

**Welcome
to
Stratford
High
School**



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What does it take to graduate?

**Know the
facts!**



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*Setting goals is the
first step in turning
the invisible into
the visible.*

-Tony Robbins

**How many
credits does
it take to
graduate?**

Answer: 26

**Credits to be a 9th grader,
10th grader, 11th grader,
12th grader**

**(see chart on page 3 of
course catalog)**

Answer:

9th - 0 credits

10th - 5 state credits

11th - 11 state credits

12th - 17 state credits

Foundation Plan + Endorsement – 26 credits

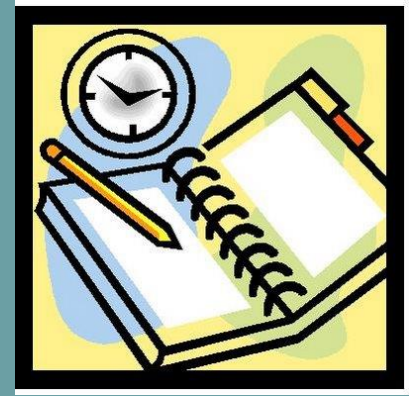
- **4 credits in English**
- **4 credits in Science**
- **4 credits in Social Studies**
- **4 credits in Math**

- **1 credit Physical Education**
- **1 credit Fine Arts**
- **2 credits in Language Other Than English**
- **6 elective credits**



Typical Ninth Grade Schedule

- 1 - English 1 (AAC or GL)
- 2 - Algebra 1 or Geometry (AAC or GL)
- 3 - World Geography or WG/WH AAC
- 4 - Biology (AAC or GL)
- 5 - Fine Art Credit (Art 1, Theater, Choir, etc.)
- 6 - PE (Athletics, Dance)
- 7 - Language (Spanish, ASL or French)
- 8 - Elective



Endorsements

Students should have at least one endorsement in order to graduate.

An endorsement gives students an option to focus on a series of courses.



Types of Endorsements:



STEM:

Science, Technology,
Engineering, and
Mathematics



Business and Industry



Public Service



Arts and Humanities



Multidisciplinary

Counselors have detailed information about these endorsements.

Detailed information can also be found on **pages 28-33** in the course catalog found on the SBISD Website

What is a pathway?

Pathways are courses that **need to be taken** in order to obtain an endorsement.

The course catalog has detailed information or your counselor has detailed information.



Pathway Examples



Choir	Freshman	Choir 9
	Sophomore	Choir 10
	Junior	Choir 11
	Senior	Choir 12

Business Management	Freshman	Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance
	Sophomore	Business Information Management
	Junior	Business Law or Global Business/ Virtual Business
	Senior	Statistics and Business Decision Making or Career Prep I

Health Care Practitioner AHA Basic Life Support OSHA 10	Freshman	Principles of Health Science
	Sophomore	Medical Terminology
	Junior	Anatomy and Physiology
	Senior	Health Science Theory w/ Clinical or Medical Microbiology/ Pathophysiology

Agriculture - Animal Science	Freshman	Principles of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources / Small Animal Management and Equine Science
	Sophomore	Livestock Production with Lab
	Junior	Vet Med Applications and Advanced Animal Science
	Senior	Practicum in AFNR

What are EOC tests?

End of Course Tests

These have to be passed in order to graduate!

Tests are in the following subjects:

- English I - 9th grade
- English II- 10th grade
- Algebra I- 9th grade (or 8th grade)
- U.S. History- 11th grade
- Biology- 9th Grade



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What is a transcript? What is its purpose?

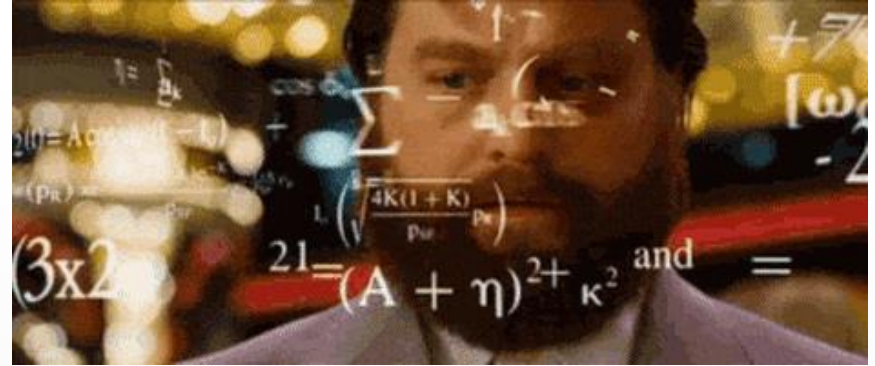
- A **transcript** is a document that has the classes that you have taken and the grade earned. It is used to send to possible future employers, technical schools, and universities
- Students can print **unofficial transcripts** on skyward.
- **Official Transcripts** are obtained through Naviance or by contacting our registrar, Tyita Webb

Grade Point Average

Let's start with understanding GPA



GPA



How is it calculated?

Grade Point Average is determined by **dividing** the **total grade points** by the **number of courses taken**.



ACC/DE/DC/AP Core Subjects have weighted GPA Points.

Numeric Grade	A 90-100	B 80-89	C 75-79	D 74-70	F 69-Below
ACC/DE/DC/ AP	7	6	5	4	0
Academic	6	5	4	3	0

More on GPA...

**What is the highest GPA
a student can earn?**

6.5 GPA

**How does a student
know his/her GPA?**

Ask your
counselor.



What happens with GPA if you take two weighted courses of the same subject (i.e, AP Physics and AP Biology)?



Only one is weighted - the highest grade

A person wearing a mustard yellow ribbed sweater is sitting at a dark wooden desk, working on a silver laptop. Their hands are visible on the laptop's trackpad and keyboard. The background is slightly blurred, showing a dark green wall and some papers on the desk. A white rectangular box with a folded corner effect is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text.

**It's never too
late to work
towards a
better GPA!**

What courses have the possibility of earning college credit?

Dual Enrollment(DE)

- This is through
University of Texas

Dual Credit(DC) -This is
through Houston
Community College

AP Level Courses - Via
the AP Test



I'm officially a college student!

NAVIANCE ✨

Two main ways Naviance is used:

1. To create a **four year plan** for graduation
2. To request your **transcript**
3. Research colleges
4. Research careers



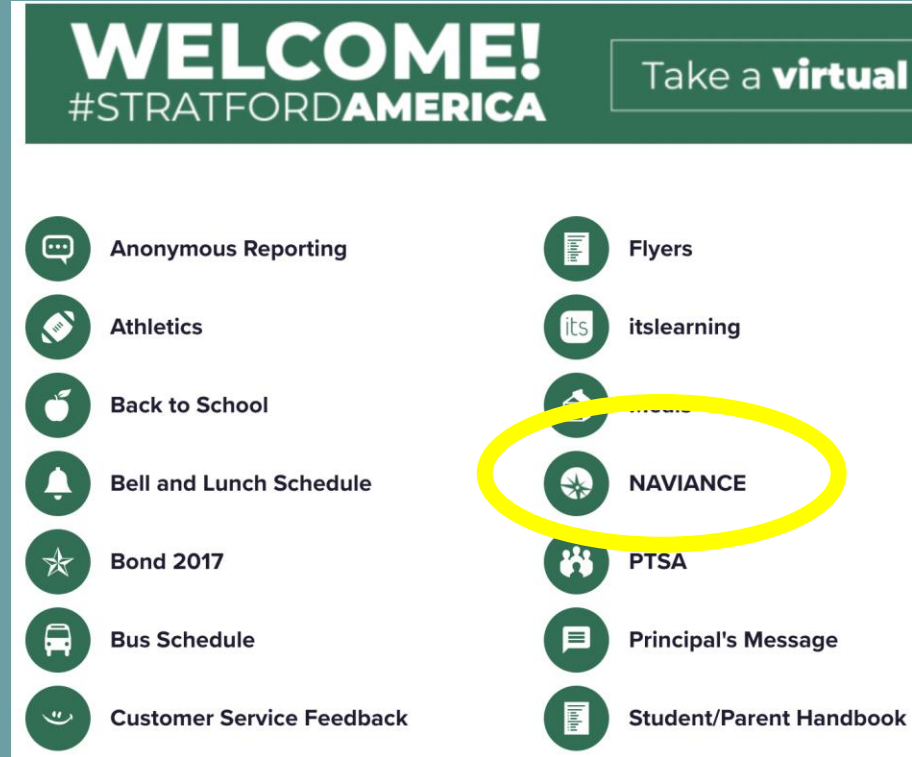
How to Log on to Naviance

Go to SHS Website

Scroll down to you see green dots - **Click Naviance**

Click Student

Click Single Sign On



Course Selection Timeline

1. **January 19th** - Transition Day
2. **January 23rd/24th** - SFMS Visit*
3. **January 25th** - MMS Visit*
4. **January 26th** - Cornerstone Visit*
5. **March - June** - Course Verification Sheets
6. **June 2** - Final day to make changes to course selection**

*During these visits, SHS counselors will help 8th grade students choose their high school courses and develop their four year plan in Naviance. Students should also turn in course selection sheets that have the courses listed with alternates.

**We will not be able to make changes to ninth grade courses after June 2, 2023.

Note: 10th, 11th & 12th grade courses that are part of the four year plan in Naviance are not final.

Advanced Course Contract & Class Changes

- Please read the advanced course contract carefully.
- Students are only permitted to drop advanced courses within certain windows (historically 3rd and/or 9 weeks) with grades that are 74 and BELOW.
- Please read the contract carefully and select courses wisely. It will be available soon. We hate when a student has to remain in a class if they're being unsuccessful, but it causes many problems when we allow students to drop and
- change classes without parameters.
- We are no longer able to accommodate elective changes.
- Choose courses wisely!

Words of Wisdom from the Class of 2022

1. Build your resume over the summer by having a job/internship or volunteering.
2. Know that colleges look at GPA differently - ask your counselor for details.
3. Prepare for your college entrance tests: SAT and/or ACT
4. Know that items that you post in social media may impact college admissions, Greek life acceptances, scholarship selections and job opportunities. Bottom line: Be careful what you post - it does not disappear and can be found.
5. Essays on College Applications are important. Ask your English teachers for guidance.
6. Explore college admission requirements before you begin college applications.
7. Plan early for scholarships/grants - look at requirements.
8. Check email regularly: LOTS of information is sent out via email including scholarship information



Thanks!

Any questions?

Reach out to your middle school counselor.
All of the counselors are here to support you.

