Cedar Springs Public Schools

ADVANCED COURSEWORK OPPORTUNITIES
● Support students currently taking **advanced coursework** to understand the opportunities available and their implications beyond high school.

● Support students currently with a 2.5 GPA and 1,000 lexile to understand the opportunities available and their implications beyond high school.
What are the benefits of taking AP?

- Advanced Placement is considered most rigorous & is considered the “gold standard.”
- Colleges award admission points based upon many factors, but heavy weight is placed on GPA, ACT Scores and Rigor of Transcript.
- College credit awarded based upon completion of AP Exam (score of 3-5) varying with each college.
- AP Coursework is granted 5.0 on 4.0 scale.
Current Advanced Placement Courses

- AP Language (*11)
- AP Literature (*12)
- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP Chemistry
- (AP Psychology)

- AP Biology (*10+)
- AP World History (*9)
- AP Macroeconomics(*10)
- AP US History (*11)
- AP Spanish (*12)
1. Think... (30 sec)
2. Turn & Talk/Listen (60 sec)

- Are AP classes something you are/might be interested in?
- What would be the benefit for you? What might be a challenge?
STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE DUAL ENROLLMENT EITHER ONLINE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY OR AT AREA COLLEGE CAMPUSES
QUALIFY BY GPA & STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

STUDENTS MAY TAKE UP TO 10 COURSES WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENTS ARE AWARDED 4.5 ON 4.0 SCALE

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If a student were to take advantage of all AP and Dual Enrollment opportunities, s/he could leave our HS with nearly half of their college credits completed by the end of their four years of high school.

All of these courses may be taken during the school day without having to leave our high school.

Students taking AP Coursework, when keeping up their GPA, tend to qualify for more academic scholarships and grants.
Frequently Asked Questions about AP & Dual Enrollment:

- Students in both AP and Dual Enrollment will have a college level of work while in high school, including time commitment outside of class for class readings, study, etc.
- Dual Enrollment students must pay for textbooks and sometimes small fees and will be reimbursed 1/12\(^{th}\) state funding per pupil.
- Students need to apply for Dual Enrollment courses by May 1\(^{st}\) or December 1\(^{st}\) for the following semester.
- Application/acceptance to college needs to occur before course is scheduled.
Early Middle College

CSHS • GRCC • Where all the pieces fit together
● Partnership with GRCC, allowing students to complete high school and two years of college in a five-year model.

● Students admitted into a cohort program and take concurrent enrollment courses that we select that count for both high school and college credit.

● Courses during 10\textsuperscript{th}-12\textsuperscript{th} grade years offered at the CSHS campus.
Students take courses selected by GRCC based upon Michigan Transfer Agreement leading to an Associates Degree.

Associate’s Degree will be general elective coursework required by most universities, leaving student to transfer to another university for the last two years of college coursework.

Students will take: (2) courses in 10th grade, (4) courses in 11th grade & (6) courses in 12th grade
- Students take one online high school “Capstone Course” on evening meeting date at CSHS per term.

- Admission Counselors work with students based upon their Educational Development Plan to select courses of their choosing at the GRCC Campus.

- Support is provided assisting students with next steps to complete their four year degree after GRCC’s 13th year.
How will EMC Cohort Selection Occur?

- Students with 2.5 GPA & 1,000 lexile have been invited to apply for 25 spots in the cohort group.

*Some years we might consider two sections if the number of appropriate applicants warrants such.

- Student Writing Sample (Application Statement), Parent Statement, GPA (heavily considered), Attendance and Accuplacer Scores (GRCC Placement test) will be considered by committee that selects first cohort group.
Frequently asked questions about EMC

- At this time, students are provided textbooks by the school district, but are not able to keep their books upon completion of the course
- Program is free of charge to qualifying students
- Students will be billed if they do not pass their EMC coursework
- Students are able to participate in all senior/graduation ceremonies
Students are able to participate in all HS athletics, clubs, etc through 12\textsuperscript{th} grade year, but not during 13\textsuperscript{th} year.

How is the district able to fund this type of program with dwindling school budgets in the State of Michigan?
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AT106 - History of Art
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PS201 - Comparative Governments  
MUS 110 - Appreciation of World and Western Music
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**Courses:**
- EN102 - English Composition
- MA110 - College Algebra
- PH 115 - Technical Physics
# 5th-year Senior Year

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NEXT STEPS FOR EMC:

- Pick up application & begin asap...
- January 14th: Mandatory Parent Meeting @ 7:30 P.M. -Cafe
- February 1st: Application Due
- 1st Week of February: Accuplacer Testing for program,
- Prior to scheduling: Students notified if accepted into the program
1. Think... (30 sec)
2. Turn & Talk/Listen (60 sec)

- Is EMC something you are/might be interested in? Why/why not?
- What would be the benefit for you? What might be a challenge?
- What is the date for the parent meeting?
DESIGN LAB - KCTC

- KCTC - 10th grade only
- STEAM PROGRAM
- Project Based Learning & Math, Science and/or VPA
- Able to continue on to KCTC 11th & 12th grade if desired
- KCTC Bussing – 1st session or 3rd session
- Applications in Academic Services – Due February 1st
Questions:

- Sherri Whipple, Office Assistant, CSHS
  696-1200, Ext. 1409
  sherri.whipple@csredhawks.org

- Jeremy Verwys, Assistant Principal
  696-1200, Ext. 1402
  jeremy.verwys@csredhawks.org
Questions: Dual Enrollment & AP

- If freshman/sophomores would like to map out a four year plan with their counselor, please schedule a meeting with:
  - Rebecca Kooi, (A-K Counselor)
    rebecca.kooi@csredhawks.org  696-1200 Ext. 1412
  - Shelley Pero (L-Z Counselor)
    shelley.pero@csredhawks.org  660-1200 Ext. 1411
Welcome Statements from GRCC:

- Dan Clark
  Dean, Academic Outreach
  Grand Rapids Community College
  grcc.edu/academicoutreach