

Welcome Class of 2027

Parent/Guardians

Thursday, September 24, 2026



School Counseling Department

Mr. Carlson

Director of Guidance & Health Services

Nancy LeBlanc & Matt Smith

Grade 9 Counselors

Greg Harrison	Terry Henry	Kelly McFadden	Amanda Samaha
Advanced Manufacturing	Business Technology/ Marketing	Carpentry	Cosmetology
Auto Collision Repair & Finishing	Drafting	Electrical	Culinary Arts/Hospitality Management
Automotive Technology	Graphic Communications	HVAC	Design & Visual Communications
Dental Assisting	Health Assisting	Plumbing	Electronics/ Engineering
Metal Fabrication & Joining	Masonry		ISSN/Programming & Web Development
Medical Assisting			





Shawsheen Valley Technical High School
College Planning Checklist
Guidance Department

1. Complete College Applications

o For colleges not using Common App, apply on the college website.

o For Common App schools:

- Create a Common App account.
- Complete the FERPA form.
- Complete Naviance matching.
- ◆ Click [here](#) for the instructions.

o Resources:

- [List of Common App Schools](#)
- [Common App Essay Prompts](#)
- [Materials Required for Common App](#) ■ School &

Counselor Details:

- ◆ [Mr. Harrison](#)
- ◆ [Ms. Henry](#)
- ◆ [Ms. McFadden](#)
- ◆ [Ms. Samaha](#)

2. Request Letters of Recommendation

o Ask recommender in-person at least 3-4 weeks before your first deadline.

o Do not ask for more recommendations than is required.

o After asking in person, you need to submit an electronic recommendation request through your Naviance account.

- Click [here](#) for the instructions.

o Submit a completed [Letter of Recommendation Form](#) to your recommenders.

3. Submit a [Transcript Release Form](#)

o Give the form to your counselor at least 2 weeks before your first admissions deadline.

4. Release SAT Scores from College Board

o Consult your counselor if unsure about taking the SAT or sending scores.

o Check:

- [2026-2027 SAT Test Dates](#)
- [How to send SAT scores](#)

5. Research and Apply for Scholarships

o Use the [Naviance Find & Track Scholarship Reference Guide](#).

6. Apply for Financial Aid with FAFSA

o Watch the video on [Applying for Financial Aid with the FAFSA Form](#).

College and Career Fair

- Thursday, October 22, 2026 6:00-8:00 PM
- Meet representatives from
 - Public and Private Colleges & Universities
 - Technical Institutes
 - Military Branches
 - Unions

***Parents, guardians & 11th & 12th grade students
are encouraged to attend!***





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Financial Aid Night

Thursday, October 29, 2026 6:00-7:30

Presenter: Ashley Goulter

Director of Financial Aid, Lasell University

- Topics Covered
 - Financial Aid Applications
 - Types of Financial Aid
 - Factors that Determine Aid Eligibility
 - How Colleges Determine Amount of Aid to Offer
 - Details of Financial Aid Offers



Military

The ASVAB test is offered at Shawsheen Tech in the spring for Juniors and Seniors.

Military Recruiters visit once per month outside of the cafeteria.



IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES

Oct 29	Financial Aid Night
Oct 30	Senior Photos & Quotes Due
Nov 6	Cap & Gown Orders Due
May 26	Scholarship Night
June 3	Graduation

Cap & Gown ordering information will be shared in the Principal's Update.

Section 3 - Attendance

Unexcused Absences

- More than 12 for the year=Failure for the year
- More than 4 in a term=Failure for the term
- Applies to individual courses (due to unexcused absences, tardies, & dismissals).
- Shop week = follow daily attendance
- Attendance make-up days (max 2 per quarter; 6 per year)

Tardies & Dismissals

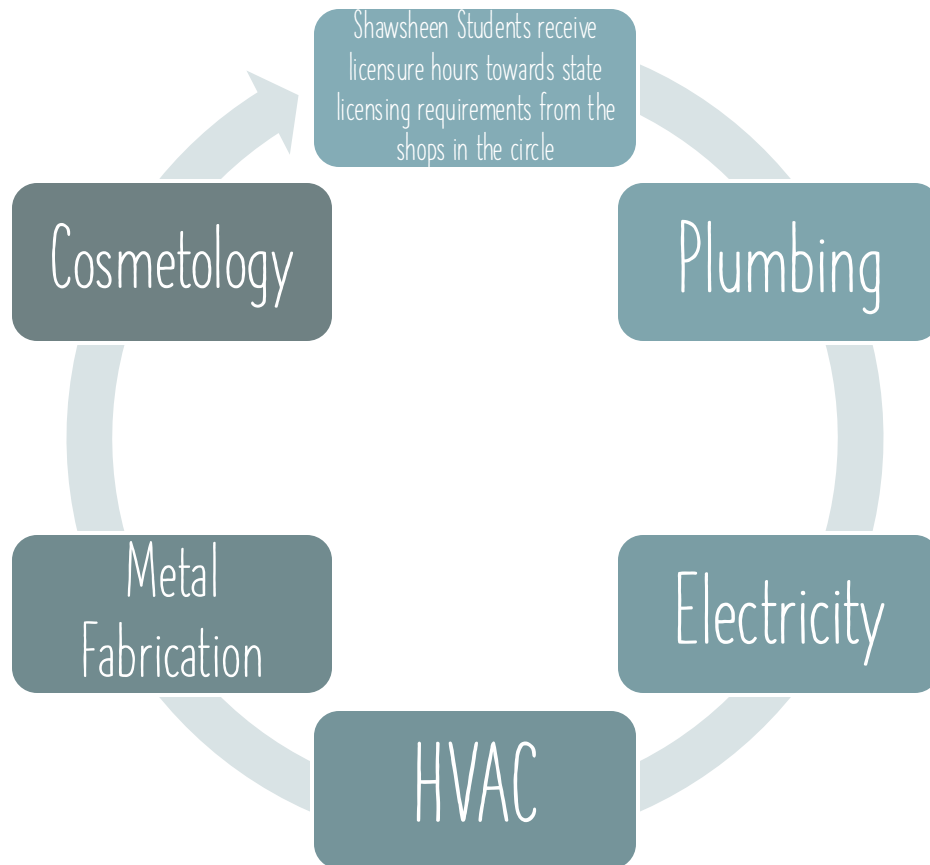
- Detention starting with 6th unexcused tardy
- Detention starting with 6th unexcused dismissal
- Missing a course due to unexcused tardy or dismissal = unexcused course absence



New Cell Phone Policy

- No cell phones/personal electronic devices use during school day (7:25 AM-2:04 PM).
- Students must keep cell phones/electronic devices turned off, stored, and not visible.
- If cell phone/electronic device is confiscated, the following disciplinary actions will follow:
 - 1st offense:
 - Device held at Dean's office until end of day.
 - 1 office detention
 - 2nd and each subsequent offense:
 - Parent/guardian must report to school to pick up device between 7:00 AM-3:00 PM.
 - 1 Saturday detention

Licensure Programs



Cooperative Education Senior-Year Eligibility

1st quarter eligibility based on junior year and 4th quarter of junior year

- **Attendance Requirements**
 - **Maximum of 12 total days absent during junior year with no more than 3 days absent occurring in the 4th quarter**
 - **Maximum combined total of 20 days absent and tardy during junior year with a maximum combined absence and tardy total of no more than 5 days in the 4th quarter.**
- **Grade Requirements**
 - **Minimum of a B- (80%) average in vocational-technical program for both 4th quarter and final grade for junior year.**
 - **Pass all subjects in 4th quarter and final grade for junior year.**
 - **Cumulative average of C- (70%) for related and all academic subjects combined 4th quarter and final grades for junior year.**
- **Recommended by vocational-technical shop teachers & academic teachers.**
- **Verification of completion of 2 years in the vocational-technical program of study.**
- **Students must have taken and successfully complete a 10-hour OSHA Safety Training Program or a 10-hour Career Safe Training Program**

Cooperative Education Senior-Year Eligibility

2nd, 3rd, & 4th quarter eligibility based on previous quarter

- **Attendance Requirements**
 - **Maximum of 3 total days absent during the previous quarter**
 - **Maximum combined absence and tardy total of 5 days**
 - **Minimum of a B- (80%) average in vocational-technical program for previous quarter**
- **Grade Requirements**
 - **Pass all subjects from previous quarter**
 - **Cumulative average of C- (70%) for related and all academic subjects combined for previous quarter**
- **Teacher Recommendations and 2-Year Verification**
- **Recommended by vocational-technical shop, related, and academic teachers**
- **Verification of completion of 2-years in the vocational-technical program of study**
- **Students must have taken and successfully complete a 10-hour OSHA Safety Training Program or a 10-hour Career Safe Training Program**



QUESTIONS?