

OTHS *Panthers*



CLASS OF 2027

School Counseling Department

"Excellence in Education for Every student Every day."

Panthers

Topics for Today



WHO IS MY
COUNSELOR?



GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS



COURSE
SELECTION
PROCESS



CURRICULUM
GUIDE/AP AND
DUAL CREDIT

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OTHS Coursework Required for Graduation:

21 Cumulative Credits

- 4 Years of English
- 3 Years of Mathematics (Algebra 1 & Geometry Content)
- 2 Years of Lab Science
- 2.5 Years of Social Science
- 2 Years of Physical Education
- 1 Semester Health/ 1 Semester Personal Finance
- 2 Semesters of Additional Courses from Art, Music, World Language or Career & Technical Education



Recommended Coursework for College and Work Readiness...

Typical 4-year College:

- 4 Years of English
- 3 - 4 Years of Math (Algebra and above)
- 3 Years of Science (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
- 3 Years of Social Sciences (US History, World History, Government, SS Elective)
- 2 Years: World Language, Music, or Fine Arts (Varies between colleges)

Highly Selective Institutions:

- 4 Years of English,
- 4 Years of Math (Algebra 1 and above),
- 4 Years of Science,
- 4 Years of Social Studies,
- 4 Years of World Languages, and exemplary ACT-SAT scores, recognition and
- accomplishments inside and outside of school.

Course Selection for Senior Year:

Students will receive a 2026-27 [*Senior Course Selection Sheet*](#) advisory class.

Students are encouraged to research options and complete this form noting preferences prior to the scheduled meeting with your school counselor.



October through December - School Counselors will meet individually with Juniors in the School Counseling Office.

Counselors will complete a credit check and discuss options for future plans.



Things to Consider:

Balance, Rigor vs. Risk, and Career Interests/Exploration through electives!



Curriculum Guide (Online Access)

OTHS Homepage → Students → Curriculum Guide

The screenshot displays the O'Fallon Township High School (OTHS) website. The header features the OTHS logo with the tagline "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOR EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY" and a "Daily Bulletin" link. The main navigation bar includes links for District Info, Academics, Athletics, Students, Parents, Staff, Clubs & Activities, and Alumni. A large yellow arrow points from the "Students" link to a dropdown menu. This menu lists various resources, with "Curriculum Guide/Course Information" highlighted. Other items in the menu include Academic Assistance Center, Attendance Policy & Instructions, Daily Bulletin, Food Service Information, Instructional Media Center IMC, Panther Beat Broadcast, Social Work Department, STAR Testing, Student Handbook, Transcript Requests/Parchment, and Panther Bytes Videos. The background of the website shows a school building and a parking lot.

O'FALLON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
OTHS
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Daily Bulletin 🔍

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O'Fallon
ILLINOIS REPORT CARD
2023-2024

New Classes Coming!

Foundations of Media Production and Communications

Introduction to AI

AP Calculus BC (Dual Credit)

AP European History

CAVC- Collinsville Area Vocational Center

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CAVC: Collinsville Area Vocational Center

NEW COURSES - CAVC

■ Collinsville Area Vocational Center

■ 20 programs

- Auto Body I & II
- Automotive Mechanical Technology I & II
- Aviation I & II
- Avionics I & II
- Building Trades I & II
- Clinical Health Occupations
- Cosmetology I & II
- Criminal Justice I & II
- Cyber Security II
- Dental Assistant
- Education Practicum
- Electronics I & II
- EMT
- Food Service I & II
- HVAC I & II
- Landscape Management
- Precision Machining Technology I & II
- Teaching as a Profession
- Urban Agriculture
- Welding Technology II



Collinsville Area Vocational Center
Where classrooms and careers meet

Possible Schedule Samples:

CAVC AM SESSION 8:50am-11:20am		CAVC PM SESSION 11:25am-1:50pm	
EB	OPTIONAL	EB	OPTIONAL
1 st	TRAVEL	1 st	OTHS CLASS
2 nd	CAVC	2 nd	OTHS CLASS
3 rd	CAVC	3 rd	OTHS CLASS or ADV/LUNCH
4 th	TRAVEL / OTHS B LUNCH	4 th	TRAVEL
5 th	OTHS CLASS	5 th	CAVC
6 th	OTHS CLASS	6 th	CAVC
7 th	OTHS CLASS	7 th	OFF

The CAVC Program is designed for juniors/seniors interested in the vocational fields:

- **Application Required:** CAVC participation is **not automatic**. Students must **submit an application** and be **accepted** into the program.
- **Attendance Matters:** A student's **attendance record** is considered during the application review process, particularly for competitive programs.
- **Schedule Planning:** Students should **select a full OTHS course load** during registration. If accepted into a CAVC program, their schedule will be **adjusted accordingly**.
- **Program Competitiveness:** Some programs, such as **Automotive Technology**, are **highly competitive** and may require completion of specific **OTHS prerequisite courses**. Details will be available in the **updated Curriculum Guide**.

English Dept:

**Automatic
enrollment based
on your current
classes and grades**

Writing

- *Senior Writing Seminar
 - *C- or lower in Expository Writing 1 or completion of Principles of Composition*
- *Expository Writing 2
 - *C or better in Expository Writing 1*
- *AP Language & Composition (full year)
 - *B- or better in AP Literature and Composition*
- *Public Speaking (dual credit)
 - *C+ or higher in 10th and 11th grade English courses*

Literature

- Theater Literature
- Global Voices in Literature
- Great Books
- World Mythology
- *American Literature (enriched)
 - *C+ or better in English classes*
- *AP Language & Composition (full year)

Math Dept:

**Automatic enrollment
based on your current
classes and grades**

	Honors Sequence		Advanced Sequence		Regular Sequence	
Freshman ↓	Honors Algebra 1 (Milburn only)		Advanced Algebra 1 (Milburn only)		Introduction to Algebra (Milburn only)	
	Honors Geometry (Milburn and Smiley)		Advanced Geometry		Geometry with Algebra	
	Honors Algebra 2		Advanced Algebra 2		Algebra 1	
	AP [®] Precalculus		Advanced Precalculus w/Trig		Algebra 2	
Senior	AP [®] Calculus BC	AP [®] Calculus AB	* AP [®] Statistics		Precalculus w/Trig	College Algebra

Science Dept:

***Prerequisites for these classes will require students to earn certain grades in prior classes.**

Please refer to the curriculum guide or speak to your counselor for more information.

Physical Science

- Physical Earth Science
- *Geology
- *Introduction to Astronomy
- *Forensics
- *Chemistry 1
- *Honors Chemistry 1
- *Chemistry 2
- *AP Chemistry
- *Physics 1
- *AP Physics 1
- *Physics 2
- *AP Physics 2

Life Science

- Integrated Life Science
- *Environmental Science
- *Biology 1
- *AP Biology
- *Honors Human Anatomy and Physiology

Social Studies Dept:

***Prerequisites for these classes will require students to earn certain grades in prior classes.**

Please refer to the curriculum guide or speak to your counselor for more information.

Either Semester

- The American Legal System
- Government
- Sociology
- *Diversity and Growth in America

Full Year

- AP European History
- US History
- AP US History

Fall Classes

- Area Studies
- International Relations
- Psychology

Spring Classes

- *AP Macroeconomics
- Western Civilization
- *The 60s in America
- *AP Psychology

World Languages

**First year languages
are open to all levels**

***All other levels
require students to
earn certain grades in
prior classes.**



**French
Spanish
German
Mandarin**

PE/Health Drivers ED

Requirements: 4 semesters of PE and 1 semester of Health

PE OPTIONS

Total Body Fitness

Team Sports PE

*PE Individualized Instruction

Strength and Conditioning

Recreational Physical
Education

HEALTH

Health (required)

Personal Wellness (elective)

*PE waivers may be granted for
participation in the following:*

- *AFJROTC*
- *Marching Band*
- *Inter-scholastic Sports - (JR/SR year only)*

*Driver Education

Class offered 1st semester
only

Students must have
successfully passed 8
semester hours in previous
two semesters



Electives:

Choose electives which support your possible career(s) and meet college entry requirements

AFJROTC

Art

Business

Family & Consumer Science

Industrial Technology

Music

Health Science Technology

OTHERS

Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities!

CEO is a program designed for seniors interested in the business field:

1. Year-long class where students will participate in a class business, write business plans, and start and operate their own business.
2. Completely funded by local businesses within our community, students will also visit 30-50 businesses per year and receive one-on-one mentoring from a business community partner!

October 20th during advisory there will be a CEO meeting in the PC held by current students and sponsors—more information to come!



How to qualify for CEO?

- Seniors who are on track for graduation (no GPA min.)
- Professional/business attire daily
- Trustworthy, motivated and hardworking
- Must have your own transportation
- Cell phone and laptop/Chromebook to use daily
- Submit an online application with supplemental materials
 - *Blind application selection process conducted by CEO Board Members*
- Talk to your school counselor to learn more!



DUAL CREDIT

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS

COLLEGE



- **Psychology/AP Psychology**
- **Public Speaking**
- **AP United States History**
- **Advanced Applications (Excel)**
- **Advanced Applications (Word Processing)**
- **Computer Programming/Networking/Cybersecurity**
- **Personal Finance**
- **Advanced Digital Marketing**

What is SWIC Dual Credit?

Dual credit programs allow secondary students to earn college credit for courses taken while they are in high school.

- **Technical Drawing & Engineering Design**
- **Drafting & Engineering Design**
- **Engineering Design - CAD1**
- **Carpentry/Construction**
- **Welding 1**
- **Yearbook Design**
- **Video Production**

DUAL CREDIT SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY 1818 PROGRAM



- AP Physics 1
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Language & Composition



What is SLU 1818 Dual Credit?



ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AT OTHS!

- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP Chemistry
- AP Biology
- AP Literature and Composition (Jr.)
- AP Language and Composition (Sr.)
- AP Pre Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP European History

What is Advanced Placement ?

The AP Program offers college-level courses and exams that you can take in high school.



- AP Studio Art: Drawing
- AP 3D Art & Design
- AP United States History
- AP Psychology
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP French Language and Culture
- AP German Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Language and Culture



Do you plan to be a *COLLEGIATE ATHLETE*?

NCAA Eligibility

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is an organization dedicated to providing a pathway to opportunity for college athletes.

There are three NCAA Divisions:

- Division I, Division II and Division III
- If you want to compete at an NCAA school, you must meet academic and/or amateurism standards set by NCAA members.
- NCAA Planning Worksheet is on the last page of the Curriculum Guide.
- Let your counselor know of your future athletic plans so you can work together planning eligibility!

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

NCAA eligibility is a holistic process, involving the student, parents/guardians, school counselor, high school athletic coaching staff, NCAA eligibility center staff and post-secondary institutions. More information about NCAA eligibility can be found on our Guidance website.

OTHER HELPFUL THINGS TO CONSIDER THIS YEAR:

- Pay attention to emails from SchoolCounselors@oths.us and your counselor
- Keep a folder of accomplishments such as awards, certificates, community service logs, job shadowing information, and letters of participation
- Get involved in extracurricular and volunteer activities
- Start creating a resume
- Set up a professional email address:
FirstInitial.LastName@domain.com



- [OTHS Junior Resources](#)



STAY CONNECTED



We are here to help! Students can email or make an appointment with us throughout the year.