



Sophomore Briefing

CLASS OF 2027

DREHER COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT STAFF

- ▶ Who is my counselor?
 - ▶ Mrs. LaToya Reese – grades 10-12, last names A-G
 - ▶ Ms. Kimberly Brantley – grades 10-12, last names H-O
 - ▶ Ms. April Finley – grades 10-12, last names P-Z
 - ▶ Mr. Kevin Kirkley – grades 11-12, AP Capstone students
 - ▶ Mrs. Nicole Hill – grade 9
- ▶ Other Important Staff:
 - ▶ Ms. Katrina Sims - Career Specialist
 - ▶ Ms. Quenna Smith - Registrar
 - ▶ Ms. Hannah Milton-Hall - Records Clerk

Sophomore Year

- ▶ THIS PRESENTATION WILL COVER:
 - ▶ Important sophomore-year updates to help you start the year
 - ▶ Information to help with academic planning
 - ▶ Background information to help you make decisions about your future
- ▶ Check the Dreher website regularly for updates.
- ▶ Follow Dreher's social media to remain in the know all year long

Review of Transcript

- ▶ Your transcript is your permanent record for high school; it is an official listing of all the classes taken and your FINAL grades for the classes.
- ▶ Colleges will use your transcript to make a decision about whether to admit you.
- ▶ You can obtain a copy of your transcript from the counseling office or by ordering at www.parchment.com.

Student Name <small>Supplemental: optional</small>			
Student ID <small>South Carolina State ID</small>	Grade 12	Gender M	
State ID <small>South Carolina State ID</small>	Date of Birth 10/25/1997	Ethnic Code W	
Parent or Guardian <small>Supplemental: optional</small>			

State of South Carolina Standard High School Transcript - Final

Graduation Date: 01/16/2003
Class Of: 2016
Diploma Type: State of SC Diploma

School Name/Address
Test High School
3214 Johnson Lane
TestTown, SC 29460
Tel: 803-775-2511 Fax: 803-775-2511

District Name/Address
Supplemental: optional
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Crs ID	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit	Crs ID	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit
12-13 Swansea High Freshman Academy											
3011FACW	English 1	YR	9	76	1.00						
3141FACW	Algebra 1A	YR	9	72	1.00						
3211FACW	Physical Science	YR	9	71	1.00						
339961CW	Domestic, Foreign, & Student Affairs	YR	9	79	1.00						
344100CW	Health/PE-I	YR	9	77	1.00						
375100CW	Junior ROTC 1	YR	9	72	1.00						
500800CH	Computer Applications	S2	9	75	0.50						
510000CH	Keyboarding	S1	9	68	0.00						
13-14 Swansea High School											
301202CW	English 2	YR	10	71	1.00						
309904CW	Mythology	YR	10	74	1.00						
314201CW	Algebra 1B	YR	10	71	1.00						
322102CW	Biology 1	YR	10	75	1.00						
336002CW	World History (GS)	YR	10	91	1.00						
503102CW	Webpage Design and Development 1	YR	10	71	1.00						
606000CW	Building Const 1	YR	10	77	1.00						
14-15 Swansea High School											
301302CW	English 3	YR	11	79	1.00						
323102CW	Chemistry 1	YR	11	72	1.00						
332002CW	US Hist and Const	YR	11	83	1.00						
379971CW	Car Exp 1 JAG	YR	11	77	1.00						
412102CW	Geometry	YR	11	70	1.00						
452102CW	Drama 1	YR	11	81	1.00						
555000CW	Health Sc Tech 1	YR	11	81	1.00						
15-16 Swansea High School											
333002CH	U.S. Government	S1	12	82	0.50						
								SC UGP GPA		4.0 GPA	
GPA Summary								1.889		1.500	
Class Rank								130 out of 136			
Date Calculated								August 23, 2016			
Credit Summary											
Total Credit Attempted: 21.50											
Total Credits Earned: 21.00											

To determine the course academic level refer to the seventh character in each course ID.

If graduation date is a future date, current year reflects Work In Progress.

Information about the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy can be found by searching for "Uniform Grading Policy" at <https://ed.sc.gov/>

Signature Here

Official Signature _____
Dr. Susan Bell, Principal
Date: August 23, 2016

An official signature and/or seal is required for manually printed transcripts (PDF format).

An official signature (.JPEG format) is required for electronic transcripts sent via secure transmission.

SC transitioned to a 10-point Grade Scale in 2016-17. Prior year courses were evaluated on a 7-point Grade Scale (see below).

2015-16	2016-17
A 93-100	A 90-100
B 85-92	B 80-89
C 77-84	C 70-79
D 70-76	D 60-69
F 64-69	F 50-59

SAMPLE TRANSCRIPT

SUMMARY
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GRADE
LISTING

South Carolina
Uniform Grading
Scale – determines
how GPA's are
calculated for all
public schools in SC

South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale Conversions				
Numerical Average	Letter Grade	College Prep Weighting	Honors Weighting	AP/IB/Dual Credit Weighting
100	A	5.000	5.500	6.000
99	A	4.900	5.400	5.900
98	A	4.800	5.300	5.800
97	A	4.700	5.200	5.700
96	A	4.600	5.100	5.600
95	A	4.500	5.000	5.500
94	A	4.400	4.900	5.400
93	A	4.300	4.800	5.300
92	A	4.200	4.700	5.200
91	A	4.100	4.600	5.100
90	A	4.000	4.500	5.000
89	B	3.900	4.400	4.900
88	B	3.800	4.300	4.800
87	B	3.700	4.200	4.700
86	B	3.600	4.100	4.600
85	B	3.500	4.000	4.500
84	B	3.400	3.900	4.400
83	B	3.300	3.800	4.300
82	B	3.200	3.700	4.200
81	B	3.100	3.600	4.100
80	B	3.000	3.500	4.000
79	C	2.900	3.400	3.900
78	C	2.800	3.300	3.800
77	C	2.700	3.200	3.700
76	C	2.600	3.100	3.600
75	C	2.500	3.000	3.500
74	C	2.400	2.900	3.400
73	C	2.300	2.800	3.300
72	C	2.200	2.700	3.200
71	C	2.100	2.600	3.100
70	C	2.000	2.500	3.000
69	D	1.900	2.400	2.900
68	D	1.800	2.300	2.800
67	D	1.700	2.200	2.700
66	D	1.600	2.100	2.600
65	D	1.500	2.000	2.500
64	D	1.400	1.900	2.400
63	D	1.300	1.800	2.300
62	D	1.200	1.700	2.200
61	D	1.100	1.600	2.100
60	D	1.000	1.500	2.000
59	F	0.900	1.400	1.900
58	F	0.800	1.300	1.800
57	F	0.700	1.200	1.700
56	F	0.600	1.100	1.600
55	F	0.500	1.000	1.500
54	F	0.400	0.900	1.400
53	F	0.300	0.800	1.300
52	F	0.200	0.700	1.200
51	F	0.100	0.600	1.100

Know which credits you still need for graduation

▶ State Diploma Requirements:

- ▶ English – 4 units
- ▶ Mathematics - 4 units
- ▶ Science – 3 units
- ▶ US History – 1 unit
- ▶ US Government - 0.5 unit
- ▶ Economics – 0.5 unit
- ▶ Other Social Studies – 1 unit
- ▶ PE or JROTC – 1 unit
- ▶ Computer Science – 1 unit
- ▶ World Language or Career/Tech - 1 unit
- ▶ Personal Finance - 0.5 unit
- ▶ Electives – 6.5 units (must include 0.5 unit Personal Health)
- ▶ **TOTAL – 24 UNITS**

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A JUNIOR

- ▶ IN ORDER TO BE PROMOTED TO JUNIOR STATUS FOR NEXT YEAR, A STUDENT MUST HAVE:
 - ▶ 12 Total credits distributed as follows:
 - ▶ 2 English credits
 - ▶ 2 math credits
 - ▶ 1 science credit
 - ▶ 1 social studies credit
 - ▶ 6 additional credits

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- ▶ Now that you are advancing in high school, there are some tasks to consider in order to maximize your preparation for college:
 - ▶ The rigor of your high-school curriculum and your performance in rigorous classes
 - ▶ Your preparation for college-entrance exams like the SAT and ACT
 - ▶ Your research of colleges and post-secondary educational opportunities
 - ▶ Your involvement in extracurricular and community-service activities

College Entrance Exams

- ▶ You will most likely take college-entrance exams like the SAT and ACT as a junior; however, now is the time to begin to practice.
- ▶ Both testing companies offer free online preparation, and students may also wish to use practice books or the test-prep courses we offer at Dreher.
 - ▶ SAT – free prep online via Khan Academy at www.satpractice.org.
 - ▶ ACT – free prep online via ACT website at <https://www.actstudent.org>.
 - ▶ All 10th graders will take the PSAT, a practice version of the SAT, in October. The PSAT provides a good opportunity to assess your current skill level and determine areas of needed practice.

College Research

- ▶ As a sophomore, you can begin to do some college research. You will refine your college list as a junior and begin to make some college visits. As a sophomore, begin to think about:
 - ▶ What kind of campus are you looking for (small, large, urban, rural, etc.)?
 - ▶ What majors interest you?
 - ▶ Where would you like to be geographically for college?
- ▶ Utilize online searches like the College Board's Big Future search at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>. this will help to match you with colleges that meet your criteria.

MILITARY AND CAREERS

- ▶ If you are considering entering a branch of the military following high school, consider participating in our JROTC program. It will be good preparation for the military. You can take the ASVAB test next year as a junior and again as a senior to measure your preparedness for the military.
- ▶ If you are planning to enter the workforce following graduation, consider developing your work-related skills by taking Career and Technical Education courses at Dreher or at Heyward Career Center.

Extracurricular Involvement

- ▶ Throughout high school, you are building your roster of extracurricular activities.
- ▶ As a sophomore, consider the following:
 - ▶ If you were not involved in activities as a ninth-grader, now is the time to change that. Find organizations that interest you and seek out ways to become involved.
 - ▶ If you were involved as a ninth-grader, consider deepening your involvement or taking on leadership roles as a tenth-grader.
 - ▶ Find ways, either in school or out of school, to participate in volunteering and community service.

EOC (End-of-Course) Exams

- ▶ Keep in mind your EOC (End-of-Course) exams if you are taking any of the following courses. In the spring, you will take a state-mandated end-of-year exam that will count 20% of your final grade for the course:
 - ▶ English 2
 - ▶ Algebra 1/Intermediate Algebra
 - ▶ Biology 1
 - ▶ US History