

Hello and Welcome to South Lyon East High School!



Our SLEHS team meets with all 8th grade students about SLEHS course selections for their upcoming 9th grade year. Please read through this packet with your student and enter course selections for freshman year!

All course selections are due **Thursday, February 26th!**

In this packet you will find the following:

1. *Course options for incoming 9th graders*
2. *Step-by-step instructions for selecting and entering your courses on-line using the Course*

Planner in XELLO

3. *Four year planning worksheet to help map out your high school plan*

SLEHS 9th GRADE COURSE SELECTION OPTIONS

All 8th grade students will be asked to select courses from the following options for their freshman year:

Required Freshman Courses:

- ENGLISH 9 **OR** ENGLISH 9 HONORS(1 credit)
- 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN HISTORY (1 credit)
- BIOLOGY (1 credit)
- MATH (1 credit) ALGEBRA 1 **OR** GEOMETRY* **OR** ALGEBRA 2* A

8th grade students that are unsure about English or Math courses should speak with their 8th grade English and Math teachers. Questions about Math and English curriculum should be directed to the department specific facilitators at SLEHS.

English- Mr. Steger: stegerj@slcs.us

Science- Mr. Schmitz: schmitzp@slcs.us

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World Language- Ms. Harrington: harringtone@slcs.us

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FRESHMAN ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Please refer to the [SLEHS Curriculum Guide](#) for descriptions on courses!

*The  symbol means course has pre-requisite

<p><u>World Language (2 years of the same Wor. Lang. is required for graduation)</u> German (1 credit) Japanese (1 credit) Spanish (1 credit)</p> <p><u>Health & Physical Education (required for graduation)</u> Health & Personal Fitness (.5 credit) Fitness & Rec Sports  (.5 credit)</p>	<p><u>Business and Computers</u> Desktop Publishing (.5 credit) Digital Imaging and Multimedia Computing (.5 credit) MS User 1 Intro to Computer Programing (.5 credit)</p> <p><u>Design and Technology</u> Modern Technology (.5 credit) Engineering Projects  (.5 credit) Robotics & Automation  (.5 credit) Technical Drawing/CAD (1 credit) Electronics & Controls  (.5 credit)</p> <p><u>English Elective</u> Journalism (1credit)</p>	<p><u>Art</u> Fund of Art 1 (.5 credit) Drawing  (.5 credit) Painting  (.5 credit)</p> <p><u>Music</u> Piano Lab (.5 credit) Concert Band (1 credit) Cougar Chorale Choir (1 credit) Symphonic Band (1 credit) *Audition Required- contact Mr. Sinopoli at Sinopoli-SmithM@slcs.us for more information</p> <p><u>Applied, Visual, & Performing Arts</u> Drama (.5 credit) Theater Crafts (.5 credit)</p>
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****It is imperative that you discuss your course selections for next year with your middle school core academic teachers and your parents. They know your abilities best and can help you select appropriate courses. Students interested in Honors English or are on an advanced track for math should discuss these options with their current teacher and parents BEFORE selecting those courses.***

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR XELLO:

Once courses are determined with students and parents, the student must access Xello to view and select courses for their freshman schedule. The window of opportunity to submit your course selections on Xello will be January 30th- February 27th.

The high school counselors will be returning to the middle schools on February 25th (MMS) and February 26th (CMS) to check that all students have made their final submissions. Scheduling assistance will be available at that time if a student has had difficulty submitting selections from home.

XELLO LOGIN STEPS:

1. Sign into your SLCS Google account. Locate your Apps in the upper right corner and scroll to the bottom and select the Xello app.

The screenshot shows the Xello dashboard. At the top, there are four navigation icons: Home, About Me, Explore, and Plans. Below this is a 'Grade 9 lessons' section with a progress bar showing 2/7. A large blue card titled 'Personality Styles' is featured, with the text 'Identify the type of work environment and tasks that you'll enjoy' and a 'Get started' button. To the right is a 'Quick links' sidebar with items: Course Planner, Matchmaker, Personality Style, Mission complete, Learning Style, Skills Lab, and Portfolios.

Select Course Planner

The screenshot shows the course selection interface. It is divided into two columns: GRADE 9 and GRADE 10. Each column shows a list of courses with a plus sign in a blue box to add them. The GRADE 9 column shows: Add English 9 (1 cr.), Add Mathematics 9 (1 cr.), Add Science 9 (1 cr.), Add Social Studies 9 (1 cr.), and Add Elective 9 (4 Credits remaining). The GRADE 10 column shows: Add English 10 (1 cr.), Add Mathematics 10 (1 cr.), Add Science 10 (1 cr.), Add Social Studies 10 (1 cr.), Add Elective 10 (4 Credits remaining), and Add World Language (2 cr.). Below the course lists are sections for 'Available period' and 'Year-Independent Requirements'.

Your 4 year plan will appear on the screen. The **year highlighted in gray** is the upcoming school year. **If this is not your correct grade level for next year, please contact your HIGH SCHOOL counselor.**

If you have taken any courses with high school credit, they will appear in the Pre-Grade 9 column to the left of Grade 9.

Click on the + to add courses. (You will repeat this until you have selected 6 credits and alternates)

Note:

Blue boxes are required courses which **MUST** be selected to meet graduation requirements.

One credit of alternates are required and **MUST** be entered in the "Alternate" slot before you can submit.

2. Follow the instructions below to read course descriptions and add courses.

[CODE]	NAME	GRADE	CREDIT	STATUS
+ [EN101A]	ENGLISH 9A	9	0.5	Add
Students will develop literature, public speaking, language and composition skills by exploring major literary themes in a variety of genre (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama). Themes include: Reality Perception, Relationships, Expectations and Turning Points. Particular emphasis is placed on students' ability to read a variety of selections on a related theme, draw conclusions and support their opinions. A personal and analytical composition is required for each major theme examined. Students are introduced to current research techniques. At least one Shakespearean play is read.				
PREREQUISITE SELECTED FUTURE				
ENGLISH 9A EN101A 0.5 cr.				
+ [EN101A]	ENGLISH 9A: HONORS	9	0.5	Add
+ [EN101B]	ENGLISH 9B	9	0.5	Add

Once you click on the blue +, classes available for your grade level and course discipline will be available for you to select. By single clicking on the class name, you will see a course description, prerequisites and recommendations.

If you would like to select the course, click on the Add button.

< SOCIAL STUDIES 9

ELECTIVES 9

WORLD LANGUAGE >

5 Credits left

Enter course code, keyword, or course name...

When selecting your electives, you can enter the name of a course or search within a particular subject area.

If you would like to remove one of your electives, click on the course. Locate the course at the bottom of the list and click **Remove** to delete the course from your Course Plan. **You must remove both A and B sections to completely remove the course.**

If you have trouble accessing Xello please contact the career development facilitator at your high school:

South Lyon East High School --Mrs. Dehorn- dehorna@slcs.us

South Lyon High School --Mrs. Anderson andersonk@slcs.us

If you misplace this packet, links to copies can be found at the SLEHS website and through the link labeled Student Services/Counseling, or through the Class of 2030 Google Classroom. Please be sure to join the Class of 2030 Google Classroom today! This classroom will be updated regularly with Student Services newsletters, announcements and important grade level specific information!

Class of 2030 Google Classroom Class code: tdiduajo



If you have questions about course selections, please email your SLEHS counselors at:

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