

Expanded Learning Opportunities At Houghton High School

What are expanded learning opportunities? Expanded learning means: the primary acquisition of knowledge and skills through instruction or study outside of the traditional classroom methodology. Houghton High School offers the opportunities through online classes, AP Courses, Career & Technical Education and Dual Enrollment.

Opportunity	Grade Levels	What is it?	Pros	Cons	Recommendations	How do I participate?	Cost	Where can I find more information?										
Online classes	9-12	Taking classes through an online provider as part of a school schedule; most often in the school building, but sometimes at home.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + More choice of classes + Flexibility of scheduling + Ability to work ahead + Ability to work on own time + Available 24/7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lower pass rate and grades compared to HHS - All work is on own - Ability to easily fall behind - Lack of classroom interaction - Lack of classmate help - Technology issues - Potential lag in teacher communication 	Self-motivated students who can work independently and will seek help when needed. Must be able to troubleshoot and problem-solve on own.	Talk to your parents and your counselor. Complete Online Course Application (once). Complete course request (each semester).	Covered by HHS.	www.mivhs.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose orange Courses button. Classes have hyperlinks to additional information. 										
Advanced Placement classes	10-12	Taking college-level classes over the course of a school year rather than during one semester.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Viewed as rigorous schedule option by colleges + In-depth learning + Slower pace than corresponding college course (year vs. semester) + Can earn college credit and/or advanced standing based on test score 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased workload - Challenging reading and content - Credit and/or advanced standing is based on AP test score - Out of class work (lunch labs for Bio and Chem, Writing Center time) 	Students who are willing to put in extra effort and take on a challenging workload.	Talk to your parents, teachers and counselor. Do well in core courses related to AP class. Sign up during scheduling.	Covered by HHS. Exam is approximately \$95. Financial assistance is available.	www.apcentral.collegeboard.com										
Career and Technical Education (CTE)	11-12	Taking career prep classes with an opportunity for certification and/or credits towards college during a 2 class-period block <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td>Automotive</td> <td>Nurse Aide</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Comp Netwk</td> <td>Construction</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Culinary</td> <td>Early Childhood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health Occ</td> <td>Marketing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Welding</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Automotive	Nurse Aide	Comp Netwk	Construction	Culinary	Early Childhood	Health Occ	Marketing	Welding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + In-depth knowledge about topic + Hands-on and/or clinical experiences + Interaction with students from other schools + Certification or college credit possible + Out of school building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional work is expected (HOSA) - Student/family provides transportation, especially with Health Occupation clinicals 	Students with good attendance and a desire to learn in depth about the topic.	Plan early to open your schedule for 2-hour block. Attend school regularly. Sign up during scheduling.	Covered by HHS.	www.copperisd.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose the Career and Technical Education tab.
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Dual Enrollment	9-12	Taking college classes as part of a school schedule during the school year either online or on campus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **Finlandia University **Gogebic Community College **Michigan Technological University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Challenging content + Earn college credit early + Financial assistance from HHS + High school supports still available + Expanded class offerings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More demanding - Student/family provides transportation - Juggling high school and college schedules (in/out) - Cost beyond school aid - Need 5 classes to play HS sports - Figuring out class materials (books) 	Students seeking a challenge and who are willing to work around two academic schedules.	Talk to parents and counselor. Complete application paperwork on time. *Application (once) *Course request (each semester) *Bring letter to college.	The school contributes approximately \$550 for one class. This covers the cost of a 3 credit class at Finlandia and Gogebic and, with a matching grant from MTU, about 2/3 of the cost at MTU.	http://www.finlandia.edu/academic-catalog.html <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Course Schedule • Course Schedules • Programs>Dual Enrollment>Course Offerings 										

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