



Niles High School

WELCOME

FUTURE 9TH GRADERS

Class of 2027

Graduation Requirements

- Credits: *minimum 26* earned of 28 offered
- [Michigan Merit Curriculum](#) at NHS, 18 of 26
 - English 9-12
 - Geometry, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, final year math
 - US History, Civics, Economics, World History
 - Biology, Physical Science, Earth Science
 - 2 credits of same Foreign Language
 - Visual, performing, or applied arts
 - PE (½) and Health (½)





What's best for me?

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- “Traditional”:
 - variety of instructional models, including but not limited to
 - individual and group work
 - projects
 - note taking
 - career readiness skills including reading, writing, critical thinking, cooperative learning.
- 7 courses:
 - 4 core classes: English, Algebra or Geometry, Biology, US History
 - 3 elective options (see slide 8)



What's best for me?

Niles New Tech: 9th & 10th grade program

- Project Based Learning:
 - Projects connected to community and business partners, research and inquiry, workshops, individual assessment, teamwork
 - 21st Century Skills
- Integrated Courses
 - English and US History
 - Biology and Earth Science
- Math: Algebra or Geometry
- 2 Passport Electives
- Advisory, culture focused
- Grading on more than just content: critical thinking, communication, agency, and presentation.





Typical 9th grade day:

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9th grade: scheduled individually

- Geometry (accelerated-by placement only)
- English 9 (accelerated-by placement only)
- US History
- Biology
- Recommended: PE and Health
- Recommended: Spanish 1
- Elective
- Seminar (Fridays)

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9th grade: scheduled in cohorts (*Like Teaming*)

- American Studies:
 - English 9 and US History
- Bio/Earth:
 - Biology and Earth Science
- Math
 - Geometry (accelerated-by placement only)
- 2 Passport/elective choices
 - Recommended: Spanish 1 or PE
- Advisory

- Seminar (Fridays)

ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

- On-Campus Electives:
 - Agricultural Technology
 - Art Foundations 1
 - Automotive Technology
 - Choir
 - Counterpoints, audition required
 - Graphics Tech
 - Introduction to Business
 - Introduction to Health Careers
 - Introduction to Marketing
 - Jazz Band, *must also take Symphonic Band*
 - Physical Education
 - Spanish
 - Symphonic Band/Concert
 - Training & Conditioning

Future Elective Opportunities:

- General electives:
 - Art 2 and 3
 - Chemistry
 - College Writing
 - Creative Writing
 - Peer to Peer Mentoring
 - Personal Finance
 - Physics
 - Probability & Statistics
 - Psychology
 - Pre-Calculus
 - Sociology
 - Spanish 2-4

Future Opportunities: Advanced Placement

- **Advanced Placement:**
 - US Government and Politics
 - Psychology
 - English Language and Composition
 - Studio Art 2-D, 3D or Design
 - Calculus
 - English Literature and Composition
 - US History
 - Pre-Calculus
 - Biology (online)

Future Opportunities: Career Tech Ed, CTE

Off Campus:

- Allied Health
- Construction Trades
- CAD
- CISCO
- Criminal Justice
- Digital/Multimedia
- EMT
- Firefighting
- Machine Tool
- PHCA
- Robotics
- Sports Medicine
- Welding

On Campus:

- 2 period courses:
 - AgriScience & Natural Resources
 - Automotive Technology
 - Culinary
 - Graphic Arts

Future Opportunities: Dual Enrollment

- Dual Enrollment
 - Dual Enrollment, general: LMC or SMC, students apply directly
 - 10 courses total
 - Open to all students that meet college acceptance criteria
 - Berrien County 5th Year Early/Middle College
 - apply in January of 10th grade year
 - Dually enrolled 11 & 12, 13th/5th year is at LMC full time
 - Early College Academy: LMC and SMC (honors academy)
 - Apply in January of 10th grade year
 - 10+ courses

Guidance Resources

- **College and Career Advisor:** Erika Ervin, Cyber Cafe/College & Career Center
 - College applications: 4 year, 2 year, and trade schools
 - FAFSA support
 - Military information
 - Career advising
- **Guidance Counselors:** Mrs. Bierwagen and Ms. Rinehart
 - Academic Advising
 - Post Secondary Plans and matching 4 year plan/schedule to goals
 - Caseloads
 - Ms. Rinehart last names A-K
 - Mrs. Bierwagen last names L-Z
- **Behavior Specialist:** Ms. Chaput
 - Social/emotional support
 - Conflict resolution

Academic Assistance

- **After School Study Table**
 - Core teachers available for tutoring
- **Connections**
 - During the regular school schedule
 - Smaller class size
 - Intended for assignment completion, study time
- **Seminar**
 - Every Friday
 - Intended for make up work, retakes
- **Credit Recovery**
 - 2nd semester (February-May)
 - 3 days a week for 1 hour after school
 - 2 summer sessions
 - 4 weeks, Mon-Thurs, 8:00-12:00

Extracurricular Opportunities

- Athletics:
 - football, basketball, golf, tennis, wrestling, bowling, soccer, softball, baseball, cheerleading, volleyball, cross country, track and field
- Extra-Curricular:
 - SADD, Key Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, Yearbook, Health Occupations, Business Professionals of America, FFA, Stage Crew, Science Olympiad, Art Club, Culture, Culinary, HOSA, Niles Noise



Your Choices:

- ***Declaration Sheet turned into RLMS or ECS schools***
- ***DUE DATE IS:*** March 28th
 - Comprehensive/Traditional High School or New Tech?
 - It's about learning style. What works best for **you**?
- **Course Selection Sheets:**
 - Counselors will visit Ring Lardner and Eastside Connections to discuss options based on declaration of program and hand out “Course Selection Sheets” to be taken home, discussed, and completed.
 - We want and need input!
 - Look for the sheets and plan for the conversation
 - If students do not turn in sheets, they will be assigned courses by their counselors.

How to stay in the know:

- **Announcements:**
 - Provide your email to angie.marciniak@nilesschools.org.
 - Emailed daily
- **PowerSchool**
 - Parent letter mailed to you with instructions, username and password
 - Access to grades and assignments
- **Facebook**
 - Provides a look at daily happenings
 - Showcases the good things our students are doing
 - Pages for the high school, CTE, New Tech, and Niles Athletics
- **Webpage**
 - www.nilesschools.org