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Ross Beatty Jr/Sr High School

Cassopolis Public Schools

Profile 2019-2020

Mission

To ensure that all students achieve the educational and life skills necessary to be successful in today's ever-changing society.

School and Community

Ross Beatty Jr/Sr High School is set in a historic, rural setting that offers students a diverse learning experience. Spanning 138 square miles, Cassopolis Public Schools serves the educational needs of this area. The district enjoys a diversified economic base with a village population of about 1700 residents. Currently, the district consists of one junior/senior high school, one elementary school, and one alternative high school program. Ross Beatty Jr/Sr High School is a comprehensive public school serving students in grades 7 through 12.

Enrollment

Of the 389 students enrolled at Ross Beatty Jr/Sr High School, 61 are in the senior class. Approximately 62% of all students are Caucasian, 25% are African American, 6% are Asian, 6% are Hispanic, and 1% are American Indian.

Academic Program

Ross Beatty Jr/Sr High School is a New Tech Network school striving to incorporate project-based learning in which students master academic content through application in solving real-world problems. Students use technology to complete group projects and individual assignments as they would in a professional work environment. Courses are taught by paired teachers who integrate subject content to create rigorous projects that are both standards-based and relevant to students' lives. The goal of structuring a school in this way is to explicitly teach students the skills necessary to succeed in the 21st century such as collaboration and teamwork, work ethic, media literacy, written and oral communication, critical thinking, and time management.

Counseling Office Philosophy

The Counseling Office at Ross Beatty Jr/Sr High School believes in providing the resources necessary to help every student achieve their academic and career goals. This is done by providing students with the counseling essential for dealing with matters of all kinds, including personal, academic, social and familial.

Class of 2019 Continuing Education

Of the 64 graduates of the Class of 2019, 66% left with plans to pursue postsecondary education. 28% will be attending a 4-year university, 36% will be attending a 2-year college or vocational school, and 2% have enrolled with the military.

School Schedule

The Ross Beatty school year consists of 2 semesters of approximately 18 weeks each. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, courses are taught in a blend of block and traditional scheduling.

Special Programs

Students at Ross Beatty Jr/Sr High School have the opportunity to participate in dual enrollment at local community colleges, online courses through Edmentum, and career and technical education courses at the Van Buren Technology Center. In addition, starting with the class of 2021, students have the opportunity to participate in the Cassopolis 5th Year Early/Middle High School program.

Advanced Placement Courses

Currently, Ross Beatty Jr/Sr High School is running one Advanced Placement course, AP English Literature. Students can request other AP courses through online options.

Class of 2020 Standardized Testing Results

The Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) is the state assessment given to students in Grade 11 in the spring. The M-STEP consists of the SAT college entrance examination, the ACT WorkKeys job skills assessments, and Michigan assessments in math, science, and social studies.

<u>Average SAT Score</u>	<u>RBJ/SHS / State</u>
Total SAT Score	918 / 985
Reading and Writing	467 / 495
Mathematics	452 / 489

School Grading System

Ross Beatty Jr/Sr High School uses a weighted grading scale for Advanced Placement and core dual enrollment courses. The grading scale is as follows:

<u>Score</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Non-Weighted</u>	<u>Weighted</u>
93-100	A	4.00	5.0
90-92	A-	3.667	4.667
88-89	B+	3.333	4.333
83-87	B	3.0	4.0
80-82	B-	2.667	3.667
78-79	C+	2.333	3.333
73-77	C	2.0	3.0
70-72	C-	1.667	2.667
68-69	D+	1.333	2.333
63-67	D	1.0	2.0
60-62	D-	0.667	1.667
0-59	F	0	0

Graduation Requirements

Students must fulfill the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) requirements, complete elective/career pathway credits, complete 30 hours of community service, and take all three components of the Michigan Merit Exam in order to earn a diploma from Ross Beatty Jr./Sr. High School.

Co-Curricular Activities

Athletic opportunities available at Ross Beatty Jr/Sr High School include the following: Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Cross-Country, Cheerleading, Basketball, Wrestling, Golf, Baseball, Softball, and Track.

Club opportunities available at Ross Beatty Jr/Sr High School include the following: Drama Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Student Senate, Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, Yearbook, Band, Robotics, Future Farmers of America, National Honor Society, and Educational Talent Search.

**Ross Beatty Jr/Sr High School Course Offerings
Available to Class of 2020**

All courses are 1 credit unless otherwise stated

Required Courses:

English – 4 Credits Required

English 9/Honors English 9
English 10/Honors English 10
English 11/Honors English 11
English 12
AP English Literature

Math – 4 Credits Required

Pre-Algebra
Algebra 1 (Required)
Geometry (Required)
Algebra 2 (Required)
Business Math
Accounting

Social Studies – 3 Credits Required

World History
US History
Economics - .5 credit
Civics - .5 credit

Science – 3 Credits Required

Biology (Required)
Chemistry or Physics (Required)
Earth Science
Agriculture Biology 1 and 2
Agriculture Leadership
Animal Science
Veterinary Science
Forensic Science/Genetics
Food Science

Physical Education – 1 Credit Required

Health - .5 Credit
Personal Fitness - .5 Credit
Weight Training - .5 Credit
Advanced Weight Training - .5 Credit

Visual, Performing, Applied Arts – 1 Credit Required

Fulfilled by any course from Art or Music Department, in addition to some English electives and CTE programs.

World Language – 2 Credits Required

French 1
French 2
Spanish 1

Elective Course Offerings:

Art Department (all .5 credit)

Art 1
Painting
Drawing
Ceramics
3-D Art

Business Department

Information Technology
Intro to Social Media/Web Page Design
Small Business Management
Business Management Technology

English Department

Public Speaking & Debate
Drama
News Broadcasting
Yearbook

Music Department

Band
Jazz Band

Social Studies Department

Law and Order - .5 credit
Psychology - .5 credit
Sociology - .5 credit

World Language Department

French Culture

Outside Course Offerings:

Dual Enrollment course options
Van Buren Technology Center courses
Edmentum online courses