## Sun Valley High School 9th Grade Classroom Guidance Making Your High School Experience a Success

#### **School Counseling Staff:**

Ms. McDuffie9th Grade StudentsMs. Jaquish10th Grade StudentsMrs. Grexa11th Grade Students

Mrs. Johnson 12th Grade Students, Last Names A-K

Mrs. Hill 12th Grade Students, Last Names L-Z

Ms. Clark Registrar

Ms. Schehl College Advisor, Room 117



## **Objectives**

- ❖ To increase understanding of the role of school counselors
- To increase knowledge of graduation requirements and Grade Point Average (GPA)
- To explain the importance of your high school transcript
- To understand the importance of making a plan for your high school career in order to be prepared for your future
- To begin exploring and researching options for post high school graduation

### **School Counselor**



#### Academic

Scheduling, course selection, study skills, graduation requirements

#### Career

Career exploration, college & scholarship information, job search and interview skills, resume writing

#### Personal/Social

Peer pressure, stress, time management, conflict resolution

## Confidentiality

- Confidentiality is an ethical principle upheld by your school counselor, but as required by law, it cannot be maintained in the event that a student reports:
  - > The desire to harm oneself
  - > The desire to harm others



#### **Naviance**

https://succeed.naviance.com/auth/signin



#### A Brief Overview

- Request Transcripts
- Request Letters of Recommendation
- Scholarship Search

#### **Tasks**

- There are many tasks that need to be completed in a timely manner.
  - Make sure you are checking due dates frequently!



## How to PLAN for your future: Research Careers

- Not sure what you want to be when you grow up?
  - Take career inventory surveys at <a href="www.CFNC.org">www.CFNC.org</a> these use your interests and skills to determine good major/career options
  - Tasks and Assessments in Naviance
- What to know what the fastest growing careers are in NC?
  - ➤ Look online at <u>www.CFNC.org</u>
  - The top 5 fastest growing careers right now are:
    - Dental hygienists
    - Medical sonographers
    - Dental assistants
    - Physician assistants
    - Medical equipment repairers





## How Can I Begin Preparing for College Now?

- Get your GPA as high as possible
  - Take challenging classes, work hard in your classes, and earn high grades
  - Colleges will only see your final grades through junior year
  - ➤ Improve your class rank
- Get involved with Extracurricular Activities
  - Sports
  - > Clubs
  - > Volunteering
  - Part-time job or job shadowing
- Participate in a summer experience
- You can begin studying for the ACT and SAT
- Visit college campuses



## **What are Graduation Requirements?**

- Earn 28 credits/classes
- Earn passing scores on 4 EOC exams
  - Math I, Biology, Math III, and English II
- You must meet the course requirements for the Future Ready Core course of study.
- Successfully complete Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training



### What is a High School Transcript?

- A transcript is a record of your academic accomplishments in high school. It lists every class you take, what year you take the class and the grade you received in each class.
- You can check historical grades in Powerschool, but have to get a transcript from your counselor.
- When you receive your transcript, check it for accuracy
  - Personal information
  - Address
  - Phone Number
  - Birthday
  - Courses completed
  - GPA(Grade Point Average)
  - Class Rank

October 12, 2016 Student No: Student Name: School No: Sun Valley High Sun Valley High School 5211 Old Charlotte Hwy Monroe, NC 28110-7343 (704) 296-3020 Official NC Transcript 10/12/2016 STUDENT INFORMATION

Student No: Name Birthdate: Address: Gender: Expected Graduation Date: 06/09/2017 Course Of Study: Future Ready Core Contacts: Endorsement(s)\*: Yes CTE Concentrator\*\*: No

Math Rigor, Yes

SCHOOL INFORMATION School No: 900360 Principal: Dr. Shaun Poole Grades: 9-12 (704) 296-3020 Accreditation: SA L.E.A.: Union County Public Schools College Board Code: 342685 (704) 296-9898

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#### GRADING AND GPA DETAILS

Note: Effective July 1, 2015 North Carolina changed to a standardized 10-point grading scale. Prior to July 2015, North Carolina school districts used a variety of 7-point grading scales. Note: All courses taken at the middle school for high school requirement(s) will not calculate in the GPA. Note: High School Earned Credits only are calculated.

Grading Scale WF = 0.0 s59 = 0.0 80-89 × 3.0 70-79 = 2.0 60-69 = 1.0 90-100 = 4.0 AUD = 0.0 P = 0.0INC = 0.0 WP = 0.0FF = 0.0

CDM = Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (SBE-GCS-M-001)

#### Course Flags

Course is excluded from GPA Course is non-credit course

Course is in progress Course is scheduled to be taken

Course contributes toward UNC minimum course requirements

"CTE CONCENTRATOR DETAILS EDUC-Education & Training AGNR-Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources ARCH-Architecture & Construction HUMA-Human Services INFO -Information Technology AAVC -Arts, AV Technology & Communication LAW -Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security BMA -Business Management & Administration MANU-Manufacturing FINA -Finance MRKT-Marketing HLTH -Health Science STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics HOSP-Hospitality GOVT-Government & Public Administration TRAN -Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

## **Graduation Requirements Cont. - Future Ready Track**

- Check your transcript to make sure you are on track to graduate
  - English I, II, III, IV
  - Math I, II, III, and 4th Math course aligned with students post high school plans
  - ➤ Earth Science, Biology, and a Physical Science (Physical, Chemistry, Physics)
  - World History, Civics, American History I & II
  - ➤ Health & PE
  - If you plan to attend a 4 year college, you will need at least 2 credits of the same foreign language
    - This is a minimum requirement so at least 3 years of the same foreign language is recommended - Check your desired 4 year institution as 3 credits may be required
- In addition to core classes, earn enough electives for 28 total credits

### Calculating GPA (Grade Point Average)

- You receive quality points for each final grade you get in a class
- Honors and AP classes give you more quality points based on the grade you receive

<u>Regular</u>	<u>Honors</u>	<u>AP</u>
A=4	A=4.5	A=5
B=3	B=3.5	B=4
C=2	C=2.5	C=3
D=1	D=1.5	D=2

When does your GPA begin? NOW! YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR!

### **Example of Calculating GPA:**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<b>Quality Points</b>
Honors English III	Α	4.5
Math III	В	3
Honors American History I	Α	4.5
AP Biology	Α	5

- Add up your quality points  $\rightarrow$  4.5 + 3 + 4.5 + 5= 17
- $\diamond$  Divide the total by 4 (number of classes)  $\rightarrow$  17/4 = **4.25 GPA**
- Your GPA is cal<u>culated at the end of each semester</u>

## MAKE A PLAN: What can you do academically beyond the minimum requirements?

- Take Honors Courses
- Take Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
  - You can earn college credit
  - You will demonstrate that you can do college level work
  - You can increase your GPA
  - You may qualify for APALS
- Take Challenging Electives
- Take Three Levels of the same language
- ❖ Be a Global Scholar
- ❖ Be a North Carolina Academic Scholar
- Explore Electives
- Practice for college entrance exams: ACT & SAT



# MAKE A PLAN: Why It Is Important To Get Involved through Extracurricular Activities?

- Joining clubs at school (listed on the SVHS website)
  - Get to know students outside of your classes, make new friends, and be a part of a group with goals and a purpose
- Playing sports at school or in your community
  - Gain experience working with a team to reach goals and build self-confidence
- Having a part-time job (if it does not interfere with school work and grades) and job shadowing
  - Explore careers, gain experience, and build skills that will be useful in your future career
- Volunteering in your community
  - Teach you how to help other people and open your eyes to the needs of others





## MAKE A PLAN: IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

- ❖ To be promoted to 10th grade → need 6 credits including Eng. I
- You must score a level III, IV or V to meet the Exit Standard on the English II, Math I and Biology EOC's.
- Students will not receive credit for a class if they miss 7 or more days
  - Will be required to do attendance recovery.
- Students must pass three out of four classes to be eligible to take Drivers Education
- Students must pass 3 out of 4 classes and be in attendance at least 85% from the previous semester to be eligible to play sports
- Students can earn college credits in high school through College and Career Promise Program at SPCC (typically as a junior and /or senior).

#### Sexual Harassment

- The Union County Board of Education defines sexual harassment as:
  - Unwelcome sexual advances
  - Requests for sexual favors
  - Other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature
- Sexual Harassment is a "power play" and may include:
  - > Suggestive comments, propositions, or gestures
  - Touching someone inappropriately
  - Spreading Sexual Rumors
  - > Repeatedly propositioning someone when he/she has said no
  - Sexually provocative comments about another person's body



### **Bullying**

- IS A FORM OF HARASSMENT
- ❖ IS AN IMBALANCE OF POWER
- HAPPENS REPEATEDLY OVER TIME TO INTIMIDATE OTHERS
- ❖ APPEARS IN VERBAL, PHYSICAL, WRITTEN, OR ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED FORMS
- Bullying Offenses:
  - > FIRST OFFENSE: Discretionary action by the principal, Referral to school counselor, and Conversation with parent
  - ➤ SECOND OFFENSE: Automatic 2-3 days of out of school suspension for Block Schedule, Referral to school counselor, and Parent contact
  - THIRD OFFENSE: Automatic 3-6 days out of school suspension for Block Schedule and Recommendation for Long Term Suspension

