Trojan Parentline

December 15, 2019

East Lansing High School

509 Burcham Drive East Lansing, MI 48823 Phone: 517-333-7500 Fax: 517-333-7559

Attendance Line: 517-333-7567

School Hours: 7:45am - 2:34pm Office

Hours: 7:00am - 4:00pm

General Information:

Attendance: 517-333-7567 elhsattendance.elhsa@elps.us Please leave your students name, grade and reason for absence.

EXCEL is a required academic period on Tuesday and Thursday. All students must be with a teacher, counselor or the media specialist during EXCEL.

Visitors must report to the main office and receive a visitor's pass in order to access the building during school hours.

East Lansing High School is a closed campus during lunch for freshmen and sophomore students.

Contact information for high school employees is available on our website.

Trojan T.U.R.F. - Trust, Unity, Respect and Fairness

Trojan T.U.R.F is a philosophy utilized in all areas of interaction at East Lansing High School. Research indicates that when a school environment is positive and predictable, students feel safe, have better academic performance, higher test results and make better behavior choices. Schools also show a gain in instructional time and a reduction in discipline referrals and out of school suspensions.

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Greetings ELHS family!

I am amazed at how quickly this school year is going. We are only one week away from Winter Break and after the start of a new year we will gear up for finals and the end of the first semester.

We are so proud of our students. They continue to demonstrate the capacity to foster positive relationships and achieve their educational pursuits. We value your children and work hard every day to ensure they receive the best education possible.

East Lansing High School is a unique, WONDERFUL high school and the holiday season is an opportunity to reflect on and appreciate the relationships that bind us together. Whether those ties are professional or with family and friends, they serve as the foundation that strengthens the ELHS family. Along with our entire staff, I would like to wish you and your families the happiest of the holiday season. We look forward to seeing our students when they return on January 6, 2020.

Kuddos to Mr. Nick Hamilton who was recently was selected to serve at the Director of Special Education for East Lansing Public Schools. Mr. Hamilton will begin his work in that office on January 2. We would like to thank Mr. Hamilton for his work at ELHS as a Special Education teacher and most recently Associate Principal. His ability to maintain positive relationships with student, staff and families is commended and we wish him the best as he continues his professional journey.

We welcome a new family member to our ELHS administrative team. Ms. Ashley Schwarzbek was recently selected as the Associate Principal replacing Mr. Hamilton. Ms. Schwarzbek possesses a Bachelor of Science in Social Studies Education, a minor in Speech Communication from Ferris State University and Master of Art's degree in Educational Leadership from Central Michigan University. Ms. Schwarzbek was most recently employed as the Restorative Justice Facilitator, Social Studies teacher, Acting Principal at Galewood Elementary School, and Assessment Coordinator at Charlotte High School. Ms. Schwarzbek will begin her new role on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Sincerely,

Andy Wells, Principal East Lansing High School

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Student Services - December 2019



Student Services Days/Hours Update

Student Services will be closed during Winter Break. Students who have requests that need to be taken care of prior to January 6^{th} 2020, must be in by December 18^{th} 2019. We will resume normal operating hours when students return in January.



FAFSA -NEW THIS YEAR

The FAFSA is now open for the graduating class of 2020 to fill out. The FAFSA determines the amount of financial aid (loans, grants, scholarships, etc) that your student may be eligible for. The priority deadline for Michigan students to receive optimal consideration is March $1^{\rm st}$, 2020..... but don't wait until then.



Seventh Semester Transcripts - Seventh semester transcripts will be available for students in the graduating class of 2020 at the end of January.

Many colleges will request 7th semester transcripts from our students. After winter break, students may request their 7th semester transcripts through parchment.com for non-common app schools.





Admissions Decisions

Many universities will be releasing admissions decisions to students over the holiday break. In many cases, students will receive an offer of admission which should be a cause for celebration.

In other cases, students may receive notification that the decision has been deferred and that the University would like to see grades from the 7th

semester. If your student gets this notification.... it is not a cause for panic. The University is simply interested in taking into consideration the student's 1st semester senior grades as part of their admissions decision process. This is a very common practice as Universities are making sure that they accept students that are a good fit for their incoming student body.

Students may also receive a letter from the University of their dreams that does not offer up admission. Often times this news does not settle well with our teens, especially when all of their envisioned future plans have them strolling through that campus this fall. We would like to encourage families that have this happen in their home to remind their students that a denial from this particular University does not mean they have less of a chance of living a happy life. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to build a great life at another school. Plan B (or C, or D, or E) can bring just as many great opportunities as what they hoped Plan A would bring.

> **Dual Enrolled Students – 1st Semester** Once you have completed your dual enrolled course, you are responsible for turning in a copy of your final grade to Ms McGraw, ELHS registrar.

Dual prollment **Dual Enrolled Students – 2nd Semester** It is your responsibility to make sure that we have the correct course on your paperwork that you end up taking. If you change your mind and don't let us know, your family will receive a the full amount of tuition for the course.

> **Testing -** In April, all 9th and 10th grade students will take the PSAT, and all 11th grade students will take the SAT. While these are state mandated tests.... they do allow our 9th/10th to experience a standardized testing situation before taking the SAT. The 11th grade SAT state mandated test allows all students to have a college reportable score, which can open up the college door for our students.

College Board Account

Students should make themselves a student account at the www.collegeboard.com (SAT/PSAT). This is where they will manage their test results, have access to test prep, and have access to career and college exploration. The college/career exploration features are top notch... and can be very helpful for students trying to figure out where their next journey will take them.



Free SAT Test Prep - Khan Academy offers free SAT test prep/practice for all students. Visit satpractice.org/k12 to get your students started. The great thing about Khan is that you can link your Khan account with your College Board account. This helps with test prep!



College Visits - Please visit the student services website at the following link:

https://elps.us/our-schools/east-lansing-high-school/student-services/college-informaiton/college-and-vocational-visits/

We list all of the colleges and universities that are coming to East Lansing High School to visit with our students. This visits typically are held during excels.... unless otherwise listed.



Scholarships - Please visit the student services website and click on scholarships. All scholarships that we receive are listed for students to check out.

https://elps.us/our-schools/east-lansing-high-school/student-services/scholarships/





Forms - Is your student looking for a work permit, a free-reduced lunch form, etc? These forms are available in student services. Students are welcome to take them right from the rack near our front door.

More News - December 2019



A note from the Attendance Office: Absences can only be excused within 48 hour of the absence. A note in your student's planner is the easiest way to communicate any prearranged appointments. You can also e-mail mary.fata@elps.us or call the attendance line at 517-333-7567 and leave a message.



Do you want to keep up on the daily happenings at East Lansing High School? Check out the daily announcements on the website! https://elps.us/our-schools/east-lansing-high-school/studentparent-resources/daily-announcements/



Michigan Department of Treasure has a publication available in the Student Service Office to assist with financial aid and affording college in Michigan.



CANADIAN-AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCILS

Twenty East Lansing High School students attended the Canadian-American Security Councils (CASC) on December 6-7, and one of them walked away with a top award. Sophomore Elisabeth Beer won Second Honors representing Sweden during this international simulation. Over 400 students from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and

Ontario debated issues over the two-day conference held at the Lansing Center. Ms. Beer distinguished herself in discussions on issues involving Russia, Ukraine, and the Caucuses and combating all forms of intolerance and false media within the European Union.

The twenty students under the direction of club adviser, Mark Pontoni, spent several months preparing positions from their assigned country's point of view. Then in simulations of the European Union, the Arab League, NATO, the OAS, ASEAN, and the UN Security Council, a wide range of world problems were debated and solutions were proposed.

The East Lansing Model United Nations club now begins its preparations for the Mid-American Model United Nations which will be held in Kalamazoo in March. Students will be representing Russia, Nigeria, and Palestine during that 4-day event.



Elisabeth Beer on the left / ELHS Students attending Canadian American Security Council on the right

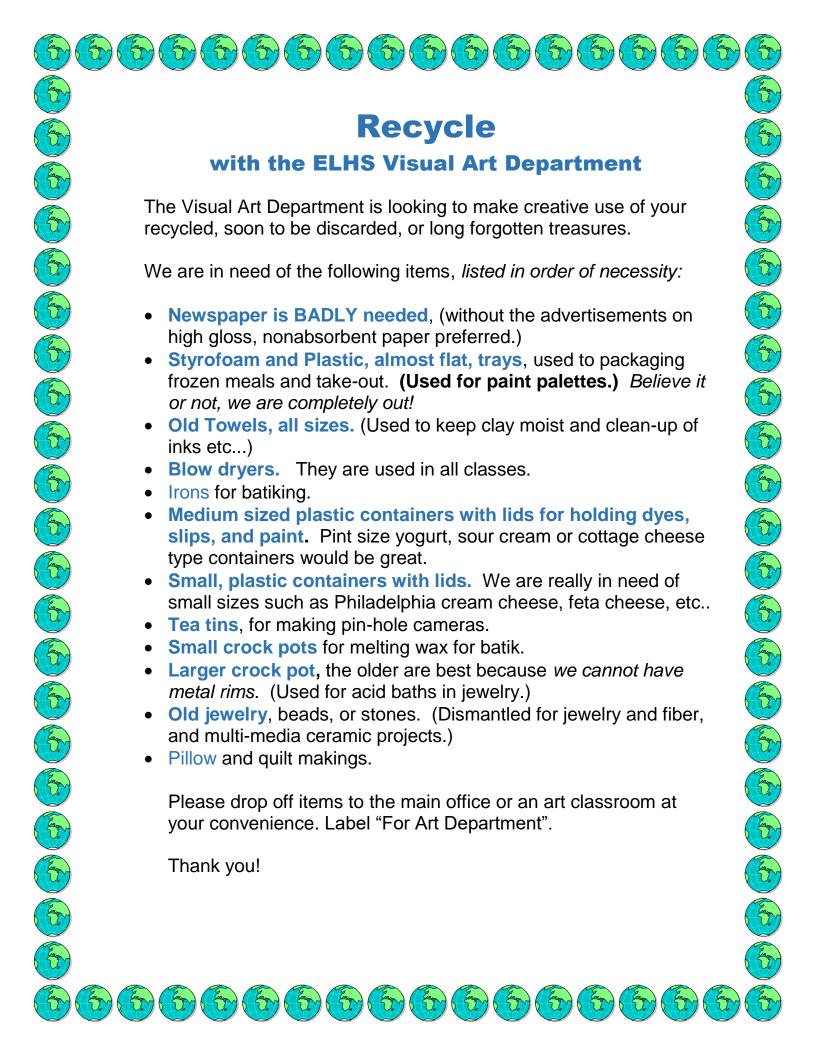


East Lansing High School Important Dates



- December 22—January 3 Winter Break
- January 15, 16, 17 1st Semester Exams
- February 7 Senior Ads Due
- February 8 Winter Dance in Student Union from 7-10 p.m. \$10 (no advance sales)
- February 26 Late Start 9:45 a.m.
- March 8 Top Scholar
- March 12 Parent Teacher Conferences 2-4 and 5-7
- March 17 Parent Teacher Conferences 2-4 and 5-7
- March 18 Late Start 9:45 a.m.
- March 20-22 Spring Musical
- April 3-10 Spring Break
- April 14,15,16 MME for 11th grade students (SAT, ACT WorkKeys, MStep)
- April 14 9th and 10th Grade PSAT
- April 18 or 25 (not 11) Prom MSU Spartan Stadium
- April 27 Kiwanis student of the month Luncheon
- April 28 Art Show in Hub
- May 4 May 15 AP Exams
- May 18 Senior Graduation Excel
- May 19 Underclass Awards
- May 19 Graduation Performance Auditions in room 115 at 2:30 p.m.
- May 20 Art Field Trip
- May 20 Senor Graduation Cards Due
- May 21 Yearbook Release in Student Union after school





2019-20 Test Dates

EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL 2019-2020 TENTATIVE TEST DATES									
GRADE	WHERE		DATE						
OCTOBER									
All AP 9.10.11	ELHS ELHS ELHS	MMP Competition, Part I AP EXAM REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES pay in main office PSAT/NMSOT	Tuesday, October 8th Tuesday, October 15th Wednesday, October 16th						
DECEMBER	LLII								
All	ELHS	MMP Competition, Part II (Only eligible students from Part I)	Wednesday, December 4th						
JANUARY All All FEBRUARY	ELHS ELHS	AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (AMC) Registration HS 1st Semester Exams	January January 15,16,17						
All	ELHS	AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (AMC)							
APRIL									
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	SAT	Tuesday, April 14						
	ELHS	ACT WORKKEYS	Wednesday, April 15						
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	M-STEP (MICHIGAN SCIENCE , MICHIGAN SOCIAL STUDIES)	Thursday, April 16						
9th & 10th	ELHS	PSAT	Tuesday, April 14						
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All AP	AND	ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS	Monday, May 4-15						
	MSU								
June									
All	ELHS	HS 2nd Semester Exams	June 3,4,5						







AP Exam Information ...

Week 1	7:45 A.m. Most Exams in Aux Gym	12:00 Noon P.M. Most Exams in Aux Gym			
	United States Government and Politics	Physics C: Mechanics			
Monday, May 4, 2020	Studio Art Library Lab- receive portfolios	2:00 p.m. Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism— You must see Mrs. Tabor to get a join code and fill out this form and Pay prior to October 15th.			
Tuesday,	Calc AB	German Language and Culture - – You must see Mrs. Tabor to get a			
May 5, 2020	Calc BC	join code and fill out this form and Pay prior to October 15 th .			
Wednesday,	English Literature and	European History			
May 6, 2020	Composition	Physics 2: Algebra-Based			
Thursday, May 7, 2020	Chemistry	Japanese Lang and Culture— You must see Mrs. Tabor to get a join code and fill out this form and Pay prior to October 15 th .			
	Spanish Lit and Culture	Physics 1: Algebra-Based			
Friday,	United States History	Computer Science A			
May 8, 2020	Studio Art — last day for coordinators to submit digital portfolios – Library Lab				

Week 2	7:45 A.m. Most Exams in Aux Gym	12:00 Noon P.M. Most Exams in Aux Gym			
Monday, May 11, 2020	Biology	Chinese Lang and Culture - You must see Mrs. Tabor to get a join code and fill out this form and Pay prior to October 15th.			
		Environmental Science			
Tuesday, May 12, 2020	Spanish Lang and Culture	Psychology			
Wednesday, May 15, 2020	English Language and Composition	Microeconomics			
Thursday, May 16,	Comparative Government and Politics	Macroeconomics—You must see Mrs. Tabor to get a join code and fill out this form			
2020	World History: Modern	and Pay prior to October 15 th .			
Friday, May 17,	Computer Science Principles	Statistics			
2020	French Language and Culture	Statistics			

Half Day and Exams Schedule 2019-2020

September 25th – Late Start

October 17th – Half Day – Periods 1,2,3

October 22nd – Half Day – Periods 4,5,6

October 23trd – Late Start

January 15th – Exam Day – Periods 1,2

January 16th – Exam Day – Period 3,4

January 17th – Exam Day – Periods 5,6

February 12th – Half Day Periods 1,2,3

February 17th – Half Day Periods 4,5,6

March 18th – Late Start

June 3rd – Exam Day – Periods 1,2

June 4th – Exam Day – Periods 3,4

June 5th – Exam Day – Periods 5,6

Half Day

7:45 – 8:44

8:52 - 9:51

9:59 - 11:00

Exam Day

7:45 - 9:27

9:37 - 11:20

Late Start Day begins at 9:45 am

Advanced Placement Information

Current Year Summary
East Lansing High School (231300)
Total AP student in your School: 644

Total AP Student III your School. 044						
School Totals for this View	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
Number of Exams	128	160	214	111	30	643
Percentage of Total Exams	20%	25%	33%	17%	5%	100%
Number of AP Students	28	97	172	123	84	644
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Subject Totals	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
Biology	3	3	9	3		18
Calculus AB	15	26	36	15	3	95
Calculus BC	21	5	6	3	1	36
Chemistry	3	4	6	4	2	19
Chinese Language and Culture	2	2		1	1	6
Computer Science A	3	5	5	1	1	15
English Language and Composition	19	18	23	10		70
English Literature and Composition	4	11	3	5		23
Envirnmental Science	2	4	2	2		10
European History	7	6	7	2		22
French Language anc Culture		1				1
German Language and Culture	1					1
Italian Language and Culture		1				1
Latin				1	1	2
Microeconomics	5	3	6	4	3	21
Physics 1	1	13	6	5	4	29
Physics 2	2	5	13	5		25
Physics D: Mechanics	5	1	2	1		9
Psychology	6	10	8	4	7	35
Spanish Language and Culture	3	6	17	8	1	35
Statistics	6	4	3	3	1	17
Studio Art: 2-D Portfolio	1	2		1		4
Studio Art: 3-D Portfolio					1	1
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	3	4	5	1		13
United States Government and Politics	3	4	11	8		26
United States History	8	4	8	2	2	24
World History	5	18	38	22	2	85
5 Year Summary	2013	2014	2014	2016	2017	
Total AP Students	257	249	282	325	340	
Number of Exams	464	481	568	686	693	
AP Students with Scores 3+	204	215	246	256	270	
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	79.4	86.3	87.2	78.8	79.4	
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Total AP Students	55,115	57,633	59,704	62,774	65,211	•
Number of Exams	89,852	94,354	98,771	103,980	109,706	
AP Students with Scores 3+	3,669	38,308	39,217	40,376	42,307	
Percentage of Students with Scores 3+	66.9	66.5	65.7	64.3	64.9	
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1,583,115 1,664,912

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Total AP Students 2,225,625

Percentage of Students with Scores 3+

Number of Exams 3,955,410 4,199,454

AP Students with Scores 3+ 1,354,800 1,442,136 1,515,264

60.9



"Being able to take college credits while still in high school has been amazing. I enjoy my classes; it's rewarding, fast paced and challenging. I am excited about getting a head start on earning a college degree. I've made so many new friends, and I get to see my old friends from high school, too!"

- Autumn

Students at The Early College learn in a fun, fast-paced and exciting environment at Lansing Community College's Downtown Campus.

THE EARLY COLLEGE MEANS

- More than \$60,000 in potential college savings
- 100 percent FREE textbooks and tuition
- Up to 60 FREE college credits, in high school
- Now Enrolling for Fall of 2020



INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Upcoming Informational Meetings

- Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 · 6–7 p.m.
 LCC Downtown Campus,
 Gannon Building, Michigan Room 1128
 411 North Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
- Thursday, March 5, 2020 · 6–7 p.m.
 DeWitt Highschool (Presentation Room)
 13601 Panther Dr., DeWitt, MI 48820
- Tuesday, March 10, 2020 · 6–7 p.m. Ingham Intermediate School District; Thorburn Education Center 2630 W. Howell Rd., Mason, MI 48854
- Saturday, March 14, 2020 · 10–11 a.m.
 LCC Downtown Campus,
 Gannon Building, Michigan Room 1128
 411 North Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Application Deadline: March 27, 2020 Apply today at Icc.edu/earlycollege.



517-483-1640 · lcc.edu/earlycollege

Lansing Community College is an equal opportunity educational institution/employer. Lansing Community College programs and activities are open for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, creed, ancestry, height, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, familial status, marital status, military status, veteran's status, or other status as protected by law, or genetic information.



The American Legion

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

212 N. Verlinden Ave., Lansing Michigan 48915

Do Your Students Need College Scholarships?

The American Legion, Department of Michigan offers high school students several opportunities to gain valuable experience that will last a lifetime. At the same time, students can earn money for college or earn the needed community service points required on many college entrance applications, including the West Point Military Academy.

Steps to applying:

- 1. Choose a scholarship or program
- 2. Email <u>legion@michiganlegion.org</u> to have links to applications emailed directly to you. Please share these forms with your students or visit our website.
- 3. Apply: be aware of the deadline dates written for the scholarship or program.
- 4. If you have any questions refer to the applications or call 517-220-2754
- 5. For a directory of American Legion Posts in Michigan visit www.legion.org/posts. Some AL Posts offer scholarships for students wanting to attend Boys State, Girls State, and Student Trooper.
- 6. These programs are powerful and dynamic. If a student is having trouble finding funding to attend a program, contact The American Legion, Department of Michigan let us help them.

The American Legion has programs that offer scholarships for college

Students who attend Boys State or Girls State, and are descendants of a war time era veteran may apply for the opportunity to win \$20,000 from the Samsung American Legion Scholarship.

The American Legion, Department of Michigan has opportunities for ALL students for a chance to earn scholarships from different programs the American Legion offers.

Veterans serving veterans since 1919

www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships

MICHIGAN STATE U N I V E R S I T Y

Gifted and Talented Education

Our accelerated year programs challenge gifted middle and high school students in math, literature, and language.

ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMS 2020-2021



Cooperative Highly Acclerated Math Program Grades 7-9

Locations: MSU Campus, Avondale

With weekly classes, CHAMP is an academic year-long program designed to teach students the required four-year high school mathematics curriculum in just two years.

Intensive Study in Humanities, Arts, Language, & Literature Grades 7-9

Locations: MSU Campus, West Bloomfield Advanced readers study a wide range of texts in literature and humanities including novels, biographies, plays, poetry, and film. The program covers four years of high school English curriculum in just two academic years.

Amo Linguae Latina (I Love Latin!) Grades 7-10

Locations: MSU Campus/Online Hybrid
Each semester of the program corresponds with one year of
high school Language Arts/Latin. Discussion of language will be
anchored in Roman and medieval culture, and the role Latin has
played in the development of the English language. Students will
take the National Latin Exam at the end of each year, and the AP

Japanese Language Grades 7-9

Latin exam at the end of the program.

Locations: Southeast MI

N. This new program will engage students in the Japanese language and culture. The course will span six semesters-three years-- and spend the final semester of the program preparing for the AP Japanese exam.

APPLY ONLINE @ GIFTED.MSU.EDU

Applications open January 2020





GATE summer programs provide a challenging and fun academic experience for gifted students!

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2020

G Gifted University for Parents & Precocious Youth Grades 2-6

GUPPY is designed for young gifted students to attend MSU for a weekend that will explore educational experiences with faculty.

June 19-21

Grades 3-6

July 20-24 (9am-12pm)

Grades 3-6

June 26-28

Grades 2-6

July 24-26

Grades 3-6

Intensive Studies For Gifted and Talented

Grades 7-11

Students will participate in a one-week advanced program in a specific concentrated curriculum. Past courses include Pre-Med Ed, Forensic Science, Microbiology, and Behavior Mathematics in AI.

June 21-26

July 5-10

July 19-24

Math, Science, and Technology

Grades 7-8

This one-week program offers a wide range of advanced STEM curriculum that students don't have access to in middle school! Each student will participate in two classes and one workshop.

July 12-17

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Math, Science, Technology, and Leadership

Grades 9-10

This two-week program offers advanced topics such as Robotics and Microbiology! Students will choose two STEM courses, as well as one Leadership Workshop.

July 12-24

APPLY ONLINE @ GIFTED.MSU.EDU

Applications open January 2020

Information Meeting - Sunday, March 22, 2020

Location: MSU Business College

632 Bogue Street, East Lansing, MI 48823

GUPPYGrades 2-6

GUPPY is designed for young gifted students to attend the MSU campus and explore educational experiences.

MST Grades 7-8

Students attend oneweek of advanced Math, Science, and Technology curriculum through classes and workshops

on campus.

Summer Programs

12 pm - 2 pm

GATE overview/ Testing 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Academic Year Review 12:35 pm - 1:00 pm Summer Programs 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

MSTL Grades 9-10

In this two-week program, high school students will choose two STEM courses & one leadership workshop.

IS4GT Grades 6-11

Students will participate in a one-week advanced program in a specific concentrated curriculum.

Come learn more about the weekend and full-week programs geared towards gifted students!

For grades 2-11.





Academic Year Programs

Beginning Fall 2020 Complete 4 years of high school curriculum in 2 to 3 years! For grades 7-10.

Information Meeting

Sunday, February 9, 2020 11 am - 2 pm

Location: MSU Business College

632 Bogue Street, East Lansing, MI 48823

ALL 11:00 am - 11:30 am M.A.N.G.A. 11:30 am - 12:00 pm Testing/ Dual Enrollment 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm CHAMP 12:35 pm - 1:05 pm ISHALL 1:10 pm - 1:45 pm

CHAMP

Mathematics

Highly advanced math students can enroll in this accelerated math program! Study Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and Pre-Calculus.

ALL

Latin Language

Students will study language and lingustics and discuss the role Latin has played in the development of the English language.

M.A.N.G.A.

ISHALL

Humanities, Arts,

Language, & Literature

Advanced readers will study a wide range of texts

and media in literature and

the humanities including

novels, poetry, and

film.

Japanese Language

Students enrolled in this new program will be studying the Japanese language and culture over 6 semesters.

FREE PARKING IN RAMP 1

For a map of the campus, please visit

www.maps.msu.edu/interactive

Phone: 517-432-2129 Email: gifted@msu.edu Website: gifted.msu.edu

RSVP ONLINE BY JANUARY 31st, 2020 @

www.gifted.msu.edu/gateAYinfo2020



Financial Aid Information for Academic Year 2019-20

Maximize your financial aid and don't make these...

COMMON MISTAKES

Not Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

All State of Michigan financial aid programs require a student to file the FAFSA. By not completing the FAFSA, you are missing the opportunity to qualify for what could be thousands of dollars to help you pay for college. The FAFSA determines if you are eligible for need-based financial aid and is the application used for Federal Direct Loans.

Not Using the Correct Web Site

The official FAFSA Web site is fafsa.gov. You never have to pay to complete the FAFSA.

Not Getting a FSA ID Ahead of Time

To log in and sign the FAFSA online, you must use a FSA ID. Register for a FSA ID at fsaid.ed.aov.

Waiting to Fill Out the FAFSA

It is important to fill out the FAFSA early. You may complete the FAFSA as early as October 1. Students are required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2019-20 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2017 income information.

Not Filing the FAFSA by the Deadline

The State of Michigan deadline for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS) and Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG) is March 1.

Not Reading Directions Carefully

Too many students see delays in their financial aid for simple mistakes that could have been easily avoided.

College Grade Level

Question 29 on the FAFSA asks that you select your grade level in college from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. If you are currently a senior in high school or will be a first-time college student, select "1st year, never attended college."

• Certificate/Degree

Question 30 on the FAFSA asks that you select the degree or certificate that you will be working toward during the 2019-20 school year. If you are currently a high school senior, do not select "graduate/professional degree."

Confusing Parent and Student Information

Remember that the FAFSA is the student's application. When the FAFSA refers to "you" or "your," it's referring to the student.

· Entering the Wrong Name

You must enter your full name as it appears on official government documents (no nicknames). Your full name should also be reported the same way on your SAT.

Entering the Wrong Social Security Number (SSN)

To avoid delays in processing your FAFSA, make sure that you have entered the correct SSN.

Amount of Income Tax

Income tax is not the same as income, taxes withheld, or taxes due. It is the amount of tax that you (and if married, your spouse) paid on your income earned from work.

Entering the Wrong Address

Make sure you enter your permanent address, not your temporary or summer address. To be considered for State of Michigan financial aid, you must be a resident of Michigan (which needs to be reported on your FAFSA).

Citizenship Status

Students must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen to receive Federal and State financial aid. Question 14 on the FAFSA asks you to report your citizenship status. Do not leave this answer blank.

Not Reporting Parent Information

Even if you fully support yourself, pay your own bills, and file your own taxes, you may still be considered a dependent student for Federal student aid purposes; therefore, you'll need to provide parent information on your FAFSA. Parent information will need to be provided if you do not meet the criteria for independent status. To see if you qualify for independent status, visit <u>www.studentaid.ed.gov</u> (Dependency Status).

Listing Only One College

You can add ANY college you are considering to your FAFSA, even if you aren't sure whether you'll apply or be accepted. It doesn't hurt your application to add more schools. Don't forget to add the Michigan college you plan to attend as your FIRST school code listed on the FAFSA. If you qualify for State aid, only the institution you list first on your FAFSA will be notified of your eligibility for an award. Log in to your MiSSG Student Portal account at www.michigan.gov/missg or contact MI Student Aid at 1-888-447-2687 when your school choice changes.

Not Signing the FAFSA

Many students fail to actually sign the FAFSA with their FSA ID and submit it.

Not Completing the TIP Application Before the Deadline

For TIP eligible students, the TIP application must be completed by August 31 of each student's high school completion year. Otherwise, all TIP benefits are forfeited permanently.

Not Logging into MiSSG Student Portal

MI Student Aid offers an online Student Portal where students can log in and update their contact information, change their college choice, and view their State aid eligibility and payments. To access the MiSSG Student Portal, visit www.michigan.gov/missa and click the "Student Portal" button. First-time users must have their SSN and a FAFSA on file or a TIP application to create an account. To begin, click "Sign Up" and create a username and password.

No SAT Score on Record

To be considered for MCS, MI Student Aid must have your SAT record linked with a SSN. To verify that your SSN is on file, please contact our Customer Care Center at 1-888-447-2687.

If MI Student Aid did not receive your score from SAT, you should complete the following steps:

- 1. Make sure you checked the box on your SAT allowing permission for your score to be released.
- 2. Contact...
 - a. your high school for permission to fax your SAT score to MI Student Aid at 517-241-5835, or;
 - b. your college for permission to fax your SAT score to MI Student Aid at 517-241-5835, or;
 - c. SAT at 866-756-7346 to send a copy of your scores to MI Student Aid, or;
 - d. log in to the CollegeBoard at https://collegeboard.org/mysat to request your scores be sent to MI Student Aid.

For questions or more information, please contact MI Student Aid.

Phone: 1-888-447-2687

Email: mistudentaid@michigan.gov

517-241-5835 Fax:

Web: www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid Address: P.O. Box 30462, Lansing, MI 48909

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