Class of 2030 Course Scheduling Information

March 4, 2026

EAST STROUDSBURG
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Materials Available Online

- 8th Grade Letter
- Student Scheduling Worksheet
- Course Selection Instructions Form
- Questions and Answers Handout
- 9th Grade Blank Course Selection Sheet
- Program of Studies (see District Website)

Credit Requirements

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Science	3 credits
PE	1 credit
Health	.75 credits
Driver Education	.25 credits
Arts & Humanities	2 credits
Electives	7 credits
Total Credits	**26 Total credits**

Course Selection

Core Courses will be automatically scheduled for you:

Math	1 credit
English	1 credit
History	1 credit
Science	1 credit
H/PE	.5 credits (.25 credit each)
Total	**4.5 credits**

Course Selection

Course Levels

- Honors
- College Prep
- Applied
- LS/ES

Requirement

All students will be required to take Personal Finance I during their 9th grade year.

Options:

Personal Finance I CP

Or

Personal Finance I Honors

Total .5 Credits

Course Selection

Students will request **3.0 credits of electives** to complete a **total of 8 credits for 9th grade**

- This Includes the following
  - MCTI Programming
  - Band and/or Chorus
- Options include
  - World Languages
  - Art
  - Business
  - Technology Education
  - Family and Consumer Science
  - English Electives
  - Math Electives
  - Science Electives

Alternate Selections

- 4 one credit classes and 4 half credit classes will be requested as alternative classes in case you do not received one of your first choice electives

Course Selection

Doubling up in Math and/or Science

- Students recommended for **Honors** level Math and/or Science can request to double up in either of these areas
- If a student requests to take a double math or science they understand that this additional core class is considered an **elective choice**
- Requesting to double up does NOT guarantee a student will receive the additional math or science

Course Schedule Finalization

All student schedules are considered final once they are published to the Sapphire Community Portal

- **Exceptions to Finalized Schedules**
  - Schedule changes will only be considered under the following circumstances:
    - Administrative errors in course assignments (Course Sequence and/or prerequisite not met)
    - Graduation Requirement adjustments or other extenuating academic circumstances

- **Any requested change must be initiated with the student's counselor and requires approval from the building principal or designee**

- **If a course drop is approved as outlined above, the following grading procedures will apply**
  - A "W" will be recorded if no grades have been recorded
  - A "WP" (Withdrawn Pass) will be recorded if the student was passing the course at the time of the withdrawal
  - A "WF" (Withdrawn Failing) will be recorded if the student was failing the course at the time of withdrawal

Bell Schedule

NORMAL BELL SCHEDULE					
			START	END	MIN
1st BELL			7:10 AM		
ADV HMRM	PERIOD 1		7:20 AM	7:38 AM	18
BLOCK 1	PERIOD 2		7:42 AM	8:24 AM	42
	PERIOD 3		8:28 AM	9:10 AM	42
BLOCK 2	PERIOD 4		9:14 AM	9:56 AM	42
	PERIOD 5		10:00 AM	10:42 AM	42
BLOCK 3	PERIOD 6	LUNCH A	10:46 AM	11:01 AM	15
	PERIOD 7		11:01 AM	11:16 AM	15
	PERIOD 8	LUNCH B	11:20 AM	11:31 AM	11
Lunch E	PERIOD 9		11:35 AM	11:50 AM	15
	PERIOD 10	LUNCH C	11:54 AM	12:05 PM	11
	PERIOD 11		12:09 PM	12:24 PM	15
	PERIOD 12	LUNCH D	12:28 PM	12:43 PM	15
	PERIOD 13		12:43 PM	12:58 PM	15
BLOCK 4	PERIOD 14		1:02 PM	1:44 PM	42
	PERIOD 15		1:48 PM	2:30 PM	42

- Modified Block Schedule
  - Block Semester
  - Period Yearlong
  - Period Semester
  - ½ Lunch

Incoming 9th Grade: Frequently Asked Questions

- Is World Language required at the high school?
- How do I get Recommended for the core courses (Math, English, Social Studies, and Science) level I was assigned?
    - Parent Review Process (Replacing the parent waiver process)-See handout
        - **The last day to submit the Parent Review Form is the last school day of the current calendar year**
- What is MCTI?
- How do I schedule English language (EL) Courses?
- What do gifted services look like at high school?
- How does my IEP transition from Intermediate to High School?

Program of Studies

What is the Program of Studies and where do I find it:

https://www.esasd.net/student-families/program-of-studies

Next Steps

- 8th Grade Preview Day **Wednesday March 11th**
- 8th Grade Parent Night will be held **Wednesday March 11th at 5:00**
- Course selection in Sapphire for 8th grade students will be completed with the High School Counselors on **Tuesday March 17th**