

Career Pathway Selection

Sussex Academy High School Students and Families:

The State of Delaware requires that all high school students complete 3 credits in a “Career Pathway.” **This is a requirement to receive a State of Delaware diploma.** Courses in a Career Pathway are defined as “pre-planned and sequential... and they help to develop knowledge and skills in a particular career or academic area.” (Title 14, DE Administrative Code, Section 505)

Sussex Academy’s primary goal is for its graduates to pursue a college degree. As such, our Career Pathways likewise are academically focused. Sussex Academy High School offers two Career Pathways: Communications and Math/Science. A student may use his/her Career Pathway to explore career interests or to simply learn more about a particular set of knowledge. *Selecting a particular pathway does not obligate a student to pursue that type of career, but may simply provide a way to explore options and courses of interest.*

Examples of courses that are offered for each pathway are as follows (note: not all courses are offered every year):

<u>Math/Science Pathway</u>	<u>Communications Pathway</u>
Design and Engineering I (1 credit)	Introduction to Communications (½ credit)
Design and Engineering II (1 credit)	Elements of Writing (½ credit)
IB Design Tech SL – year 1 (1 credit)	Print Media I (1 credit)
IB Design Tech SL – year 2 (1 credit)	Print Media II (1 credit)
Honors Physics (1 credit)	Creative Writing (½ credit)
	Newswriting (½ credit)
	Desktop Publishing (½ credit)
	Introduction to Video Production (½ credit)
	World Art (½ credit)
	Photography (½ credit)

Once a Career Pathway is chosen, it is very difficult to change pathways due to scheduling constraints; choose carefully and thoughtfully. Choosing a Career Pathway obligates you to take 3 credits in that pathway before graduating. If you choose to take courses from the Pathway not chosen (schedule permitting), those courses would probably count as electives.

Complete the attached page indicating the Career Pathway chosen by February 2, 2015. If you would like to discuss with Mrs. Fees any questions or concerns that you have, please email (Debbie.Fees@saas.k12.de.us) or call (856-3636).

Career Pathway Selection Form

*Return to homeroom teacher or
Mrs. Fees no later than
February 2, 2015*

Please complete the following information to select your Career Pathway:

Student Name _____

Grade _____

I am selecting the following Career Pathway:
(circle one)

Communications Pathway

Math/Science Pathway

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I acknowledge and support my child's Career Pathway choice:

Parent /Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Print Parent Name _____