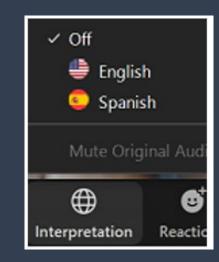


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Spring Branch Independent School District Building Bridges to High School Success



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	



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

-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 (<u>SBISD Website</u>)

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

Spring Branch Independent School District **ACADEMICS**

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



Achieving College, Career, or Military Readiness

The state of Texas expects for every student to achieve a CCMR indicator before they graduate

College Ready

- Meet criteria on AP/IB exams
- Meet TSI criteria (SAT/ACT/TSIA) in reading and mathematics
- Complete a college prep course
- Complete a course for dual credit
- Complete an OnRamps course
- Earn an associate's degree
- Meet standards on a composite of indicators indicating college readiness

Career Ready

- Earn industry certification
- Be admitted to post-secondary industry certification program

Military Ready

• Enlist in the United States Armed Forces

Preparing for the Future

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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 19.





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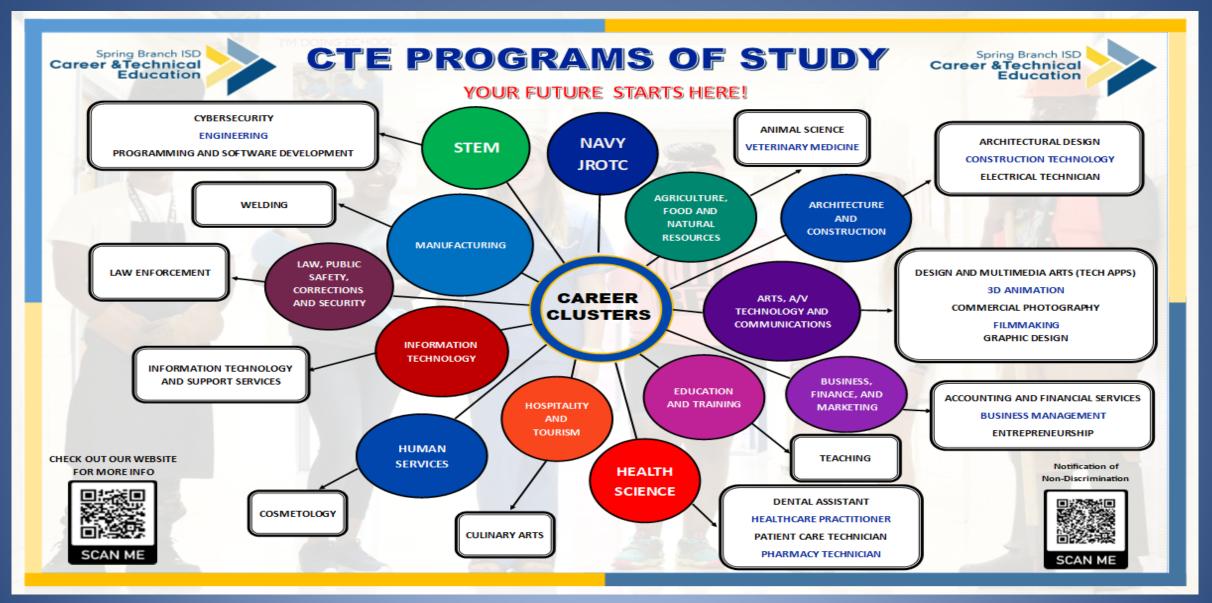


Career and Technical Education is the bridge that connects students' academic and technical education to the world of work.

 $\,\circ\,$ CTE is an option for all students.

- \circ 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.

Career and Technical Education



Next Steps

Naviance			
	Important Events and Dates		



Naviance

<u>Students</u>

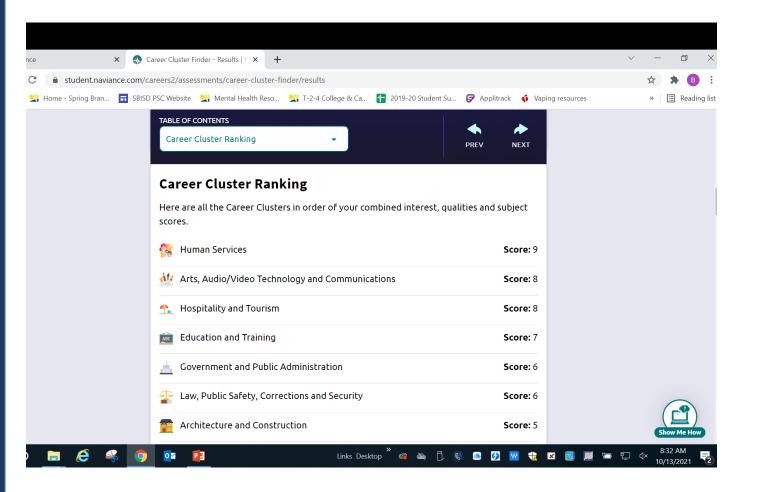
- Career Cluster Finder Survey
- Career Planning
- College Planning
- Scholarships (available in high school)

Parents

- Parent Accounts
 - See results of career surveys
 - College Planning information

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



8th Grade Fall Tasks

- Guthrie Center Field Trip- Week of September 25
- Complete and/or review Naviance Assessments
- Review Endorsements and Programs of Studies/Pathways and make selection
- Enter Endorsement and Program of Study/Pathway into Skyward Four Year Plan



Enter Core Academic Courses in the Four Year Plan

8th Grade Spring Tasks

- Visit High Schools- January 24, 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



Upcoming Dates

- September 25-29: Guthrie Center Visits for 8th grade Students
- October 11: Four Year Planning Parent Session via Zoom
- October 14: Destination Success-Career Fair
- October 19: Advanced Academics in High School Parent Session Via Zoom



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8TH GRADE PARENT SERIES

Class of 2028

Four Year Planning Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm via Zoom Register at <u>bit.ly/Oct11-8thgrade</u>

Advanced Academics in High School Thursday, October 19 at 6:00 pm via Zoom Register at <u>bit.ly/Oct19-8thgrade</u>



October 11





October 19



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
- Attend the Guthrie Center Open House and Destination Success



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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