

Saddle Brook High School

Option II

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What is Option II?

Option II (N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1 1ii) of the high school graduation requirements allows local school districts to design and/or approve educational experiences that support student achievement in **New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS).**

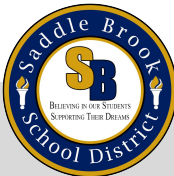
What does this mean for Saddle Brook?

Option II allows SBHS the opportunity to create alternative pathways to meeting NJSLS outside our traditional coursework.



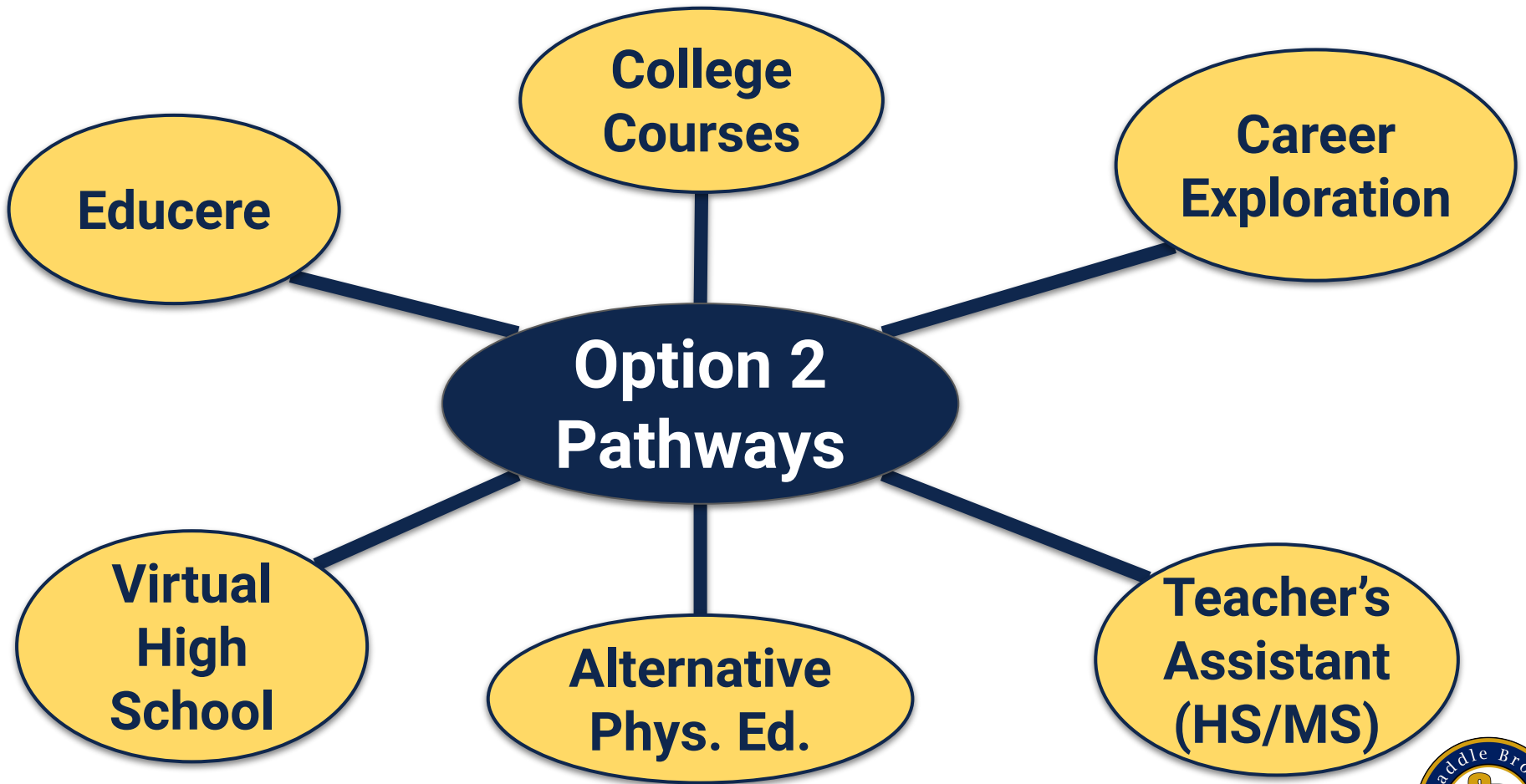
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Option II Pathways





College Courses (Graded)

Students may enroll as non-matriculated students in an accredited college or university courses for both high school and college credits in lieu of a full SBHS schedule.

Example College/Universities:

*Bergen Community College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Montclair State University*

- Must have 3.0 GPA to be accepted.
- Up to 2 College Courses per semester
- One 3-credit college course =
One 5-credit SB course
- Courses will be evaluated for GPA Honors weight



College Courses (Continued)

College Experience on site at Saddle Brook High School Dual Enrollment

Who is this for?

- *Grade 11-12 and Grade 10 on a case by case basis*

Example College/Universities:

*Bergen Community College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Syracuse University*

New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)

- Must have 2.75 GPA to be accepted. *Discretion of participating universities
- Up to 2 College Courses per semester
- One 3-credit college course =
One 5-credit SB course
- Courses will be evaluated for GPA Honors weight



Virtual High School (Graded)

*Any student who wishes to take a course that is not offered at Saddle Brook High School may apply to take a **Virtual High School (VHS)** online course.*

Educere (Graded)

*Any student who needs course credit recovery or would like course advancement can sign up for **Educere**.*

- The courses will be completed **independently**.
- Administration will approve courses on a case by case basis.
- Parent/students are responsible for **registration** and **all costs** associated with VHS & Educere.



Career Exploration Work Based Learning (WBL)

*[formerly Structured Learning Experience (SLE)]

Students who have an interest in exploring a possible future career path may apply for Option II credit in lieu of a full SBHS schedule.

Paid or Unpaid

EXAMPLES: *Shadowing at a Law Firm,
Volunteering at a Hospital, Shadow Teacher
at the Elementary Schools..etc.*

***Each instructional period missed
= 5 weekly hours of career exploration.**

*Maximum
of 2 instructional periods
or 10 credit hours*

Work Based Learning (Continued)

Basic Requirements:

- ✓ *Minimum weekly hours* excluding weekends*
- ✓ *Timesheet log*
- ✓ *Written reflections*
- ✓ *Job-site supervisor evaluations*
- ✓ *Monthly Group meetings with WBL supervisor and Cohort*
- ✓ *Google classroom communication*
- ✓ *Final Project*

Work Based Learning Placements will be reviewed by the WBL supervisor. Students can secure their own placement or have assistance from SB.

Pass/Fail Grading

Students must remain in good academic standing in all their other courses

Students **cannot** use this career exploration to shadow family members.



Teacher's Mentorship- (Pass/Fail)

Students who are interested in supporting a Middle/High School staff member may apply for Option II credit in lieu of one period of their SBHS schedule.

Elementary/Preschool placements can be up to 2 periods of their SBHS schedule.

- TM application does not guarantee a placement.
- Staff have the right to approve or not approve student requests.
- There will be no more than **one** TM assigned per instructional period per teacher.
- *Tomorrow's Teacher Course*
 - ◆ *In order to qualify for a Teacher Mentorship placement students must be registered for the Tomorrow's Teacher DE Course of Study.*
- Monthly reflection meetings with WBL supervisor and/or Tomorrow's Teacher instructor.



Alternative Physical Education (Pass/Fail)

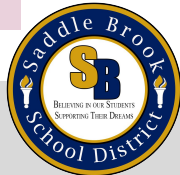
Seniors who are part of a Saddle Brook Varsity sports team, Marching Band, or Color Guard may be eligible to obtain Physical Education (PE) credits in lieu of a PE class period.

Students will inquire/apply through their guidance counselors and be confirmed through the Supervisor of Athletics.

Each completed season will count as a marking period. Health will not be excused.

- Fall sport will be excused **either** MP 1 or 2*
 - Winter sport will be excused **either** MP 2 or 3*
 - Spring sport will be excused **either** MP 3 or 4*
- *depending on health class placement*

If at any moment a student **quits or is **unable to finish a season** they will be immediately returned into a PE class & must complete that marking period in the PE class.*



Alternative Physical Education New

Seniors who are part in competitive athletic programs outside of Saddle Brook High School may be eligible.

May include: Competitive dance, martial arts, swimming, etc.

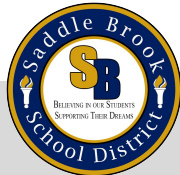
This will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Requirements for ALL Alternate PE students:

- Confirmation of 150 minute participation per week from organization.
- Google Classroom discussions
- Google Classroom assignments
- Log of physical activity
- Final project each marking period on a PE standard



Criteria for Application Approval



Application Requirements

May 15th FOR FALL | December 1st FOR SPRING

ACADEMICS	Students must be in good academic standing and have the required amount of credits for graduation.
ATTENDANCE	Students must be in good standing for attendance. (See <i>Attendance Policy in SBHS Student Handbook</i>). <i>Evaluated on a case by case basis.</i>
DISCIPLINE	Students may not have excessive referrals or in/out of school suspensions from freshman and sophomore years. Students may not have any in/out of school suspensions during their junior year and no more than 5 referrals. <i>Evaluated on a case by case basis.</i>
APPLICATION DEADLINE	No late applications will be accepted.
COMMITTEE REVIEW	All criteria and applications will be reviewed by a committee where final decisions will be made. <i>If approved there will be additional paperwork to be completed.</i>



Student & Parent Responsibilities



Student & Parent Responsibilities*

**Detailed responsibilities
are outlined within the
Option II Booklet*

- All costs & travel arrangements.
- Completion and submission of all paperwork.
- Securing professional credentials of instructors/coordinators/personnel.
- Option II communication will be **in person and virtual**.
 - Students will sign up for google classroom
 - Students must check their school issued emails daily
- **Student's responsibility to maintain academic standing.**
 - Failing 1st & 2nd MP in ANY COURSE will result in removal from Option II
 - Attendance or Disciplinary issues can also result in removal from Option II



DUE
MAY 15th

***A Google Form will be emailed to you by April 1st.**



Questions?

Email ndebonis@sbpsnj.org if you have any questions or require further information.

THANK YOU!



Applications

(Following are screenshots of the different applications. All applications can be accessed from the Option II Student & Parent Handbook on slide 22.)



College Bound Application:

APPLICATION | COLLEGE BOUND

Office Only: Date _____ Received by _____
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STUDENT NAME		GRADE	
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COURSE NAME & COURSE NUMBER	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	COURSE CREDITS	WEIGHT REQUEST* (G/H/AP)

**Weight request is based on the title and course description of the class. Please enter the desired placement. Final placement will be decided by the option II committee. (G = General, H = Honors, AP = Advanced Placement)*



College Bound Application:

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Final approval contingent upon college/university acceptance and course availability.
- Students are encouraged to take a minimum of 1 college course per semester (maximum of 2).
- All costs including transportation and tuition are the responsibility of the student and their parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Saddle Brook High School staff reserves the right to visit, monitor and/or contact the professor and/or appropriate people involved in this program to ensure credibility.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUTHFUL, AND I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE **OPTION II GUIDELINES**.

I agree to use my school issued email for all communication involving option II.

I've attached a written description of why I want to take college courses, what courses I am considering taking, and how they will help me after high school. *(1 paragraph per course - typed)*

I've attached a course description for each of the interested courses above.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE



Career Exploration Application

APPLICATION | CAREER EXPLORATION

Office Only: Date _____
Received by _____

STUDENT NAME		COUNSELOR	
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To BE FILLED OUT BY STUDENT

NAME OF COMPANY	
ADDRESS OF COMPANY	
CAREER EXPLORATION DESCRIPTION:	

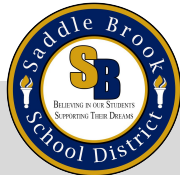
To BE FILLED OUT BY SITE SUPERVISOR

NAME OF SUPERVISOR		WORK EMAIL	
SUPERVISOR'S POSITION		PHONE NUMBER	

BY SIGNING BELOW I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- I ASSURE THAT I AM IN NO WAY RELATED TO THE STUDENT
- I PERMIT SAID STUDENT TO JOB SHADOW AT LEAST 4 DAYS A WEEK DURING SCHOOL HOURS NEXT YEAR
- I WILL ALLOW FOR PERIODIC CHECK-INS FROM OPTION II COORDINATOR WHICH MAY INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO EMAIL AND/OR PHONE CALLS
- I WILL ADHERE TO ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK IF THE APPLICANT IS ACCEPTED

SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE		DATE	
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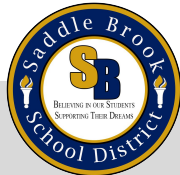
- If job/internship is lost and/or not obtained prior to the start of the school year, placement in the program will be removed
- All costs including transportation are the responsibility of the student and their parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Saddle Brook High School staff reserve the right to visit, monitor and/or contact the appropriate people involved in this program to ensure credibility.
- Administration has final decision on all placements

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I've attached a written description of how the internship and/or job pertains to what I want to do after high school and/or how will these specific skills help me in the future. Please refer to the [NJ Student Learning Standards](#) within your description (*minimum 2 pages - typed*)

STUDENT SIGNATURE		DATE	
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE		DATE	



Teacher's Assistant Application:

APPLICATION | TEACHER'S ASSISTANT (HS/MS ONLY*)

**if you are looking to be a teacher's assistant at the elementary grades, that application falls under "Career Exploration"*

Office Only: Date _____ Received by _____
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STUDENT NAME		GRADE	
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CHOICE*	DESIRED SUBJECTS	DESIRED TEACHERS
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
4th		

*Your top choices are not guaranteed



Teacher's Assistant Application:

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- SBMS/HS faculty have first right of refusal.
- You will be graded on a pass/fail basis by your cooperating teacher.
- Cutting during a TA period will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal.

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I've attached a written description on why I want to be a Teacher's Assistant, what qualifications I have to be a Teacher's Assistant, what I want to do after high school, and how the skills learned will help me in the future (*minimum 1 page - typed*)

STUDENT SIGNATURE		DATE	
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE		DATE	



Click this link to access the handbook which contains all information and applications:

[Option II Student & Parent Handbook](#)

All completed applications need to be emailed to tvioletti@sbpsnj.org by

April 20th.

