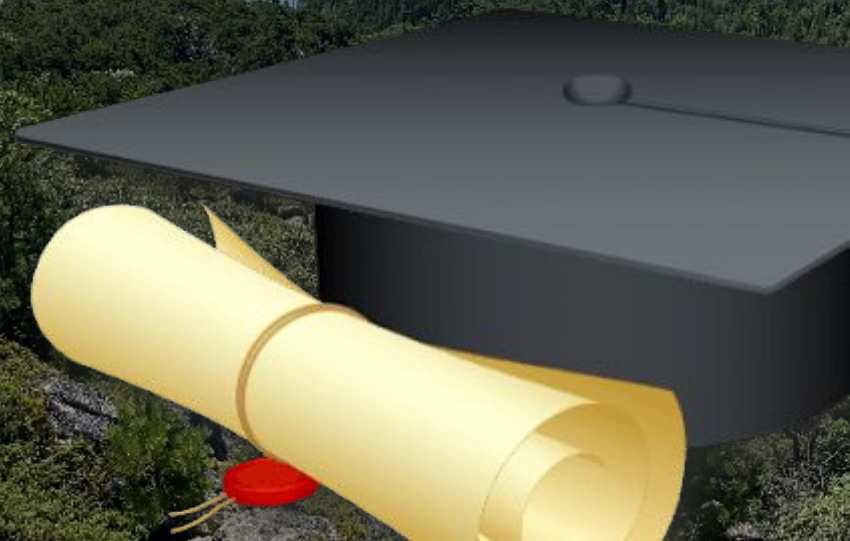




Class of

2028

Welcome!





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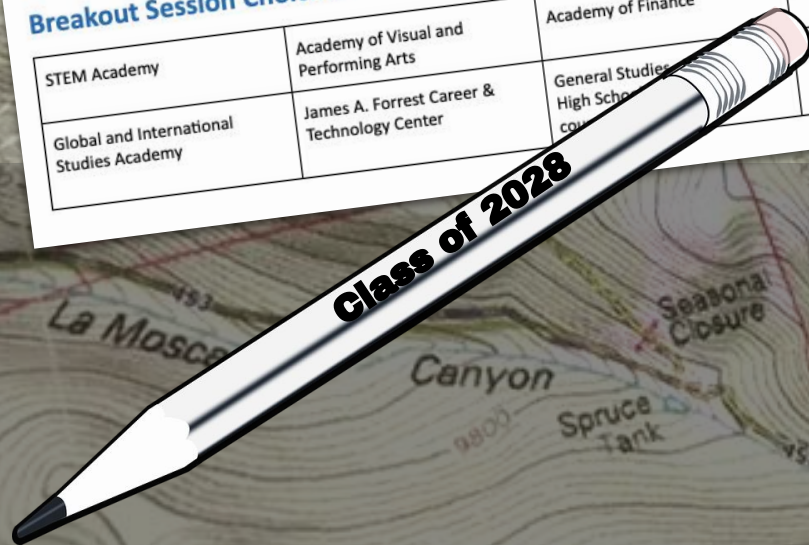
Grade 9 Course Selection

9th Grade Course Worksheet:

Course Name	Course Number
English	
Mathematics	
Social Studies	
Science	
Elective (choose one: PE/Health, Technology Credit, Fine Arts, World Language)	
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STEM Academy	Academy of Visual and Performing Arts	Academy of Finance
Global and International Studies Academy	James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center	General Studies High School




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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PATHWAYS

Choose your path to success!



CHOOSE YOUR PATH

**SOME CHOICES ARE MADE FOR YOU.
... SOME ARE NOT**



CHOOSE WHAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU.

COURSE	UNIVERSITY SEQUENCE	CTE
English	4	4
Math	4	4
Science	3	3
Social Studies	3	3
PE/Health	1.5	1.5
Technology Education	1	1
Fine Arts	1	1
World Language	2	
CTE		4
Electives	2.5	.5
TOTAL	22	

LET'S START WITH
THE "CORE"

22
Credits
or more
Most earn 26-28



WHAT IS A CREDIT?

Earning Credit

- ✓ Pass the class - A, B, C, or D
(if you earn an F, you repeat the class)

Grade Weights and Grade Point Average (GPA)

- ✓ $A = 4$ $B = 3$ $C = 2$ $D = 1$ $F = 0$
- ✓ GPA of 2.0 for athletic eligibility
- ✓ Cumulative GPA is used to calculate class ranking and graduation recognitions

EARNING CREDIT + GPA



CORE REQUIREMENTS



English
4
Credits

Grade 9 Options:

- Freshman English
- Freshman English (H/Pre-AP)

Mathematics
4
Credits

Grade 9 Options:

- Algebra 1 (Core), (Comp.)
- Geometry (H), (+Alg 2)
- Algebra 2 (H), (+PreCalc)

Science
3
Credits

Grade 9 Options:

- Earth/Space Science
- Biology (H)

Social Studies
3
Credits

Grade 9 Options:

- US History
- US History (H)

CORE REQUIREMENTS



1

Fine Arts

Credit

Grade 9 Options:

- Music
 - Band
 - Strings
 - Orchestra
 - Chorus
 - ... and more
- Visual Arts
 - Digital Arts
 - Visual Arts
- Theatre

1.5

PE/Health

Credit

Grade 9 Options:

- Health Education
- Physical Education

1

Technology
Education

Credit

Grade 9 Options:

- Computer Science Principles*

*Most students will have met this requirement in Grade 8 with Foundations of Computer Science

USM

University System of Maryland Completer

Requirements:

- Complete the core credits
- Complete 4 credits in Math
 - Must include:
 - Algebra I, Geometry, Alg 2, and non-trivial Algebra
- Complete 2 credits in the same World Language
- Complete electives as appropriate

PATHWAYS

CTE

Career & Technology Education Completer

Requirements:

- Complete the core credits
- Complete 4 credits in an approved CTE program sequence
- Complete electives as appropriate

OR

Dual Completer

- Complete University Pathway
- Complete Career and Technology Pathway

-AND-

Take State Assessments

- ✓ English 10
- ✓ Algebra I
- ✓ Government
- ✓ Science

← DETERMINES COLLEGE/CAREER
READINESS (CCR)

← TESTS COUNT FOR 20% OF
FINAL GRADE

Complete

- ✓ Student Service Learning
- ✓ Web-based Portfolio (Naviance)

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

✓ ADVANCED
PLACEMENT (AP)
✓ DUAL ENROLLMENT
✓ CTE COURSES

**MORE
CHOICES**



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Make your plan










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High Schools

 Chopticon	 Leonardtown
 Great Mills	 Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center
 Fairlead Academy	



St. Mary's County Public Schools HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PATHWAYS



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Academies & Pathways – Online at: www.smcps.org/academies

Academy of Finance

The Academy of Finance (AoF) is offered at all three SMCPs high schools. AoF students develop professional skills, receive specialized instruction with a focus on business, finance, and management, and gain an awareness of the marketable skills needed to be successful in those fields. Students acquire practical skills via field experiences, internship opportunities, and course projects. AoF is a CTE completer pathway as well as an academic academy program.



Academy of Visual and Performing Arts

SMCPs's signature art program, the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) is located at CHS. This academic academy strives to support talented students who exhibit desire and motivation to pursue higher levels of achievement and learning in the arts. Students participating in the AVPA chose one of five focus areas (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Theatre, or Visual Arts) to which academy coursework and projects are tailored.



STEM

Housed at GMHS, the STEM academy is a rigorous program of study emphasizing the core areas of mathematics and science with an infusion of technology and engineering. The curriculum includes dedicated research classes founded upon the application of mastered material, integrated contemporary technologies, and extensive problem-solving experience. AP courses are incorporated to provide experiences for rigor and college/career readiness.



Global International Studies

Students choosing to enroll in the Academy of Global and International Studies (GIS) are prepared to take on a rigorous humanities-based curriculum. Located within LHS, GIS provides a rigorous, engaging education that prepares today's graduates to meet the challenges of life in a global age. Students participating in the GIS program have an opportunity to learn about world cultures, current affairs, history, and languages.



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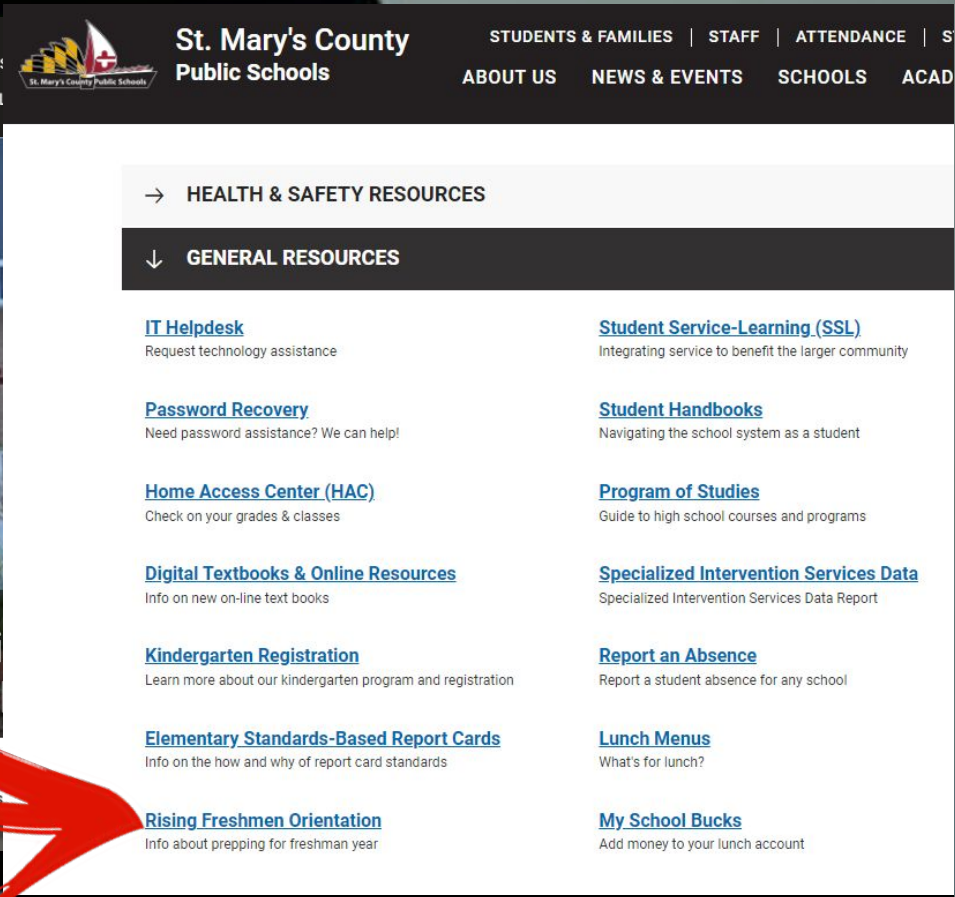
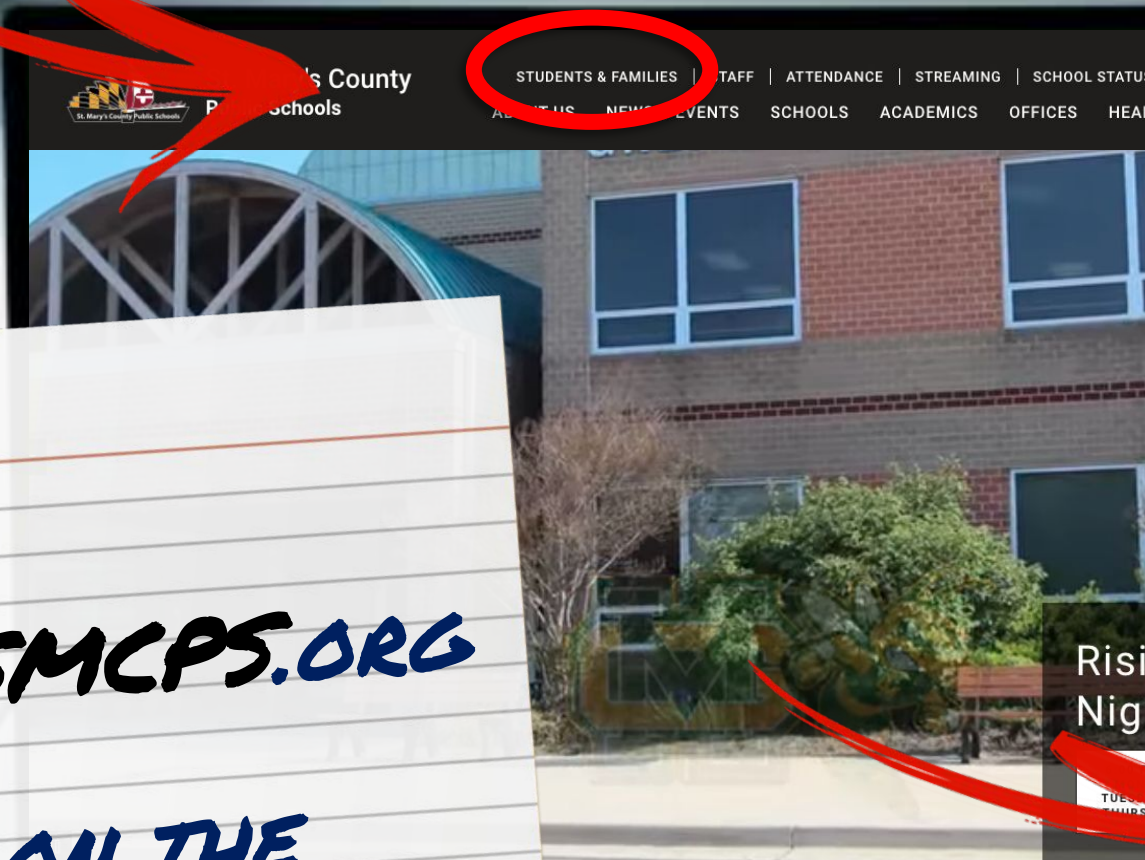
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Rising Freshman Information Session en Español
April 9, 2024, 5 PM
Lexington Park Library

*Noche de Orientación en español
para Estudiantes del Primer Año
de la escuela secundaria*

1700 a 1800 (5-6pm)

martes 9 de abril

*En la Biblioteca Pública de Lexington Park, Sala A
21677 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Blvd, Lexington Park, MD 20653*

Let's hear from students!