

Courses graded on a Pass/Fail basis are determined by student fulfillment of the course requirements.

Earning lower than 70% in any college class affects college credentialing and prerequisites. However, students earning 60% - 69% may receive high school credit for the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

Skyward

GLBEC uses <u>Skyward</u> for attendance and grades for all courses. Students and parents will be given a username and password by the start of Fall Semester and are responsible to log into their accounts on a regular basis to check grades and attendance accuracy.

Contact the GLBEC main office at glbec@sisd.cc with issues accessing Skyward.

In addition to having access to grades through Skyward, midterm reports with information about soft skills and credentialing are communicated to parents each semester.

Program Completion

At the end of a student's final year, GLBEC holds a Completion Ceremony where the student will receive the GLBEC completion certificate. At the same time, a student's home high school will be notified to award a high school diploma based on the culmination of work done by a student to fulfill requirements of both the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the GLBEC program requirements.

To earn a high school diploma through GLBEC, students must complete the following:

- Michigan Merit Curriculum (See below)
- College Readiness Curriculum
- A minimum of 15 transferable college credit hours (non-remedial courses)
- Communication 105 (A, B, or C) at SVSU or Communication 108W, 112W, 114W, 202W or an approved Communication course at Delta College specific to a program of study

AND one of the following options:

- 100 hours of verified community service
- A minimum of 40 hours of verified career exploration, internship, job shadowing, or clinical experience
- A combination of the two that equals 70+ hours

Up to 35 hours may be carried over from previous experience with appropriate documentation.



Fulfillment of a high school diploma also fulfills the requirements for the Michigan Early/Middle College Association Technical Certificate (MEMCA) which is a national accredited organization for some early colleges.

The Michigan Merit Curriculum:

As determined by the State of Michigan, The Michigan Merit Curriculum is accomplished through a combination of original high school transcripts, GLBEC course completion, and Delta or SVSU course completions.

Keep in mind that students who earn their high school diploma are ineligible to stay in GLBEC.

Students are expected to stay for their +1 year, completing both High Graduation and GLBEC Program requirements.

Students are encouraged to walk in their home district's graduation ceremony at the end of their twelfth-grade year in addition to participating in the GLBEC ceremony in May of their final year. Walking in a home district ceremony will be celebratory only; students will not receive the diploma at this time. Please check with your home school district regarding their policies concerning graduation. GLBEC provides a cord with our school colors to each senior that they may, if their home school allows it, wear at their graduation. It is the student's cord to keep.

Withdrawal or Failed Courses

In general, GLBEC does not allow students to withdraw from a college or university class.

GLBEC views failure with a growth mindset. On some level, failure allows students to learn from their mistakes. Students who fail a college or university class may have the opportunity to retake a course with approval. Approval must be sought by the student via his or her mentor and will be discussed after demonstration to the GLBEC staff of changes needed to ensure a better outcome. Any student that withdraws from a class without consulting their mentor with final approval from the Program Coordinator will have to repay the costs associated with the course. This rule applies if an instructor drops a student from class due to a lack of attendance and participation.

Transcripts

GLBEC transcripts are ordered electronically using <u>Parchment</u>. Delta College transcripts are ordered at the <u>Registrar's Office</u> in B100 or online; SVSU transcripts are ordered at the <u>Office of the Registrar</u> in Wickes 151 or online and; be advised you will be assessed a fee to receive your University/College transcript.

At the end of each semester, GLBEC will share student information regarding course articulation with participating districts.

In addition, college, honors, AP & IB courses are weighted on a 4.5 scale as is common practice in schools to weight for Honors or AP/IB courses. On the transcript there will be two GPAs listed: unweighted and weighted and weighted are a combination of all high school and college courses.

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