

PILLAR #2 - COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS



The expansion of course offerings as part of our Blue Streak University (an ongoing initiative) continues in the current academic year. Blue Streak University received approval from Bowling Green State University (BGSU) to include the JOUR 1000 (Introduction to Journalism in a Democratic Society) as one of the College Credit Plus (CCP) courses. Credit will be awarded for that course in Spring 2019. Sandusky High School (SHS) has also forged ahead in moving our students into STEAM career fields with the introduction of two BGSU Chemistry courses for college credit, CHEM 1000 and CHEM 1090. The lab (CHEM 1100) will be awarded college credit for Spring 2019. These courses are taught by BGSU Adjunct Professor Charu Chopra, a welcome addition to Blue Streak University.

The initiative to expand course offerings was sparked with the addition of online courses such as Intro to Psychology, Intro to Sociology, Race and Ethnicity - all of the preceding are primarily through Lorain County Community College (LCCC) - during the 2016-17 academic year. There were also a variety of other courses taught through LCCC and BGSU that students were able to take for the first time last year. For example, some of our students enrolled in a Popular Culture course in the Spring 2018 semester through BGSU. Other efforts that continue to blossom this year include the Career Tech program in Aviation. For example, Andrew Gerold became the first student at SHS to experience a solo flight through the program introduced by Brad Agee.

Another ongoing goal is to expand opportunities for our students to pursue careers in the military. In December 2017, nearly 30 students signed up to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). Our tentative date for the ASVAB this year is Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018.

Through our college and career readiness efforts, we have continued to provide enrichment opportunities for our students to visit colleges. Students had the opportunity to visit three colleges last year, including the University of Akron, the University of Toledo, and Bowling Green State University. The goal this year is to attend at least four, but possibly five colleges/universities.

We will continue administration of Accuplacer testing to students at least twice per year (once for high school students and once for middle school students) in order to determine eligibility for CCP courses. This is an ongoing function of the College and Career Readiness Coach. This practice will continue as identified above.

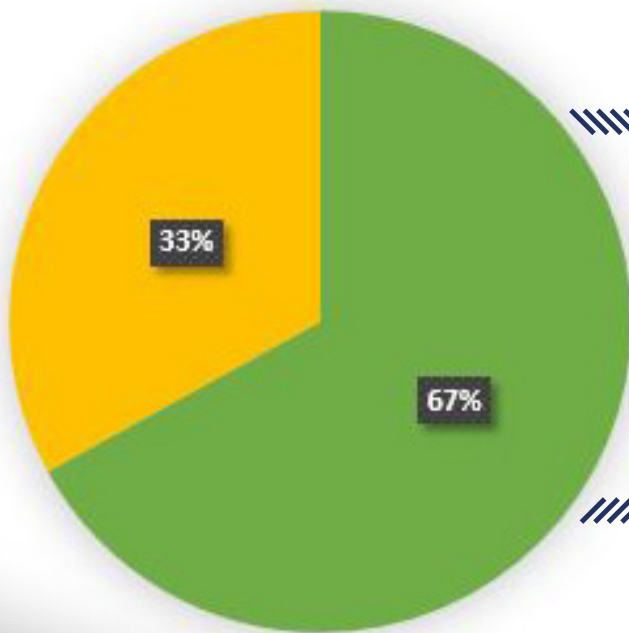
Future goals include:

- 1) Gaining a thorough understanding of how CCP for students in our district is funded and how much of this funding comes from state or federal dollars. This is necessary to help develop strategies to ensure our students are able to maximize the opportunities available as part of the CCP Initiative.
- 2) Expanding the number of students in our district who take full advantage of CCP each year: there are approximately 125 to 130 students enrolled in college courses for the Fall 2018 semester. One aspect of this goal is to help as many of our students as possible to earn at least 30 college credits before graduating from high school. A secondary aim is to help identify students each year who have the greatest potential of earning an associate degree.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Progress in moving our students into STEAM career fields with the introduction of two BGSU Chemistry courses for college credit - CHEM 1000 and CHEM 1090 - and the lab (CHEM 1100), which will be awarded college credit for Spring 2019
- Several courses taught through LCCC and BGSU that students were able to take for the first time last year, such as a Popular Culture course in the Spring 2018 semester, through BGSU



GOAL STATUS:

4/6	Completed	67%
0/6	In Progress	0%
2/6	Not Started	33%