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A Family Learning Experience



Spring Branch Independent School District

Nuts and Bolts of High School Success



Agenda

- High School Credits, Transcripts, and GPA
- High School Graduation Requirements
- High School Course Opportunities
- Four Year Planning Process
- Timeline and Events



Preparing for the Future



Credits and
Transcripts



Grade Point
Average



A young woman with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a green sweater with white stripes on the sleeves, is sitting at a desk in a classroom. She is smiling and raising her right hand. In the background, other students are visible, and there are windows letting in bright light. A dark blue semi-transparent banner is overlaid on the bottom half of the image, containing white text.

Do you know these terms?

- Credit
- Transcript
- Grade Point Average



Credit

Unit that measures the number of courses a student has taken. Typically, one credit equals one year of a course. Students need a minimum of 22 credits to graduate from high school.

Middle School: Grades in core content classes determines promotion to the next grade.



Transcript

A student's official record of courses taken and credits earned.

Middle school students do not have a transcript. Their official grade record is their report card.



GPA

Grade Point Average. A student's grade point average is based on the grades earned throughout high school beginning with the first semester of freshman year. The GPA is an indication of how well a student has performed in high school credit courses.

Middle Schools do not compute a cumulative grade average.



Credits & GPA

- High School Credit is awarded any time a student successfully completes a high school level class.
- Credits can be earned in a variety of settings including: middle school, regular high school, summer school, night school, CBE, virtual school.
- Original credit courses are calculated into GPA only when taken during the regular school day at the high school.
- Credits earned in a “retake” class are included in GPA calculations.

Preparing for the Future



T-2-4 and HS Planning



Graduation Requirements



Foundation High School Program

- Foundation Plan (22 credits)
- Foundation Plan w/Endorsement (26 credits)
- Distinguished Plan (26 credits)

SBISD High School Course Catalog & Grading Expectations ([SBISD Website](#))

Campus-specific Information (HS Campus Websites)



ELA – 4 credits

Math – 3 credits

Social Studies – 3 credits

Science – 3 credits

Foreign Language – 2 credits

Fine Art – 1 credit

Physical Education – 1 credit

Electives – 5 credits

Foundation High School Plan



Endorsements

Arts and Humanities

Business and Industry

Public Service

**Science-Technology-
Engineering-Math (STEM)**

Multidisciplinary Studies



Endorsement Coursework Includes:

- 1 Math Credit- Must be Algebra II for STEM Endorsement
- 1 Science Credit
- 2 Electives in the Area of the Endorsement
- 22 Credits for Foundation Plan + 4 Credits for Endorsement = 26 Credits



Endorsement Pathways: Arts and Humanities

- 5 Social Studies Credits
- 4 Credits of the same Languages other than English
- At least 2 credits of two different Languages other than English
- 4 credits of Fine Arts in one or two areas

Endorsement Pathways: Business and Industry

- 4 Language Arts electives credits with three credits in one area (i.e. Broadcast Journalism or Yearbook)
- Career and Technical Education Courses-
 - Agriculture
 - Architecture
 - Audio/Visual
 - Information Technology
 - Business
 - Culinary Arts

Endorsement Pathways: Public Service

- Career and Technical Education Courses:
 - Law Enforcement
 - NJROTC
 - Education and Training
 - Health Sciences

Endorsement Pathways: STEM

- 5 credits in Math
- 5 credits in Science
- Career and Technical Education Courses:
 - Engineering
 - Computer Programming
 - Cybersecurity

Endorsement Pathways: Multidisciplinary Studies

- Four credits in Advanced Coursework
 - Advanced Placement
 - Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment
 - International Baccalaureate
- Four credits in each of the Four core areas
- Four Advanced Courses that prepare a student to enter the workforce successfully

Distinguished Level of Achievement

- Must successfully complete Algebra II
- Must graduate with an Endorsement
- In order to be considered as part of the “Top 10% of the Class,” students must meet the Distinguished Level of Achievement



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End of Course Exams (EOCs)



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Students must pass the following End of Course Exams
as part of their graduation requirements:

Algebra I

English I

English II

U.S. History

Biology



Additional Graduation Requirements

- Speech requirement (built into core academic courses throughout high school)
- CPR Instruction (built into health fitness, athletics, and band classes)
- Police Interaction Instruction (built into government classes)
- FAFSA/TASFA Completion- senior year and includes an opt-out



Preparing for the Future



Advanced
Course
Opportunities



Career and
Technology
Education



Advanced Course Opportunities

All Campuses

- Advanced Academic Courses
- Advanced Placement
- Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment

Westchester Academy

- International Baccalaureate

****Don't miss our Zoom session over Advanced Academics on October 18.***



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What is CTE?



Career and Technical Education is the bridge that connects students' academic and technical education to the world of work.

- CTE is an option for all students.
- CTE is aligned with the district's T-2-4 plan.
- CTE programs are innovative, forward-thinking, and evolve to meet the future needs of business and industry.

Next Steps



Naviance



Important
Events and
Dates



A young boy with dark hair, wearing a dark blue polo shirt, is sitting at a desk in a classroom. He is looking directly at the camera while holding a tablet. In the background, other students are visible, some looking at their own devices. A blue bulletin board is on the wall behind them.

Naviance

Students

- Career Cluster Finder Survey
- Course Planner
- Career Planning
- College Planning
- Scholarships (available in high school)

Parents

- Parent Accounts
 - Sign Four Year Plan in Course Planner
 - See results of career surveys

Career Cluster Finder

- Interest Inventory that identifies a student's career interest
- Gives students the opportunity to dive deeper into interests and learn about career opportunities
- Helps students make connections between their career interests and their high school coursework

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Career Cluster Ranking

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Career Cluster Ranking

Here are all the Career Clusters in order of your combined interest, qualities and subject scores.

Human Services	Score: 9
Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communications	Score: 8
Hospitality and Tourism	Score: 8
Education and Training	Score: 7
Government and Public Administration	Score: 6
Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security	Score: 6
Architecture and Construction	Score: 5

Show Me How

8:32 AM
10/13/2021

Course Planner: Four Year Planning

- Allows students to plan for specific coursework
- Students will re-visit their plans throughout high school with their counselors
- Determines their course selection for each year in high school

****Don't miss our Four Year Planning and Naviance session on October 5.***

The screenshot displays the Naviance Course Planner interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs for 'Home - Spring Bran...', 'SBISD PSC Website', 'Mental Health Reso...', 'T-2-4 College & Ca...', '2019-20 Student Su...', 'Applitrack', and 'Vaping resources'. Below this, the main header shows 'Select Endorsement' and 'Select Pathway' dropdowns, followed by an 'ADD' button. The selected endorsement is 'Business and Industry - Architecture Design' with a checkmark and '7/4 credits'.

The main content area is a table titled 'REQUIREMENTS' with a 'Check for Alerts' button. The table has columns for '9th Grade', '10th Grade', '11th Grade', and '12th Grade'. The rows represent different course categories:

REQUIREMENTS	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
28 Credits in Plan	7 Credits	7 Credits	7 Credits	7 Credits
English Language Arts 4 Credits 4 Credits in Plan	English I AAC EL111A 0.5 credits	English II AAC EL121A 0.5 credits	English III AP EL139A 0.5 credits	English IV AP EL149A 0.5 credits
	English I AAC EL111B 0.5 credits	English II AAC EL121B 0.5 credits	English III AP EL139B 0.5 credits	English IV AP EL149B 0.5 credits
Mathematics 4 Credits 4 Credits in Plan	Algebra I MT212A 0.5 credits	Geometry MT312A 0.5 credits	Algebra II MT232A 0.5 credits	PreCalculus MT402A 0.5 credits
	Algebra I MT212B 0.5 credits	Geometry MT312B 0.5 credits	Algebra II MT232B 0.5 credits	PreCalculus MT402B 0.5 credits

On the right side of the interface, there are several sections: 'Postsecondary Plan' (with a message: 'You have not indicated your postsecondary plans yet.'), 'Your Assessments' (with a 'Career Cluster Finder' section listing 'Your Top Clusters' as Human Services, Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communications, and Hospitality and Tourism), 'Favorite Career Clusters' (with a message: 'You don't have any favorite career clusters or pathways. Explore Careers and Clusters'), and 'Colleges I'm Thinking About' (with a message: 'You haven't added any schools to your Colleges I'm Thinking About list yet.').

8th Grade Fall Timeline

- Guthrie Center Field Trip- Week of September 26
- Complete and/or review Naviance Assessments
- Review Endorsements and Programs of Studies/Pathways and make selection
- Enter Endorsement and Program of Study/Pathway into Naviance Course Planner
- Enter Core Academic Courses in the Four Year Plan



8th Grade Spring Timeline

- Visit High Schools- January 19, 2023
- Sessions with High School Counselors on MS campus
- Review chosen Endorsement and Program of Study/Pathway-
make changes as needed
- Add electives into Four Year Plan
- Finalize 9th grade courses



8th Grade Spring Timeline, Continued

- Students submit Four Year Plan
- Middle School Counselor approves Four Year Plan
- Parent approves Four Year Plan
- Verify 9th grade course selection





Upcoming Dates

- **October 5:** Naviance and Four Year Planning Parent Session via Zoom
- **October 18:** Advanced Academics in High School Parent Session Via Zoom
- **November 12:** Destination Success- Career Fair



8TH GRADE PARENT SERIES

Class of 2027

Naviance and Four Year Planning

Wednesday, October 5 at 6:00 pm
via Zoom

Register at <https://bit.ly/3U8h0oc>

Advanced Academics in High School

Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 pm
via Zoom

Register at <https://bit.ly/3BN6zzj>



October 5



October 18



Next Steps: Fall

- Set up Naviance parent account
- Talk to your 8th grade students about their Career Cluster Finder Results and Four Year Planning Process
- Check out the resources on Naviance

Next Steps: Spring Semester



- Attend your student's High School meeting in January (details to come)
- Confirm your student's 9th grade course selection and Four Year Plan



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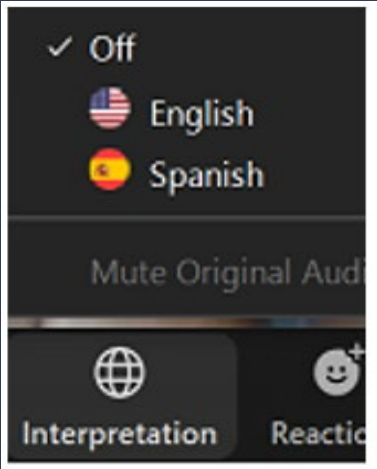
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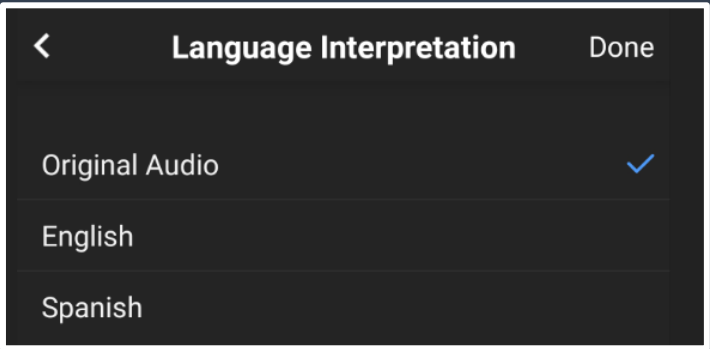
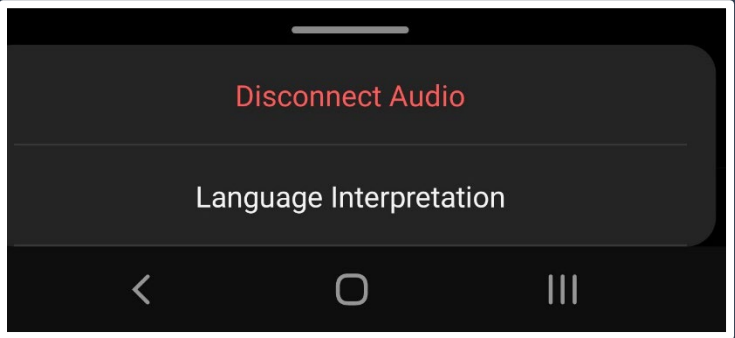
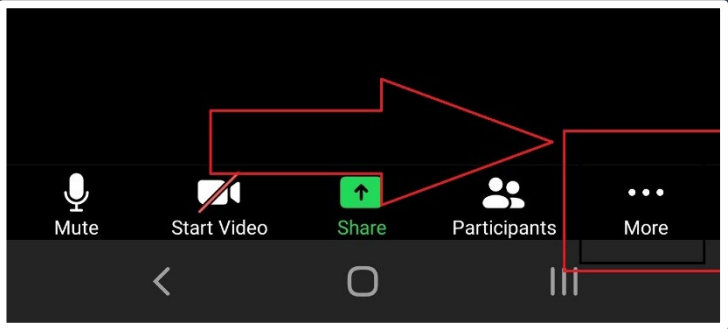
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