

Registration Tips, Reminders, and Important Information

- ✓ Check your email. Read announcements- make these a habit!
- ✓ 4th year Math is **highly** recommended for college bound students
- ✓ World Language is NOT required (but some 4 year colleges require)
- ✓ Utilize **ICAP** and save a copy to your Google Drive

NEW Courses/Changes or Important Notes:

- Art Fundamentals is now a semester course.
- Intro to Engineering is now Engineering Essentials.
- Business Technology is now NOT a pre-req for other courses.
- New: Creative Lab I/II, Digital Media Design, Cybersecurity.
- Removed: Web Design and Multimedia (merged into new classes above).
- Advanced Business Technology is now Advanced Creative Design.
- New CNA program through SCC.

Summer School - June 8-July 2 (Mon-Thurs) THS

Schedules aren't ready until August. Fill out your ICAP or Personal Planner page so that you remember what you selected. We will not/cannot share until August.

You can't request teachers or lunches.

Juniors will hopefully get a meeting in late spring to talk about their senior schedule, TA/Release and graduation requirements, etc- may select 6 credits instead of 7 **ONLY** if you will end this year with at least 20 credits (at 17 now minimum). **Please fill out the google form indicating interest in release/TA.**

Take course selection seriously, you will not be able to change later except for a couple of reasons.

Don't *overload* yourself-- # AP courses, extra curriculars, work, etc.

Research your college interests regarding course requirements. More selective schools may have stricter requirements. Sign up on [**scoir.com**](https://scoir.com) for college rep visits and to research college requirements.

English IV is the recommendation for all college bound students. Some colleges will not accept Film and Lit. as an English credit for example.

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Tech School and Early College - only second year returning students can choose this now.

Don't forget to select Alternates- or we will end up selecting for you

Counselors will be available in the lunchroom the last week in January for advising help and registration questions. Please understand we are in classes and at SMS and not in our offices currently.

Please remember:

- Don't choose courses that require an application or audition. Counselors will make those adjustments later on (ex: STUCO, Link, CAPS, Lewis & Clark)
- Please read the course descriptions carefully (note prerequisites). Ask Teachers.
- **Only adjust the semesters** of classes in which it is necessary to have them in a specific order. **Doing this unnecessarily will create a schedule difficulty for the computer.**
- You must pick 7 credits worth of classes! (unless a Junior with min. 17 credits)
- It is to your advantage to complete the Alternate Course document (Google Doc). If you have a gap in your schedule, counselors will use that list OR choose for you.
- The registration Portal closes on January 31st.

When do you take certain courses typically?

9th: Eng I, Algebra I, PNPS, West Civ/Geography, PE, Health

10th: Eng II, Formal Geometry, US History, Biology

11th: Eng III, Formal Algebra II, US Govt, Personal Finance,

12th: Eng IV (or other English elective)

Any year- 1 credit of Fine Art, 1 credit of Practical Art, other PE, world language if college

If your teacher for some reason does not talk to you- you initiate the conversation. Take ownership of selecting the correct core classes and electives.

Honors- 4 math credits are required. 3 extra core. (starts at 3.0 GPA, 21 ACT score, Qualifying courses and activities). It is a tiered system. Please see course guide for further information.

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Athletes- use corecoursegpa.com to track eligibility requirements. Take classes that count for eligibility and admittance to your college of choice.

A+ reminders- Get trained and work on your tutoring hours. Keep your attendance at or above 95% and your GPA at or above 2.5 unweighted.