

Junior ACP Information

2023-2024



This presentation will be sent to students via school email and is available
on the SPWHS Student Services Website

Essential Question:
**What do you need to know to prepare for
your last year and a half at SPWHS and
beyond?**



Graduation Requirements

25
credits

4
credits

English

- 9th Grade English
- 10th Grade English
- 11th Grade English
- English Elective in 12th Grade*1 credit

1 credit
1 credit
1 credit

*English elective credit can be received in any designated course offered through the English Department in the Course Guide

3
credits

Social Studies

- World Studies
- United States History
- Economics
- Civics*

1 credit
1 credit
.5 credit
.5 credit

*In addition to receiving .5 credit in a course, students must successfully pass the Wisconsin State Civics exam with a score of 65 or higher. See below for additional information.

3
credits

Science

- Life Science
- Physical Science
- Ecology
- Science Elective*

1 credit
1 credit
.5 credit
.5 credit

*Science elective credit can be received in any designated course offered through the Science Department in the Course Guide

3
credits

Math

- Algebraic Concepts*
- Geometric Concepts
- Math Elective*

1 credit
1 credit
1 credit

*Math elective credit can be received in any designated course offered through the Math Department in the Course Guide

*Beginning in 2018-19, Algebra I will be the standard curriculum in 8th grade and will not be awarded credit.

1.5
credits

Physical Education

- Foundations of PE*
- Physical Education Electives

.5 credit
1 credit

*Effective for students beginning with the graduating class of 2026

.5
credits

Health

- Health Education

.5 credit

10
credits

Electives

- Elective Credit

10 credits total

Wisconsin State Civics Test (State Requirement)

- Per the state of Wisconsin, all students must take a state civics test (modeled after the Naturalization Test used by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services). In order to graduate:
 - Students must have at least 65 of the 100 questions correct. Students with IEPs must take the test, but do not have to pass it in order to graduate.
 - Students identified as Limited English Proficiency (LEP) may take the test in their language of choice.
 - The district will determine the date of the test.



Additional Graduation Requirements

- Wisconsin State Civics Test
 - Every student in Wisconsin must pass the Wisconsin State Civics Test in order to graduate.
 - Most students complete the exam during Foundations of American Democracy or AP US Gov't



Scheduling for senior year

* Be sure to check your progress toward meeting graduation requirements and sign up for what you need to meet those requirements.

*Check your prospective colleges for admission requirements (ex: some may require 2 years of a World Language or Fine Arts)

*Please speak with your School Counselor if you have any questions.

[Course Guide and Scheduling page](#)



Academic Opportunities Senior Year

1. Some classes at SPWHS may earn you college credit through Dual Credit and/or Advanced Placement
2. Take college classes while in high school
 - a. [Early College Credit Program](#) (ECCP) allows students to take one or more courses through a college or university
 - b. [Start College Now](#) (SCN) allows students to take one or more courses at Wisconsin Technical Schools
 - c. Applications were due by March 1 if you were interested in participating in the fall of 2024 or are due by October 1st next fall for the spring semester of 2025.
3. Participate in a youth apprenticeship - work-based learning program
4. Early Graduation
 - a. Applications due no later than the 10th day of first semester
 - b. Considerations (spring athletics/activities, university/program of interest, taking spring college courses vs. working, etc)

Transcripts and Grade Point Average



- To view your transcript:
 - Open Infinite Campus
 - Click on “Documents”
 - Click on “Unofficial Transcript”

**TIP: Check your transcript after each semester*

- Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - Your cumulative GPA is your grade point average over the course of your high school years.
 - GPA can be used for various reasons such as college admissions or scholarships

Planning Ahead

Graduation will be here before you know it! It's time to start thinking about options after high school.

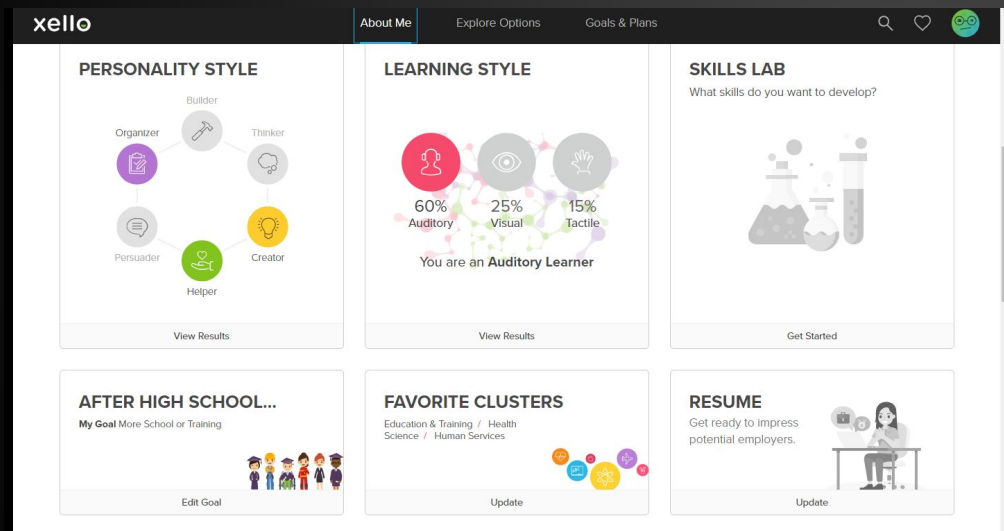


Academic Career Plans

The Department of Public Instruction requires that every school provides academic and career planning services to students enrolled in grades 6 to 12.

In Sun Prairie, Academic and Career Planning activities are woven into classroom and SP30 lessons. Additionally, Xello serves as the way students keep track of their Academic and Career Planning Progress.

Xello



- Xello can help with all your plans after high school. The program includes, but is not limited to:
 - Assessments
 - Careers/Education exploration
 - My Course Plan
 - Resume Builder
 - ACT Prep via Methodize Test Prep

ACT PREP COURSES

Hard Copy Resources can be found at:

- Public Library
- School Library
- Books stores (ex. Barnes and Noble)
 - Princeton Review “Crack the ACT”
 - Kaplan “ACT Premium Program”
 - Sparknotes “ACT Power Pack”



FREE Online Resources

- [ACT.org](https://www.act.org)
- [Xello - Methodize](https://www.xello.org)
- [Testprepreview.com](https://www.testprepreview.com)
- [Number2.com](https://www.number2.com)

Course Options (COST)

- [Sylvan Learning Center](https://www.sylvanlearning.com)
1-800- 661-0129
- [Kaplan](https://www.kaplan.com) 1-800-KAP-TEST

Two/Four Year College



Getting Ready to go to a Two or Four Year University

Junior Year

- In person Campus Visits
- Virtual Campus Visits
- Attend Rep visits in Student Services
- Review Admissions Requirements

Senior Year

- Apply online
- Send Transcripts
- Send ACT Scores (if needed)
- Letters of Recommendation
- Apply for financial aid/scholarships

D1/D2 Division I & II prospective athletes must [register](#) with the NCAA Eligibility Center at the beginning of their senior year (or earlier).

NOTE: If you are considering attending a Military Academy, the process begins as early as sophomore year. See your counselor if you need more information.

Other Opportunities



Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are opportunities for paid on the job training from professionals in a desired field.

- Cosmetology
- Electrician
- Plumbing
- Etc.

Specialized Training Schools

Specialized training schools provide students an opportunity to attend short term training programs in specific areas of study.

- Baking and culinary arts
- Heavy equipment operation
- Pet grooming
- Etc.

Year of Service/Gap Year

Many opportunities exist for Seniors to take a Gap Year

- Year of Service
- Work
- Travel

Ex:
Year of Service
[AmeriCorps](#)

U.S. Military



- Enlistment
 - Parent release of information to recruiters
 - Students can meet with recruiters at school
 - Complete ASVAB test (measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military)
 - ASVAB will be offered at SPWHS in December 2024

Work Force

College is not right for everyone
AND
College is not right for everyone right away.



Job Searching Tools

- Websites such as
 - Monster.com
 - Indeed.com
 - Madisonjobs.com
 - Milwaukeejobs.com
 - wiscareers.wisc.edu/Default.asp
- Local establishments
- SPWHS student services website- see [“Looking for a Job?”](#) tab

Attend Local Job Fairs!

- SPWHS Job Fair May 8
from 11am-2pm

Don't forget to prepare for an interview!

- Resume
- References
- Mock Interviews
- Appropriate attire

Next Steps



Next Steps for Juniors

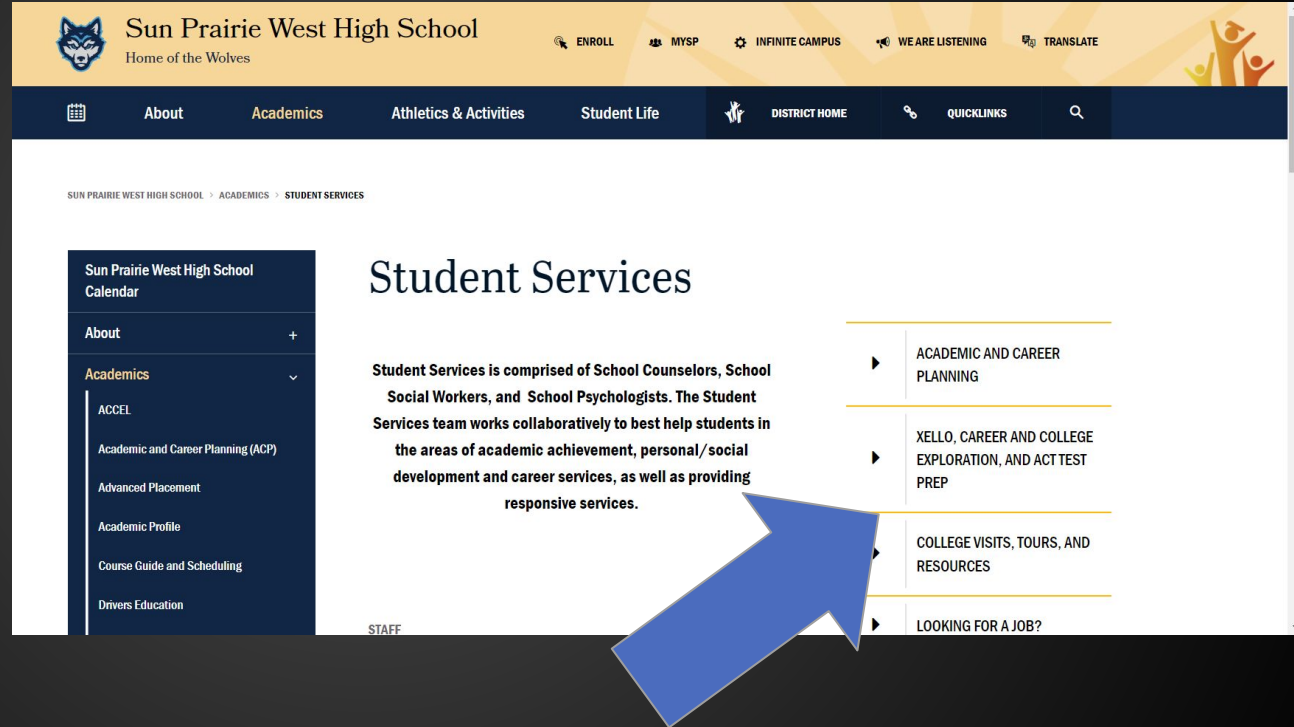


- Review Transcripts
- Contact your counselor with questions
- Enroll in summer school, as needed
- Retake your ACT test if needed
- Start researching post-high school opportunities
- Access additional resources such as college planning checklists:
 - [UW Help](#)
 - [College Board](#)
- Letters of Recommendations
 - Please ask in spring of Junior year or early fall of Senior year. Give teachers 2-3 weeks minimum notice and provide them with your completed [brag sheet](#)

Some Ways to Research Post-Secondary Options:

- Xello!
- Virtual Campus Visits/Tours
- Virtual College Fairs
- University, School, Program Websites

See the student services [website!](#)



The screenshot displays the Sun Prairie West High School website. The header features the school's logo, name, and tagline "Home of the Wolves", along with navigation links for ENROLL, MYSIP, INFINITE CAMPUS, WE ARE LISTENING, and TRANSLATE. The main navigation bar includes links for About, Academics, Athletics & Activities, Student Life, DISTRICT HOME, QUICKLINKS, and a search icon. The breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: SUN PRAIRIE WEST HIGH SCHOOL > ACADEMICS > STUDENT SERVICES.

The left sidebar contains a menu with the following items: Sun Prairie West High School Calendar, About, Academics (expanded), ACCEL, Academic and Career Planning (ACP), Advanced Placement, Academic Profile, Course Guide and Scheduling, and Drivers Education.

The main content area is titled "Student Services" and contains the following text: "Student Services is comprised of School Counselors, School Social Workers, and School Psychologists. The Student Services team works collaboratively to best help students in the areas of academic achievement, personal/social development and career services, as well as providing responsive services."

On the right side, there is a vertical list of links, each preceded by a right-pointing arrow: ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING, XELLO, CAREER AND COLLEGE EXPLORATION, AND ACT TEST PREP, COLLEGE VISITS, TOURS, AND RESOURCES, and LOOKING FOR A JOB?.

A large blue arrow points from the bottom right towards the "COLLEGE VISITS, TOURS, AND RESOURCES" link.

Senior Snapshot

- Review your transcript and senior schedule to ensure you are meeting graduation requirements
- Attend Senior Meeting with your School Counselor in September / October
- Attend the Wisconsin Education Fair (WEF) at SP West- October 3, 2024
- Letters of Recommendations (obtain in fall / winter)
- Complete college applications (fall / winter)
- Apply for [scholarships](#) and [FAFSA](#) (fall / winter)
- Attend College Goal Wisconsin for FAFSA help (fall / winter)
- Create an account on www.parchment.com in preparations for sending your transcripts in the fall
- Make plans for Graduation!



Questions? SPWHS Counselors are here to help!

Ms. Saldana (A-G)



Mr. Medema (H-O)



Ms. Wagner (P-Z)



Follow up: Please fill out this survey before you leave

- Survey includes option to have a follow up meeting with your counselor



FUTURE FOCUS MONDAYS!



**Wear your favorite college gear on Mondays &
join the movement promoting the great
opportunities available to all SPWHS Students!**



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