



Fall Senior Meeting

September 15th, 2026





Agenda

- Graduation!
- Senior Photos: yearbook update
- Counselor Intros
- Important Senior To-Do's
- College: Next Steps
 - Naviance
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Applications
 - Rep visits
- Career Guidance
- Direct Admission
- Q & A

Graduation 2027



Graduation Ceremony

Date: TBD - Mrs. Jahnke will be in communication with you as a soon as a date, time, and location are secured.

How do you get to graduation?

Minimum of 64 credits - 47 are specific requirements, the rest are electives

How do I know if I have this?

Check your transcript in Campus. Meet with your counselor if you have questions

SLPHS counseling team for the 2026-2027 school year



Stephanie Drow

9th grade counselor

Last names: A-L



Lindsey Redmann

9th grade counselor

Last names: M-Z



Nour Ali

10th-12th grade counselor

Last names: A-C



Jennifer Blaido

10th-12th grade counselor

Last names: D-F

Counselor for College and Career
Planning / ALT 11th grade



Heather Vranicar

10th-12th grade counselor

Last names: G-J

ALT 12th grade



Angie Shea

10th-12th grade counselor

Last names: K-N



Yvonne Godber

10th-12th grade counselor

Last names: O-Sg



Troy Willemssen

10th-12th grade counselor

Last names: Sh-Z

Subject	Credits
Arts-based	3
Health	1
Physical Education	2
Math <i>Quadratic Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2</i>	9
Language Arts	12
Science <i>Physical Science, Biology, either Chemistry or Physics</i>	9
Social Studies <i>Human Geography/Civis, US History, World History, Economics, US Government</i>	11
Required Credits	47
Elective Credits	17 (minimum)
TOTAL	64 Credits (minimum)

Graduation with Academic Honors

Earned Status	GPA Requirement	Recognition
Graduate	Less than 3.0	Blue/White Tassel
Honors Graduate	3.0 - 3.39	Gold Tassel
High Honors Graduate	3.4 - 3.699	Gold Tassel
Highest Honors Graduation	3.7 or greater	Gold Tassel
With Academic Distinction*	3.7 or greater	Gold Tassel & Gold Shoulder Cord

* With Academic Distinction

- Minimum of 29 credits of high rigor coursework
- At least 4 of those credits must have been earned in Tri 1 & 2 of senior year
- The High Rigor courses and GPA used to calculate graduation honors will be calculated at **the end of Tri 2**.
- Students taking second semester PSEO classes will not have these grades or credits considered unless they are officially posted by the college or university and presented for transfer onto the high school transcript by March 16th of their senior year

Senior “NEED TO KNOWS”

Last day to TAKE David Banks senior pictures at SLP is **October 28th**

If you cannot make it, please schedule a session with David Banks Studios

Only David Banks portraits are allowed in the yearbook. No other professional photographers images will be allowed in the senior section as per our contract with David Banks. Free portrait on October 28th.

SEE DOCUMENT SHARED IN CLASS OF 2027 SCHOOLOGY FOLDER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YEARBOOK OPPORTUNITIES.

Talk about it with your families - includes info for senior bios, baby ads, hall of fame, yearbook orders, etc.

Cap & Gown . . . information coming soon.

Correcting your schedule???

What to know BEFORE you ask for a change...

Colleges make admission decisions based on the courses you submit to them, so . . .

- It is your responsibility to contact the colleges you have applied to if you are thinking about changing your schedule after you have submitted your application
- Schedule changes/corrections can affect admissions decisions, scholarships, honors programs, etc.

SENIOR MEETING

Every fall, your counselors are available to meet with you and/or your parent/guardian to discuss your senior year and post-high school plans.

Please schedule a meeting with your counselor regardless of your post secondary plans!



Information & Where to find it?

Schoology - Class of 2027 Page:

- Important information and links & resources
- Read your schoology messages!
- Events on your Schoology **CALENDAR**

Naviance:

Everything you need for planning life after high school is here - if it isn't, that's why your counselor is here!

Rep Visits 101

- College & Military Reps ARE HERE!
- Do you know the reps that visit our school are usually the first person to read your application for college?! Put a face to your application and make a good in-person impression
- All college rep and military visits will be in the career and college center in B138 (across the hall from the wood shop room) or during Lunches - check your schoology calendar for more information for each visit

All things COLLEGE

There are several steps to completing your application(s) - some of these steps may be REQUIRED or RECOMMENDED for your application(s)

- Application (CommonApp or apply on college website)
- Naviance
 - Sending transcript
 - If applying through CommonApp, you will need to match your CommonApp to your Naviance Account. Directions to do this are linked [HERE](#)
 - Requesting Letter of Recommendation (teacher or counselor or outside recommender)
- If need to send Test Scores, you will need to send directly from ACT and/or College Board (SAT/AP scores)

Requesting transcripts & LORs

Please remember that BEFORE requesting transcripts or letters of recommendation, you do the following:

1. Add your college(s) to your list of “colleges I’m applying to” in Naviance
2. SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION(S) to the college(s)
3. Connect Common App/Naviance, if using Common App
4. Request **INITIAL** transcript

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation are not required for most colleges. Please confirm if your colleges need this, prior to requesting

Steps if you need one:

1. Personally ask the teacher/counselor if they are willing to write you a letter of recommendation - 2 week notice (minimum)
1. Login to Naviance. Click on “ABOUT ME” → Surveys from my School
1. Complete: Teacher and/or Counselor Recommendation

Letters of Recommendation cont.

5. Next, in Naviance, go to the Colleges Tab → Letters of Recommendation
6. Request the specific teacher you have asked to write you a letter
7. If you want to ask someone who is not listed (outside of the high school) add them as an Outside Recommender through Common App

or use Naviance to request an outside recommender if you are applying directly to the college.

3 Things to KNOW ~ Let's Practice in Naviance!

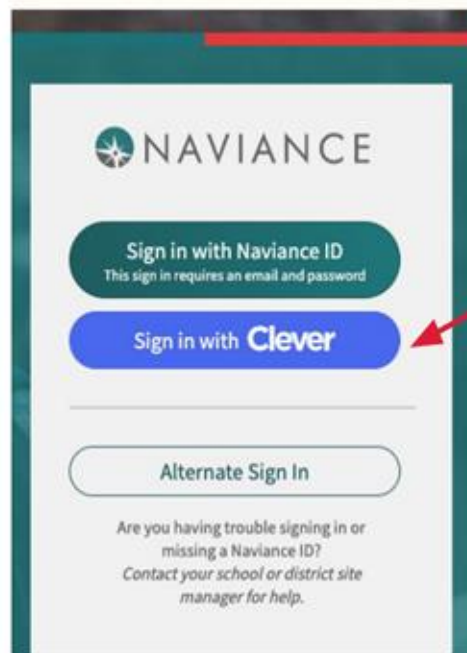
- 1: Adding a college you are applying to
- 2: Requesting a transcript
- 3: Requesting a Letter of Recommendation



NAVIANCE 101

SENIOR YEAR TO KNOW AND TO DO

- There is an ICON on your iPad. Please use this to log into Naviance so you are directed to the correct site.



You must log in
through CLEVER.

Your username and
password is the same
as you use for Campus
and Schoology



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Common Application

- If you are using Common App - you must **MATCH** your Common App account to Naviance
- Your counselor cannot send **ANYTHING** unless it is matched
- If you are using Common App, you will need to link your application to Naviance by electronically signing the FERPA agreement in your Common App account

A short video on this process can be found here:

Signing the FERPA:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63W4ikSfJaQ>

Matching Common App to Naviance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZ1QWiBjLNo>

College Access Programs & Scholarships

Are you a senior who would like to get to college but . . .

- Need more support because you are the first in your family to go to college?
- Need help making a college list or writing an essay?
- Need help finding scholarships to pay for college?

If any of these sound like you **College Possible** is taking applications now! See Nate in B138 with questions.

This program supports you in college planning and helps find scholarships for college (they also help you when you go to college). You keep your coach throughout your 4 years of college!

Career Readiness Options - Mr. Van Brocklin

Are you thinking about going straight to work after High School? If yes we have options for you too!

- Find a regular part time job, if you don't have one already
- Find an internship working in your area of interest
- Job Shadow a career of interest
- Tour a business or career of interest
- Attend a job fair
- Research careers of interest to find out how much training or schooling you may need

Stop by and see Mr. Van Brocklin in B134/138 if you want help finding any of the above opportunities! Also be sure to check your Class of 2027 Schoology Page - we post opportunities all year long.

Career Readiness Options

Options to consider upon graduation for direct to work

- Enroll in a training program (trades related)
- Enlist in the military (training provided)
- Apply for an apprenticeship that is paid (training, education, and a paycheck combined)
- Seek full or part time employment in an area of interest

*See Mr. Van Brocklin in B134/138 if you have questions.



COMING UP!

OCTOBER IS COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE MONTH

- Application help sessions with counselors and Admission Reps
- FAFSA Information (opens October 1st)
- College Rep visits all Fall during SET
- College Fairs
 - National College Fair is October 5th & 6th at the Minneapolis Convention Center
 - MnACC fair at SLPHS in October
 - Field trip to UMN Morris
 - Military visits all year during lunches
 - Oct. 29th is Transportation Careers Day in Able St Parking Lot at SLPHS

NOVEMBER IS CAREER EXPLORATION MONTH

If straight to work or apprenticeships are more your thing, keep your eyes on all the opportunities we have this month to explore more!

Direct Admissions Minnesota

- Program that looks at your GPA and courses you've taken and send you a list of colleges you will be automatically accepted to if you apply.
- ***You will get a personalized email to your MYPANTHERS in the coming weeks. Counselors will invite you back here once we know they have been sent to help you select your schools.***
 - Over 55 MN colleges/universities are participating
 - The number of schools on your list will be determined by your GPA and your core classes through the end of your junior year
 - All students on track to graduate in Spring 2027 can be part of the program, unless they opt out.
- See your counselor with questions!

Questions?

We're excited for you and here to help!

Make it the year you want to remember





Survey of Needs for 26-27 school year

Survey:

What do you need from us to support or inform you of your future interests during this school year?

- College searches
- Financial Aid
- Career Interests
- Career Pathways at SLP / Courses
- PSEO
- Military information
- Jobs now and in the future
- Other supports you may need



