

Careerline Technical Center (CTC)

Open to juniors and seniors. Space is limited with placements made through an application process. Students should select a first and second choice program. Applications are accessed online and must be completed by February 19. Course descriptions and application instructions can be found at:

<http://www.oaisd.org/ctc/>

From the CTC website:

At the Tech Center, we're helping students prepare for the future. Recognizing that all students learn differently, we offer a variety of options. If college is the goal, direct credit options and articulation agreements with area colleges allow students to earn college credit while taking a Tech Center class. State and national certifications can be earned in classes like Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Healthcare, and PC & Network Technology.

Students accepted into a Careerline program will attend the morning session. Transportation is provided from the high school with the bus leaving at *7:15 am and returning at 11:20 am. Students will have second lunch and then attend classes at SLHS for hours 4 and 5. Tech center students will earn a letter grade and are on track to earn the same amount of credits as any other student in the high school.

*Please Note: Students who plan to ride the tech center bus must have transportation from their home to the high school. Morning bus transportation from home to the high school arrives after the 7:15 am departure time for tech center.

The 4th and 5th hours will be mainly required classes, particularly in the junior year. A typical course load at the high school will look like:

Junior Year (6 sections)

- 2 trimesters of English
- 2 trimesters of math (Geometry)
- 1 trimester of World History
- 1 trimester of SAT prep

Senior Year (6 sections)

- 2 trimesters of English
- 1 trimester of Chemistry
- 1 trimester of Contemporary History
- *2 trimesters of electives

*If students have completed Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry after the junior year, the 4th year “math related” credit is met through all tech center programs allowing room for electives in the senior year.

Applications for the Careline Technical Center are due on February 19, 2016

Dual Enrollment 2016-17 - General Information

- Students can take up to ten dual enrollment courses while in high school; classes must be taken in the fall or winter semester.
- Spring Lake Schools paid \$720.00 per class in 2015-16; amounts may vary from year to year based on State requirements. The cost of tuition for a 3 credit hour class at Muskegon Community College is typically covered by the \$720.00 (including books). Grand Valley tuition costs may exceed the amount paid by Spring Lake Schools. The student/parent is responsible for the balance. Check with the college for current rates.
- ***For Muskegon Community College (MCC):*** Make an appointment with your high school counselor for approval and to secure an MCC Dual Enrollment Form. Complete the form and return it to your counselor. Dual enrollment students are required to submit an online application found on the MCC website (a social security number is required). Enrollment cannot be processed until the application is submitted. You must have qualifying scores from the ACT, SAT or Compass Test to enroll.
- **Compass Testing:** If you have not taken the ACT or SAT (or have not earned qualifying scores), you may take the Compass Test to become eligible for dual enrollment. For testing at the Grand Haven Community Center, call 231-777-0515. **Completion of the online MCC application is necessary prior to taking the Compass Test.**
- ***For Grand Valley State University (GVSU):*** Secure a GVSU Dual Enrollment Form from your counselor. All students must call and make an appointment with a GVSU Admissions representative (the number is on the form). You are required to take a completed GVSU High School Dual Enrollment Form and a copy of your high school transcript to the meeting. The minimum high school GPA to dual enroll at GVSU is a 3.0.
- Students taking an online class will complete the course on-site at Spring Lake High School during the school day; a classroom will be assigned to each student as part of their regular schedule.
- Note that with most colleges, the grade earned in a dual enrollment course must be a C or better to be accepted as a transfer credit.
- **2016-17 dual enrollment deadlines: Fall 2016 Semester classes – *May 20. Winter 2017 Semester classes – November 18.**

*Note that the SAT results from State testing in April may not be received in time to determine a qualifying score. Juniors (class of 2017) interested in a fall 2016 dual enrollment should consider taking the Compass Test to become eligible for dual enrollment.

Dual Enrollment Agreement

It is important for students/parents to understand that college classes are demanding, require a high level of commitment, and an increased amount of study time. Having a realistic expectation means a dual enrollment student is prepared for a challenging, academic load that will require self-discipline and time management. Remember that dual enrollment courses are part of a permanent college record.

Please read following details regarding dual enrollment:

- I must adhere to all dates, deadlines, and policies established by the host college and those set by Spring Lake High School.
- I must select *academic* courses (PE/Activity courses are not acceptable).
- I understand all dual enrollment courses must be approved before enrollment.
- **It is my responsibility to make sure the dual enrollment course is transferable to the college(s) of my choice (refer to the “Transfer Guide” located at the Muskegon Community College website or call the admissions office at your prospective college).**
- I am responsible for transportation to the college classes.
- I understand my schedule must have a combined enrollment of five classes between my high school and college courses (example: one dual enrollment class means a student will take four courses at Spring Lake High School).
- I understand that online courses are completed at Spring Lake High School.
- I understand that the grade in a college course must be a C or better in order to transfer to another institution.
- I understand Spring Lake Schools will pay up to a certain amount for college expenses (\$720.00 per class in 2015-16). Books and additional fees will be covered if there is money left after tuition is paid. Student/parents are responsible for costs exceeding the amount allotted by Spring Lake Schools.
- Students are responsible to pick up their books at the college.
- I agree to reimburse Spring Lake Public Schools for tuition and books if my student withdraws or fails their college course(s). I understand that neglecting to reimburse under these circumstances will result in the district holding the student’s high school diploma until the debt is paid.

I have read and understand the policies for dual enrollment.

Student Name (Print)	Student Signature	Date
Parent Name (Print)	Parent Signature	Date

Dual Enrollment Grading Policy

Students taking a dual enrollment course have the option to take the course for high school and college credit or for college credit only.

Dual enrollment courses used for high school credit will be recorded as a “Credit/No Credit on the high school transcript. A 3 credit hour college course will earn a .5 high school credit. A 4 credit hour college course will earn 1.0 credit.

A dual enrollment taken for college credit only will still be recorded on the high school transcript. The name of the course will be noted, marked as dual enrollment with no grade or credit value awarded.

Please note that Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University will not accept transfer credits from a dual enrollment if the course is counted for high school credit. Also be aware that out-of-State colleges will have their own policy regarding the transfer of dual enrollment credits.

Check with your college(s) of choice for their policy on dual enrollment credits. This may be a factor in your decision on the number of dual enrollment courses you wish to take.

Early College at Muskegon Community College

What is Early College?

Early College is a partnership between Spring Lake High School and Muskegon Community College (MCC). Starting in the junior year, students take a combination of high school and college classes that continues in to the senior year and an added “13th” year.

What are the costs with Early College?

Tuition, textbooks and other additional costs are covered. Students must provide their own transportation to and from the MCC campus. To reduce travel, some college classes are offered at the satellite campus in downtown Grand Haven.

How does “Early College” work?

Early College allows selected students to extend high school by one year in order to earn both their high school diploma and up to 62 college credits from Muskegon Community College (MCC). That’s the equivalent of two years of college credit, enough to earn an Associate Degree.

Will an extra year impact a student’s status as a senior?

Even though students in this program will not have completed diploma requirements after the senior year, they will still be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies with their graduating class. Students will receive their actual diploma upon completion of the program in the “13th” year.

Are these real college credits?

The credits earned in this program are transferrable to four year institutions. Muskegon Community College offers forty-three Associate Degree programs and forty-nine Certificate options to choose from (some programs may have a wait list). From Health Services to Manufacturing, the goal of the program is to reach students from a broad range of interests who are committed to completing an Associate or Certificate program.

Are students on their own with their college academics?

Support services will be available to all Early College participants throughout the program. Services include the accessibility of a mentor to address individual needs. Attending a College Success Seminar along with a weekly MCC class will be required.

Will a student have to give up high school sports?

Students can still participate in high school sports and activities through grade twelve. Students can also enjoy college intramural teams and club sports as well as other college activities.

What will schedules look like for grades 11, 12 and 13?

Here is a typical sequence for the program:

*For the eleventh grade, students will enroll in three courses at their high school each trimester (nine total) along with college courses over two semesters totaling 13 **credit hours.*

The twelfth grade year will have a student enrolled in two high school courses each trimester (six total) along with college courses totaling 22 credit hours over two semesters.

Students will need to take 3 college credit hours in the summer. This can be done after the junior or senior year.

The thirteenth year will have students enrolled in one high school course each trimester along with the balance of college credit hours needed to complete the Associates Degree. The high school course is planned to be online so students will not have a class on the high school campus; all courses will be at an MCC location.

(The number of courses taken may vary depending on the each individual's programming).

****A typical college course that meets one hour, three times per week for one semester will earn 3 credit hours. A class meeting four hours per week equals 4 credit hours. Some courses may vary.**

What is the enrollment process?

Students apply to the program in the 10th grade. An extensive evaluation process is in place to select students best suited for this program. The application process includes:

- *Earn qualifying scores on a college readiness evaluation (Compass Test)*
- *A student essay*
- *An assessment of the student's high school performance including grades and test scores from the MEAP, Explore and PLAN.*
- *Letters of recommendation*
- *A student/parent interview*
- ***The application deadline is Friday, March 4***

Early College is a State program open to all students, with priority consideration given to for first generation college students. The program is capped at 10 students each year.

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