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To Grade 8 Parents and Guardians:

Each academic teacher has made online course recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year. **Please log onto your Parent PowerSchool account to view and accept these recommendations between February 16, 2023 through February 21, 2023.** Instructions are included on the top of the next page. If you have questions or concerns regarding recommendations, please contact the individual teacher directly via their school email address listed below. Detailed information about different levels are found on pages 8 and 9 of the SHS Program of Studies Course Booklet available online. A link to this site can be found on the SHS and JAD home page. In addition to the required courses, students may select up to two and a half credits from the electives on the Grade 9 Course Selection Worksheet.

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Please note that levels of support and recommendations will be determined for each student at their PPT or 504 meeting. Recommendations will be available during the online selection process, but level of support will be determined at the annual review.

### **General Questions**

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# SOUTHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024

## Grade 9 Course Selection Worksheet

Parents and students are asked to complete course selection online on PowerSchool from February 8 through February 14 for current High School students and February 16-21 for incoming grade 9 students. Use this worksheet to help you determine the courses that you will select. The Program of Studies is available on the SHS website.

The REQUIRED SUBJECTS need a teacher recommendation. When you enter the *Class Registration* screen on PowerSchool, you will see courses that teachers have recommended. You must request these courses now. If you do not have computer access, teacher recommended courses will be requested for your child and your child will meet with his/her counselor to enter electives.

If you have questions about level recommendations, please discuss them with the specific **grade 8 subject area teacher(s)**. You must speak with the level recommender teacher before requesting an override. There is a form available on the SHS Ninth Grade Academy website under Course Selection if you still wish to override a teacher recommendation. This form must be completed, signed, and submitted to your child's School Counseling Office.

The Program of Studies (which explains all the course offerings at SHS) is available on the SHS website.

Complete the online selection process by clicking on the *Class Registration* icon at the side of the parent portal page. More detailed information about this process is available on the SHS page of the SPS website ([www.southingtonschools.org](http://www.southingtonschools.org)).

To make course selections:

- (1) click on the *Class Registration* icon at the side of the parent portal page of PowerSchool.
- (2) click on the pencil next to each subject area, including the courses that have been recommended
- (3) click in the box at the front of the course(s) that you want to take
- (4) click *okay* at the bottom of this pop-up screen

**NOTE:** There may be more than one page of available courses for each subject area. This is indicated by page numbers at the bottom of the course list. You should see everything on this sheet on PowerSchool.

After you have made all of your course selections, click **Submit** at the bottom of this screen.

**NOTE: STUDENTS WITH AN IEP:** Requests for Special Education courses will be discussed at your child's planning meeting and submitted by the students counselor at a later date. Students should choose the course "TBD at PPT" in the core academic areas in the registration portal.

**Students should select a minimum of 7.0 credits. 25 Credits are required to graduate.**

## REQUIRED COURSES

LANGUAGE ARTS			
CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
ENG1110	ACA	English I	1
ENG1130	ACC	English I ACC	1

LANGUAGE ARTS- Electives			
CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
ENG2210	ACA	Introduction to Acting	0.5
ENG5001	ACA	Foundational English*	1
ENG5005	ACA	Multilingual Lab Support*	1

MATHEMATICS			
CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
MAT1100	ACA	Foundations of Algebra	1
MAT1110	ACA	Algebra I	1
MAT1130	ACC	Algebra I ACC	1
MAT2110	ACA	Geometry* Prerequisite is Algebra I	1
MAT2130	ACC	Geometry ACC * Prerequisite is Algebra I	1

MATHEMATICS- Electives			
CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
MAT2218	ACA	VB Programming I*	0.5
MAT2219	ACA	VB Programming II*	0.5

\*Must be taken w/ Algebra I or after successful completion of Alg. I

EARTH SCIENCE			
CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
SCI1120	ACA	Earth Science	1
SCI1130	ACC	Earth Science ACC	1

SCIENCE - Electives			
CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
SCI2120	ACA	Biology*	1
SCI2130	ACC	Biology*	1

\*Biology may be taken as an elective in addition to Earth Science with math and science teacher recommendations

SOCIAL STUDIES			
CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
SST1220	ACA	Modern US History	1
SST1230	ACC	Modern US History ACC	1

Social Studies- Electives			
CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
SST4710	ACA	Asian Studies	0.5
SST4210	ACA	Middle East	0.5
SST4920	ACA	World Religions	0.5

HEALTH & Physical Education			
CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
HEA1112	N/A	Health I- required for all grade 9	0.50
HEA5000	ACA	Health & Safety Certification	0.50

**All students are required to take the following courses:** English, Mathematics, Earth Science, Modern US History, and Health. Use the sample schedule on the back to plan a total of 7.0 credits, selecting electives.

(SEE BACK OF PAGE FOR MORE ELECTIVE CHOICES)

**ELECTIVES**  
**SELECT UP TO 3.0 CREDITS IN THESE ELECTIVE AREAS**

**AGRICULTURE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
AGS1130	ACC	Agriculture Science I*	1.5

\* Student must apply and be accepted to the program for grade 9

**ART**

CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
ART1120	ACC	Art I	1
ART2110	ACA	Graphic Design	0.5
ART3210	ACA	Photography	0.5
ART1010	ACA	Theater Arts	0.5

**BUSINESS & FINANCE TECHNOLOGY**

CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
BUS1820	ACC	Business Computer Essentials	0.5
BUS1110	ACA	Careers and Leadership	0.5
BUS1810	ACA	Computer Essentials	0.5
BUS1220	ACC	Intro to Business	0.5
BUS1320	ACC	Marketing I	0.5
BUS1410	ACC	Marketing II	0.5

**FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES**

CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
FCS1220	ACA	Baking Essentials	0.5
FCS1110	ACA	Careers in Health Services	0.5
FCS1410	ACA	Interior Design	0.5
FC1310	ACA	Fabric Creations	1

**MUSIC**

CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
MUS2310	ACA	Chorus	1
MUS1010	ACA	Concert Band 9	1
MUS1120	ACC	Marching Band 9	1.5
MUS2410	ACA	Intro to Piano, Ukulele & Guitar	0.5
MUS1410	ACA	Music Appreciation	0.5
MUS1520	ACC	Music Theory	1
MUS1220	ACC	Orchestra	1
ART1010	ACA	Theater Arts	0.5

**TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING EDUCATION**

CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
TEC1930	CLC	Engineering Design /PLTW *	1
TEC1310	ACA	Engineering Graphics	0.5
TEC1210	ACA	Intro to Communications	0.5
TEC1420	ACA	Intro to Construction	0.5
TEC1120	ACA	Intro to Engineering	0.5
TEC1520	ACA	Intro to Manufacturing	0.5
TEC1110	ACA	Intro to Technology	0.5
TEC1720	ACA	Intro to Transportation Systems	0.5

\* Student must apply and be accepted to the program

**WORLD LANGUAGES**

CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT
WLA1120	ACA	French 1 Novice Mid	1
WLA1130	ACC	French 1 Novice High ACC	1
WLA2120	ACA	French 2 Novice High	1
WLA2130	ACC	French 2 Intermediate Low ACC	1
WLA1620	ACA	Introduction to Ancient Language	1
WLA1320	ACA	Italian 1 Novice Mid	1
WLA1330	ACC	Italian 1 Novice High ACC	1
WLA1420	ACA	Latin 1 Novice Mid	1
WLA1430	ACC	Latin 1 Novice High- ACC	1
WLA6120	ACA	Mandarin 1 Novice Mid	1
WLA6130	ACC	Mandarin 1 Novice High ACC	1
WLA1520	ACA	Spanish 1 Novice Mid	1
WLA1530	ACC	Spanish 1 Novice High ACC	1
WLA2520	ACA	Spanish 2 Novice High	1
WLA2530	ACC	Spanish 2 Intermediate Low ACC	1

**Elective Alternate Options:**

Alternate #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate #2 \_\_\_\_\_

K/JAD Students, Parents and Guardians,

HS is excited to announce SPS Career Pathways as we embark on the registration process for the 2023-2024 school year. It is important that you familiarize yourself with the pathways and the changes taking place for next year. In order to assist students to select elective courses, they should be thinking about their career pathways. Middle school students have access to career surveys via Naviance during their middle school years. Students access Naviance via Classlink and you can view their results with them. Middle schools have access to three career surveys:

- **The Career Cluster Finder** is an online questionnaire that helps students discover career clusters that are most interesting to them.
- **The Career Key** is an online career assessment targeted toward middle school students. This assessment provides students with their Holland interest codes.
- **StrengthsExplorer®** is a strengths assessment that assesses 10 talent themes for individuals and identifies each student's three strongest emerging talents.

On page two you will see a graphic for the pathways and links to each pathway. Within each pathway are career clusters and list courses we offer at SHS.

### Why Career Pathways:

- Earlier exposure to career cluster pathways sparks interest and supports students' college and career readiness goals.
- Students can explore pathways under a "career cluster" approach that empowers them to have self-direction and ownership over their learning.

Click on the link to see the 2023-2024: [Program of Studies](#)

Mr. Crocco presented to the BOE on Career Pathways [Youtube Link](#) *The presentation begins at 1:42:3*















### Course Registration Timelines:

January/February	Course Fair: Program of Studies is available online and course selection materials will be distributed to students
January 11	Course Fair for SHS
February 6-14	Middle school teachers enter course recommendations online by February 14th
February 16-21	Middle school students and parents complete online course selections and acceptance of level recommendations
February 22 - March 22	Middle school counselors meet with current 8th grade students to finalize recommendations and ensure course requirements and credit requirements are being met.

### Supporting Career Pathways via a Block Schedule:

SHS will shift to a block schedule for the 2023-2024 school. This schedule will allow students to enroll in and up to 7-8 credits and to have a lunch wave. Lunch will be built into 4 lunch waves (4 waves for grade 9 in the 9th grade cafe). The period 3 bell schedule will be longer to accommodate a 30-minute lunch break for students and staff.

**SPS Career Pathways**  
(Click linked individual Career Clusters for detailed information)

<i>Advanced Technologies &amp; Science Pathway</i>		<i>Arts, Business, &amp; Communications Pathway</i>		<i>Health, Human, &amp; Public Service Pathway</i>	
↓ Career Clusters ↓		↓ Career Clusters ↓		↓ Career Clusters ↓	
	<u>Agriculture, Food, &amp; Natural Resources</u>		<u>Business Management &amp; Administration</u>		<u>Government, Law, &amp; Public Safety</u>
	<u>Architecture &amp; Construction</u>		<u>Finance</u>		<u>Health Sciences</u>
	<u>Manufacturing</u>		<u>Marketing</u>		<u>Human Services</u>
	<u>Transportation, Distribution, &amp; Logistics</u>		<u>Hospitality &amp; Tourism</u>		
	<u>Science, Technology, Engineering, &amp; Mathematics</u>		<u>Arts, AV, Technology, &amp; Communications</u>		

**Sample Block Schedule:**

Use the sample Block Schedules below to use as a guide in planning courses for 2023-24. The sample is to give you an idea of what a schedule looks like. Registration information will be sent out on February 16, 2023 via Parent Square.

	FALL- Semester 1				SPRING- Semester 2			
	A		B		A		B	
<b>9</b>	Period 1	English I	Period 1	HE I	Period 1	English I	Period 1	Elective
	Period 2	Algebra I	Period 2	World Language	Period 2	Algebra I	Period 2	World Language
	Period 3 + Lunch	Earth Science	Period 3 + Lunch	Elective	Period 3 + Lunch	Earth Science	Period 3 + Lunch	Elective
	Period 4	Modern US History	Period 4	Elective	Period 4	Modern US History	Period 4	Elective

**Alternate Elective Choices:** Every student will be required to select two alternate elective choices in the registration portal. Selecting the alternates will help to build the master schedule and provide students with choices.

## SHS- 9th grade Sample Schedule

**-The schedule below is a sample to help you understand block scheduling. It is not what your schedule will look like next year.**

A Day				B Day			
Period	Semester 1	Semester 2	Credits	Period	Semester 1	Semester 2	Credits
1A 90 min	English 9	English 9	1	1B 90 min	World Language	World Language	1
2A 90 min	Math	Math	1	2B 90 min	Health (.5 credits)	Elective	
3A 120 min	Earth Science Includes 30 min lunch	Earth Science Includes 30 min lunch	1	3B 120 min	Elective Includes 30 min lunch	Elective Includes 30 min lunch	
4A 90 min	Elective	Elective		4B 90 min	Modern US History	Modern US History	1

TOTAL CREDITS: \_\_\_\_\_

### **MUST select a minimum of 7 credits (choose at least 1.5 credits of electives)**

- Some students may have up to 8.5 (if accepted into Ag. Sci or has chosen Marching Band)
- \*Period 3 includes lunch
- Any block not filled in will automatically have a study hall added
- DO NOT register for Engineering Design/PTLW. If accepted, you will meet with your school counselor to update course selection.
- DO NOT register for Agriculture Science I. If accepted, you will meet with your school counselor to update course selection.
- Even if you are not attending SHS you MUST register for courses at SHS.