

South Elgin High School

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School and Community Profile

South Elgin High School is one of the five high schools in School District U-46, the second largest school district in the state of Illinois. U-46 encompasses ninety square miles in Kane, Cook and DuPage counties. Students reside in the communities of South Elgin, Bartlett, Elgin, Wayne, West Chicago and Streamwood. Student enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is 2786 students. The ethnic composition of the student body is as follows: 41% Caucasian, 38% Hispanic, 11% Asian, 5% African American, 4.5% multi-racial, 0.5% Native American, and less than 0.1% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. Approximately 35% of all students qualify for free or reduced lunch. South Elgin High School opened on August 24, 2005 and graduated its first class in 2008. South Elgin High School is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education and by the Higher Learning Commission.

Vision & Mission

The vision of South Elgin High School is empowering students to become resilient learners to create a more equitable and inclusive society.

Mission: We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment that promotes opportunities for all students to pursue their passions and embark on pathways that allow them to develop their full potential.

Counseling Staff

Counselor caseloads are divided by students' last name. Counselors work with their assigned students from spring semester of 8th grade through graduation.

A — Cald	Farrah Silverberg	Ext. 3364	Lf — Ne	Elizabeth Jovanovic	Ext. 3247
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<https://www.u-46.org/sehs>

Curriculum and Instruction

Graduation Requirements

40 credits are required for graduation

English	4 years	8 credits
Mathematics	3 years	6 credits
Science	2 years	4 credits
Social Studies	2 years	4 credits
Health	1 semester	1 credit

Grading System

Letter grades of A, B, C, D and E are earned in all areas. See the chart below for grade points in honors and regular courses. GPA is calculated on a weighted 4.0 scale.

Weight	Grade		
	AP	Honors	Regular
5	A	A	
4	B	B	A
3	C		B
2		C	C
1	D	D	D
0	E	E	E

Class rank and GPA are computed after every semester and include all courses and transfer grades.

Class of 2023

Highest GPA	4.816
Top 10 Percent	4.264
Top 25 Percent	3.813
Top 50 Percent	3.042
Bottom 25 Percent	2.36
Lowest GPA	1.257

SAT Composite Average: 941

South Elgin High School offers over 200 courses in order to challenge each student to achieve his/her potential. Courses are offered at varying levels, including 31 Honors and 26 Advanced Placement courses. South Elgin supports an open access district policy for honors and AP courses.

The district offers a K-12 dual language program for students in all curricular areas. As a culmination of this program, students may qualify for the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy and U-46 Dual Language designation on their diploma.

The Beacon Academy is a selective four year program open to all district students which specializes in digital and media arts. Beacon is a Certified National Demonstration Magnet School through 2025.

School District U-46 and Elgin Community College District 509 have partnered to offer dual credit classes to qualified juniors and seniors. Individual courses are offered at SEHS or a full-time program at ECC. Participation in the two-year full-time program can allow students to earn an Associates Degree.

Extra Curricular Activities

South Elgin offers a comprehensive interscholastic athletic program consisting of 31 sports for both boys and girls with multiple levels of competition. South Elgin also offers over 50 clubs and organizations for student participation each year and has very strong and active participation in IHSA competitive programs and vocational competitions. With over two-thirds of the student body participating in extra-curricular activities, our students are clearly working to expand the "Storm Nation".

Post-Secondary Statistics and Accolades

2023 Testing Information

62 Illinois State Scholars
 74 AP Scholars
 14 AP Scholars with Honors
 20 AP Scholars with Distinction
 699 AP Examinees
 1113 Exams Administered
 49% of exams scored 3 or higher

Post-secondary Plans

88% reporting:
 41% Four year college
 37% Two year college
 8% Gap or Undecided
 5% Trades/Apprenticeship
 2% Employment
 1% Military

Response to Covid-19

COVID-19 shifted U-46 to all online from March 2020 to March 2021. From March to May 2021, instruction was delivered concurrently via Zoom with approximately 48% of students opting for in person. For 2nd semester of the 2019-20 school year, NC (no credit) was issued for incomplete coursework. During the 2020-21 school year, students were able to recover first semester credit after earning second semester credit in some yearlong classes.