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Linked Learning Pathways at Skyline High

**Skyline PTSA Meeting
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The primary role of College and Career Pathway coach is to **coach** pathway teachers and administrators around the development and improvement of Linked Learning Pathways.



Linked Learning is Oakland's primary high school initiative to support our goal that all students graduate college, career, and community ready.

College and Career Pathways Strengthen Graduation Rates

Of the OUSD class of 2012,

84.2% of students **in pathways** graduated;

58.3% of their peers **not** in pathways graduated.

Scaling College and Career Pathway Participation

By 2020, 100% of Students will Participate in Pathways

2013-14

2017-18

40%



80%





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Definition of a Pathway

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Pathways to Excellence: Definition of OUSD Pathway

“OUSD Pathways consist of a **cohorted group of students** who experience a **sequence of industry themed curricula** that **integrates career and technical education courses, core academic courses, work-based learning opportunities and student support services**. OUSD Pathways are supported by a team of teachers across subject areas and grade levels who collaborate regularly to facilitate student learning. By blending theoretical knowledge with real-world application, OUSD Pathways result in relevant and rigorous personalized educational experiences that inspire students and **prepare them for college, career, and community.**”

(adapted from ConnectEd)

4 Pillars of Linked Learning

1. Rigorous
Academics

3. Work-Based
Learning

2. Career Technical
Education

4. Personalized
Student Support



A OUSD Pathway Must:

- ❑ Provide equitable access to all Oakland students into pathways
- ❑ In grades 10-12, serve 180 (2 cohorts per grade level) or 360 (4 cohorts per grade level)
- ❑ Have a master schedule that provides purity to cohorts allowing for content integration among pathway courses
- ❑ Have teams of teachers working across subject areas and grade levels who share students and have regularly scheduled common planning time to collaborate and plan.
- ❑ Support teacher teams routinely and systematically to analyze student data in order to provide better overall support and planning
- ❑ Provide a culture of teamwork, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity.



A OUSD Pathway Must:

- ❑ Provide rigorous interdisciplinary program of study leading to a culminating performance assessment aligned with the Pathway Student Learning Outcomes and the OUSD Graduate Profile.
- ❑ Integrate career technical education and dual enrollment courses into program of study to support the development of a student's post secondary vision
- ❑ Provide a clear and well articulated continuum of Work Based Learning experiences that develop student competencies and increase in depth as the student progresses through the pathway
- ❑ Provide intensive support services to support both academic and social emotional needs of students.
- ❑ Have personalized student college and career plans integrated into coursework and/or advisory structures.

Skyline's Four Linked Learning Pathways

- Computer Science and Technology Pathway
- Education and Community Health Pathway
- Green Energy Pathway
- Visual and Performing Arts Pathway (1st Year 2016-17)

How Are Skyline Pathways Funded?

What is Measure N?

Measure N is an Oakland Ballot Measure (Nov 2014)

- Designed to:
 - Expand Linked Learning
 - Reduce high school dropout rate through “Real world work & learning opportunities”
 - Expand mentoring, tutoring, counseling and student support services
 - OUSD is meeting these goals through the Linked Learning model
- \$120 per parcel (property tax)
 - Senior / Low income exemption
 - 10 years: 2015-2025
 - No \$ to Sac - all \$ to Oakland Unified
- Some Pathways have other funds such as State Grants (CPA, CTEIG) or Federal Perkins Funds

Skyline's Computer Science and Technology Pathway

- Currently grades 10-12
- 9th Grade Exploring Computer Science Course Open to all Students
- Grant from SAP
- Partnership with Berkeley City College allows students to gain college credits in Computer Science
- [CERTIFIED](#) Linked Learning Pathway (2015)

Skyline's Education and Community Health Pathway

- Currently grades 10-12
- Two strands:
 - Education & Child Development
 - Community Health
- On-site dual enrollment courses in Child & Adolescent Development
- [CERTIFIED](#) Linked Learning Pathway (2012)

Skyline's Green Energy Pathway

- Currently grades 9-12
 - The only Skyline Pathway that encompasses all four grade levels
- On-site dual enrollment opportunities with Laney College
- [CERTIFIED](#) Linked Learning Pathway (2016)

Skyline's Visual and Performing Arts Pathway

- Currently grade 10 only.
 - Next year will be grades 10 & 11.
- Two strands:
 - Visual Arts
 - Performing Arts (Drama, Dance, and Music)
- This is the only Pathway at Skyline that is NOT supported by a CPA Grant ([California Partnership Academy](#) Grant), but it has Measure N Funding

10th Grade Pathway CTE Courses

CTE = Career Technical Education

Education & Community Health

- *Introduction to Education*
- *Introduction to Community Health*

Visual and Performing Arts

- *Introduction to Performance Careers*
- *Illustration*

Computer Science & Technology

- *Computer Science Principles*

Green Energy

- *Sustainability I*

Questions & Answers

What questions do you have about OUSD's move toward Linked Learning or Skyline Pathways?



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