

2025-2026 Senior Packet

Table of Contents

Senior Calendar	2-5
Skyline Scholarships	6
2026 Commencement	7-8
Senior Yearbook Information	9
The College and Career Center	10
Important College Admission Dates and Information	10
The College Application Process	11-12
Scholarships and Financial Aid	13-14
Alternatives to College	15
National Testing: SAT & ACT	16
Graduation Requirements	17
Terms for College-Bound Students	19



Casey Elmore, Principal
Lamanzer Williams – Dean of Students
Terri Patterson - SLC Principal
Andre Criswell - SLC Principal
Delsie Sissoko - Athletic Director / AP

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 2025

- MON 9/29 - FRI 10/3 Homecoming Spirit Week
- MON 9/29 No School for Students
Powder Puff Football Game (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)
- TUE 9/30 Senior Parent Night Meeting (6:00 PM-7:30 PM)
Cap & Gown online orders begin (Early Bird Special)

OCTOBER 2025

- WED 10/1 Student Count Day
- FRI 10/3 Homecoming Pep Rally (1:30 PM-3:00 PM)
Homecoming Parade (5:30 PM - Skyline Campus)
Homecoming Game (7:00 PM)
- SAT 10/4 Homecoming Dance (8:00 PM - 11:00 PM)
- TUE 10/7 Parent Teacher Conferences (4:00 PM - 7:00 PM)
- WED 10/8 PSAT/NMSQT Testing Day for 11th-Grade
Late start Grades 9, 10, & 12
- FRI 10/10- MON 10/13 Fall Break - No School (Students and Staff)
- TUE 10/14 Jostens will be at Lunches to take Cap & Gown orders (Cash, Check & Credit)

NOVEMBER 2025

- MON 11/3 Deadline to Apply for a Yearbook Scholarship
- TUE 11/4 No School for Students - Election Day
- FRI 11/7 Final Day to Submit Senior Photo for Yearbook
- FRI 11/21 Exam Early Release Day - Dismissal is 11:50 AM
Trimester 1 Exams - Periods 1 & 2

MON 11/24 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 2025

MON 12/1 School Resumes
 First day of Trimester 2
 Deadline to apply for a Cap & Gown scholarship

THURS 12/4 Last day for Trimester 2 and Trimester 3 Schedule Changes

FRI 12/19 Deadline for Senior Cap & Gown Orders - Price Increases after this date

MON 12/22 - FRI 1/2 No School for Students and Staff - Winter Break

JANUARY 2026

MON 1/5 School Resumes

MON 1/12 NHS Induction Ceremony (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

MON 1/19 No School for Students and Staff - MLK DAY

TUE 1/27 Parent Teacher Conferences (4:00 PM - 7:00 PM)

FEBRUARY 2026

MON 2/2 - FRI 2/6 Winterfest Spirit Week

FRI 2/6 Winterfest Pep Rally

MON 2/9 NAAPID Day

WED 2/11 Student Count Day

FRI 2/13 - TUE 2/17 No School for Students and Staff - Mid-Winter Break

WED 2/18 School Resumes

THURS 2/26 African American Humanities Assembly
African American Humanities Evening Performance (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

MARCH 2026

WED 3/4 Exam Early Release - Dismissal at 11:50 AM
Trimester 2 Exams - Periods 1 & 2

THUR 3/5 Exam Early Release - Dismissal at 11:50 AM
Trimester 2 Exams - Periods 3 & 4

FRI 3/6 Exam Early Release - Dismissal at 9:40 AM
Trimester 2 Exams - Period 5 & Make-up Exams (appt. only)

MON 3/9 First day of Trimester 3

MON 3/30 - FRI 4/3 No School for Students and Staff - Spring Break

APRIL 2026

MON 4/6 School Resumes

THUR 4/9 Distribution of paper product graduate items at both lunches
Jostens rep will be available during lunches
11th Grade WorkKeys & PSAT 9 - Late start for 10th & 12th

WED 4/15 SAT 11th & PSAT 10 - Late start for 9th and 12th

MON 4/20 SAT Makeup Day

THURS 4/23 ACT WorkKeys Makeup Day

FRI 4/24 Deadline to apply for a Prom Ticket Scholarship

MON 4/27 Early Release Day HS Transition Day - Dismissal at 11:00 AM

TUE 4/28 Parent Teacher Conferences (4:00 PM - 6:00 PM)

WED 4/29 MSTEP Science & Social Studies
9th, 10th, & 12th Grade begin in Skytime

MAY 2026

TUE 5/5	No School for Students - Election Day
WED 5/6	MSTEP Science & Social Studies Makeup Day
FRI 5/15	Senior Prom (8:00 PM - Midnight)
TUES 5/19	Senior Exams- Period 5
WED 5/20	Senior Exams - Periods 3 & 4
THUR 5/21	Senior Exams - Periods 2 Senior Picnic following Seniors 2nd-period Exam
FRI 5/22	Senior Exam Period 1 & Make-Up Exams (Appt. Only) Seniors' Last Day, Clapout
MON 5/25	No School for Staff and Students - Memorial Day
THUR 5/28	Senior Obligation Return, begins at 8:00 AM Cap and Gown Distribution (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

JUNE 2026

FRI 6/5	Graduation Rehearsal, Skyline Main Gym, Time TBD, Attendance mandatory
SAT 6/6	Skyline Graduation (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

Skyline Scholarships

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

<https://forms.gle/5YsLZMDmYi1JMN7M9>

Deadlines to Apply for a Scholarship:

- ★ **Yearbook: Must apply by Monday, November 3, 2025 at 3 PM**
- ★ **Cap and Gown: Must apply by Monday, December 1, 2025 at 3PM**
- ★ **Prom Ticket: Must apply by Friday, April 24, 2026 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 Andre Criswell criswella@aaps.k12.mi.us and SLC OP Jaimia Plancich at plancichj@aaps.k12.mi.us

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 21st. 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 buy the 2025-26 yearbook, purchase an optional recognition ad, and upload your senior photos (deadline is Friday, November 7, 2025) 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, forward facing
- 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

Counselor contact information:

David Almassy	almassyd@aaps.k12.mi.us	734-994-8492
Dennis Brunzell	brunzelld@aaps.k12.mi.us	734-994-7674
Charissa Brown-Bass	brownbass@aaps.k12.mi.us	734-994-7685
Liza Dedvukaj	dedvukajl@aaps.k12.mi.us	734-994-7721
Jacinta Nafziger	nafzigerj@aaps.k12.mi.us	734-994-7701
Heather Schimmel	schimmel@aaps.k12.mi.us	734-994-7695

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:	
	Credits
Arts	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.