



Rising 9th Grade Parent Night

“Excellence our tradition, diversity
our strength, success our mission”

Sara Fetterman, Principal



Tonight's Plan

- People to Know
- Grades, Promotion and Graduation Requirements
- Advance Placement Course Information
- Course Registration Information
- Success in High School



Administration



- Ms. Sara Fetterman, Principal
- Ms. Nathan Autry, AP
- Mr. Phil Henderson, AP
- Dr. Jeff Hutson, AP
- Ms. Ann Nemeck, AP
- Dr. Richmond Parker, AP
- Ms. Erin Smith, SSA
- Natasha Beemon, Advanced Placement Coordinator
- Misty Hawk, 9th Grade Counselor
- Rachelle Denison, Scheduling Clerk

Graduation Requirements



Math	4 Credits
Science	4 Credits
English	4 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits

CTAE, Fine Arts, or World Language	3 Credits
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Health/Personal Fitness	1 Credit
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Electives	4 Credits
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Graduation = Minimum

23 Credits

Promotion Requirements



Promotion to 10th

5 Credits: must include **1** credit in **English, Math, and Science**

Promotion to 11th

10 Credits: must include **2** credits in **English, Math and Science**

Promotion to 12th

16 Credits: must include **2** credits in **English, Math and Science**

Athletic Eligibility



- All 9th Grade students are eligible in the first semester of their 9th grade year.
- Students must earn at least 2.5 credits the semester immediately preceding participation.
- Please speak with the head coach to understand more concerning eligibility to participate beyond your first year in high school.

STUDENT SUPPORT

- After school tutoring twice weekly
 - Core courses only
- Academic Opportunity (AO)
 - Once a week during / class
 - Opportunity for academic enrichment and
- Academic Coach
- School Counselors



SHS Schedule

High School Schedule – 4x4 Block

- 8 classes each year – 4 each semester
 - Students need minimum of 23 credits to graduate – 4x4 allows for 32 credits.
 - Allows for additional career tech pathways, AP classes, fine arts, world languages, academy participation, early graduation and/or dual enrollment.
- Each class is 90 minutes in length
 - Allows for labs, projects, etc.
- Students can concentrate on 4 classes per semester; compared to 7 on a traditional schedule

SHS Bell Schedule

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

- 1st Block 8:20 AM - 9:49 AM
- 2nd Block 9:54 AM - 11:23 AM
- 3rd Block 11:28 AM - 1:56 PM includes Lunch and Study Hall
- 4th Block 2:01 PM - 3:30 PM

- Academic Opportunity (AO)

- An enrichment and remediation time in each class
- Once per week for 30 minutes

- Advisement

- At the beginning of each semester
- Not a regularly scheduled class
- Held when needed.

SHS Sample Schedule

Fall Semester (Aug-Dec)	Spring Semester (Jan- May)
English	Math
Science	Social Studies
Weight Training	Theater Fundamentals
Intro to Culinary Arts	Marketing

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Fall Semester (Aug-Dec)	Spring Semester (Jan- May)
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Science	Social Studies
Band	Band
Foreign Language 2	Foreign Language 3

WORLD LANGUAGE



Fall Semester (Aug-Dec)	Spring Semester (Jan-May)
	Spanish I
*Spanish II	Spanish III
	French I
*French II	French III

Spanish is offered through Spanish 8 with the additional courses of AP Spanish Language and AP Spanish Literature.

French is offered through French 5.



CORE RECOMMENDATIONS

English:

9th Literature or Honors 9th Literature

Math:

Foundations of Algebra/Algebra 1, Honors Algebra 1,
or Honors Geometry

Science:

Honors Biology, Biology or Environmental Science
(and *AP Environmental Science)

Social Studies:

World Geography or AP Human Geography

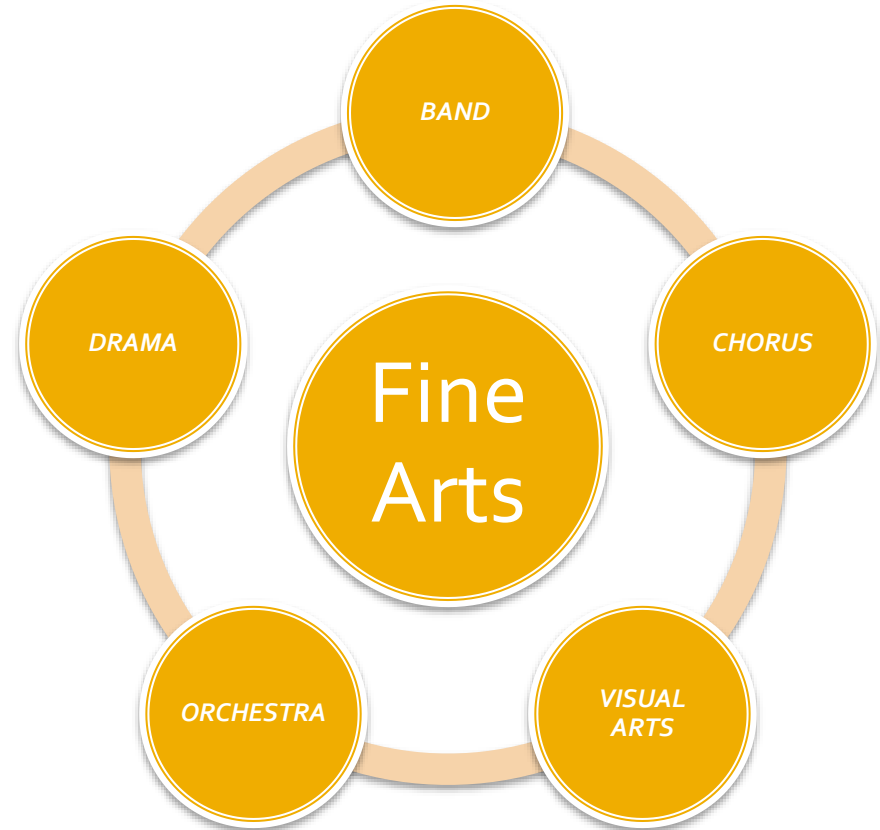
ELECTIVES – Career Tech & PE

Career & Technology

- *Cosmetology*
- *Culinary Arts*
- *Marketing*
- *Broadcast Video*
- *Graphic Arts*
- *Electronics*
- *Healthcare Science*
- *Computer Science*
- *Naval Science ROTC*

Physical Education

- *Team Sports*
- *Weight Training*
- *Health/Personal Fitness*



Scholar Academies – STEM & ISLA

- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)
- International Spanish Language Academy (ISLA)

Academy coordinator will make sure your student's schedule meets academy requirements.

Fine Arts and PE Notes

- Band, Orchestra and Chorus placement will be made by our Sprayberry Fine Arts teachers
- Health/Personal Fitness
 - Required for Graduation
 - 3 credits of JROTC will serve as a replacement for Health/Personal Fitness
- Weight training for athletes scheduled by coaches – under a special course name.
 - Physical Conditioning/Advanced Physical Conditioning
 - Exercise Wt. Control/Advanced Exercise Wt. Control

Advanced Placement Program

- Advanced Placement enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies — with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement or both — while still in high school.
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam can typically earn student's college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.

2024

- AP Access and Support School
- AP Schools of Distinction
- AP Humanities School
- AP Humanities Achievement School
- AP STEM School



AP Courses for 9th Grade Students

- AP Courses for 9th Grade Students: Any student who is academically prepared and motivated to take on college-level courses.
 - AP Environmental Science (STEM Academy students only)
 - AP Human Geography

AP Courses Offered

Capstone

AP Research
AP Seminar

Arts

AP Studio Art: 2-D Design AP Studio Art: 3-D Design Studio
Art: Drawing

English

AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition

Languages & Cultures

AP French Language and Culture
AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP Spanish Literature and Culture

Humanities

AP Art History
AP European History
AP Human Geography
AP Macroeconomics
AP Psychology
AP US Government & Politics
AP United States History
AP World History: Modern

STEM

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics
AP Computer Science
AP Precalculus

SHS School Counselors



- Ms. Lea Ponticelli
- Ms. Misty Hawk
- Ms. Crystal Jordan
- Ms. Molly Hanson
- Dr. Tammy White

****Once your student is promoted to 9th grade, he or she will be assigned to one of the SHS counselors.****

SHS Counseling Website and Social Media

- Stay up to date on what is going on in the counseling office!

www.SprayberryCounseling.com



@SHScounseling



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Role of the Counselor

- Through core classroom lessons, small groups and individual sessions we assist with:
 - Academic Planning
 - Career and College exploration
 - Social/emotional situations

Small Groups

- We offer a variety of small groups
 - 9th grade support
 - Senior college application support
 - Stress management

Individual Meetings

- Students are encouraged to schedule a meeting with their assigned counselor
- We schedule meetings M-F from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- We also meet with students as needed in emergency situations

Other Counseling Events

- Large Group Activities
 - Bridge Bill Requirements
 - Apply to College Day
 - FAFSA Event (Financial Aid)
 - Academic Signing Day
 - Financial Aid Night
 - Senior Day at Chatt Tech
 - GSU Day
 - Undecided Senior Day

Naviance

- A college and career preparation tool to support your student all through high school
- Access personality tests, resume, career pathways and goal setting and college/career planning
- Each year students will complete a different activity in Naviance
- 12th- send all college supporting documents

Success in High School

- 9th grade is a pivotal year for a student's high school career
 - Sets the foundation for their GPA

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- Come to school regularly
- Be in class on time
- Have your materials
- Pay attention in class
- Complete and submit assignments
- Make up work when absent
- Check your grades

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

- Review and preview notes
- Attend tutoring
- Communicate with teacher (student)
- Take detailed notes
- Study nightly
- Keep a calendar
- Stay organized

What to do right now?

- Check to ensure that the student's core classes are in the upper portion of the document
- All students should have Math, Science, English, and Health/Personal Fitness.
- Other included courses: World Language, Social Studies, NJROTC, and Fine Arts.
- Verify that all elective choices are a course that the student is willing to take

Example Course Request

✕	Line	Info	Course ID	Course Title	Term Preference	Repeat Tag	Pre-Req Not Required
■	1		23.0610011	9th Lit/Comp Y	▼	▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
■	2		26.0120003	H Biology I Y	▼	▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
■	3		27.0990023	GSE Algebra I Y	▼	▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
■	4		36.0580099	Health and Personal Fitness Combined Y	▼	▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
■	5		45.0770095	AP Human Geography Y	▼	▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
■	6		50.0313099	Vis Arts: Draw & Paint I Y	▼	▼	<input type="checkbox"/>

Alternates for Electives

Chooser

✕	Line	Info	Priority	Course ID	
■	1		1	21.4520099	Found of Electronics Y
■	2		2	11.4150099	Intro to Digital Technology Y
■	3		3	36.0210099	Intro Team Sports Y
■	4		4	36.0540099	Weight Train Y
■	5		5	10.5181099	Audio and Video Technology and Film Y
■	6		6	08.4740099	Marketing Principles Y

Changing Courses

- **Academic Course - Teacher Recommended**
 - If you would like to waive up or down in a course: This can be done on-line through the Add/Drop Form. You can only waive up or down 1 level.
- **Elective Courses**
 - Your student selected these courses.
 - Changes can be made on the Add/Drop Google Form.
 - If they were late in submitting the original form, electives were chosen for them.

ADD/DROP Form can be found on the SHS Website

Registration Information

- Add/Drop Period: March 6 – 10
- Final Schedules Released:
 - Schedules will be available in StudentVue in July 2024. We will notify students through the school website.
 - When final schedules are released, students should:
 - Verify that there are 4 core classes and that academics are evenly distributed throughout the year
 - No elective changes will be made after the add/drop period

Important Considerations

- **Changes may occur to a student's schedule in the summer**
 - Teachers may leave
 - Classes may be collapsed
- **You know your child**
 - Teachers make recommendations based on class performance.
 - You know your child's stress level and after school commitments
- **Get involved**
 - Parents and Students
- **NewBeez**
 - 9th Grade Orientation
 - July 29, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
 - Events for both Students and Parents
 - Tour and final schedule will be provided
 - Clubs will be represented

Add/Drop Form

Add/Drop Form Link:

<https://forms.gle/fhNaJRS3kb7Ui2YK9>



**Remember! Any changes are
due by March 13!**

**We will post this presentation on
our website.**



If you would like to see course
descriptions, please visit

<http://www.sprayberrycounseling.com>

and click on the Course Selection link
on the Academics tab

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