

# Rising 9th Grade Parent Night

February 6, 2024



# Welcome

Dr. Kaaren Hampton  
Principal





# School Counselors & Administrators

**Ms. Nero**

**A-B**

**Ms. Marze**

**A-E**

**Ms. Jacobs**

**C-Gr**

**Mr. Bryan**

**F-J**

**Ms. Floyd**

**Gu-L**

**Mr. Phillips**

**K-R**

**Mrs. Mumford**

**M-Sa**

**Mr. McGinty**

**S-Z**

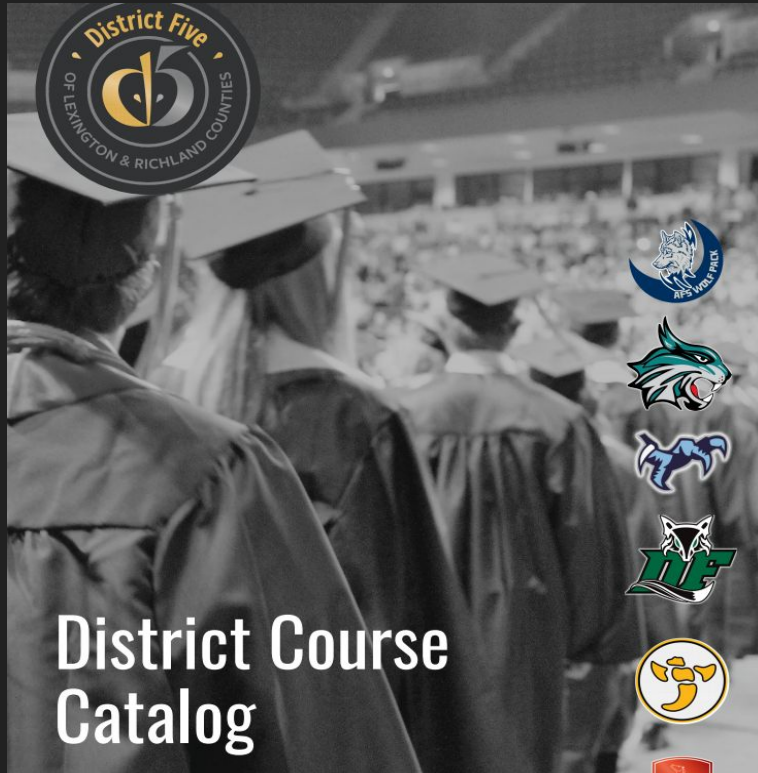
**Mrs. Pearson**

**Sc-Z**

**Ms. Johnson, Assistant Principal  
of Instruction**

**Dr. Kaaren Hampton  
Principal**

# District Five Course Catalog



Available on the district website as well as the IHS School website.

Provides a description of courses and their prerequisites.

Includes information on general scheduling procedures, college admissions, promotion and graduation requirement.

Provides an overview of specialized programs at each high school.

# The Path to Graduation

- A student must earn a grade of 60 or higher in a course to earn credit.
- A year long class is worth 1 credit and a semester class is worth  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit.
- A student must earn 1 English credit, 1 math credit and 4 additional credits to be promoted to 10th grade

# Graduation Requirements

<b>English</b>	<b>4 Units</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>4 Units</b>
<b>Science (Biology required)</b>	<b>3 Units</b>
<b>US History and Constitution</b>	<b>1 Unit</b>
<b>Economics</b>	<b>.5 Unit</b>
<b>US Government</b>	<b>.5 Unit</b>
<b>Other Social Studies</b>	<b>1 Unit</b>
<b>Physical Education or JROTC</b>	<b>1 Unit</b>
<b>Computer Science</b>	<b>1 Unit</b>
<b>World Lang. or CTE</b>	<b>1 Unit</b>
<b>Personal Finance</b>	<b>.5 unit</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>6.5 Units</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>24 Units</b>

# SC Diploma Pathways Seals of Distinction



## DIPLOMA PATHWAYS SEALS OF DISTINCTION OVERVIEW

Students shall meet all requirements for earning a South Carolina high school diploma to be eligible to earn any Seal of Distinction.

One or more Seals may be earned, but are not required for graduation.

Consult District or School Curriculum Guides for more information regarding curriculum choices and requirements.

Honors Seal of Distinction	College Ready Seal of Distinction	Career Ready Seal of Distinction	Arts Specialization Seal of Distinction
<b>UGP GPA 3.5 or higher</b>	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b> or <b>ACT 20 or higher</b> or <b>SAT 1020 or higher</b> <b>Tests may be superscored</b>	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>  Career and Technical Education (CTE) Completer with an industry recognized credential <b>OR</b> Silver or higher on Career Readiness Exam <b>OR</b> Completion of Career Ready Work-Based Learning (WBL) placement	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>  4 credits in a single or multiple arts areas, 2 at the honors or higher level* <b>AND</b> Mastery on externally evaluated exam or performance task  *If honors credit is not available for arts courses, student must complete four courses in a single art area
<b>English</b> - 4 credits 2 at honors or higher level  <b>Math</b> - Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, and a 4th higher level math requiring Algebra 2 as a prerequisite 3 at honors or higher level  <b>Lab Science</b> - 3 credits 2 at honors or higher level  <b>Social Studies</b> - 3 credits 2 at honors or higher level  <b>World Languages</b> - 2 credits of the same language for students entering 9th grade in 2018–2019 3 credits of the same language for students entering 9th grade in 2019–2020 and beyond  <b>Advanced Coursework</b> - 4 additional credits of honors or higher completed during the Junior/Senior years (the last 2 years prior to graduation)	<b>English</b> - 4 credits  <b>Math</b> - Algebra 1 (or the equivalent of Algebra 1), Algebra 2, Geometry, and another higher level math  <b>Lab Science</b> - 3 credits  <b>Social Studies</b> - 3 credits  <b>World Language</b> - 2 credits in the same language  <b>Fine Arts</b> - 1 credit	<b>STEM Specialization Seal of Distinction</b>  <b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>  4 credits beyond required graduation courses in math, science, technology, and engineering; at least 2 at honors or higher level  Courses may be in 1 area of STEM or across all 4 areas	<b>World Language Specialization Seal of Distinction</b>  <b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>  4 credits in the same language <b>OR</b> a nationally normed proficiency-based language assessment score of "Intermediate Low" <b>OR</b> AP exam score of 3 or higher <b>OR</b> IB exam score of 4 or higher <b>OR</b> Cambridge AICE Language exam score of E or better before the senior year
	<b>Military Specialization Seal of Distinction</b>  <b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>  4 credits in JROTC and an ASVAB score of 31 or higher		

# Extended Studies Diploma

- 4 English Units
- 4 Math Units
- 4 Lab Science Units
- US History Unit
- Economics  $\frac{1}{2}$  Unit
- US Government  $\frac{1}{2}$  Unit
- 2 Other Social Studies Units
- 3 World Language Units
  - [same language]
- 1 PE or ROTC
- 1 Computer Science Unit
- 1 CATE or Fine Art Unit
- 6 Elective Units
- 28 Units in total

**Students must also complete 10 hours of community service each school year and submit a verification form to the School Counseling Office by May 1st.**



# Transcripts



- Official academic record
- Includes every course taken by year
- Reflects final grade and credit earned
- Cumulative GPA and class rank

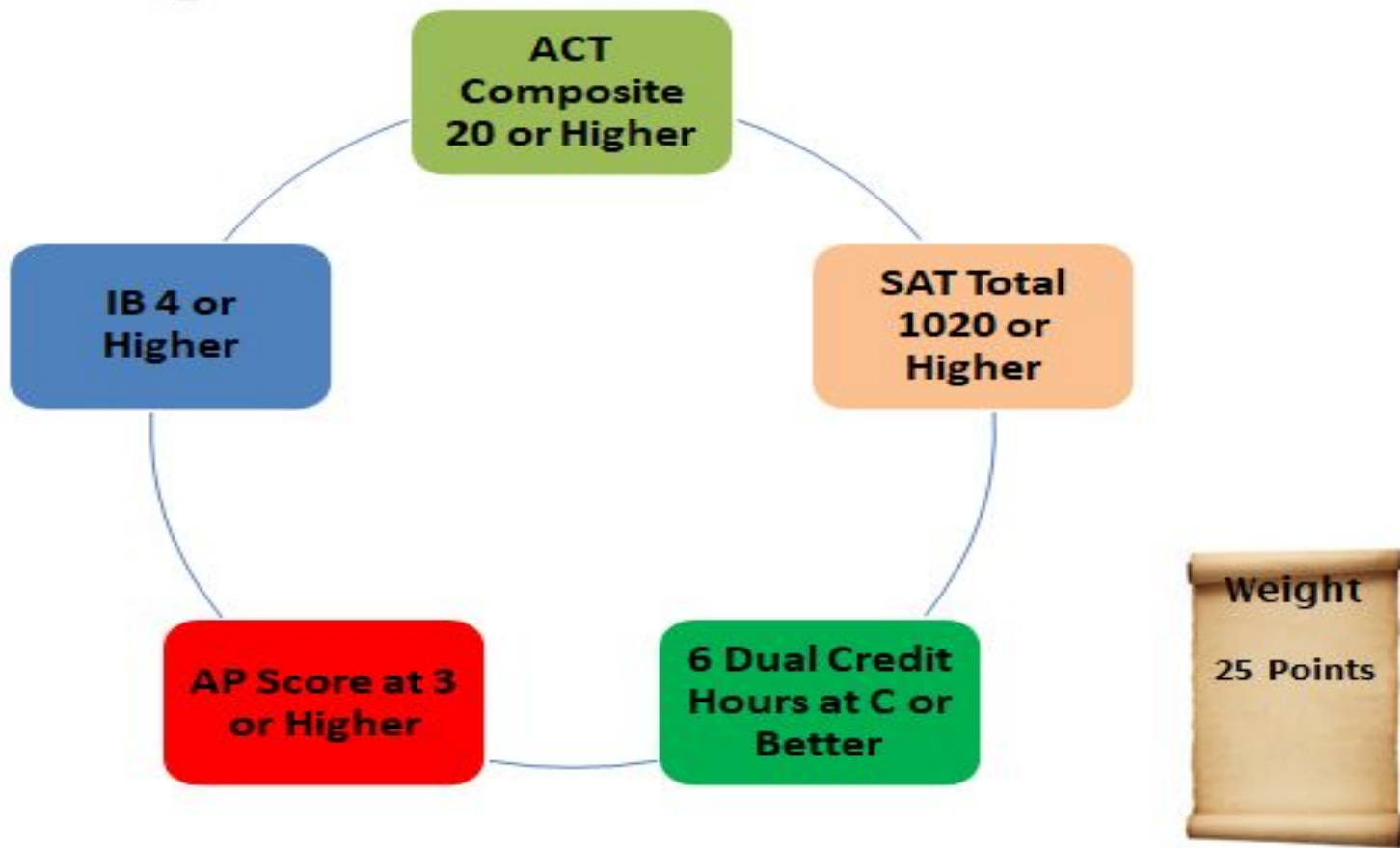
## Retake Policy

A student who retakes a high school credit course from middle school must complete it before the beginning of the second year of high school or before the next sequential course (whichever comes first).

If a student opts to do this **both** course attempts will appear on the transcript but only the highest grade/credit will be figured into the GPA .

# College & Career Readiness Indicators

# College Readiness Indicators



# Career Readiness Indicators



# IHS Career Center

Jennifer Etheredge, Career Specialist



# Career Center

- **Classroom Presentations**
- **Career/Industry Tours**
- **Job shadow opportunities**
- **Assistance with resume writing**
- **Career Assessments**
- **Mock Interviews**
- **Training on Soft Skills**

# Attendance

**Per state law, students may have no more than 10 unexcused absences in a year long class and no more than 5 unexcused absences in a semester class.**

**Ms. Jessica Marze  
Assistant Principal**



# Closing Remarks

Ms. Dorothy Nero







# Reminders

## The Course Registration Process

**February 14th: IHS Registration Video & Electronic Course Registration Form sent to parent/guardian via the email listed in Powerschool**

**February 14th - February 26th: Rising 9th Grade Registration Period**

**February 23rd: Course Registration Technical Assistance Session @ IMS from 9am-1pm**

**February 26th: Deadline to submit Electronic Course Registration Form**

***If your student's electronic registration form is not submitted by February 26, 2024 school counselors will create course requests based on teacher recommendations and general graduation requirements.***

# Reminders

**The deadline to make changes to course requests is June 15th.**

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to contact Irmo High School Counseling if changes are desired after middle school registration concludes.

**No course change requests will be accepted after June 15th except for the following situations:**

- a. When credit has been earned during summer school
- b. When a prerequisite course is failed
- c. When there is a computer/clerical error

# Tables on Main Street

- **International Baccalaureate and This is Escolares**
- **Dual Enrollment**
- **Arts Programs**
- **Athletics**
- **JROTC**
- **Student Council**
- **National Honor Society**
- **National Beta Club**
- **Irmo HS Education Foundation**
- **School Counseling**

# School Counselor Contact Information

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**Irmo High School Counseling**  
**803-476-3005**



**Thank You for Coming!**

