

STEPHEN T. BADIN HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOLAR LEADER ACADEMY

2026-2027



Badin High School - Scholar Leader Academy's mission is to profoundly shape the way our top students THINK, ACHIEVE, SERVE, and LEAD.

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WELCOME

SCHOLAR LEADERS



IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Throughout the school year, Scholar Leader Academy students attend focus meetings, field trips, monthly seminars, engage in career exploration, participate in volunteer opportunities, and challenging academic coursework. Following a cohort model, Scholar Leader Academy students will be part of smaller learning communities fostering superior academic performance, a comprehensive understanding of a variety of careers, and leadership development.

WHY SCHOLAR LEADER ACADEMY



This four year program is a challenging and rewarding experience that will prepare students for college and beyond. The idea behind this academically rigorous program is to cultivate the principles that Badin students can do hard things, embody grit, prioritize academics, and encompass college readiness skills, with an understanding of possible careers to pursue, post high-school. Scholar Leader Academy students take courses that are not just academically challenging but meet graduation requirements, and possibly earning college credit. In addition to being challenged academically, students have opportunities to explore career pathways, network with professionals in various fields, participate in seminars, attend field trips, with the hope of grasping an understanding of what their post-high school pathway may look like.



REQUIREMENTS & CRITERIA



1. Prior to the school year beginning, a \$60 fee will be charged to each student's FACTS account for the Scholar Leader Academy Program.
2. Maintain at least 4.0 weighted cumulative GPA
3. Scholars are required to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) during their junior year
4. Attend all Scholar Leader Academy grade/cohort Focus Meetings, seminars, activities, panels etc.
5. Meet all the graduation requirements for Badin High School students
6. Complete Honors level core classes during their freshman and sophomore years
7. Students must have good attendance and follow all policies highlighted in the Badin High School Handbook
8. Meet deadlines for correspondences with Ms. Noelker, Cohort Teachers, and Cohort Student Leaders
9. Participate in Scholar Leader Academy sponsored events, activities, and assignments throughout the school year

Failure to meet these requirements may result in a scholarship hearing/meeting, academic probation, loss of scholarship, and/or dismissal from the Scholar Leader Academy.

SCHOLAR LEADER ACADEMY TIMELINE

Freshman Year	SLA Freshmen members work through a series of interactive surveys and inventories during their Freshmen Focus Day. Students become more aware of what careers best fit their personality and learning style. SLA Freshmen will have four Focus Meetings to attend during the school year. These Focus Meetings will expose freshmen to all different career clusters. In March, Freshmen will complete their SLA Application and Career Cluster Cohort invitations will be sent out in April.
Sophomore Year	SLA Sophomores are invited into a specific career cluster cohort based on their current academic performance and SLA application. Sophomore Year Selection Criteria: SLA: Business and Government Administration - Freshman's average grades in World History and H English 1 are 90% or higher by midterm SLA: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math - Freshman's average grades in H Biology, H Algebra 1, and H Geometry are 90% or higher by midterm SLA: Health Sciences - Freshman's average grades in H Biology, H Algebra 1, and H Geometry are 90% or higher by midterm SLA: Communications and Arts - Freshman's average grades in World History and H English 1 are 90% or higher by midterm Other Requirements - Completion of the Freshmen Focus Day - Placement into Honors classes - Completion of the Scholar Leader Academy Cohort Application After the student selects their cohort, SLA sophomores will begin to build on their specific career cluster section of their Scholar Leader Academy Portfolio.
Junior Year	SLA Juniors attend cohort specific Focus Meetings and continue to work on their Scholar Leader Academy Portfolio. SLA Juniors are offered leadership opportunities within their SLA cohorts and potentially Scholar Leader Academy Leader Board positions.
Senior Year (does not include Class of 2026)	SLA Seniors attend cohort specific Focus Meetings and begin finalizing their Scholar Leader Academy Portfolio. SLA Seniors are expected to assist in leading/planning future SLA Focus Meetings and events. At the end of their Senior Year, Scholar Leaders will present their portfolios.

OUR TEAM



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Admin

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