

# Class of 2027



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**SENECA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Fall 2023**



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# Graduation Requirements




|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| English                               | 4 credits         |
| Math                                  | 4 credits         |
| Biology                               | 1 credit          |
| Other Science*                        | 2 credits         |
| U. S. History                         | 1 credit          |
| Government                            | ½ credit          |
| Economics                             | ½ credit          |
| Additional Social Studies             | 1 credit          |
| PE or JROTC including Health          | 1 credit          |
| World Language or CATE                | 1 credit          |
| Computer Science                      | 1 credit          |
| Electives                             | 7 credits         |
| <b>Minimum total credits required</b> | <b>24 credits</b> |

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



*\*4-year colleges in SC require 3 credits of lab science.*

*Physical Science is not a lab science, but it does count toward the science requirement for high school graduation.*

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**Starting with the Class  
of 2027, there is one  
additional half credit  
requirement:**

**Personal Finance**



# **Grades: More Than Just Passing**

# How Are Course Grades Calculated?

## EACH QUARTER

MAJOR GRADES = 60%

MINOR GRADES = 40%  More important than you think!

## EACH SEMESTER (Varies slightly for EOC/Non-EOC)

QUARTER 1 = 40%

QUARTER 2 = 40%

EXAM = 20%

**END-OF-COURSE EXAMS:** (Not timed but must be completed in one day)

|           |           |         |            |
|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Algebra 1 | English 2 | Biology | US History |
|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|

*Semester 1 EOC classes take their exams in December.*



# High School Transcript

Your Name  
and Contact  
Info Goes  
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**State of South Carolina  
Standard High School Transcript - Final**

Graduation Date: 06/01/2019  
Class Of: 2019  
Diploma Type: State of SC Diploma

**School Name/Address**

Seneca High School  
100 Bobcat Ridge  
Seneca, SC 29678  
Tel: 864-886-4460 Fax: 864-886-4457

**District Name/Address**

School District of Oconee County  
414 S Pine St  
Walhalla, SC 29691  
Tel: (864) 886-4400 Fax: (864) 886-4408

| Crs ID                              | Course Title             | Term | Grd | Mark | Credit | Crs ID                          | Course Title               | Term | Grd | Mark | Credit |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|-----|------|--------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------|-----|------|--------|
| <b>13-14 Seneca Middle School</b>   |                          |      |     |      |        | <b>18-19 Seneca High School</b> |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 5100KBCH                            | Keyboarding              | S2   | 7   | 94   | 0.50   | 365200CW                        | Spanish 2                  | S2   | 12  | 78   | 1.00   |
| <b>14-15 Seneca Middle School</b>   |                          |      |     |      |        | 3799C4CH                        | Service Learning 4B        | S2   | 12  | 100  | 0.50   |
| 5008A1CH                            | Computer App 1           | S1   | 8   | 95   | 0.50   | 412500CW                        | ACT Math Preparation       | S1   | 12  | 100  | 1.00   |
| <b>15-16 Seneca High School</b>     |                          |      |     |      |        | 414100CW                        | Probability and Statistics | S2   | 12  | 80   | 1.00   |
| 302401CW                            | English 1                | YR   | 9   | 93   | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 321100CW                            | Physical Science         | YR   | 9   | 88   | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 3310WGCW                            | World Geography          | YR   | 9   | 93   | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 344101CW                            | Physical Education 1     | YR   | 9   | 100  | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 411401CW                            | Algebra 1                | YR   | 9   | 86   | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 454100CH                            | Instrumental Music:      | S1   | 9   | 98   | 0.50   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
|                                     | Piano Class 1            |      |     |      |        |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 454200CH                            | Instrumental Music:      | S2   | 9   | 98   | 0.50   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
|                                     | Piano Class 2            |      |     |      |        |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 600100CW                            | Introduction to          | YR   | 9   | 97   | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
|                                     | Construction             |      |     |      |        |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 605100CW                            | Introduction to          | YR   | 9   | 93   | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
|                                     | Engineering Design       |      |     |      |        |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| <b>16-17 Hamilton Career Center</b> |                          |      |     |      |        |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 542500CW                            | Sports and Entertainment | S1   | 10  | 81   | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
|                                     | Marketing                |      |     |      |        |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 542600CW                            | Sports and Entertainment | S2   | 10  | 73   | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
|                                     | Management               |      |     |      |        |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| <b>16-17 Seneca High School</b>     |                          |      |     |      |        |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 302501CW                            | English 2                | YR   | 10  | 81   | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 322100CW                            | Biology 1                | YR   | 10  | 77   | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 3360WHCW                            | World History            | YR   | 10  | 85   | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |
| 412201CW                            | Geometry                 | YR   | 10  | 75   | 1.00   |                                 |                            |      |     |      |        |

|                                 |                               |    |    |     |      |                               |                |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----|----|-----|------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>17-18 Seneca High School</b> |                               |    |    |     |      |                               |                |
| 302601CW                        | English 3                     | S2 | 11 | 81  | 1.00 |                               |                |
| 323100CW                        | Chemistry 1                   | S2 | 11 | 74  | 1.00 |                               |                |
| 332000CW                        | U.S. History and Constitution | S2 | 11 | 89  | 1.00 |                               |                |
| 333000CH                        | U.S. Government               | S1 | 11 | 84  | 0.50 |                               |                |
| 335000CH                        | Economics                     | S1 | 11 | 93  | 0.50 |                               |                |
| 340100CH                        | Family and Community Health   | S2 | 11 | 95  | 0.50 |                               |                |
| 344330CH                        | Physical Education 3          | S2 | 11 | 100 | 0.50 |                               |                |
| 365100CW                        | Spanish 1                     | S1 | 11 | 86  | 1.00 |                               |                |
| 379930CH                        | High School 102               | YR | 11 | 100 | 0.50 |                               |                |
| 411501CW                        | Algebra 2                     | S1 | 11 | 83  | 1.00 |                               |                |
| 5007VCCW                        | Google Applications           | S1 | 11 | 100 | 1.00 |                               |                |
| <b>18-19 Seneca High School</b> |                               |    |    |     |      |                               |                |
| 302701CW                        | English 4                     | S1 | 12 | 85  | 1.00 |                               |                |
| 326300CW                        | Anatomy and Physiology        | S1 | 12 | 84  | 1.00 |                               |                |
| 344404CH                        | Physical Education 4          | S1 | 12 | 100 | 0.50 |                               |                |
|                                 |                               |    |    |     |      | <b>SC UGP GPA</b>             | <b>4.0 GPA</b> |
|                                 |                               |    |    |     |      | <b>GPA Summary</b>            | 3.673          |
|                                 |                               |    |    |     |      | <b>Class Rank</b>             | 99 out of 199  |
|                                 |                               |    |    |     |      | <b>Date Calculated</b>        | June 7, 2019   |
|                                 |                               |    |    |     |      | <b>Credit Summary</b>         |                |
|                                 |                               |    |    |     |      | Total Credit Attempted: 31.50 |                |
|                                 |                               |    |    |     |      | Total Credits Earned: 31.50   |                |

# SC UGP 10-Point Grading Scale

| Numerical Average | Letter Grade | College Prep Weighting | Honors Weighting | AP/IB/Dual Credit Weighting |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 100               | A            | 5.000                  | 5.500            | 6.000                       |
| 99                | A            | 4.900                  | 5.400            | 5.900                       |
| 98                | A            | 4.800                  | 5.300            | 5.800                       |
| 97                | A            | 4.700                  | 5.200            | 5.700                       |
| 96                | A            | 4.600                  | 5.100            | 5.600                       |
| 95                | A            | 4.500                  | 5.000            | 5.500                       |
| 94                | A            | 4.400                  | 4.900            | 5.400                       |
| 93                | A            | 4.300                  | 4.800            | 5.300                       |
| 92                | A            | 4.200                  | 4.700            | 5.200                       |
| 91                | A            | 4.100                  | 4.600            | 5.100                       |
| 90                | A            | 4.000                  | 4.500            | 5.000                       |
| 89                | B            | 3.900                  | 4.400            | 4.900                       |
| 88                | B            | 3.800                  | 4.300            | 4.800                       |
| 87                | B            | 3.700                  | 4.200            | 4.700                       |
| 86                | B            | 3.600                  | 4.100            | 4.600                       |
| 85                | B            | 3.500                  | 4.000            | 4.500                       |
| 84                | B            | 3.400                  | 3.900            | 4.400                       |
| 83                | B            | 3.300                  | 3.800            | 4.300                       |
| 82                | B            | 3.200                  | 3.700            | 4.200                       |
| 81                | B            | 3.100                  | 3.600            | 4.100                       |
| 80                | B            | 3.000                  | 3.500            | 4.000                       |



# ACADEMIC AWARDS

## **Honor Roll** (Determined at the end of each quarter)

- **Principal's Honor Roll:** 90 or higher in each class
- **Honor Roll:** 80 or higher in each class or cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher with no Ds or Fs

## **Seneca Rotary Scholars** (Based on GPA for first 3 quarters of the current year only)

- Awarded to top 5 students in each class each year
- Recognized at the Rotary Scholars Banquet each spring

## **Graduation Honors**

- **Honor Graduate:** GPA 4.25 - 4.74 (Blue Cord)
- **High Honor Graduate:** GPA 4.75 or higher (Gold Cord)
- **Valedictorian & Salutatorian:** graduates with final rank of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> based on SC UGP GPA

# Retention and Promotion Policy



## To be promoted to the 9th grade

Student must be promoted by middle school

## To be promoted to the 10th grade

Student must have earned a total of 5 credits **including 1 Math and 1 English**

## To be promoted to the 11th grade

Student must have earned a total of 11 credits **including 2 Math and 2 English**

## To be promoted to the 12th grade

Student must be able to graduate by the end of the current school year. The subsequent summer term is NOT counted as part of the current school year.

# 9th Grade Year is CRITICAL

## WHO WILL GRADUATE CAN BE ACCURATELY PREDICTED BASED ON COURSE GRADES IN 9TH GRADE.

- Students who are on-track at the end of their 9th grade year—earn at least a quarter of the credits needed for four-year graduation and receive no more than one “F” in a core course—are as much as **four times more likely to graduate from high school than their off-track peers**. In fact, the 9th grade on track metric is more predictive of a student’s likelihood of graduating than race, ethnicity, poverty level and prior test scores combined. *(Allensworth, 2013)*
- For every core course that a 9th grade student fails, their **chance of graduating in four years decreases by 30%**. *(Nield, 2009)*
- 70-80% of all students who failed 9th grade will not graduate from high school. *(Wyner et al. (2007). Achievement Trap: How America is Failing Millions of High-Achieving Students from Lower-Income Families. Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.)*

# REPORT CARDS

Because grades are available through the Parent Portal, SDOC no longer sends out progress reports. Official report cards are sent out **ELECTRONICALLY** to the email address on file.



|                                                              |                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Last Day of Quarter 1:<br/>October 4</b>                  | <b>Quarter 1 Report Cards:<br/>October 25</b>  |
| <b>Last Day of Quarter 2 and Semester 1:<br/>December 15</b> | <b>Semester 1 Report Cards:<br/>January 12</b> |
| <b>Last Day of Quarter 3:<br/>March 18</b>                   | <b>Quarter 3 Report Cards:<br/>March 27</b>    |
| <b>Last Day of Quarter 4 and Semester 2:<br/>May 23</b>      | <b>Final Report Cards:<br/>May 23</b>          |

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# **Attendance Requirements**



# Attendance Expectations



## Failure Due to Attendance

In order to receive credit for a high school course, a student must attend at least 85 days (for a 90-day semester course) or 170 days (for a 180-day year course) or ***the equivalent for block or hybrid scheduling***. Students who miss more than the days listed below may not receive credit for the class even if they have a passing grade in the class.

**5 DAYS** for a 1 credit course

**3 DAYS** for a 1/2 credit course

*An "FA" (Failure due to Attendance) will appear on their high school transcript.*

## Excused vs Unexcused

**EXCUSED** - An absence is **excused** when a student has been out of school for a "**lawful**" reason and has submitted a note to the school explaining the absence.

**UNEXCUSED** - An absence is unexcused when a student fails to submit a note for an absence or when a student has been out of school for an "**unlawful**" reason.



## Lawful vs Unlawful

**LAWFUL** - Illness; doctor/dental appointment; death/serious illness in immediate family; recognized religious holiday of their faith; student court appearance; prearranged absences for other reasons at the discretion of the principal

**UNLAWFUL** - Willfully absent from school without the knowledge of parent/guardian; absent without acceptable cause with the knowledge of their parent/guardian.

# Seat-time recovery

## Failure Due to Absences = Seat -Time Recovery

In order to receive credit for a high school course, a student must attend at least 85 days (for a 90-day semester course) or 170 days (for a 180-day year course) or the equivalent for block or hybrid scheduling. The board may grant approval of excessive absences in accordance with board policy.

**Students who miss more than the days listed below may not receive credit even if they are passing the class. An “FA” (50) will appear on their high school transcript.**

- 5 days for a 1.0 credit course
- 3 days for .5 credit course
- All absences, excused or unexcused, count toward these limits.

**You will receive an email stating that you are at risk for a failure due to attendance and that you are required to make up seat time.**

**Seat-time recovery is offered Mon, Wed, and Fri mornings in room 141 with Mr. Hudak. Please get your breakfast and quickly report to Mr. Hudak.**

**Seat-time Flex Session Recovery is also offered by request in room 131 with Mrs. Plummer. Some students are automatically enrolled in the Seat-time recovery flex period and must report to room 131 before the tardy bell rings. You may also send an email to [kplummer@sdoc.org](mailto:kplummer@sdoc.org) if you would like to have additional Flex sessions scheduled to clear up your attendance quicker.**



# **Beyond the Classroom**



# GET INVOLVED

Success in High School takes students beyond the classroom...



# CO-CURRICULAR & EXTRA-CURRICULAR

**SGA (Student Government)**

**FFA (Agriculture)**

**CATS FOR CHRIST**

**FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)**

**FEA (FUTURE EDUCATORS)**

**JROTC**

**YEARBOOK**

**THEATRE**

**INTERACT**

**MODEL UN**

**EMERGING WOMEN**

**YCI**

**DECA**

**BAND**

**STRINGS**

**CHORUS**

**ART**

**BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL**

**BASKETBALL**

**CHEERLEADING**

**CROSS COUNTRY**

**TRACK**

**WRESTLING**

**FOOTBALL**

**GOLF**

**SOCCER**

**TENNIS**

**VOLLEYBALL**



# ACADEMIC CLUBS

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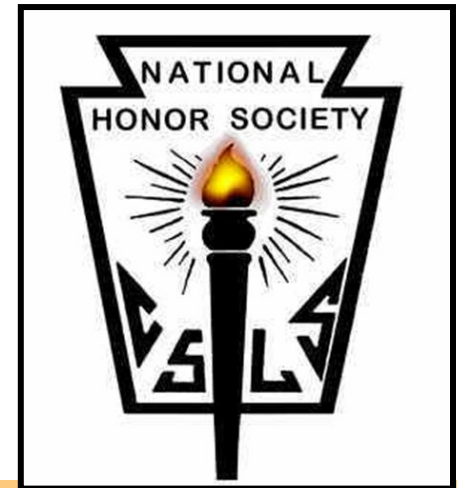
## **National Beta Club:** Maintain 3.95 GPA or higher

- Demonstrate honesty, trustworthiness and be a model for other students
- May qualify for induction Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior Year
- Service Organization



## **National Honor Society:** Maintain 4.5 GPA or higher

- May qualify for induction Sophomore, Junior or Senior Year
- Service Organization



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# **Athletic Eligibility**



# High School Eligibility

Governed by SC High School League

<http://schsl.org/>

Planet High School

<https://www.planeths.com/>

Seneca High School Athletic Policy

Student Handbook pages 41-45

**Failing *high school classes* can make you  
ineligible for athletics  
in high school AND in college.**

# College Eligibility

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# The GPA for NCAA Eligibility is Calculated Differently

## DIVISION I WORKSHEET

This worksheet is provided to assist you in monitoring your progress in meeting NCAA initial-eligibility standards. The NCAA Eligibility Center will determine your academic status after you graduate. Remember to check [your high school's list](#) of NCAA-approved core courses for the classes you have taken or plan to take.

Use the following scale: A = 4 quality points; B = 3 quality points; C = 2 quality points; D = 1 quality point.

### ENGLISH (4 YEARS REQUIRED)

| 10/7 | COURSE TITLE          | CREDIT | X | GRADE | = | QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE) |
|------|-----------------------|--------|---|-------|---|-------------------------------------------|
| ✓    | Example: English 9    | 0.5    |   | 4     |   | $(0.5 \times 4) = 2$                      |
|      |                       |        |   |       |   | 0.0                                       |
|      |                       |        |   |       |   | 0.0                                       |
|      |                       |        |   |       |   | 0.0                                       |
|      |                       |        |   |       |   | 0.0                                       |
|      | TOTAL ENGLISH CREDITS | 0.0    |   |       |   | TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 0.0                  |

### MATH (3 YEARS REQUIRED)

| 10/7 | COURSE TITLE       | CREDIT | X | GRADE | = | QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE) |
|------|--------------------|--------|---|-------|---|-------------------------------------------|
| ✓    | Example: Algebra I | 1.0    |   | 3     |   | $(1.0 \times 3) = 3$                      |
|      |                    |        |   |       |   | 0.0                                       |
|      |                    |        |   |       |   | 0.0                                       |
|      |                    |        |   |       |   | 0.0                                       |
|      | TOTAL MATH CREDITS | 0.0    |   |       |   | TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 0.0                  |

### SCIENCE (2 YEARS REQUIRED)

| 10/7 | COURSE TITLE | CREDIT | X | GRADE | = | QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE) |
|------|--------------|--------|---|-------|---|-------------------------------------------|
|------|--------------|--------|---|-------|---|-------------------------------------------|

Only English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language classes are included in the GPA calculation.  
Other electives do not count.

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# College Planning

# COLLEGE PLANNING

## Freshman & Sophomore Years:

- Build your transcript—Grades are important!!
- Think about and explore possible majors
- Explore college websites for requirements
- Create and update your resume (*Extracurricular Activities, Service Hours, Honors, Awards, etc.*)
- Apply for Summer Programs and Workshops
- Keep in mind - there are different pathways to a college degree

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# Career Planning

**Kristen Gray**  
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# CAREER PLANNING

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Students took YouScience to assess your interests and aptitudes to help you identify careers that match both of those!

# Career Planning

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Here are a few sites with career videos your student might enjoy:

<https://sites.google.com/ja.org/career-speaker-videos>

<https://www.knowitall.org/subject/career-education>

<https://www.drkit.org/career-videos/>

<https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/CareerVideo>



# JOB SHADOWING

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*Students who wish to job shadow should make plans to do that during the months of October-November & January-April.*

*See Kristen Gray in Guidance to make arrangements.*

*This will be on an individual basis.*



# To support your career exploration and development...

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**Hamilton Career and Technology Center**



# **Planning for 2024-2025**

# IGP/Course Selection for 2024-2025

- **Pre-Registration**
  - Teacher/Student conversations
  - Teachers will make recommendations for core classes during December and again in January
  - Parents and students discuss recommendations, electives and alternates prior to IGP conferences
- **February/March - Course Selection / IGP Conference**
  - Parents/guardians and student meet with counselor
- **Deadline for Changes to Course Requests: April 1, 2024.**



Scan this QR code with your phone and enter your name **as indicated** to be counted present. If you do not have a way to do this, sign the attendance sheet on your way out.

**The School District of Oconee County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. He/she may be contacted by mail at 414 S. Pine St, Walhalla SC 29691, by phone at 864-886-4400 or by email at [lsimmons@g.oconee.k12.sc.us](mailto:lsimmons@g.oconee.k12.sc.us).**

