

2026-2027

**Program of Studies &
Course Registration**

Parents - Grades 10 and 11

Saucon Valley High School



School Counselor Responsibilities

Katie Fisher	ext. 2706	Students with the Last Name A - L
Matthew Dezzi	ext. 2714	Students with the Last Name M - Z
Angela Pflug	ext. 2715	Mental Health Counselor - Student Support

Graduation Requirements: 21 credit minimum

Class of 2027 & 2028 - Current Grades 10 & 11

- 4.0 credits of English
- 3.0 credits of Math
- 2.5 credits of Science
- 2.0 credits of Social Studies
- 1.0 credit of Health/PE
- 8.5 credits of electives

Job Shadowing/Volunteering/Co-op Requirements:

All students MUST complete one of these to participate in the graduation ceremony. It is highly recommended you complete these before starting senior year, unless doing a co-op.

- **Job Shadow:** You must observe **3 different people** at their jobs for 3 hours each. You can NOT observe a parent/guardian, but anyone else is allowed. (*9 hours total*)
- **Volunteering:** You have to complete at **least 60 hours of community service** (internships count, so long as you are not being paid).
- **Co-op:** This applies to students attending **BAVTS only**. Students need to meet with Ms. Muschko to confirm you can get a co-op and meet all requirements.

Keystone Exams

Keystone Exams are taken as an end-of-course exam when the student is enrolled in Algebra 1, Math 10 (AS), Literature, English 10 (AS), and Biology. If a student does not receive an “Advanced” or “Proficient” on an exam, the student is permitted to re-test during designated windows established by PDE until the end of their junior year of school.

Keystone Exam & Score Range	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Algebra 1	1200-1438	1439-1499	1500-1545	1546-1800
Biology	1200-1459	1460-1499	1500-1548	1549-1800
Literature	1200-1443	1444-1499	1500-1583	1584-1800

Keystone Pathways to Graduation



Our goal is for all students to earn at least proficient on all Keystone exams.

After re-testing, other pathways will be explored to determine which pathway will meet the graduation requirement.

NCAA Eligibility Requirements

A student who wants to compete in either Division I or II sports must **complete 16 core academic courses** (ten of which must be completed by the end of junior year) and achieve a core-course grade point average.

The minimum GPA you can have to be considered an early academic qualifier for D1 is a 2.3 GPA. You will need a 2.2 GPA to be eligible at the D2 level. The NCAA Eligibility Center will evaluate your academic and athletic experiences based on information you provide - Register online at:

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

Students should complete the registration process by the **end of their junior year** in high school.

Dual Credit versus Dual Enrollment

Dual credit, also known as concurrent enrollment, is a type of dual enrollment where students earn both high school and college credit for a single course, often approved by both the high school and the college.

Dual enrollment is a broader term for taking college courses while in high school, which may or may not result in dual credit; sometimes, it's only for college credit.

Dual Credit/Concurrent Enrollment

Saucon Valley students can earn college credits for taking certain courses while also fulfilling Saucon Valley's graduation requirements.

Currently, these courses must be taught by Saucon Valley teachers who have been approved as adjunct professors for the college or university.

Off-Campus Dual Enrollment

This allows students to enroll in classes taught at local colleges and universities for college credit while still enrolled here at Saucon Valley High School.

This program has numerous guidelines but does not result in students getting high school graduation credit.

In addition, if a student is interested in transferring these credits to another institution of study, students and their families are responsible for contacting their schools of interest to determine if credits will be accepted at these schools.

Financial Responsibility

Students must pay all of the cost required to take dual enrollment courses.

Students taking an AP course must pay all of the cost for taking the AP examination.

Program of Studies

- Year- long classes vs. semester classes
 - ◆ Year-long: Math, English, AP, Biology (1 credit)
 - ◆ Semester: Social Studies, Science, PE/Health, Electives (0.5 credit)
- The word “ELECTIVE” designates that course credit goes towards the 8.5 or 8.0 (Class of 2030) elective graduation required credits.

New Course Offerings 2026-2027

- AP Business Personal Finance
- AP Research
- Intro to Jazz
- Alg I A
- AP Cybersecurity



Teacher Recommendations

- A teacher recommendation is needed for students who want to take a class that is at a different level than what you currently are taking.
- Teacher recommendations have been completed in PowerSchool and will be visible to students.
- There are courses that **require** a teacher recommendation, please refer to the Program of Studies.

Overriding a Teacher Recommendation

- A parent meeting must be held for students who wish to override the professional recommendation of the teacher.
- A course override form must be signed by the student, parent, teacher, counselor, and building administrator.

Experiential Learning: 0.5 credit

- Students are eligible to earn credits for Experiential Learning, the process of learning through action, during their junior and senior years.
- Students gain content knowledge through instruction, community service, civic engagement, internship, research/independent study projects, and cultural immersion.
- **PREREQUISITE:** Students will be required to complete a Student Engagement Application and have approval from administration.

Jobs Credit : 0.5 Credit

- Students are eligible to earn credits for having a job during their junior and senior years.
- Students must work **a minimum of 5 hours per week or 90 hours total a semester** in order to qualify for this opportunity. Students must verify their hours and complete a reflection at the end of each term.
- **PREREQUISITE:** Approval of school counselor and verification of employment.

Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School

- Students looking to see programs in tech should look at the Course Offerings and Descriptions on the website - [BAVTS](#)
- All first year students (grade 10) will have AM BAVTS; first three periods of the day. Students will have an English, math, and science course assigned to them.
- Students must apply to BAVTS using the application online.
- Second and third year students do not need to re-apply.

Registering for Classes

- All students must complete a course planning guide with their counselor prior to registering for classes.
- To register for classes, make sure to go to the [school website](#) and go to “Quick Links” and choose PowerSchool, to sign in that way and register for classes. The app is not recommended.
- ***Course registration must be submitted by no later than February 27th.***
- Any changes after registration has closed need to be made via your school counselor.

Online Course Selection/Registration

- Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - Opens for Students and Counselors
- Friday, February 27, 2026 - Closes for Students and Counselors

Course Change Requests (After July 4, 2026)

- If there is an academic need, students may request to change their schedule one time over the summer.
- Students have the first five days of a course to withdraw and add an alternate course for credit, pending approval. After the fifth class meeting, courses may not be dropped. Students must select an alternate course available during the same period. at the same time. A "WP" (Withdrawal/Passing) or "WF" (Withdrawal/Failing) will be recorded on the transcript. No credit is awarded.

Middle School Courses for High School Credit

- Courses taken at Saucon Valley Middle School will be considered for graduation credit if equivalent to the Saucon Valley High School course requirements.
- The credit granted for middle school course completion would count as subject credit; however, the final grade will not count towards GPA or class rank.

Thank you for joining us tonight!

→ Please feel free to call or email us any questions you may have.