



NILES HIGH SCHOOL
10th-12th GRADE
Options

Graduation Requirements

- **Credits: minimum 26 earned of 28 offered**
- **Michigan Merit Curriculum = 18 specific credits of the 26**
 - English 9-12
 - Math: Geometry, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, final year math
 - Social Studies: US History, Civics, Economics, World History
 - Science:
 - Pathway A: Biology, Physical Science, Earth Science
 - Pathway B: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science
 - 2 credits of same Foreign Language
 - Visual, performing, applied arts - 1 credit
 - PE (½) and Health (½)

Elective Core Options: On Campus

From NHS Homepage click “Academics & Guidance” then “Course Descriptions”

- English

- College Writing (½ cr) 12th grade
- Creative Writing (½ cr) 12th grade
- AP English Language & Composition
 - Recommended for 11th grade
- AP English Literature & Composition
 - Recommended for 12th grade

- Social Studies

- Psychology (½ cr): 11 and 12 only
- Sociology (½ cr): 11 and 12 only
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP US History

- Math

- Probability & Statistics
- Personal Finance
- Pre-Calculus
- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus

- Science

- Chemistry
- Physics
- AP Biology

- Foreign Language: 1 year required

- Spanish 1-4
- 2 years recommended for college bound and needed for Board Scholar status

Elective Options (non CTE)

From NHS Homepage click “Academics & Guidance” then “Course Descriptions”

- **Fine Arts:** 2nd art credit can waive 2nd year of Foreign Language
 - Art 1/2 (semester or year)
 - Advanced Art 3
 - Choir
 - Counterpoints (audition required)
 - Symphonic Band
 - Jazz Band
 - Must also have Symphonic Band

Other:

- PE (semester or year), Waivers: 2 years of Band or student requested “Organized Sports Credit”
- Training & Conditioning

- **Cadet:** office, teacher, library - *12th grade only*
- **Cultural Studies:** 11, 12 only
- **Leadership:** 11, 12 only
- **Online:** Michigan Virtual High School
- **Peer to Peer Mentoring:** *11 and 12 only*
- **School to Career:** Limited to 3 periods; *12th grade only*; employment must match EDP career plans on Xello, application required and due the spring of your junior year. See Mrs. George.
- **Yearbook,** 10-12



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**CTE COURSES CAN COUNT FOR VPAA (ART CREDIT);
CAN WAIVE 2ND YR FOREIGN LANGUAGE;
CAN BE USED FOR FINAL YEAR MATH IN YOUR SENIOR YEAR**



**AGRICULTURE &
NATURAL RESOURCES**



**AUTOMOTIVE
TECHNOLOGY**



**WELDING
TECHNOLOGY**



**BUSINESS &
MARKETING**



**GRAPHIC
DESIGN**



ROBOTICS



**CULINARY
ARTS**

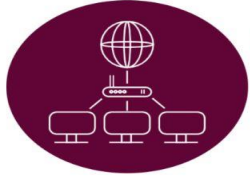


**HEALTH
SCIENCE**



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OUT OF DISTRICT CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION OFFERINGS



Buchanan
Community Schools
CISCO



Buchanan
Community Schools
**SPORTS
MEDICINE**



Buchanan
Community Schools
COSMETOLOGY
MICHIANA
beauty college



**BERRIEN SPRINGS
SHAMROCKS**
FIREFIGHTING



**BERRIEN SPRINGS
SHAMROCKS**
**EMERGENCY
MEDICAL
TECHNICAN**



**BERRIEN SPRINGS
SHAMROCKS**
**CONSTRUCTION
TRADES**



**BERRIEN SPRINGS
SHAMROCKS**
**CRIMINAL
JUSTICE**



**BRANDYWINE
BOBCATS**
**COMPUTER
AIDED
DESIGN**



**BRANDYWINE
BOBCATS**
MANUFACTURING

NILES CTE Learning that Works for Us
Career Technical Education

Advanced Placement

- **Advanced Placement Courses:**
 - **Expect: RIGOR, summer work**
 - **Weighted grades**
 - **Can earn college credit by taking the test and achieving a certain score, set by the college.**
 - **US History**
 - **Government and Politics**
 - **Psychology**
 - **English Language and Composition, recommended for 11th**
 - **Studio Art - 2D Design, 3-D and Drawing**
 - **Biology - likely online**
 - **Precalculus**
 - **Calculus**
 - **English Literature and Composition, recommended for 12th**

Dual Enrollment

- **Three Dual Enrollment Opportunities:**
 - Early Middle College through Berrien RESA, generally only through LMC, application required, generally due in early February
 - Early College Academy through LMC, application
 - General dual enrollment, open to all students, max of 10 courses, apply directly to LMC or SMC
- **Overview of Dual Enrollment**
 - Core college courses: English, math, science and social studies/history are weighted.
 - Must have a “full” schedule; one period max for transportation
 - NHS Counselors/staff do not directly register for dual enrollment courses.
 - Counselors do need registration sheets to review, approve, sign, and then send to the college.
 - *Registration sheets must be to counselors by Friday, June 10th to participate in dual enrollment for the Fall of 2022.*

Dual Enrollment

- **Overview of Dual Enrollment, continued**
 - Students are responsible for knowing NHS class times. College courses have to work around classes at NHS.
 - Students & parents sign the DE contract that explains expectations, such as paying back the school for Ws or Fs; Ws at college are Fs at NHS, etc
 - Students have accounts to monitor grades through LMC or SMC.
 - NHS does not have access to college grades and parents will not receive a username or password as they do with PowerSchool.

Board Scholar

- **4 Years of *progressively* more RIGOROUS coursework in all of the following:**
 - Science
 - English
 - Math: Pre-Calc or college course as 4th math
 - Social Studies: additional need beyond MMC
- **2 Years of the SAME foreign language**
- **Cumulative GPA: 3.0 or higher after 1st semester of senior year**
- **Minimum Test Score: 21 ACT or 1000 SAT**
- **These expectations are above & beyond the graduation requirements**



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CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION BOARD SCHOLAR



COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF THREE SEMESTERS AT NILES HIGH SCHOOL AND TWO YEARS IN THE SAME CTE PROGRAM



MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE GPA OF 3.0 OR HIGHER THROUGH THE FIRST SEMESTER OF SENIOR YEAR



EARN AN INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED OR POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL OR PARTICIPATE IN A WORK BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE APPROVED BY YOUR CTE INSTRUCTOR.

Scheduling Plan

- **Grade level handbooks went out the week of February 21**
- **CLASSROOM VISITS: start February 27th**
 - **Guidance Counselors & CTE director present options**
 - Google Forms emailed to nilesschools.org emails
 - discuss choices/options with home
 - select options on Google Form &
 - **SUBMIT THE FORM**
 - Course Descriptions are online
 - **Starting March 6th: Guidance Counselors return to review selections**
 - 1:1 with student & counselor
- **FEEL FREE TO MAKE CHANGES UP AND UNTIL JUNE 9**
 - SIGN UP TO SEE YOUR COUNSELOR OR EMAIL THE CHANGES
 - A-K, carrie.rinehart@nilesschools.org
 - L-Z, jenny.bierwagen@nilesschools.org

Scheduling How To:

- **Audit overview: GET ON POWERSCHOOL - Check credits...**
 - **Core needs: English, math, science, social studies**
 - **Other Needs: Art Credit, PE/Health, Foreign Language**
 - **Credit recovery: any classes need retaken?**
 - **Interested in dual enrollment?**
 - **apply online & start the process with LMC or SMC**
- **Discuss Options**
 - **Course descriptions online: NHS homepage to “Academic and Guidance” to “Scheduling your classes”**
 - **Options collected on Google Form, emailed to student accts**

Academic Resources

- **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**
 - Fall and Spring
 - 3 days a week for 1 hour after school
 - Summer - 2 sessions
 - 4 weeks each, Mon-Thurs, 8:00-12:00

How to stay in touch:

- **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