SOUTH POINTE HIGH SCHOOL 11TH GRADE PRE-IGP MEETING

School Counseling Department

MEET OUR TEAM

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IGP MEETING AGENDA

In your IGP meeting we will discuss:

- ❑ Grades/Academic Progress & Attendance

- ❑ Post-Secondary Plans & Next Steps

- ❑ Course Requests for 2024-2025

NOTE – L-Ri students will be split amongst counselors.

CANVAS

☐ Monitor Academic Performance (assignment grades and work submission)

☐ Teacher/Guidance/School Communication

☐ General Announcements

☐ Student Email

Students should be enrolled in their grade level Canvas Page (Class of 2025)

- Use this link to enroll - https://rockhill.instructure.com/enroll/pg8nej
- *Contact your counselor if you need further assistance.*

Parents are strongly encouraged to create a Canvas Observer account

Parent Observer Canvas Account

ATTENDANCE

Attendance in your classes every day is important!!

If you miss too many days in a class, you can fail due to absences (FA). The FA will be recorded as your final grade even though you have a passing average.

- Students are allotted 6 unexcused absences in a semester class, 3 in a quarter class, and 10 in a yearlong class.
- Absences documented with parent or medical notes are ___not___ excused absences, but these notes should be submitted to attendance to avoid truancy contact.
- Students may attend Make Up School to recover up to 4 absences ($20 per session)
- Contact Mrs. Jennings in the Attendance Office if you have questions.

All FAs for Fall 2023 classes must be cleared by January 30th!!

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

9TH TO 10TH GRADE	10TH TO 11TH GRADE	11TH TO 12TH GRADE
1 English (Eng 1)	2 English (Eng 1 & 2)	3 English (Eng 1, 2, & 3)
1 Math	2 Math	3 Math
2 Other Credits	1 Science	2 Science
	1 Social Studies	2 Social Studies
	4 Other Credits	4 Other Credits

SC GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 Units
Math	4 Units
Science	3 Units
US History	1 Unit
US Government	½ Unit
Economics	½ Unit
Other Social Studies	1 Unit
PE/JROTC/Band w/ PE	1 Unit
Computer Literacy	1 Unit
World Language or CATE	1 Unit
Health	1 Unit
Electives	6 Units
Total Required	**24 Units**

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Once you begin taking high school classes all of your coursework is documented on your high school transcript… Pass or Fail!!
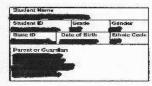
The final grades in your classes impact your cumulative GPA and class rank.

SC UGP GPA – Weighted GPA

SC 4.0 – 4.0 Scale Unweighted GPA

South Pointe uses Parchment to process transcript requests. Students must create an account in order to use this system.

Create a Parchment Account

CONTENT RECOVERY

Students who are struggling in the classroom should ask their teachers for additional support. Students may be able to complete content recovery which helps to improve quarter grades while students are still enrolled in a class.

For more information, students and parents should reach out to the classroom teacher.

See pages 8-9 in the 2023-2024 RHS Course Catalog for more information.

CREDIT RECOVERY

Students who fail a class with a final grade of 50-59 in a core class may be able to participate in credit recovery. Participating in credit recovery allows students to recover credit for a class by completing assigned units in the GradPoint online curriculum.

- Participation in credit recovery does not remove a failing grade from a student's transcript and does not impact/improve a student's GPA.
- *Note – The South Carolina High School League only allows 2 classes to be recovered per year for eligibility purposes.*

Parents and students should discuss the credit recovery option with the student's assigned counselor as needed.

See page 10 in the 2023-2024 RHS Course Catalog for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

- Students must pass a specified # of classes each semester and year in order to be eligible for high school athletics (see page 14 in the [2023-2024 RHS Course Catal](#)og).

- Fall/Winter sports eligibility is based on the previous year's grades and Spring sports eligibility is based on fall grades.

Note –

Students may only apply 2 credit recovery and/or summer school classes toward eligibility.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Do you plan to participate in collegiate sports??

Familiarize yourself with the NCAA Eligibility requirements.

High school students must take courses at the appropriate time and meet certain ***core GPA*** requirements.

[Initial Eligibility Brochure](#)

[Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#)

[NCAA Eligibility Center](#)

MILITARY EXPLORATION

Are you interested in the military??

- Military service can be full-time or part-time… You can also consider attending college and military service.

- Begin talking to military recruiters about their branch of the military and entrance requirements.

- Take ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)… This test is offered at South Pointe each year to all 11th graders and 12th graders who sign up.
  - *ASVAB Testing in 2024??*

- Use the link below to research the various military branches and to learn more about military service.

www.todaysmilitary.com

GOING TO COLLEGE?

- Narrow your top choices to 5-7 schools
  - Consider the type of school: 4-yr, 2-yr, Technical, Vocational
  - Research admission requirements, majors offered, campus size, extracurricular activities, etc.
- Campus Visits/Open Houses
  - Juniors are allowed 2 excused college visit days
  - Must bring verification of your attendance on the school letterhead to the SPHS Attendance Office within 5 days of the absence to be excused
- Take SAT/ACT/Placement Test (as needed)
  - Fee Waivers available for SAT and ACT for those who qualify (contact Mr. Rogers in Guidance)

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS

PSAT – All 10th grade students take PSAT each year in October. This is a great opportunity for students to get practice. 11th grade students can sign up to take the test. **This is the only test opportunity for 11th graders to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program.**

ACT/SAT – We recommend college bound students begin taking ACT/SAT in the junior year. It is recommended that students have taken or be taking Algebra 2 Most colleges will accept either test. Students can take both tests to determine which is a better fit. **It is ideal for students to test 2-3 times prior to the senior year.**

Technical School Placement Test - Students who plan to attend a technical college may choose to take a placement test instead of submitting SAT/ACT scores. Scores are used to determine proper course placement. *Note – Some technical college programs require SAT/ACT scores for admission.*

TYPES OF COLLEGES

- TECHNICAL COLLEGES
  - EX: YORK TECH, MIDLANDS TECH, TRI-COUNTY TECH
- 2-YR COLLEGES
  - EX: USC LANCASTER, SPARTANBURG METHODIST
- 4-YR COLLEGES
  - EX: CLEMSON, SC STATE, USC COLUMBIA, WINTHROP

2-YR/TECHNICAL COLLEGE ADMISSION

- York Tech uses EdReady to place students into the appropriate English and/or math class
  - EdReady can be taken online and does not require a test proctor
  - SAT/ACT scores may be submitted instead of the placement test (some programs require SAT/ACT scores)
- GPA – Students may be admitted without the placement test if they have a 2.7+ Cum GPA. Students with a 2.7-2.99 are still encouraged to take the placement test in order to place into college level courses
- University Transfer Program
  - Ensure courses taken at the technical school will transfer
    - www.sctrac.org
    - www.yorktech.edu/programs-and-classes/universitiy-transfer

4-YR COLLEGE ADMISSION

Students should research entrance requirements for schools they are interested in attending.

Various factors are considered:

- Rigor of Courses
  - Schools may require specific coursework for admissions
  - Remember, 3 lab sciences (physical science is not a lab science), 2-3 units of foreign language, 1 unit of fine arts; CP level course work
- SAT/ACT Scores
  - Note: Many schools adopted a "test optional" policy during the pandemic, so students should check with their particular schools of interest to note what their policy will be for fall 2023
- GPA/Class Rank
- Extracurricular Activities/Community Service

4YR COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

English	4 Units
Math	4 Units (*Algebra 1 (or the equivalent), Algebra 2, Geometry, 4th higher level math*)
Science	*3 Units* Laboratory Science (Physical Science & Integrated Science are not lab sciences)
US History	1 Unit
US Government	½ Unit
Economics	½ Unit
Other Social Studies	1 Unit (*World Geography or World History are strongly recommended*)
World Language	*2 Units* (same language; Some schools may require 3 units)
Fine Arts	**1 Unit**
PE/JROTC/Band w/ PE	1 Unit
Electives	**2 Units**

(Computer Science is strongly recommended as well as courses in the above listed categories)

Note – These are the general requirements for 4-year college entrance in SC schools. Parents and students are encouraged to research the specific admission requirements for schools of interest.

Reference the RHS Course Catalog and the SC Commission on Higher Education website for details on 4-year college entrance requirements.

COLLEGE SEARCH RESOURCES

ACT – www.act.org

CollegeBoard – https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search

College Data – www.collegedata.com

College Navigator – www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

SC CAN GO – www.sccango.org

COLLEGE PLANNING

It's important to begin preparing early for college admissions. Click the link below to view tips from the College Board on how to begin your preparation.

College Planning for Juniors

HIGH SCHOOL RESUME

Start developing your high school resume. A high school resume can be used when requesting recommendations as well as a resource when completing college admissions and scholarship applications.

Start now so you don't forget anything!

Consider including the below information:

✓ Education

✓ Post-Secondary Plans & Career Goals

✓ Extracurricular Activities

✓ Community Service

✓ Work Experience

✓ Leadership Experience/Roles

✓ Honors/Awards

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

In addition to your resume, you may want to consider providing answers to these questions when requesting a letter of recommendation. This type of information is very helpful in writing a more personal recommendation letter.

Be sure to request recommendation letters at least two weeks in advance!!

- How would you describe yourself?

- What characteristic or quality has helped you to be most successful?

- What accomplishment are you most proud of and why?

- Describe any circumstance or situation in your life that has helped to shape your character, personality, or attitude towards life.

- What are 5 random things about yourself you would like me to know as I write your recommendation letter. Feel free to share more than 5 if you like.

SC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
- Life Scholarship
- Hope Scholarship
- Lottery Tuition Assistance

More information can be found in the RHS Course Catalog (pages 50-52) and on the SC Commission on Higher Education's website.

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SC Commission on Higher Education

THE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

- Canvas Announcements

- SPHS Scholarship Newsletter

- College/University Specific Scholarships

- Foundations, Sororities/Fraternities, Faith-Based Organizations/Church

- Ethnicity-Based Organizations (i.e. NAACP, Hispanic College Fund)

- Parent's Employers

- Corporations (i.e. Coca Cola, Target, Best Buy)

- Scholarship Websites

SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

Below are some websites to start your scholarship search:

- www.bigfuture.collegboard.org/scholarship-search
- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.scholarshipexperts.com
- www.sctuitiongrants.org
- www.fftc.org/scholarships (Foundation for the Carolinas)
- www.raiseme.com
- www.goingmerry.com

OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGE FOR IN-STATE TUITION

- The Academic Common Market administered by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), allows for SC residents who are enrolled in specific programs at a public out-of-state college/university to attend for in-state tuition

- Eligible programs are those which are not offered in South Carolina or your home state

- For more information on participating colleges and available programs, visit http://www.sreb.org/page/1304/academic_common_market.html

ACADEMIC GRADUATION RECOGNITIONS

- **VALEDICTORIAN –** Student with the highest adjusted GPA in grades 9-12

- **SALUTATORIAN –** Student with the 2nd highest adjusted GPA in grades 9-12

- **HIGHEST HONORS GRADUATE –** 4.5+ Cumulative GPA

- **HONOR GRADUATE –** 4.2-4.499 Cumulative GPA

- **SOUTH CAROLINA DIPLOMA SEALS OF DISTINCTION**
  - Honors, College-Ready, Career, and Specialization (STEM, World Language, Military, Arts)
  - Review criteria in the Junior IGP Meeting packet

- **JUNIOR MARSHAL** (Juniors identified at the end of 1st semester who rank in the top 10% of the class)

*Reference pages 13-14 in the 2023-2024 RHS Course Catalog *

- **SC ACADEMIC HONORS AWARD**
  - *Eligibility*

COURSE SELECTION

Students and parents meet with their assigned counselor each year to discuss post-secondary plans, career goals, and course selection.

Consider the below items when choosing course requests:

- ✓ Graduation/College Admissions Requirements
- ✓ Promotion Requirements
- ✓ Academic Performance
- ✓ Post-Secondary Plans
- ✓ Career Goals
- ✓ Personal Goals

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

South Pointe offers **Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Dual Credit** courses. Review the RHS Course Catalog (pages 53-59) to learn more about these programs and course options.

NOTE – Students planning to take dual enrollment classes should meet with their counselor to discuss before enrolling as there is a Dual Enrollment contract that must be signed and approved by the Director of Secondary Instruction. In addition, only courses approved by Rock Hill Schools for dual credit may be added to a student's transcript for high school credit.

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The **Governor's School for Science & Mathematics Accelerate** program is also available at South Pointe. This is a virtual program geared toward students who demonstrate an exceptional ability in science and mathematics and have a strong interest in engineering and problem solving. Students must apply for admission to this program in 9th grade to begin participating in 10th grade. The application window typically opens November 1st.

https://www.scgssm.org/virtual-programs

STEAM PATHWAYS

South Pointe offers several STEAM pathways for students to engage in focused coursework. Students may choose to complete all coursework in pathway, but do not have to do so. Click on the link below for more information on these pathways.

- ☐ Biomedical Science
- ☐ Clean Energy
- ☐ Computer Science
- ☐ Engineering

SPHS STEAM Pathways

COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION

Review the SPHS Course Selection Information PowerPoint.

Bring your tentative course selections to your IGP meeting.

SPHS Course Selection PowerPoint

Course Selection Template

REMINDERS!

IGP Meetings Begin

November 15th

11th Job Shadow/College Visit Day

December 1st

CONNECT WITH US!

Canvas – Check regularly for announcements and emails

(Enroll in your grade level Canvas Page)

Guidance Website - https://www.rockhill.k12.sc.us/domain/1160

Twitter – Follow us @SPHS_Guidance

FaceBook – SPHS Guidance

Email or Phone Call

QUESTIONS?

You will have an opportunity to ask questions during your IGP meeting, but feel free to reach out to your assigned counselor as well.

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