

Rising 9th Grade Parent Night

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

Dr. David Church, Principal



TONIGHT'S PLAN



- People to Know
- Grades, Promotion and Graduation Requirements
- Advance Placement Course Information
- Course Registration Information
- Counseling Information
- Construction Updates



ADMINISTRATION



- Dr. David Church, Principal
- Dr. Nathan Autry, Athletic Director
- Ms. Amber Garlin, AP
- Dr. Tonya Polk, AP
- Mr. Phil Henderson, AP
- Dr. Richmond Parker, AP
- Ms. Erin Smith, SSA
- Ms. Clennan, Advanced Placement Coordinator

GRADING SCALE AND CREDITS



Numeric	Letter
100-90	A
89-80	B
79-74	C
73-70	D
69-0	F

A grade of 70 or higher is considered passing and credit is awarded.

Subject	Credits
English	4.0
Math	4.0
Science	4.0
Social Studies	3.0
CTAE/Fine Arts/World Language	3.0
Health & Personal Fitness	1.0
General Electives	4.0
TOTAL	23.0

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS



Promotion to 10th

5 Credits: must include **1.0** credit in **English, Math, and Science**

Promotion to 11th

10 Credits: must include **2.0** credits in **English, Math and Science**

Promotion to 12th

16.0 Credits: must include **2.0** 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
- Buzz Block
 - Every Wednesday
 - Opportunity for academic enrichment and remediation
- School Counselors
 - Academic Planning/Social/Emotional Support





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 (December) 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 – 10:05 AM
- 2nd Block 10:12 AM - 11:42 AM
- 3rd Block 11:49 AM - 1:49 PM includes Lunch
- 4th Block 1:57 PM - 3:30 PM

- Buzz Block

- Once a week, on Wednesdays (between 1st and 2nd Block) for 40 minutes
- Placed based on academic need, or students select enrichment activities

- Advisement/Homeroom

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

SHS SAMPLE SCHEDULES



Fall Semester (Aug-Dec)	Spring Semester (Jan-May)
English	Math
Science	Social Studies
Weight Training	Theater Fundamentals
World Language	World Language

Fall Semester (Aug-Dec)	Spring Semester (Jan-May)
English	Math
Science	Social Studies
Band or Orchestra	Band or Orchestra
Intro to Healthcare	Intro to Culinary Arts

CORE RECOMMENDATIONS



English:

Lit./Comp. I or Honors Lit./Comp. I

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

CAREER TECH, FINE ARTS & PE

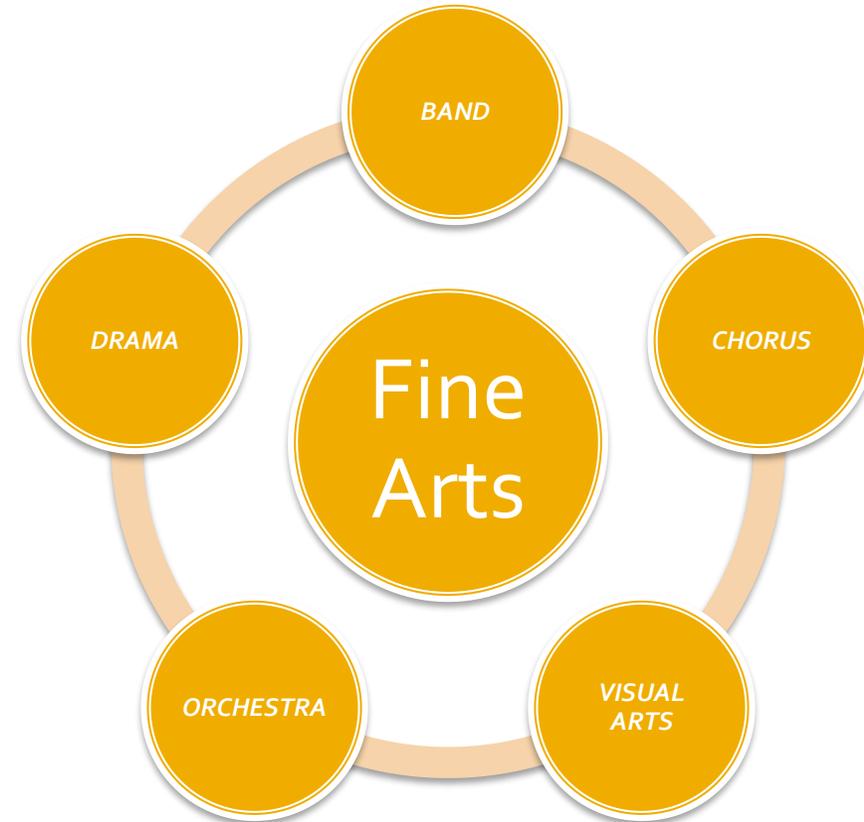


Career & Technology

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

Physical Education

- *Team Sports*
- *Weight Training*
- *Health/Personal Fitness (Graduation Requirement)*



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
 - 3.0 credits of JROTC can 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

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.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM



- Advanced Placement (AP) 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.

2025

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



AP COURSES FOR 9TH GRADE



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

AP COURSES WE OFFER (28)



Capstone:

- AP Research
- AP Seminar

Art:

- AP 2-D Art & Design
- AP 3-D Art & Design
- AP Drawing

English:

- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition

Language & Culture:

- AP French Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture

Humanities:

- AP African American Studies
- 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

Mathematics:

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Precalculus
- AP Statistics

Science:

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics 1
- AP Computer Science A

SOCIAL STUDIES

INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES



- 9 AP opportunities. Our Social Studies AP courses routinely have averages above both the state and global score mean.
- Model United Nations.
- Rho Kappa

AP African American Studies
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



SCIENCE INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES



- 8 Science Elective options-including 4 AP's
- Science Clubs and Competitions
 - National STEM Honor Society
 - Gardening Club
 - Science Olympiad
 - Plant the Moon Challenge-Winner of 6 international awards
 - Build the Moon Challenge (new this year!)
- STEM Academy Connections and Enrichments

Forensics	AP Biology
Anatomy	AP Chemistry
Zoology	AP Environmental Science
Astronomy	AP Physics

WORLD LANGUAGES INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES



- Spanish I-VIII, AP Spanish Literature and AP Spanish Language
- Spanish for Natives
- French I-VI

- Clubs and Organizations
 - Spanish Honor Society
 - French Honor Society
 - HoPe
 - Brazilian Club
 - French Club

- ISLA (International Spanish Language Academy)
 - Biliteracy Seal
 - International Skills Diploma Seal



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

✕	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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



- Add/Drop Period: March 6 – 27, 2026
- Final Schedules Released:
 - Schedules will be available in StudentVue in July 2026. We will notify students through CTLS Parent.
 - 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 SCHEDULING CONSIDERATIONS



- **Changes may occur to a student's schedule in the summer**
 - Teachers may leave, classes may be collapsed, etc.
- **You know your child**
 - Teachers make recommendations based on class performance, work ethic, etc.
 - You know your child's stress level and after school commitments
- **Get involved**
 - Parents and Students – CTLS & StudentVUE/ParentVUE
- **NewBeez: 9th Grade Orientation**
 - July 29th 2026, 6:30 pm
 - Events for both students and parents
 - Tour building and final schedule will be provided
 - Clubs will be represented

COURSE CHANGE REQUEST



- **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 Form.
 - If they were late in submitting the original form or do not make selections, electives will be chosen for them.

ADD/DROP Form can be found on the SHS Website

REQUEST VERIFICATION (DROP/ADD)



2026-2027 COURSE REQUEST
VERIFICATION



- Drop/Add Form QR Code
- Direct Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Rtv6hiPHQ8>
- Deadline 3/20

REQUEST VERIFICATION (DROP/ADD)



**REMEMBER: ANY SCHEDULE CHANGE
REQUEST ARE DUE BY MARCH 20TH!**

**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 *Elective Course Description* link on the *Course Selection* tab
under *More*

SHS SCHOOL COUNSELORS



- Mrs. Lea Beshears
- Mrs. Misty Hawk
- Ms. Crystal Jordan
- Dr. Tammy White



All SHS students are assigned a school counselor based on their last name.
Caseloads are updated every July.

ROLE OF THE COUNSELOR



- Individual Meetings
- Large Group Activities
 - Classroom Lessons(All Grades, 2xsemester)
 - Junior Advisement
 - Apply to College Day
 - Financial Aid Night/FAFSA Event
 - Academic Signing Day
 - Undecided Senior Day
- 504 Coordination
- Dual Enrollment Facilitation

School Counseling

CCSD School Counselors implement comprehensive school counseling programs that strive to have an impact on student growth in three intertwined and equally important areas of development:

ACADEMIC



School counselors enhance student engagement and performance by giving students the opportunity to develop academic goals reflecting the abilities and academic interests and to access appropriate rigorous relevant coursework and experiences.

COLLEGE AND CAREER

Through collaboration with stakeholders, school counselors ensure that all students select a post secondary path to productive citizenry appropriate for the student.



SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL



Using their specialized training in helping students with social/emotional issues, school counselors deliver classroom instruction, small group counseling, and individual interventions directed at improving student well being.

STAY CONNECTED



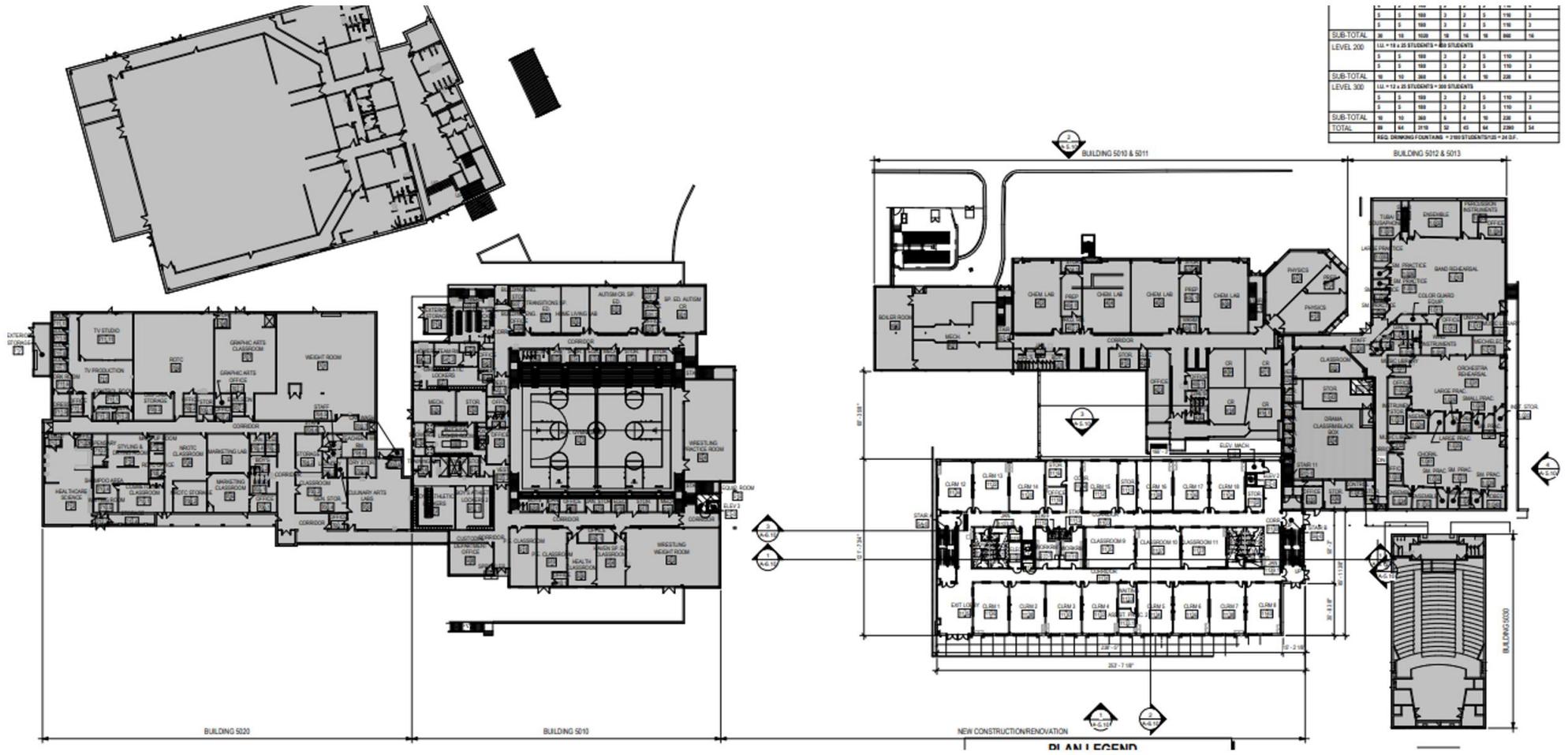
Resources at your fingertips via the SHS
Counseling Website:

www.SprayberryCounseling.com

Linktree*



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



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SPRAYBERRY'S CLASS OF 2030



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Scheduling & Curriculum

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Preview: @7:30 in Sprayberry Theatre!!