

9th Grade Pathways

Welcome to 9th grade at SAHS! We realize this is both an exciting and challenging time for you. To help make the most of your Souderton Area High School experience, we want to introduce ourselves, along with what is expected of you for the Pathways Program. Our job is to help you navigate Pathways. If you have any questions, please contact any of the people listed at the bottom of the page.

Pathways was designed to help you discover your strengths, set goals and explore career options. We do not expect you to choose a career field in 9th grade but we do want you aware of the many possibilities that are available after graduation.

Foremost, we want you to take advantage of the Pathway resources SAHS has to offer. Upon graduation, we hope that you would have benefited from the Pathway programs offered, as well as complete at least one job shadow and one mentorship. To help you decide upon a career field and or Pathway, we created a chart to keep track of your strengths, weaknesses, “likes” and “dislikes”, as well as the Pathway opportunities completed. This will be beneficial when thinking about job shadows and mentorships.

SAHS offers many electives and clubs that are career-related, so now is the time to explore! Be sure to attend Career Expos and our 5th Block Speaker Series. Talk to your teachers about their courses and careers that may relate to them. Share your areas of interest with others. Get involved. Please note: if you want to attend one of the Career Expos, you must pre-register. Pathways also offers many field trips. Listen to announcements to see if any interest you.

Every student is given a PathwayManager account. This will be your number one resource for keeping track of classes, credits, job shadow’s and mentorships. You can also set yearly goals, receive important messages and upload your reflections, resume, and mentorship paperwork. Pathway Manager also allows you to list the clubs you are in. We hope you spend some time navigating the system and getting comfortable with its usage.

In 12th grade, you will present your senior project to a panel of four teachers. You will be expected to share your high school experience/story with the panel during a six-minute presentation. Preparing for that presentation begins now. You will need to **upload two Reflections into your PathwayManager account in 9th and 10th grade and one in 11th grade for a total of 5 grade level reflections.** A Reflection is an examination of a classroom assignment or of an entire course completed during the school year. You can reflect on anything that demonstrated a strength, passion, struggle or a career interest for you. **You will be able to upload your 9th grade reflections from the start of your 9th grade year until the end of your 9th grade year.**

There are several Pathway requirements for each grade level that will be used in your Senior Presentation:

- In 9th grade, you can earn up to two points per reflection towards your senior project.
 - Your Career Exploration class is an EXCELLENT opportunity to upload reflections as you begin to explore career ideas
- In 10th grade, you will be asked to upload two more reflections and to complete a three-hour job shadow.
 - You can earn two additional points for these reflections and five points for the job shadow towards your senior project
- In 11th grade, you will be asked to upload one reflection and to complete a 20-hour mentorship exploring a career field of interest.
 - One point for the reflection
 - 10 points for the mentorship
- 12th grade: complete a Culminating reflection.
 - 2 points towards the senior project

Today, you begin your high school journey. You are on the road to success. Take one day at a time, ask questions and explore all that you can. Four years will go by in an instant and we can't wait to see all that you have become!

The SAHS Pathway Team

Staff that can help you:

5th Block Teacher

Job Shadow - Mr. Darcy B108

Mentorship - Mrs. Tarlo A112

Pathway Director - Mr. Haines - A112

Guidance Counselor -9/10 counselors: Mrs. Kircher (A-G), Mrs. Trout (H-O), Mr. Glatts (P-Z)

Pathway Coordinators: Mr. Olenick- A220, Mrs. Ruch -A258, Mrs. Lavelly -A347, Mr. Marjoriam - 2nd floor SS

Please see 9th Grade Checklist Below.....

9th Grade Checklist - keep track of the following and add to your PathwayManager account under the points of pride, reflections and club tabs:

Courses I enjoyed:

Courses that did I did not connect with and why:

A strength I learned about myself:

A weakness I want to overcome:

Clubs or activities I joined:

Speakers I heard:

Expo's I attended:

A job shadow I would like to try next year:

I uploaded two 9th Grade Reflections into PathwayManager: Yes No