

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

A NEW PATHWAY BEGINS AT SAGINAW UNITED

A new pathway to college opportunity, supported by the University of Michigan Wolverine Pathways program.

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WHY THIS PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

MORE THAN A COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM

Wolverine Pathways is a strategic partnership designed to expand opportunity, raise academic expectations, and create meaningful pathways to college success for Saginaw United students.

EXPAND OPPORTUNITY

Access to selective universities and real U-M experiences

RAISE EXPECTATIONS

Rigorous courses, high standards, and strong support

CREATE PATHWAYS

A clear road from 9th grade to college success

THE PURPOSE

FOUR GOALS OF WOLVERINE PATHWAYS

01 ADMISSIONS

Increase students' admissibility to selective universities.

02 KNOWLEDGE

Develop the academic thinking and habits required for college success.

03 BELONGING

Build students' sense of belonging in a university environment.

04 CAREERS

Connect college learning to future professions.

SAGINAW UNITED × UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

OUR VISION FOR SAGINAW UNITED

Expanding Opportunity. Elevating Expectations. Creating Pathways.

Through our partnership with Wolverine Pathways, Saginaw United will expand access to selective universities, connect students with rigorous academic experiences, and help scholars see themselves as future college graduates, researchers, innovators, and leaders.



**THE GOAL IS NOT SIMPLY
COLLEGE ADMISSION.**

**It is preparing students to enter,
succeed, and thrive.**

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

WHAT IS WOLVERINE PATHWAYS?

A University of Michigan program

College prep for students in grades 7 through 12, running since 2016.

On top of the school day

Saturday sessions during the school year, mostly online, plus summer programs on campus.

Our students start in 10th grade

Saginaw United scholars join in 10th grade and stay with the program through graduation.



A PROVEN RECORD OF SUCCESS

RESULTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

63%

of Wolverine Pathways applicants
admitted to U-M Ann Arbor

WP applicants, 2018 to 2025

99%

of WP scholars at U-M Ann Arbor
return for a second year

First-year retention, WP scholars at U-M Ann
Arbor, 2018 to 2025

81%

of WP scholars at U-M Ann Arbor
graduate within six years

Six-year graduation rate, WP scholars at U-M Ann
Arbor

Since 2018: **733** WP graduates and **416** admitted to U-M Ann Arbor. In 2025, U-M Ann Arbor admitted 16% of all applicants.

Source: U-M Wolverine Pathways, outcomes for 2018 to 2025 graduating classes

THE WOLVERINE PATHWAYS SCHOLARSHIP

A SCHOLARSHIP THAT OPENS DOORS

4 Years

of tuition and fees for eligible WP graduates who are admitted to U-M Ann Arbor or U-M Dearborn



Eight full semesters

Fall and winter terms, all four years.



More help for families with need

Students with financial need can qualify for additional aid.



A second door in

Students who start elsewhere have up to two years to transfer to U-M Ann Arbor and keep the scholarship for their remaining years.

THE SCHOLAR EXPERIENCE: GRADES 10 TO 12

10TH AND 11TH GRADE

- Academic summer camps at U-M
- SAT prep with Kaplan
- College and financial aid counseling
- Career exploration
- Trips to U-M Dearborn and U-M Flint
- Workshops for parents and families

12TH GRADE

- Three days and two nights on the Ann Arbor campus
- Four-week summer institute taught by U-M faculty
- Paid summer internships
- A college essay mentor for every nine students
- A college application advisor
- Workshops on the move to college

SUMMER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

REAL COLLEGE LABS, REAL FACULTY

STEM

Engineering, chemistry, architecture, and earth and environmental sciences

HEALTH SCIENCES

Medicine, neuroscience, pharmacology, public health, and psychology

TECHNOLOGY

Artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and information sciences

HUMANITIES AND MEDIA

Film, television, and media, plus U-M faculty seminars in policy, education, and literature

GLOBAL LEARNING

Study abroad in Barbados through the Atlantic Impact program



CAREER EXPLORATION AND PAID SENIOR INTERNSHIPS

CONNECTING LEARNING TO CAREERS

\$1,350

stipend (approximate)

120 Hours

over four to six weeks

Industry and research internships, in person or virtual.

SCHOLARS HAVE INTERNED AT

DTE

Morgan Stanley

CVS

Great Lakes Water Authority

Charles H. Wright Museum

U-M Astronomy

Toyota

Accenture

Detroit Medical Center

Michigan Science Center

U-M Medicine

An architecture firm

APPLICATION AND SELECTION

BECOMING A WOLVERINE PATHWAYS SCHOLAR

BACKGROUND

Personal, family, and school information

TWO RECOMMENDATIONS

At least one from an academic teacher

SHORT ESSAYS

About the student's experiences, identity, and interests

TRANSCRIPTS

Report cards from the past year and the first term of 9th grade

GPA GUIDELINE

For 9th grade applicants: 3.0 academic GPA and 3.2 overall

OPTIONAL VIDEO

A 90-second video so WP can get to know the student



At Saginaw United: 9th graders are nominated this winter, with hands-on application help from the WP Program Manager and our United liaison.

FOR SCHOLARS AND FAMILIES

COMMITMENT AND EXPECTATIONS



ATTENDANCE

Take part in at least 90% of WP activities each year



GRADES

Keep a 3.0 GPA or higher



COURSES

Take United's college prep courses, like honors and AP



CONDUCT

Show good conduct in school and in the program



FAMILIES

Parents attend 2 or 3 meetings or workshops a year, many online

SUPPORT AFTER GRADUATION

BEYOND ADMISSION: ALUMNI SUPPORT

Support continues after scholars arrive on a college campus.



Networking and Mentoring

Connections with WP alumni, U-M alumni, and industry partners



Internships

Industry-sponsored internships during the school year and summer



Professional Development

Help finding and preparing for hands-on learning opportunities



Academic Support at U-M

Advising, tutoring, and weekly WP office hours for first-year math



Cohort Meetings at U-M

An instant community of WP alumni on campus and beyond

NOT JUST GETTING IN.

Staying, succeeding, and graduating.

OUR ACADEMIC FOUNDATION

SAGINAW UNITED'S COLLEGE PREPARATORY PATHWAY

United is building the rigorous coursework that prepares scholars for selective colleges and for success once they arrive.

4 Years

of planned courses, grades 9 to 12

7

dual enrollment courses with Delta College and SVSU, plus NEON

9 AP

courses offered at Saginaw United

3

world languages: French, Spanish, Mandarin

SAGINAW UNITED HIGH SCHOOL

**SELECTIVE COLLEGE
PREPARATORY PATHWAY**

2026-2027

RIGOR
OPPORTUNITY
PREPARATION
PURPOSE

PATHWAY OVERVIEW

The Saginaw United High School Selective College Preparatory Pathway is a rigorous, four-year planning guide for students seeking strong preparation for selective colleges and universities through challenging coursework, Advanced Placement, dual enrollment, NEON, and academic exploration.

9TH GRADE <i>Build a Strong Foundation</i>	10TH GRADE <i>Increase Rigor</i>	11TH GRADE <i>Deepen and Specialize</i>	12TH GRADE <i>Prepare for College and Beyond</i>
ENGLISH English 9 or Pre-AP English 9	ENGLISH English 10 or Pre-AP English 10	ENGLISH English 11 or AP English Language and Composition	ENGLISH English 12 or AP English Literature and Composition
MATHEMATICS Geometry, Pre-AP Geometry, or Algebra I (based on placement)	MATHEMATICS Continue a rigorous math sequence through Algebra I, Geometry / Pre-AP Geometry, or Algebra II	MATHEMATICS Algebra II, AP Precalculus, or Statistics	MATHEMATICS AP Precalculus, Statistics, Intro to College Math, Financial Literacy, Accounting, or Dual Enrollment advanced math
SCIENCE Biology or Pre-AP Biology	SCIENCE Chemistry	SCIENCE Physics or AP Environmental Science	SCIENCE AP Environmental Science, Anatomy, Astronomy, Forensic Science, Agricultural Science, or Dual Enrollment science
SOCIAL STUDIES U.S. History and Geography	SOCIAL STUDIES World History or AP World History	SOCIAL STUDIES U.S. Government + Economics, or AP Government + AP Economics	SOCIAL STUDIES AP African American Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Recent American History (Delta), American Politics (Delta), or other approved electives
ACADEMIC EXPLORATION Coding, Robotics, STEM Lab, Mechatronics, Business, Arts, or Public Speaking	ACADEMIC EXPLORATION Continue advanced exploration in Coding, Robotics, STEM Lab, Mechatronics, Business, Arts, or Public Speaking	ACADEMIC EXPLORATION Pursue advanced coursework, AP options, Dual Enrollment, NEON, and college or career exploration	ACADEMIC EXPLORATION Continue AP, Dual Enrollment, NEON, internships, leadership, and college or career planning

**WORLD LANGUAGE
GUIDANCE**

Selective colleges strongly recommend sustained world language study. Current Saginaw United offerings include French I–II, Spanish I–II, and Mandarin Chinese I–II. Mandarin Chinese begins in grades 11–12.

**COLLEGE CREDIT &
ENRICHMENT
OPPORTUNITIES**

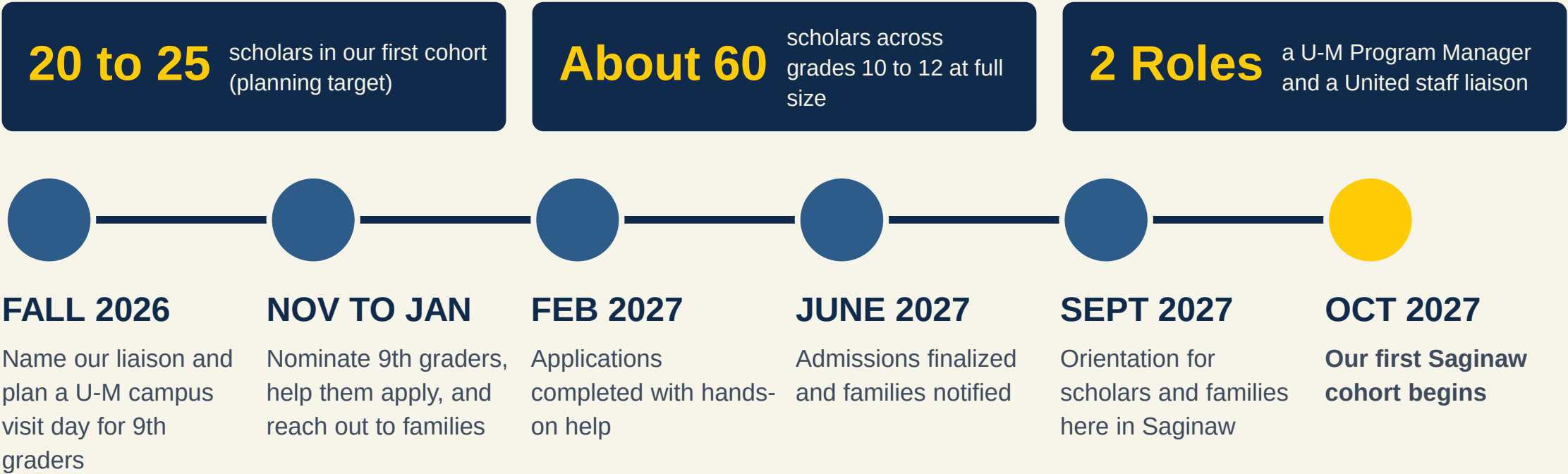
**AP COURSES CURRENTLY OFFERED
AT SAGINAW UNITED:**
AP English Language and Composition,
AP English Literature and Composition,
AP World History, AP African American Studies,
AP Economics, AP Government, AP Precalculus,
AP Environmental Science, and AP Studio Art.

**DUAL ENROLLMENT AND UNIVERSITY
PARTNERSHIP OPTIONS INCLUDE:**
College Composition I and II (Delta College),
American Politics (Delta College), Recent American
History (Delta College), Principles of Biology (Delta College),
Chemistry 102A (SVSU), Fundamentals of Communication
(SVSU), and NEON courses.

RIGOR • OPPORTUNITY • PREPARATION • PURPOSE

RECRUITMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

LAUNCHING OUR FIRST COHORT



MEASURING OUR SUCCESS

01 Expand access

Recruit an initial cohort of 20 to 25 scholars

03 Strengthen college preparation

Participation in AP, dual enrollment, and other advanced coursework

05 Promote sustained engagement

At least 90% participation in WP activities

02 Increase academic readiness

Scholars maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher

04 Build college awareness

Campus visits, academic enrichment, and family engagement

06 Improve postsecondary outcomes

College applications, admissions, scholarship awards, and enrollment

These local goals work alongside the four official Wolverine Pathways goals. Our office will track and report progress each year.



THE ROAD AHEAD

OPENING DOORS FOR SAGINAW UNITED STUDENTS

Expanding opportunity. Raising expectations. Creating pathways to college success.

NEXT STEPS UNDERWAY

Naming our United liaison and conference team

Bringing 9th graders to the Ann Arbor campus

Nominating and supporting our first applicants this winter

Our current 9th graders can become the first Saginaw class of Wolverine Pathways scholars.

APPENDIX

COURSE DETAILS AND ADMISSIONS DATA

A1 Selective College Preparatory Pathway, grades 9 to 12

A2 Academic exploration, world language, and college credit

A3 Where Wolverine Pathways graduates have been admitted

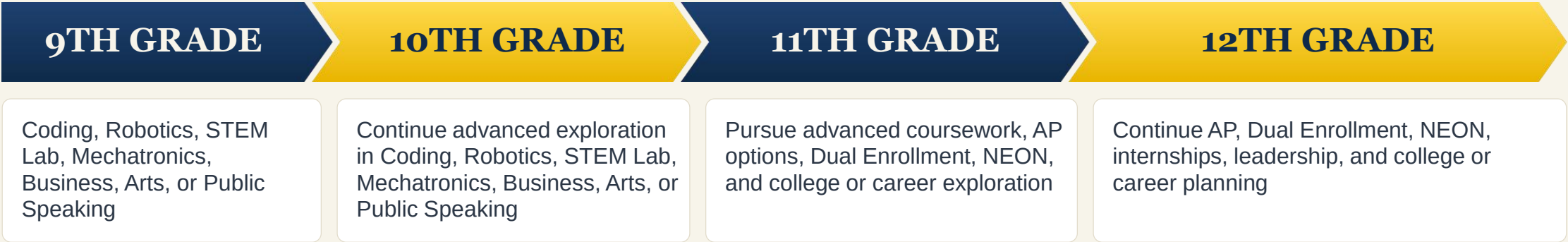
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APPENDIX A2 | SELECTIVE COLLEGE PREPARATORY PATHWAY

EXPLORATION AND COLLEGE CREDIT

ACADEMIC EXPLORATION



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COLLEGE CREDIT & ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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DUAL ENROLLMENT AND UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP OPTIONS

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WHERE WP GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED

IN MICHIGAN

U-M Ann Arbor **416**
U-M Dearborn **381**
Michigan State **271**
Central Michigan **123**
Western Michigan **106**

HBCUS

Howard **59**
Spelman **41**
Clark Atlanta **34**
Florida A&M **28**
Hampton **27**

ACROSS THE NATION

Harvard **5**
Columbia **4**
MIT **3**
Johns Hopkins **3**
Stanford and Yale **2 each**

THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?

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