



IB & AP
2025-2026

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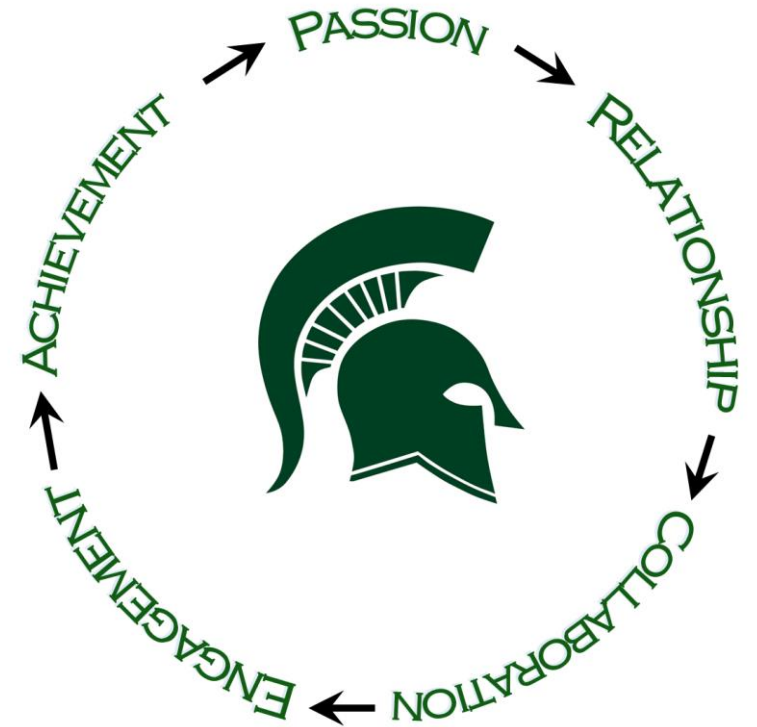
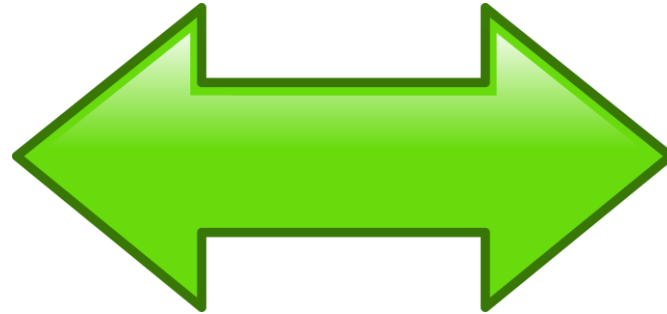
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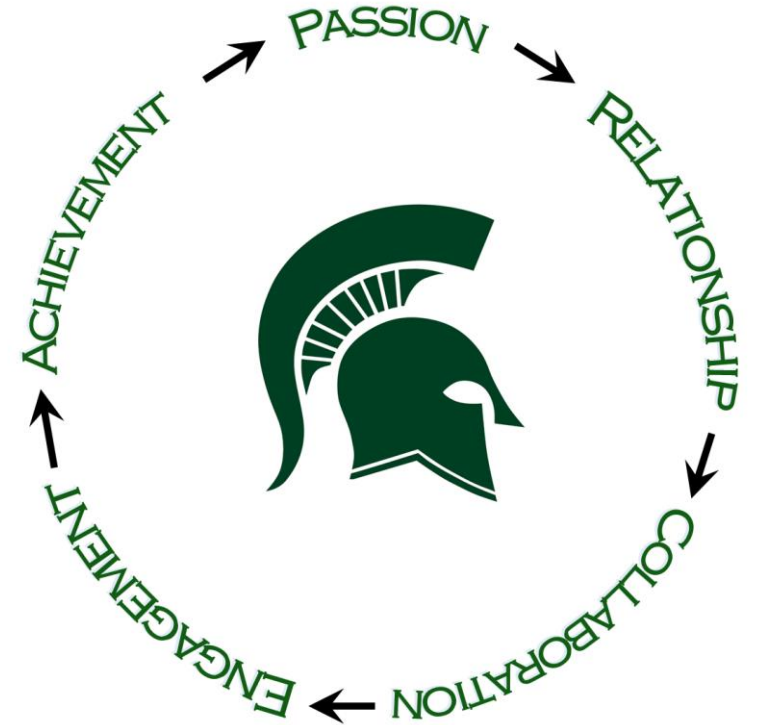
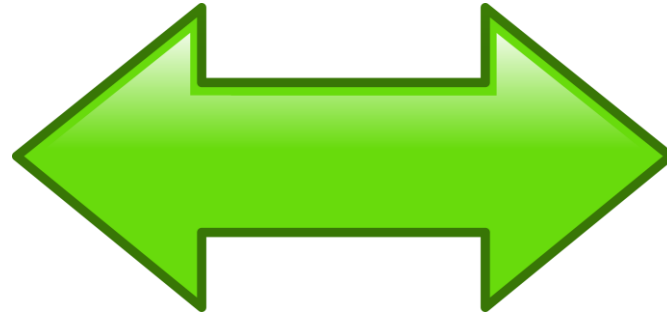


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International Baccalaureate (IB) Advanced Placement (AP)



IB Focus: Develop the whole student, build creative skills, foster community involvement and physical activity. College credit earned through multiple benchmarks.

Students consistently report back to us that the kind of research, critical thinking, group project collaboration skills (unique to the IB Program) prepared them well for college level work.

AP Focus: Subject-based program that allows students to take individual courses in various subjects. AP courses focus on specific content mastery and culminate in a standardized exam. AP courses are generally designed to be more content-driven and test-focused.

IB Structure (11th and 12th Grade)



An **Individual Course Student** takes a class, completes the syllabus work, takes an exam and earns an IB Certificate (AP equivalent).

A **Career Student** takes a 2-year sequence of career-related classes, 2+ IB classes, and completes additional requirements to earn the IB Career-Related Certificate (unique to IB).

A **Diploma Student** takes classes in the five core areas as well as one IB elective and completes additional requirements to earn the IB Diploma (unique to IB).

IB Course Offerings (34 at Skyline)



Language and Literature SL/HL

French SL/HL, Japanese SL/HL, Mandarin SL/HL, Spanish SL/HL

Business Management SL/HL, Economics SL, Environmental Systems and Society SL, History of the Americas SL/HL, Psychology SL, World Religions SL

Biology HL, Chemistry SL/HL, Environmental Systems and Society SL, Physics HL, Sports and Exercise Science SL, Computer Science SL/HL

Math SL/HL

Film SL, Music SL, Theater SL/HL, Visual Arts SL/HL

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College Credit In High School



Earning college credit in high school allows students to save time and money by reducing the number of courses they need to take in college, helping them graduate earlier and with less debt.

It also exposes students to rigorous coursework, building the academic skills and confidence needed for postsecondary success in the academic or professional worlds.

AP Course Offerings (2025-2026)



AP Statistics

AP Calculus

AP Computer Science Principles

AP African American Studies

IB Language & Literature SL (11th Grade)



Replaces American Literature

- IB L&L Standard Level is a course that creates equity for all students – providing every student the opportunity and support to see themselves finding success in the IB program. It also expands the opportunity for all SHS students to take a course that can earn college credit through success on the IB Exam.
- Same core curriculum: chronological study of Am. Literature using the same core novels. Example: students will continue to read the same whole class novels of *The Great Gatsby* Sem 1 and *The Things They Carried* Sem 2.
- Teachers will continue to provide modifications and accommodations so all students can be successful in this course.
- Rubrics used for some specific assessments will now be the IB Lang. & Lit rubrics.
- There will still be a balance of projects, group work, presentations and creativity.
- Testing choices for students:
 - Students can choose not to test.
 - Take the IB SL test in the Spring of Junior Year
- Students who choose to test have the possibility to earn college credit depending on their scores and specific college criteria.
- Students who choose to test will have some tailored course requirements that their teachers help them complete. Example: Students will complete an Individual Oral internal assessment.

Flexibility in Humanities Courses



Student will now have the expanded option to take humanities (ELA and Social Studies – honors or on-level) in either a BLOCK format or as INDIVIDUAL courses.

- Greater flexibility in how students engage in their coursework
- Students request the structure that best supports their learning style and academic goals.

Note: For humanities classes, while you are guaranteed your grade level graduation requirement, the prioritization will then be: 1) request of on-level vs. accelerated and then 2) teaching method (block vs. individual).

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