

Stillwater High School

Class of 2027



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Every Pioneer Leaves with a PLAN

There is no single "right" path after Stillwater High School—only your path.
Our goal is for 100% of the Class of 2027 to graduate with a clear, confident exit plan.

Which "Exit Plan" is right for you?

- **Enrollment:** 2-year community college, 4-year university, or career tech program.
- **Employment:** Direct workforce entry or paid apprenticeships.
- **Enlistment:** Active duty, Reserves, or National Guard service in any military branch.



Post-Graduation Pathways: Finding Your Fit

<u>Pathway</u>	<u>Who It's For</u>	<u>Things to Consider</u>
4-Year College or University	Students targeting specialized degree-required careers (Engineering, Business, Pre-Med, Teaching) or wanting the full campus experience.	Cost & Debt: Requires financial planning for tuition, room, and board. Time Commitment: Requires 4+ years of academic study. Self-Discipline: Requires independence in managing study habits and time.
2-Year College or Tech Center	Students who want high-paying skills fast, prefer hands-on learning, or want low-cost general education credits before transferring.	Targeted Focus: Programs jump straight into core trade skills with less general electives. Transfer Rules: Must ensure 2-year credits transfer to 4-year schools. Cost Advantage: Often less expensive than 4 year degree options
Workforce & Apprenticeship	Students ready to earn a full paycheck immediately, gain financial independence, or learn a skilled trade on the job.	Entry-Level Starting Pay: Initial pay may be lower. Career Ceiling: Future promotions may eventually require certifications or specialized training.
Military Enlistment	Students seeking structure, physical challenges, worldwide travel, leadership training, and guaranteed benefits.	Contractual Obligation: Requires a multi-year commitment (typically 4 years active duty). Lifestyle Requirements: Involves discipline, physical fitness, & possible deployment. Unbeatable Benefits: Includes 100% paid college tuition (GI Bill), healthcare, and housing.



Resources to Help Build Your Plan

- **OK College Start**
 - **Career Interest Assessments:** Take quick quizzes to match your personality and strengths with high-paying careers.
 - **College Search & Compare:** Filter Oklahoma 2-year, 4-year, and trade schools by major, location, and campus size.
 - **Scholarship Finder:** Search local and statewide scholarships in one central directory.
- **OK Career Guide** (*Log in through Clever*)
 - **Skill & Value Profilers:** Discover what jobs align with what you actually enjoy doing.
 - **Explore In-Demand Oklahoma Jobs:** See expected salaries, daily responsibilities, and local hiring trends for trade, technical, and professional fields.
 - **Resume & Interview Builder:** Create a professional resume and practice interviewing skills directly on the platform.
- **OSU My Majors Assessment**
 - Receive a list of your **best-fit majors** at Oklahoma State University

Counselor Tip: You don't need to know your whole life story today—you just need a starting point!



Concurrent Enrollment

- Spring 2027 concurrent applications are open.
- Current students **MUST** re-apply for spring.

CONCURRENT LUNCH & LEARN

Wednesday, September 23rd
@ lunch in the Upstairs Presentation Room

OSU CONCURRENT ADVISING SESSIONS

Tuesday, October 27th
@ lunch in the Upstairs Presentation Room
APPLY NOW! – YOU MUST BE FULLY ADMITTED TO ATTEND!



Requesting Letters of Recommendation

- Give the writer plenty of advanced notice (at least 2 weeks)
- Does the application have specific requirements?
 - Teacher
 - Counselor
 - Principal
- Ask an adult who knows your character or academic abilities
- Provide information to help the writer create a personalized letter.
 - Student Resume
 - Ask the writer what information they prefer
 - For Counselor Recs – Complete the Recommendation Letter Request
- Communicate the deadline & how to submit



Common App

- Give yourself plenty of time to complete.
- Activity Section –
 - Limited space available
 - Choose most important activities
- Invite your recommenders early!
- Only use if you plan to apply to multiple schools.

COMMON APP LUNCH & LEARN COMING SOON



Requesting Your Official Transcript

Colleges, universities, and concurrent programs require **OFFICIAL** transcripts directly from SHS.

 **IMPORTANT:** Transcripts submitted directly by students or parents will **NOT** be accepted by colleges.

Steps to Requesting your Transcript:

1. Visit the SHS website.
2. Complete & Submit the TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM.
 - You should submit this request, not your parent.
3. Be sure to enter the correct information on where to send your transcript.
4. SHS sends your transcript **DIRECTLY** to the institution.



Oklahoma's Promise

- **What is Oklahoma's Promise?**
 - A scholarship that pays tuition at participating Oklahoma schools.
- **Who qualifies for Oklahoma's Promise?**
 - Based on household size & income
 - Children of current OK classroom teachers with 10 years experience.
- **Where can the Oklahoma Promise scholarship be used?**
 - Oklahoma public colleges & universities OR career technology centers.
- **Scholarship Timeline:**
 - Students have **3 years** after graduation to start post secondary courses.
 - Available for up to **5 years** or until earning bachelor's degree.
- **Application Deadline:**
 - Seniors must apply by December 31st.
 - Apply even if you are not sure what your future plans will be!



Financial Aid - FAFSA

- **FAFSA isn't just for college!**
 - Federal grants and work-study can also cover approved trade schools and career tech programs.
- **Application Opens October 1st**
- **Graduation Requirement**
- **Students Can Opt Out**
- **Find More Information & Resources [here](#).**

FAFSA Information Night In September
Watch for more details!



Scholarships

- Scholarship list updated twice per month and posted on the Class of 2027 Canvas page.

SHS Scholarship Information

Other sites:

[Scholarships.com](#)

[Fastweb.com](#)

[Bigfuture.com](#)



What's Next

- Attend SHS College Fair – Tuesday, September 1st
- Watch for more about Lunch & Learn Opportunities
 - Concurrent Enrollment
 - Common App
 - OSU Application Q & A
 - OSU Concurrent Enrollment Advisement Sessions
- Schedule your Senior Consultation
 - Details will be shared on the Class of 2027 Canvas page soon!



**Find answers to many of your
questions on the**

SHS COUNSELING WEBSITE

