

St. Patrick High School Courses

I am often asked about the courses we offer at St. Patrick High School. We are very blessed to be able to offer a wide range of courses which include a myriad of in-person classes as well as a wide range of courses that are offered online.

Like any high school in the State of Michigan, we follow the Michigan Merit Curriculum for our minimum graduation requirements. We have also added several of our own requirements. Students must take four years of math, English, and Theology. They must take three years of science and social studies courses, two years of World Language, and one semester each of health and physical education

Three additional courses we have added which are required for graduation are the Dave Ramsey Personal Finance course, Career Development, and our Capstone Project class. We are one of the few high schools in the State of Michigan that require Personal Finance for graduation. Career Development allows our students the opportunity to research careers they may be interested in and to begin working on skills such as creating a resume and skills needed for a successful interview. The Capstone course provides our seniors with an opportunity to showcase the skills they have learned throughout their high school careers and to leave a lasting legacy of service to our school or community.

Our in-person elective courses include the following: Statistics, AP Calculus, Physics, AP Biology, Human Anatomy, AP U.S. History, Teacher/Library Aide, Peer to Peer Mentor, Yearbook, School to Work Cooperative, and Art II and III. For the first time in many years, we offered Choir as an opportunity for our students for the current school year.

We also have an agreement with Aquinas College where we host some of their courses on our campus during the school day. Students may take courses through Lansing Community College or Montcalm Community College virtually and can also attend on their campus if they prefer. Our students have the opportunity to attend Heartlands Institute of Technology and take any of the courses offered there as well. These include the following: Aviation Technology, Computer Network Administration, Construction Technology, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Diesel Technology, Health Occupations, Healthcare Foundations, Machine Tool, and Plant and Animal Science. Finally, we have an agreement with Michigan Virtual High School for our students to have the opportunity to take any of the courses they offer.

Our goal is that our seniors will use their final year of high school to get a head start on the training and education they will need after graduation. When they graduate and leave St. Patrick High School, they will have the necessary skills and preparation for whatever vocation and for whatever career they are called to by God.

If you are seeking more information regarding the curriculum for St. Patrick High School, please feel free to contact high school principal Randy Hodge by calling (517)647-7551 or by email at randyhodge@portlandstpats.org. To review the St. Patrick High School curriculum, please visit the Diocese of Grand Rapids website at <https://catholicschools4u.org/sites/default/files/2020-09/9th-12th%20Grade%20Curriculum%20Standards%20DOGR.pdf>.