



EXAMINING THE TEACHING PROFESSION

9th – 11th Grade

Shiloh High School

Course Description

The ***Examining the Teaching Profession*** class is the first course in the new Education Pathway offered at Shiloh. The *Examining the Teaching Profession* class is an elective course for freshmen, sophomores and juniors, who are interested in becoming a teacher, counselor, administrator, coach or other professions that require working with children. Students who are seriously considering a career in the field of education or working with young people in various fields will benefit from this class. It helps to explore the many career possibilities and is also designed to help students decide if education is the right career choice for them.

What is the Education Pathway?

The Education Pathway is a series of three courses that build upon one another and eventually lead to a professional teaching internship at one of our feeder schools. Shiloh High School students will have the opportunity to take all three classes in the pathway. Upon successfully completing the courses, an approved portfolio and a proficiency test, students will be allowed to exempt the first semester of the Introduction to Education class at the collegiate level saving hundreds of dollars and valuable college time.

What is covered in the 1st course “Examining the Teaching Profession”?

Students will study, apply and practice the use of current technologies, effective teaching and learning strategies, the creation of an effective learning environment, the creation of instructional opportunities for the diverse learners and students with special needs, and plan instruction based on knowledge of subject matter, students, community, and curriculum performance standards. The following units will be studied:

- Career Path Analysis
- History of Public Education
- Professional Educational Practices
- Effective Teaching Methods/Learning Environments
- Diverse Learners
- Strategies for Reaching All Learners
- Instructional Planning
- Assessment Standards
- Parent Involvement
- Peer teaching/Classroom observations

Who can take this class?

Anyone with a sincere interest in working with children or exploring the field of education is allowed to sign up for the class. With successful completion of this class and excellent recommendations, students will be allowed to go on and take the other courses in the Education Pathway such as ***“Contemporary Issues in Education”*** for 10th - 12th graders and/or ***“Teaching as a Profession Internship”*** for 11th and 12th graders.

If the ***Examining the Teaching Profession*** class interests you, choose it for one of your elective classes and start your exploration of a career in Education! Working with students of all ages can be quite rewarding!!