

Effingham High School

Current Exploration Opportunities

2023-2024

Effingham Unit 40 Strategic Plan Goal 5a: Provide exploration opportunities from start to finish that allows for student voice and control.

Effingham High School houses grades 9-12 and provides instruction in the core content areas of English Math, Science, and Social Studies in addition to special courses in Business, Foreign Language, Fine Arts, Industrial Technology, PE, Health, and Technology.

Effingham High School goes above and beyond by offering a variety of opportunities for students to explore

- Careers
- Life Skills
- Future Planning
- Hobbies and Interests
- Personal development and mental and physical health

These exploration opportunities come to life at Effingham High School:

- Through Coursework
 - [18 Dual Credit Courses](#) through Lake Land College
 - Screen-printing shop in Graphic Arts II
 - Woodworking shop in Production Wood
 - Metals shop in Production Metal
 - The Heartbeats Cafe run by Works Skills II class
 - Senior Murals in Advanced Art
 - SVE for job opportunities in the community
 - Community-based Training Field Trips to experience real life situations
 - Electives in English for Senior Year: Composition I, Composition II, Introduction to Literature, Media Literacy, Career Communications
 - English II Prepare to a Junior presentation
 - English III Career Exploration assignment
 - English III Prepare to be a Senior presentation
 - Senior English Course Senior Talk presentation
 - Honors English I, II, and III
 - Electives in Family Consumer Science: Foods and Nutrition I; Foods and Nutrition II; Foods and Nutrition III; Human Development I; Human Development II; Child and Daycare Services; Family Wellness; Adult Living
 - Early Childhood Education (ECE) Level 1 Credential for students enrolled in Child and Daycare
 - Electives in Fine Arts: Art I; Art II; Art III; Art IV; Advanced Art; Choice; Concert Band; Wind Ensemble

- Electives in Industrial Technology: Introduction to Drafting; Production Wood; Energy Utilization; Transportation Power; Construction Skills I; Production Metal I; Production Metal II; Manufacturing Skills
- Student products in Manufacturing Skills that they develop, market, sell, product, and distribute
- Trades Expo sponsored by EIEFES for junior and seniors in any Industrial Technology class
- Accelerated Math courses in Geometry and Algebra II
- Electives in Math starting sophomore year based on prerequisites: Algebra II; Integrated Algebra II; Transitional Math; Applied Math; College Algebra; Trigonometry; Finite Math; Statistics; Analytical Geometry and Calculus
- Electives in Physical Education (PE): Physical Education; Physical Education Fitness
- Electives in Science starting sophomore year based on prerequisites: Physical Science I; Physical Science II: Investigative Science; Chemistry I; Chemistry II; Anatomy and Physiology; Biology II; Physics
- WVC Health Careers Day for Anatomy & Physiology and Biology II students
- Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital field trip for for Anatomy & Physiology and Biology II students
- Eastern Illinois University (EIU) field trip for Anatomy & Physiology and Biology II students
- Electives in Social Studies: Western Civilization I; Western Civilization II; Contemporary America; History and Culture of the Third World; Psychology I; Psychology II
- National World War II Traveling Museum for sophomores
- Effingham Great Depression Artifacts for sophomores
- Community Guest Speakers in American Government class and in History and Culture of the Third World
- Electives in Technology: Computer Applications; Practical Software; Web Design; Multimedia; CAD Drafting I; CAD Drafting II; Graphic Arts I; Graphic Arts II; Graphic Design
- Student products in Graphic Arts II that they develop, market, sell, product, and distribute
- Electives in Business: Accounting; Introduction to Business; Legal Environment
- Work Coop Interrelated CO-OP with students working in the community
- Effingham County Law Enforcement Day as a choice for students in Legal Environment
- Electives in Foreign Language: French I; French II; French III; French IV; Spanish I; Spanish II; Spanish III; Spanish IV
- Mexican Restaurant field trip for Spanish IV students to apply Spanish language skills
- National Foreign Language Week for students in any foreign language course
- Duolingo Online Language Practice for students in any foreign language course

- Community Spanish for Spanish IV students to use their Spanish skills in the community in a way that would benefit others
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- Beyond Coursework
 - Better Prep Success
 - National Career Development Month activities
 - Military and College Representatives during activity period
 - FAFSA Informational Meeting
 - International Trips
 - German Cultural Exchange through Rotary
 - Therapy Dogs
 - History Club trips to: Effingham County History Museum; Vincennes, Indiana; Springfield, Illinois to State Capitol, Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum; Candles Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Terre Haute, Indiana
- During Clubs
 - Student Council
 - Pep Club
 - Art Club
 - Best Buddies
 - Book Club
 - Chemistry Club
 - Family and Consumer Science Club
 - French Club
 - History Club
 - Green Team
 - Math Club
 - Drama Club
 - National Honor Society
 - Spanish Club
 - Young Heart Writers
 - E-Sports
 - Hearts for Success
 - Spring Musical
 - Scholar Bowl
- During Athletics
 - Volleyball
 - Cross Country
 - Football
 - Basketball
 - Cheerleading for Basketball
 - Wrestling
 - Cheerleading for Football
 - Baseball
 - Pom Squad

- Tennis
- Winter Guard
- Track and Field
- Golf
- Marching Band
- Soccer
- Trap Shooting sponsored by outside Trap and Skeet Organizations