent Meeting (6:00 PM - 7:30 PM)
Cap & Gown Online Orders Begin

WED 10/2 Student Count Day

TUE 10/8 Parent Teacher Conferences (5:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

WED 10/9 PSAT/NMSQT Testing Day for 11th-Grade
Late start Grades 9, 10, & 12

FRI 10/11- MON 10/14 Fall Break - No School (Students and Staff)

TUE 10/15 Jostens will be at Lunches to take Cap & Gown orders (Cash, Check & Credit)

THURS 10/31 Early Release Day - Dismissal is 12:00 PM

NOVEMBER 2024

FRI 11/1 Deadline to Apply for a Yearbook Scholarship

TUE 11/5 No School for Students - Election Day

FRI 11/8 Final Day to Submit Senior Photo for Yearbook

FRI 11/22 Exam Early Release Day - Dismissal is 11:50 AM
Trimester 1 Exams - Periods 1 & 2

MON 11/25 Exam Early Release Day - Dismissal is 11:50 AM
Trimester 1 Exams - Periods 3 & 4

TUE 11/26 Exam Early Release Day - Dismissal is 9:40 AM
Trimester 1 Exams - Period 5 & Makeup Exams (appt. only)

WED 11/27 - FRI 11/29 No School for Students and Staff - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 2024

MON 12/2 School Resumes
First day of Trimester 2

WED 12/4 Early Release Day - Dismissal is 12:00 PM

THURS 12/5 Last day for Trimester 2 Schedule Changes

FRI 12/6 Deadline to apply for a Cap & Gown scholarship

FRI 12/20 Deadline for Senior Cap and Gown Orders - Price Increases after this date

MON 12/23 - FRI 1/3 No School for Students and Staff - Winter Break

JANUARY 2025

MON 1/6 School Resumes

MON 1/20 No School for Students and Staff - MLK DAY

MON 1/27 - FRI 1/31 Winterfest Spirit Week

WED 1/29 Early Release Day - Dismissal is at 12:00 PM

THURS 1/30 Parent Teacher Conferences (5:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

FRI 1/31 Winterfest Pep Rally

FEBRUARY 2025

MON 2/3 NHS Induction Ceremony (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

MON 2/10	NAAPID Day
WED 2/12	Student Count Day
FRI 2/14 - TUE 2/18	No School for Students and Staff - Mid-Winter Break
WED 2/19	School Resumes
THURS 2/27	African American Humanities Assembly African American Humanities Evening Performance (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

MARCH 2025

TUE 3/4	Early Release Day - Dismissal is 12:00 PM
WED 3/5	Early Release Day - Dismissal is 11:50 AM Trimester 2 Exams - Periods 1 & 2
THUR 3/6	Early Release Day - Dismissal is 11:50 AM Trimester 2 Exams - Periods 3 & 4
FRI 3/7	Early Release Day Dismissal at 9:40 AM Trimester 2 Exams - Period 5 & Make-Up Exams (AM - Appt. Only)
MON 3/10	First day of Trimester 3
THUR 3/13	Last day for schedule changes for Tri 3 Distribution of Senior Announcements at both lunches Jostens rep will be available during lunches
MON 3/24 - FRI 3/28	No School for Students and Staff - Spring Break
MON 3/31	School Resumes

APRIL 2025

THURS 4/10	11th Grade WorkKeys & PSAT 9 - Late start for 10th & 12th
WED 4/16	SAT 11th & PSAT 10 - Late start for 9th and 12th
FRI 4/18	No School for Students and Staff
MON 4/21	SAT Makeup Day

WED 4/23	Early Release Day - Dismissal is 12:00 PM
THURS 4/24	ACT WorkKeys Makeup Day
FRI 4/25	Deadline to apply for a Prom Ticket Scholarship
TUES 4/29	Early Release Day HS Transition Day - Dismissal at 12:00 pm
WED 4/30	MSTEP Science & Social Studies

MAY 2025

THURS 5/1	Parent Teacher Conferences (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)
TUE 5/6	No School for Students and Staff - Election Day
WED 5/7	MSTEP Science & Social Studies Makeup Day
THU 5/15	Early Release Day - Dismissal is 12:00 PM
FRI 5/16	Senior Prom (8:00 PM - Midnight)
TUES 5/20	Senior Exams- Period 5
WED 5/21	Senior Exams - Periods 3 & 4
THUR 5/22	Senior Exams - Periods 2 Senior Picnic following Seniors 2nd-period Exam
FRI 5/23	Senior Exam Period 1 & Make-Up Exams (Appt. Only) Seniors Last Day
MON 5/26	No School for Staff and Students - Memorial Day
THUR 5/29	Senior Recognition Breakfast (8:00 AM) Cap and Gown Distribution (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

JUNE 2025

MON 6/3	Skyline Graduation Rehearsal 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Rehearsal Mandatory) Skyline Graduation 6:00 PM (Seniors arrive by 5:00 PM)
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Senior Events

Event: Senior Prom 2025

Where: University of Michigan Football Stadium

**Time: Friday, May 16, 2025
8:00 pm - 12 midnight
Doors close at 10:00 pm**

Ticket sales:

Regular Price Sales \$70 - Mon 5/5- Fri 5/9

- Cash/Check at school during lunch
- Credit/debit card (plus site fee)

Week of Sales \$80 - Mon 5/12- Wed 5/14

- Cash/Check at school during lunch
- Credit/debit card (plus site fee)

NO PROM TICKET SALES ON 5/16 OR FRI 5/17

Guest Forms will be released in April and due
Friday, May 9th by 3 pm.

*Tickets for guests cannot be purchased until the
guest form is submitted and approved.

No refunds or transfers on any tickets.

Event: Graduation 2025

**Where: George Gervin GameAbove Center
(EMU Convocation Ctr.)
799 N. Hewitt St.
Ypsilanti, MI**

**Time: Monday, June 2, 2025
6:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Students report at 5:00 pm to
EMU Auxiliary Gym**

Doors open for guests at 4:30 pm

**Rehearsal at EMU on Monday, June 3rd
from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Financial Scholarships for Yearbook, Prom, Cap & Gown

Please complete the Google form to apply for a financial scholarship:

- <https://forms.gle/j9udBJL9gxHAMXng5>

The Senior Scholarship form is also located on our school website.

Deadlines to Apply for a Scholarship:

- ★ **Yearbook: Must apply by Friday, November 1, 2024 at 3 PM**
- ★ **Cap and Gown: Must apply by Friday, December 6, 2024, at 3PM**
- ★ **Prom Ticket: Must apply by Friday, April 25, 2025, at 3PM**

Financial scholarship requests will be reviewed by our committee and further documentation may be required. ***There is no reimbursement for pre-purchased items.***

All questions regarding scholarships should be sent by email to SLC Principal Crystal Fluker flukerc@aaps.k12.mi.us and SLC OP Jaimia Plancich at plancichj@aaps.k12.mi.us

2025 Commencement

Cap & Gown

Jostens is our regalia supplier for all graduating seniors. Cap and Gown orders must be made online at Jostens.com or by mail if you would like to pay by Check or Money Order. These caps and gowns are yours to keep after the ceremony.

- Tuesday, October 1st Jostens - Cap, Gown & Announcement ordering begins.
Link to order: www.jostens.com
\$44.45 for just the Cap & Gown Unit (which includes Tassel), the website offers many more items to purchase at additional cost.
- Tuesday, October 15th Jostens - Will be at both lunches to take orders and answer questions.
- Friday, December 20th Jostens - Cap & Gown ordering deadline.
Orders will be accepted after this date however, prices will increase.

Address for Mail-in orders: **Jostens**
 10178 Colonial Industrial Dr.
 South Lyon, MI 48178

All obligations (books, laptops, library materials, etc) must be cleared before receiving your cap and gown. Caps and Gowns will be passed out May 29, 2025, during the Senior Breakfast and Award Ceremony starting at 8:00 AM. Students must enter through the Aux Gym for a final obligation check and a wristband. Later pick-up can be arranged by calling 734-994-7700.

Commencement

Seniors will report for the graduation ceremony rehearsal tentatively at 9:00 am. Dismissal around 12 pm. Seniors who do not attend rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the evening ceremony.

Graduation will take place at the EMU Convocation Center on Monday, June 2, 2024, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. There are no ticket requirements for this special event. If a family member requires special handicapped seating, an EMU staff member can assist you upon entry to the building. Please note that only the handicapped person will be able to sit in the special area. It is not equipped to handle an entire family or group. Handicap parking is available near the front entrance with the proper handicap identification.

Diploma

NO diplomas are given out early. If your student(s) can not attend the ceremony, they will be available for pick up in the main office at school the next day.

There are no “copies” of diplomas, we print one set. If a replacement is needed in the future, there will be a fee associated with it.

Senior Picnic

Senior Picnic will take place on Thursday, May 22nd. More information will be shared regarding this event at a later date. We will need parent volunteers and donations. SLC Principal Ms. Terri Patterson at pattersont@aaps.k12.mi.us is the contact administrator for this event.

Senior Behavior

Poor behavior such as cheating, fighting, suspensions, and other bad choices can affect your graduation status, college admissions, and ability to participate in senior events, including Commencement. Administration and Staff are expecting you to soar, so don't let negative behaviors hinder your flight.

SENIOR YEARBOOK INFORMATION

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION, SALES, AND PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

DISTRIBUTION: Yearbooks purchased by last year's Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors have now been distributed. If you have not picked up the yearbook you purchased last year, please see Mrs. Ray in room A306.

SENIOR PHOTOS AND YEARBOOK SALES: You can purchase the 2024-2025 yearbook and upload your senior photos (deadline is Friday, November 8) using the link:

<https://www.yearbooknerds.com/skyline-high-school>

Senior Yearbook Photo Requirements:

- 2" wide x 3" tall (wallet sized)
- 300 dpi or higher resolution
- Student must fill the frame
- Picture should be of the head and shoulders
- Both indoor and outdoor images will be accepted; however, the background should be simple with both outdoor and indoor images.
- Clothing must be school-appropriate

PLEASE NOTE – if your photo is submitted and the photo quality (resolution) is not high enough, you will be required to re-submit.

If you do not wish to be pictured in the yearbook, please let Mrs. Ray know via email at rayb@aaps.k12.mi.us.

Sponsor a Student Yearbook:

Make a student's year by purchasing a Sponsored Gift Book! Your help in this mission will ensure that every Skyline student wanting a yearbook will have an opportunity to receive one. Sponsored books are \$70 all year and can be ordered using the registration form or online at www.jostensyearbooks.com. We thank you for your generosity and support!

Parents...

- The Skyline Yearbook class accepts photos taken at any Skyline event. Submit your photos to aaskylineyb@gmail.com to ensure that your student's club or sport gets amazing coverage.
- Contact advisor Brittany Ray with any questions: rayb@aaps.k12.mi.us.

Skyline's College and Career Center – The Cube

***Anthony Woodford: College and Career Advisor
Room B329
734-994-8693
woodfordan@aaps.k12.mi.us***

In-person and Virtual College Visits

***Check the AAPS Website (<https://www.a2schools.org/Page/16484>) for a full list of scheduled college visits. The list will be updated continuously!**

Important College Admission Dates

Wednesday, September 11, 2024- College app season officially kicks off @ Skyline!

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024- Final day to request materials needed from the school (ie: transcripts, recommendations) for college applications if applying early action with November 1st deadline.

Friday, Nov. 1, 2024- Early action applications DUE

Monday, Dec. 2, 2024- Final day to request materials needed from the school (ie: transcripts, recommendations) for college applications if applying regular action with January 1st deadline.

December 2024- The 25-26 FAFSA will open on or before Dec. 1, 2024

The College Application Process

Please allow 15 business days for the school to process your materials.

Common App/ Common Black College App/ Universal College App:

1. Go to <http://www.commonapp.org> or <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/> or <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/> or another centralized platform
2. Complete the application online. Be sure to determine if there are supplemental pages from specific colleges or universities.
3. Send electronic requests to your student's counselor and teachers for recommendations.
4. Request transcripts through parchment.com
5. Request official test scores from act.org and/or collegeboard.com

Other Online Applications:

1. Go to the College or University's website and complete the online application.
2. Send electronic requests to your student's counselor and teachers for recommendations.
3. Request transcripts through parchment.com
4. Request official test scores from act.org and/or collegeboard.com

Senior Counselor contact information:

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Parchment - Electronically send transcripts to colleges and universities.

www.parchment.com

Parchment is the leader in electronic transcript (eTranscript) exchange, allowing learners and institutions to collect, promote, and share their education credentials in simple and secure ways. More than 7,400 active member high schools and postsecondary institutions, including 8 statewide initiatives, have exchanged more than 9 million transcripts using the Parchment Exchange.

A credentials data company with a mission to unleash education credentials, by unlocking the critical data they embody – Parchment empowers individuals and organizations through the collection, analysis, promotion, and sharing of education credentials. Once unlocked, these data can be leveraged in powerful ways that positively influence education access, attainment, and outcomes.

Founded in 2003, Parchment Inc. is a venture-backed company headquartered in Scottsdale, AZ, with offices in Roseville, CA, Denver, CO and Washington, DC.

Official test scores:

ACT- www.act.org

SAT- <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

Official test scores may be required for application. Students can request scores directly through the testing organization's website.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are many resources available to help you and your student pay for college!

First, every student should plan to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Submitting this application early allows your student to be considered for more financial aid options. The official website for FAFSA is: www.fafsa.ed.gov (*Please note this is a FREE application. Any site that charges a fee to submit the FAFSA is not the official site.) See the college and career advisor in B329 (The Cube) or your school counselor for help.

Beyond financial aid, there are numerous scholarships available to help your student. Most notably, there are scholarships based on merit (grades, athletic performance, musical skill, community service, etc.). There are also many “specialty” scholarships available. These may be based on your student’s ethnic or religious background, gender, disability, medical condition, languages spoken, or being a first-generation college student.

For comprehensive information about finding resources to pay for college, check out:
<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college>

Here are some of the top college scholarship search engines:

US News and World Report’s Top 5 College Scholarship Search Engines:

College Board’s Scholarship Search*

www.collegeboard.com

CollegeNet*

www.collegenet.com

Fastweb! (Scholarships, Internships, Colleges and more)*

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

Scholarships.com (“You find money. Colleges find you.”)*

www.scholarships.com

Other reputable search engines for scholarships:

CollegeScholarships.com
www.collegescholarships.com

Additional awareness links:

The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
www.nasfaa.org

Jump Start Coalition
www.jumpstartcoalition.org

Federal Student Aid Publications
<https://studentaid.gov/resources>

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)
<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/gearup/index.html>

EduGuide Publications
<http://www.eduguide.org/>

Alternatives to College

GAP YEAR:

Students who are still considering college in the future may want to explore a **Gap Year** program. We have information on reputable programs that encompass travel, volunteering, language immersion, special education needs, community service programs, etc.

TRADE SCHOOLS & CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS:

For students interested in entering the workforce, The Cube and your student's counselor are great resources for information about **trade schools** and certification programs. You can also get started exploring potential skilled trades at: <http://www.trade-schools.net/> and <https://www.going-pro.com/> Students can explore many job fields and careers including Automotive, Plumbing, Electrical, Aviation, Travel and Tourism, Real Estate, Media Arts, Technology, Cosmetology, Business, Culinary Arts, Hospitality, Dental Assistance, Interior Design, etc.

MILITARY:

If your student is interested in pursuing a **military** career after high school, they can learn about the different branches in The Cube and through your student's counselor. The CUBE hosts visits throughout the year from the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Qualified service members can receive more than \$70,000 annually in college tuition as well.

National Testing: SAT & ACT

The Michigan Merit Exam (MME) assesses students in grade 11 and eligible students in grade 12 based on Michigan high school standards. The MME is administered each spring and consists of three components:

- College Board SAT® with Essay Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math
- ACT® WorkKeys® job skills assessment Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents
- M-STEP Science and Social Studies

For more information please visit: https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_35150---,00.html

Collegeboard offers additional testing dates if your student is interested in testing beyond what was offered to your student as a junior with the Michigan Merit Exam.

For more information please visit: <https://www.collegeboard.org/> and www.actstudent.org

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



SUBJECT AREA CREDIT REQUIREMENTS	
Each student must earn 18 credits in the subject areas and courses specified below:	
Arts	Credits 1.0
• Visual, performing and applied arts (1 credit)	
English Language Arts	4.0
• English 9* (1 credit)	
• English 10* (1 credit)	
• English electives (2 credits)	
Health	0.5
• Health & Wellness (.5 credit)	
Mathematics	4.0
• Algebra I (1 credit) †	
• Geometry (1 credit)	
• Algebra II (1 credit)	
• Mathematics elective – Grade 12 (1 credit)	
† Algebra I credit earned in 8th grade applies toward graduation requirements	
Physical Education	0.5
• Personal Fitness (.5 credit)	
Science	3.0
• Biology (1 credit)	
• Chemistry (.5 credit)	
• Physics (.5 credit)	
• Earth Science (1.0 credit)	
Social Studies	3.0
• World History & Geography (1 credit)	
• United States History & Geography (1 credit)	
• United States Government (.5 credit)	
• Economics (.5 credit)	
World Language	2.0
ALSO REQUIRED:	
• Online Integrated Learning Experience	
Electives	4.0
Total Credits Required To Earn A High School Diploma	
22	

*Course names may differ among schools from what appears above. The detailed course selection guide will indicate whether the course will meet the specific requirement in these subject areas.

NCAA eligibility must be established prior to graduation. Students must review course selection with counselors to ensure requirements are met.

ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any educational program or activity available in any school on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, political belief, age, national origin, linguistic and language differences, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, socioeconomic status, height, weight, marital or familial status, disability or veteran status. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: The Executive Director of Human Resources, 2555 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, (734) 994-9444.

Terms for College-Bound Students

FAFSA

A Free Application for Federal Student Aid. FAFSA forms are completed online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> and by completing a FAFSA form your student will find out how much federal aid they are available to receive. The application is FREE and students can begin completing the application in October.

SAR (Student Aid Report)

Once your FAFSA has been processed you will receive an SAR report, which normally arrives 2 to 4 weeks after submission. Your report will list what you submitted on your application and if there are no errors or questions or problems with your FAFSA application, your report will list your EFC (Expected Family Contribution).

Expected Family Contribution

The EFC is the amount that students and their families are expected to contribute toward the cost of their student's college education.

AID Package

A combination of funds that include scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study, all determined by the college's financial aid office.

Grant

A financial award based on need that does not require repayment. Grants are available through the federal government, state agencies and educational institutions.

Award Letter

A letter informing students and parents what financial aid (if any) your college is offering to your student. It's a detailed letter that includes the types, amount of aid offered, and specific program information. You'll have the opportunity to accept or decline what's offered.

Scholarships

A non-repayable award to students based on merit or merit plus need.

Early Action

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date. Students who are admitted under Early Action are not obligated to accept the offer of admission nor do they have to submit a deposit before May 1.

Early Decision

Students apply to a first-choice institution where, if admitted, they will enroll. Students who are not awarded a financial package that would make attendance possible may decline the offer of admission and be released from the Early Decision commitment.