

WELCOME TO SAYREVILLE WAR MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

ORIENTATION
for
Parents/Guardians and
Students
Class of 2028

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Grade 9 Electives

Course	Department	Type
Freshman Foundations: Success at SWMHS and Beyond! (Mandatory for all ninth-grade students.)		Semester
Air Force JROTC		Full Year
Auto Technology 1	Technology	Semester
Band	Music	Semester
Introduction to Business	Business	Semester
Career Development	Business	Semester
Children's Literature	Language Arts	Semester
Choir 101	Music	Semester
Public Speaking and Effective Modern Communication	Language Arts	Semester
Communication/TV 1	Language Arts	Semester (S1)
Communication/TV 2	Language Arts	Semester (S2)
Introduction to 3D Art & Design	Art	Semester
Creative Writing	Language Arts	Semester
Introduction to Digital Art	Art	Semester
Fashion Illustration	Art	Semester (S2)
Film Studies	Language Arts	Semester
Financial Literacy in the 21st Century (Economics)	Social Studies	Semester
Introduction to Art	Art	Semester
Journalism	Language Arts	Semester
Microsoft Office Suite	Business	Semester
Monsters in Literature	Language Arts	Semester
Mythology	Language Arts	Semester
The History of New Jersey	Social Studies	Semester
Theatre 1	Performing Arts	Semester
Wood 1	Technology	Semester
World Geography	Social Studies	Semester

Class of 2028

Google Classroom

Class code: k3tp2xi

Join and have access to:

- Grade 9 electives
- Course Description Book
- Counselors caseloads
- How to add electives in OnCourse Power Point
- Credits- how many do you need to pass to the next grade level?

Ms. C. O'Connor ~ Science, Industrial Arts, Nurses

SCIENCE

Biology Honors

Physics 9

Integrated Science

Placement determination:

Semester grades in science, Algebra, and LAL

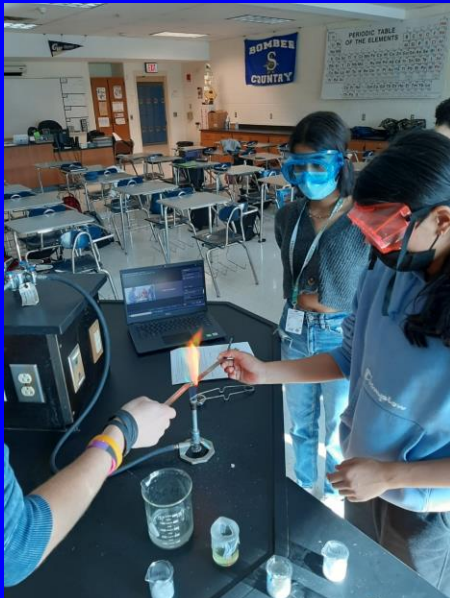
Quarterly assessment grades

Teacher recommendation

STEM Academy

Biomedical Strand

Required Science Courses		Required Math Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology Honors• Chemistry Honors• Physics• Anatomy & Physiology Honors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AP Biology• AP Chemistry• STEM Capstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geometry Honors• Algebra II Honors• Pre-Calculus Honors or AP Pre-Calculus• Calculus Honors or AP Calculus AB or BC



STEM Academy

Engineering Strand

Required Electives	Required Science Courses	Choice of 4 Math Courses	2 AP Science Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro. To Engineering • Engineering Drawing • Robotics • Adv. Architectural Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology Honors • Chemistry Honors • Physics • STEM Capstone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geometry Honors • Algebra II Honors • Pre-Calculus Honors • Calculus Honors • AP Pre-Calculus • AP Calculus AB • AP Calculus BC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Biology • AP Chemistry • AP Environmental Science



TECHNOLOGY ELECTIVES



- Auto Technology 1 (Semester)
- Wood Shop 1 (Semester)
- Robotics (Full Year)
- Engineering Drawing (Full Year)

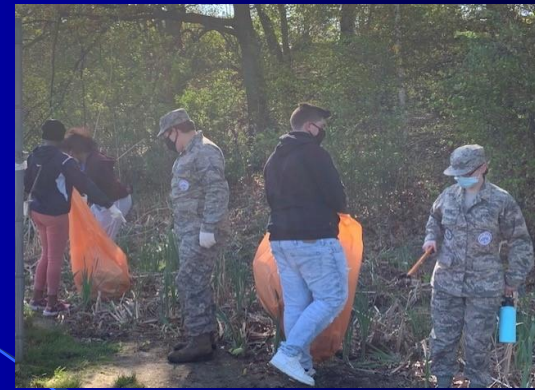


JROTC

Air Force Junior ROTC

Can be taken freshman through senior years.

- Ceremonial performances and protocol for civilian and military events
- Drill
- Aerospace environment
- Human requirements of flight
- Principles and physics of aircraft flight



Ms. Suzanne Capraro ~ ELA, ESL, World Language

ENGLISH: All 4 Years

Freshman Levels:

English 9 Honors

English 9 CP

English 9



Placement Criteria for English includes:

Semester 1 Grade

Quarterly Exam Average

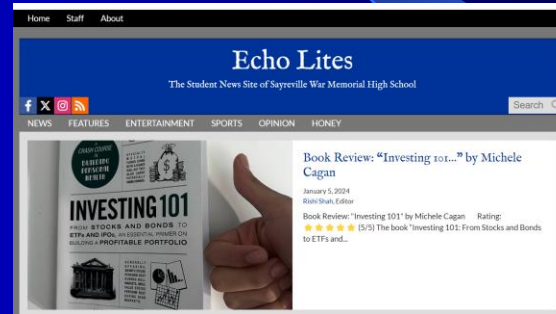
LinkIt! Benchmark Form B Score

Current Level of English



ENGLISH RELATED ELECTIVES

- Creative Writing (*Images Magazine*)
- Children's Literature (FEA elective choice)
- Monsters in Literature
- Journalism (*Echolites*)
- Mythology
- Film Studies
- Public Speaking and Effective Modern Communication
(Practical Art, FEA elective choice)
- Communication Arts through Television I (Practical Art)



Communication and TV Production

- Aligned to the practical arts graduation requirement
- Offered to all grade levels
- Functioning TV Studio at SWMHS
- The BombCast: 100% Student Production



WORLD LANGUAGES



Freshman options:

- French 1
- Spanish 1
- Spanish 2
- American Sign Language 1



ESL Program at SWMHS

- ESL classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students
- SEI/SIOP trained content area teachers
- Annual WIDA ACCESS testing
- Seal of Biliteracy option for juniors and seniors

NJ State Seal of Biliteracy

- Award given by the NJDOE
- Recognizes students who demonstrate proficiency in at least one language in addition to English by high school graduation
- Assessments administered from Jan. 1 of junior year through Feb. 8 of senior year
- 2021: 20 students
- 2022: 26 students
- 2023: 32 students
- 2024: 9 students so far!
- 2025: 12 students already!



FUTURE EDUCATORS ACADEMY - FEA

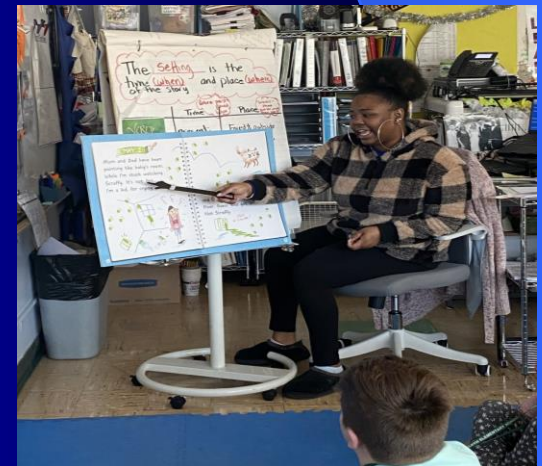
The Sayreville War Memorial High School Academy for future careers in education provides a focused course sequence that appeals to students who are interested in exploring a future in education. Academy students will be eligible to gain college credit through Rider University for a nominal fee.

Related Coursework (must take two):

- Children's Literature
- Public Speaking and Effective Modern Communication
- Parent/Child Development
- Social Foundations of Human Behavior

Mandatory Courses:

- Introduction to Tomorrow's Teachers
- Tomorrow's Teachers Honors



HISTORY

World History Honors

World History CP

World History

World History -- CST determined

Placement for World History includes:

Semester 1 Grades

Quarterly Exam Grades

Current Social Studies Level

ELA Benchmark Form B

SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

SEMESTER COURSES

- **World Geography and Global Issues**
- **History of New Jersey**
- **Financial Literacy in the 21st Century**
 - **Graduation Requirement**

Mr. Christopher Howard, Arts

PERFORMING ARTS ELECTIVES

- Band (Semester and Full Year)
- Advanced Band
- Advanced Jazz Studies (Audition required)
- Choir 101 (Semester and Full Year)

Theatre I

- Offered to all grade levels
- Fulfills Performing/Fine Arts graduation requirement
- 2.5 credit course
- Dramatic Production in Fall
- Musical Production in Spring

Visual Arts Electives

SEMESTER COURSES

- **Introduction to Art**
- **Introduction to Digital Arts**
- **Introduction to 3D Arts and Design**

VISUAL ARTS CAREER ACADEMY

The Visual Arts strand of the academy offers a comprehensive course sequence for students who may be interested in pursuing careers in the art field.

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Required course:	Choose two of the following courses:	Choose the following course:	Choose one of the following courses:
Introduction to Art (2.5)	Drawing (2.5)	Studio Art (5.0)	Advanced Art: A Capstone Course (5.0)
Will be offered as a Pathway later on:	Painting (2.5)		AP Art History (5.0)
Introduction to 3D Arts and Design (2.5)	Ceramics I (2.5)		
Introduction to Digital Arts (2.5)	Ceramics II (2.5)		
	Stained Glass (2.5)		
	Fashion Illustration (2.5)		
	<i>Introduction to Digital Arts (2.5)</i>		
	<i>Introduction to 3D Arts and Design (2.5)</i>		

MATHEMATICS

- Algebra 2 Honors
- Algebra 2
- Plane Geometry Honors
- Plane Geometry
- Algebra 1

Criteria for Placement includes

- Semester 1 grades
- Quarterly Exam Performance
- Linkit Benchmark Data
- NJSLA data *

STEM ACADEMY – CS Track



STEM ACADEMY COURSE OF STUDY – COMPUTER SCIENCE EMPOWER STUDENTS OF TODAY TO BECOME DIGITAL INNOVATORS OF TOMORROW

Students will be selected for the Computer Science Academy through an application-based process.
The table below is a schedule that a CS Academy will follow during their time at the high school.

Computer Science STEM Academy CTE Information Technology Track

Grades 9	Grade 10 required course	Grade 11 required course	Grade 12 required course
5 Credits in Performing Arts	AP Computer Science Principles (5.0)	Front End Web Design (2.5)	AP Computer Science A (5.0)

Computer Honors Society

The criteria for a student to be accepted into Computer Honors Society

- Completed application
- Student is a member of the SWMHS Computer Science Academy
- Completed at least 3 Academy/CS classes
- Student has a 3.0 GPA in Academy/CS classes
- Student has not been suspended since entering HS and is not banned from Honor Societies

- Student is Junior or older
- Student has no more than 20 absences per year
- Student has not achieved a grade below a 75 in any course.

STEM ACADEMY – CS Track

We also had a senior was among 400 exceptional students selected from across the country to receive \$40,000 in paid tuition to pursue their studies at the college of their choice, along with a paid internship at Amazon following their freshman year.

BUSINESS ELECTIVES

- Introduction to Business (Semester)
- Career Development (Semester)
- Microsoft Office Suite (Semester)

BUSINESS ACADEMY

- SBA (Sayreville Business Academy) for business careers provides a focused course sequence that appeals to the students who are interested in exploring a future in business.
- **RUTGERS UNIVERSITY BUSINESS FOR YOUTH (RUBY)**

The RUBY Program involves a business plan competition, on-campus classes (including college preparation lessons), visits to corporate facilities, interaction with current Rutgers Business School students (mentor relationships), soft skills development (i.e., team building, interviewing and presentation skills), and involvement of parents which will develop direction towards a “culture” of high performance.



Ms. J. Badami ~ Health, Physical Education, and Athletics

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Physical Education- 3 marking periods

Health Education - 1 marking period

For every year in attendance

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Freshman Fall and Winter Seasons:
successful completion of grade eight.

Sophomore to Senior Fall and Winter Seasons: Successful completion of 30 credits the previous year.

Freshmen to Senior Spring Season: successful completion of 15 credits at the end of semester one.

All Athletic Questions:
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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 4 years

Mathematics including Algebra 1 and Geometry
and a third year of math 3 years

Science including Biology and a choice among Chemistry,
Physics or Env. Science and a third inquiry based lab or
technical science 3 years

U.S. History 2 years

World History 1 year

World Language 1 year

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS cont.


Visual/Performing Arts	1 year
Practical/Vocational Arts/21 st Century Life and Careers Education	1 year
Physical Education and Health	Each year of enrollment
Financial Literacy/Economics	½ year

Required Credits

In addition to passing the required courses, students must successfully complete 120 credits.

CREDITS REQUIRED

Cumulative



25	credits	To pass to grade 10
60	credits	To pass to grade 11
95	credits	To pass to grade 12
120	credits	To graduate!

COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM

- 4 yrs. **English**
- 3 yrs. **History**
- 3 yrs. **Mathematics**
- 3 yrs. **Science**
- 2 yrs. **World Language**
- **Academic Electives**

RECOMMENDED

- 4 yrs. **English**
- 3 yrs. **History**
- 4 yrs. **Mathematics**
- 4 yrs. **Science**
- 4 yrs. **World Language**
- **Academic Electives**

Attendance

If a student's absentee rate is equal to or greater than 10%, the student is considered chronically absent.

Half year class: 9 days

Full year class: 18 days

In order to earn credit for coursework, students must be present for a minimum of 90% of the days the course is in session, i.e.

Full-year course 162 days

Semester course 81 days

Any student who is absent from classes more than the allowed number of days shall be removed from those classes, lose credit and be assigned to study halls.

THE SCHEDULING PROCESS

- Students will be choosing their electives directly in On Course. The window for choosing electives is open now and closes on March 16th at midnight. Parents can view and assist their child with this process. Students will be attending a presentation by the high school counselors in their social studies class on Feb. 1st.
- The current teachers will be adding their recommended courses in On Course. The school counselors will review these courses with the students as well as the electives they added in On Course during their one-on-one scheduling appointment.
- April 2nd-April 8th - Students will be scheduled for their grade nine classes with their school counselor during their physical education classes, in-person at the middle school.
- The final courses and electives will be computer generated in August.

Adding electives in On Course

This link will take you to the Guidance Department website link with the step-by-step instructions for adding electives in On Course:

<https://www.sayrevillek12.net/district/departments/counseling/high-school-counseling>

TYPICAL FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

1. English
2. Mathematics
3. Science
4. Lunch
5. World History
6. Visual/practical/performing arts

OR

Academic electives (Reading and/or Math Lab)

7. Physical Education
8. World Language

Typical Grade 9 Schedule

Period	Term	Course Name	Credits	Teacher	Room
Period 1	24-25	Spanish 1	5.0	Lisay	B211
Period 2	24-25	English 9 CP	5.0	Smith	A202
Period 3	S1	PE 1S/Health 1S	2.5	McGarry	GYM
Period 3	S2	PE 2S	2.5	Watson	D006
Period 4	S1	Lunch Fall		Jenkins	CAFE
Period 4	S2	Lunch Spring		Jenkins	CAFE
Period 5	24-25	World History CP	5.0	Ferreri	A223
Period 6	24-25	Plane Geometry	5.0	Jerome	B004
Period 7	24-25	Freshman Foundations	2.5	Smith	A89
Period 7	24-25	Mythology	2.5	Wrightson	A210
Period 8	24-25	Physics 9	5.0	Cicciari	D212

Remediation and Intervention Courses

- Students take the NJSLA 08 for Math, English and Science.
- **Students who do not meet expectations of the grade eight NJSLA may be placed in a remedial math and/or language arts class instead of an elective.** Student schedules will reflect this change in August.

SCHEDULING TIPS

- *Review* the freshmen electives and course descriptions on the Guidance Department website
- Or under "Departments" choose "Counseling Department"
 - Or join/visit the Class of 2028 Google Classroom
Class code: **k3tp2xi**
- Choose 2 electives and have 4-5 more *alternate electives*
 - Make elective selections in On Course

After scheduling....

Study, work hard and maintain good grades. Do your very best on the NJSLA assessments.

Freshman Student Orientation

In late August, an in-person orientation will be held at the high school.

Watch your school email, the Bomber Blasts and check the district website for notification of the date and time.

Class of 2028

We wish you success
as you complete your last year
in the Middle School.

We look forward to September and
the beginning of your high
school career!