

# SPWHS Freshman Presentation 2024



This presentation will be available to students on their Google Classroom, available to parents in the HOWL and available on the SPWHS Student Services Website

Essential Question:  
What do you need to know to help you reach your academic and personal goals at SPWHS?



# Meet Your Counselor

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**Ms. Saldana A-G**



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# Overview

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- Credits
- Graduation Requirements
- Academic help
- Transcripts (What is it? How to read it.)
- What's ahead: Standardized Testing and Scheduling
- Academic and Career Opportunities



# Credits

## What are they and how do you earn them?

- Each time you complete a high school class with a passing grade (D- or above), you earn credit \*Exception is study hall/TA, which is 0 credits.
- Each semester class at SPWHS is worth  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a credit (0.5 credits)
- Successful completion of SP30 activities are worth .125 per semester



# Sun Prairie Graduation Requirements

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- Graduation Requirements



# Transcripts & Grade Point Average

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- To view your transcript:
  - Open Infinite Campus
  - Click on “Reports” or “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

Diploma Type: Regular Diploma  
Diploma Program: Regular

**GPA Summary**

Cumulative GPA (Unweighted) 3.147  
Class Rank 204 of 437

#0220 Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School  
Course Mark Weight Credit

**2011-2012 Grade 09 Term 2**

3265MTH Algebra I	B-	1.0000	0.5
4122SCI Biology	B-	1.0000	0.5
1201ENG Exploring English	B-	1.0000	0.5
6325BUS Intro To Business & Marketing	B	1.0000	0.5
6350BUS Money 101	C+	1.0000	0.5
5101PED Physical Education I	A	0.5000	0.25
6013FOR Spanish II	B-	1.0000	0.5
2241SOC World History	B	1.0000	0.5

Credit: 3.750 U/W GPA: 2.813

**2011-2012 Grade 09 Term 4**

3266MTH Algebra I	C	1.0000	0.5
4222SCI Biology	B+	1.0000	0.5
1202ENG Exploring English	A-	1.0000	0.5
9210FCE Foods I Family Food Society	A-	1.0000	0.5
5102PED Physical Education I	A	0.5000	0.25
6014FOR Spanish II	B-	1.0000	0.5
9331FCE Travel and Restaurant Explorat	A	1.0000	0.5
2243SOC World History	B-	1.0000	0.5

Credit: 3.750 U/W GPA: 3.213

**2012-2013 Grade 10 Term 4**

6344BUS Career Workshop Q4	A	0.5000	0.25
4435SCI Chemistry	C	1.0000	0.5
1221ENG Comprehensive Eng. 10	A-	1.0000	0.5
9213FCE Foods II	A	1.0000	0.5
3370MTH Geometry	B-	1.0000	0.5
SERVREQ Service Learning-Req.	P	0	0
6016FOR Spanish III	C	1.0000	0.5
7503DRE Traffic Safety Q3	B+	0.5000	0.25
2252SOC US History 1860-Present	B	1.0000	0.5

Credit: 3.500 U/W GPA: 3.007

**2013-2014 Grade 11 Term 2**

3485MTH Algebra II	C+	1.0000	0.5
9430FCE AS Child Development	A-	1.0000	0.5
2600SOC Economics	B-	1.0000	0.5
5201PED Fitness for Life	A	1.0000	0.5
9400FCE Independent Living Skills	A	1.0000	0.5
2502SOC Intro to Sociology	A	1.0000	0.5
4444SCI Physics	B-	1.0000	0.5

Credit: 3.500 U/W GPA: 3.343

**2013-2014 Grade 11 Term 4**

3486MTH Algebra II	C	1.0000	0.5
1346ENG American Experience	B	1.0000	0.5
1382ENG Communications	A-	1.0000	0.5
6480BUS Marketing Merch. & Retailing	A	1.0000	0.5
9326FCE Multicultural Foods	A	1.0000	0.5
5800TA b Phy Ed Health Safety Aide	P	0.0000	0.5
4544SCI Physics	C-	1.0000	0.5

Credit: 3.500 U/W GPA: 3.067

**2014-2015 Grade 12 Term 2**

2001SOC AP Psychology	C+	1.0000	0.5
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# Thinking Ahead: National Standardized Tests

Pre-ACT- 9th and 10th graders take twice a year. 11th graders take it in the fall only.

- What is it?? Pre-ACT is a test given to Wisconsin high school students. The subjects include English, math, reading, science, and writing.

PSAT - **OPTIONAL** - 11th graders *can* take in October.

- What is it?? PSAT is a practice SAT test. Also, students' scores may qualify them to earn entry into the National Merit scholarship program.
- Registration will begin in the spring of 10th grade and closes first week of school during 11th grade.

ACT - 11th graders take in the spring.

- What is it?? ACT is a required test given to Wisconsin 11th graders each year. Scores may be used by students for a variety of reasons such as college applications, scholarships, college course placement and/or NCAA eligibility. Students can retake the ACT on their own if they choose.

SAT - **OPTIONAL** - 11th and 12th graders can take on specified dates throughout the year.

- What is it?? SAT is a test that students can register for on their own. They may wish to take it for the purposes of college applications or scholarships.

ASVAB- **OPTIONAL**- Free Career Exploration tool open to 10-12th graders.

- Can be used to meet the entrance requirement for Military service (NOTE: scores are only valid for 2 years). Can be retaken as many times as they want (with time restrictions). This year it will be offered December 12th! See your counselor for more information.

# Methodize Test Prep

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Each student at SPWHS has access to **FREE** ACT prep through a program called Methodize test prep. To access Methodize, log into your Xello Account:

Click on “Methodize” under “Links and Resources” on your Xello Dashboard.



# SPWHS College, Career and Life Readiness Coordinator

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Mrs. Griffin

*Located in Student Services Office*





# Academic and Career Opportunities

- Some classes at SPWHS may earn you college credit through:
  - Dual Credit, Advanced Placement (AP), and Project Lead the Way
- STEM Academy - 2 year program at Madison College
  - Apply during Sophomore year
  - If accepted you will attend Madison College Junior and Senior years
  - May earn up to 60 college credits
- Early College Credit Programs (ECCP) allow you to take courses at UW Madison during junior/senior year.
- Start College Now (SCN) allows students to courses at Madison College during junior/senior year.

# Academic and Career Opportunities



- ACCEL Academies
  - Business, AP Environmental Science, Marketing
  - Work-based learning with real-life projects
- Youth Apprenticeship Program
  - Prepares students for work by giving them a combination of classroom instruction and paid on-the-job training
- Meet with a military recruiter
  - Military recruiters at lunch on Tuesdays

# Thinking ahead: SCHEDULING

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What you need to know *now* about *scheduling for 2025-26* school year!

- We will use Xello course planner (stay tuned for updates to the course guide!)
- New course catalog will be updated prior to winter break
- Course Expo will take place January 21, 2025
- You will have time to work on your class planning in SP30
- Course requests will be due in early February

# Thinking Ahead: College Planning Checklists

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FRESHMAN YEAR

SOPHOMORE YEAR

JUNIOR YEAR

SENIOR YEAR

# Direct Admit & WI Guarantee Programs



## What is Direct Admit Wisconsin?

- Direct Admit Wisconsin is an initiative by the Universities of Wisconsin to proactively offer admission to qualifying high school students between their junior and senior years of high school.
- Direct admission removes the traditional application process and instead uses data provided by the high school to admit students to universities.
- For more information about Direct Admit Wisconsin, please visit the following website:  
[www.wisconsin.edu/direct-admissions](http://www.wisconsin.edu/direct-admissions)

## What is the Wisconsin Guarantee (Act 95)?

- The Wisconsin Guarantee will offer guaranteed admission to Universities of Wisconsin schools for Wisconsin high school students in the top 5% (ALL UW schools including Madison) and 10% (all other universities, excluding UW Madison) of their graduating class.
- For more information about the Wisconsin Guarantee, please visit the following website:  
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# Academic Help



## Don't wait – Communicate!

- Find a time to connect with your teacher if you have questions about your grade, assignments, or other class-related concerns

## WIN

- Use FlexiSched to sign up for a time to get some extra support

## Wolf Study Lounge Schedule

Wolf Study Lounge				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
BEFORE SCHOOL- 8:05-8:35am				
Ms. Reimer Science Room 1408	Ms. Reimer Science Room 1408		Ms. Reimer Science Room 1408	Ms. Reimer Science Room 1408
Ms. Rogers Math Room 3404	Ms. Rogers Math Room 3404		Ms. Rogers Math Room 3404	Ms. Rogers Math Room 3404
	Ms. Kenny English & Spanish Art/Tec Ed Hallway		Ms. Kenny English & Spanish Art/Tec Ed Hallway	

Wolf Study Lounge				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
AFTER SCHOOL- 3:50-4:40pm Activity Bus Available at 4:45pm Monday-Thursday				
Ms. Reimer - Science Room 1408	Ms. Blank - Testing Room 1419	Ms. Pomplun Art/Tec Ed Hallway, English and Social Studies, Spanish	Mr. Cook Social Studies Art/Tec Ed Hallway	Ms. Pomplun Art/Tec Ed Hallway, English and Social Studies, Spanish
Mr. Wersland Math Art/Tec Ed Hallway	Ms. Pooch - English Art/Tec Ed Hallway	Ms. Archie - English Art/Tec Ed Hallway		
Mr. Ladell - Social Studies Art/Tec Ed Hallway	Mr. Thompson - Social Studies Art/Tec Ed Hallway			
Ms. Flynn - English Art/Tec Ed Hallway				

# 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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# Let us know if you have questions!

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