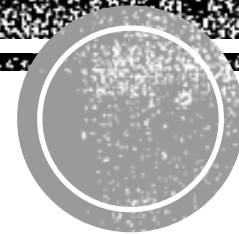


**WELCOME
THIS CLASS
OF 2026**



Administration

Brandon Boyd– Principal

Rachel Lee – Assistant Principal

Linsey Balmos– Counselor for last name A-L

Heather Bisson– Counselor for last name M-Z

Tammy Turnbo – Counseling Assistant

Renee' Oas– Secondary PEIMS Specialist

Maria Cebreco– Registrar/Attendance

Cyndi Danek– Secretary

Paul Baird – Athletic Director



Graduation

Distinguished Level of Achievement**

26 Credits

| | |
|--|--|
| English — 4 credits | English 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| Math — 4 credits | Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II Additional Math credit |
| Science — 4 credits | Biology Three additional Science credits |
| Social Studies — 4 credits | World Geography, World History, U.S. History, Government, and Economics |
| Languages other than English — 2 credits | |
| Fine Arts — 1 credit | |
| Physical Education — 1 credit | |
| Health – .5 credit/Speech – .5 credit | |
| Technology Applications – 1 credit | |
| Electives — 4 credits (Specific to Endorsement) | |



Graduation Requirements

| STAAR EOC Exams |
|-----------------|
| English 1 |
| Algebra 1 |
| Biology |
| English 2 |
| US History |



Endorsements

- STEM
- Business and Industry
- Public Service
- Arts and Humanities
- Multidisciplinary



WHAT IS AN ENDORSEMENT?

- An area of study while in high school (i.e., band, Spanish, Ag)
 - An Endorsement is established when a pathway is chosen beginning of 9th grade year
- Colleges DO NOT care which endorsement a student graduates with, just that they have ONE
 - It is advisable that students take relevant classes towards their college major or future career, but it is not a requirement for admissions.
- There is no endorsement that is “better”, or “higher”, or “more college preparatory”. The level of classes a student takes will determine how rigorous a transcript appears to a college during the admissions process, not their endorsement.
- To allow for the most opportunities after high school, our recommendations are:
 - English 4 for the final English credit
 - Chemistry AND Physics
 - Math every year in high school, even if Algebra 1 in 8th grade
 - Four Social Studies credits (already required by SHS)



SHS COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- In addition to state mandated credits, SHS requires:
- Four Social Studies credits: World Geography, World History, US History & Government/Economics
- Health--.5 credit
 - Health
 - Principles of Health Science (full year)
- Speech-.5 credit
 - Professional Standards in Ag
 - Professional Communications
 - May be earned through Debate (full year)
- Technology Applications—1.0 credit
 - Principles of Information Technology
 - Computer Science (must have completed Algebra 1)



FOUR YEAR PLAN WORKSHEET

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Cohort: _____

(9th grade entry date determines cohort)

ENDORSEMENT:

- STEM: Math, Science OR Technology
- Business & Industry: Ag Science OR English
- Arts & Humanities: Art, Band, Choir, LOTE, Theatre OR Five Credits in Social Studies
- Public Services: Health Science
- Multi-Disciplinary: 4x4 in Foundation Subject Areas (to include English 4 and Chemistry &/or Physics), Advanced Placement OR Dual Credit

| 8 th Grade | 9 th Grade | 10 th Grade | 11 th Grade | 12 th Grade |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
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Distinguished Achievement Requirements:

- ☐ Four Credits in Math including Algebra II ☐ Four Credits in Science ☐ Completion of at least one endorsement

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE AT LEAST ONE NON-

WEIGHTED COURSE FOR STATE CREDIT EACH SEMESTER

PER SCHOOL YEAR. (This course must be included in GPA.)

Performance Acknowledgements:

- ☐ Dual Credit-Minimum of 12 hours with grades of 3.0 or higher **OR** Associate Degree earned ☐ College Board AP Exam-Score of 3 or above ☐ PSAT/NMSQT-Commended Scholar or higher
- ☐ ACT-Minimum composite score 28 (excl writing) ☐ SAT-Earning a total score of at least 1310 ☐ Business/Industry Certification-State, National or International
- ☐ Completion of 3 credits in the same language other than English with a minimum GPA of 80 **AND** complete all English requirements with a minimum GPA of 80

Student Signature & Date: _____

Parent Signature & Date: _____

Every student in TX is required to fill out a four year plan with their signature and a parent/guardian signature PIOR to starting high school

These four year plans are kept in the counselor's office and handed back to students each year to make changes.



FOUR YEAR PLANS

- Four year plans are filled out at the end of 8th grade year
- Students choose an endorsement at this time
- Endorsements can be changed AT ANY TIME.
- Parents are notified when a student changes their endorsement
- A parent and student signature are required on four year plans
- Not sure what endorsement to choose? Multidisciplinary
- PLEASE return your student's 4 year plan to their counselor



FYI: IMPORTANT

IF YOUR STUDENT DOES NOT RETURN THEIR FOUR YEAR PLAN, WE WILL CHOOSE THEIR CLASSES FOR THEM!



| STEM Endorsement | Business & Industry Endorsement | Public Services Endorsement | Arts & Humanities Endorsement | Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| SHS Institutes of Study Science, Technology & Math | SHS Institutes of Study Agricultural Sciences & English | SHS Institutes of Study Human Services | SHS Institutes of Study Fine Arts, LOTE & Social Studies | SHS Institutes of Study 4 x 4 Foundation Subject Areas, Advanced Placement & Dual Credit |
| <p>Students may earn a STEM endorsement by completing the requirements from one of the following options.</p> <p>Note: Algebra II, Chemistry and Physics are required for the STEM endorsement <u>regardless</u> of the option selected from below.</p> <p><u>Option 1: Computer Science</u> Student takes three coherent computer science courses</p> <p><u>Option 2: Math</u> Student takes Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II AND two additional advanced math courses for which Algebra II is a prerequisite</p> <p><u>Option 3: Science</u> Student takes Chemistry, Physics AND two additional advanced science courses</p> | <p>Students may earn a Business & Industry endorsement by completing the requirements from one of the following options in the order as shown.</p> <p><u>Opt. 1: Ag Mechanics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Ag Ag Mechanics Ag Structure Dsgn Practicum AFNR <p><u>Opt. 2: Ag Animal Systems</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Ag Small Animal Mgmt./Equine Sci Livestock Prod. Adv. Animal Sci And/Or Vet Medical App <p><u>Opt. 3: Ag Environmental & Natural Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Ag Wildlife Mgmt Range Ecology Mgmt Adv. Energy & Natural Resources <p><u>Opt. 4: English (1)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debate I Debate II Debate III English IV <p><u>Opt. 5: English (2)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film (ABJ I) Film (ABJ II) Film (ABJ III) English IV <p><u>Opt. 6: Hospitality/Tourism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Hospitality/Tourism Intro to Culinary Arts Culinary Arts Advanced Culinary Arts | <p>Students may earn a Public Services endorsement by completing the requirements for the following option in the order as shown.</p> <p><u>Option 1: Health Science</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Health Science Medical Terminology Health Science Theory Practicum in Health Science I | <p>Student may earn an Arts & Humanities endorsement by completing the requirements from one of the following options.</p> <p><u>Option 1: Fine Arts</u> Student takes a coherent sequence of four courses in the same Fine Arts area for a total of 4 credits</p> <p><u>Option 2: LOTE (1)</u> Student takes four levels of the same foreign language</p> <p><u>Option 3: LOTE (2)</u> Student takes two levels of one foreign language AND two levels of a different foreign language for a total of 4 LOTE credits</p> <p><u>Option 4: Social Studies</u> Student completes five credits in Social Studies courses</p> | <p>Students may earn a Multidisciplinary Studies endorsement by completing the requirements from one of the following options.</p> <p><u>Option 1: 4 x 4 Foundation Subject Areas</u> Student takes four courses in each of the four core areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 English credits including English IV 4 Math credits 4 Science credits including Chemistry and/or Physics 4 Social Studies credits <p><u>Option 2: Advanced Placement</u> Student earns four AP course credits in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Economics Languages Other than English or Fine Arts</p> <p><u>Option 3: Dual Credit</u> Students earn four Dual Credit course credits in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Economics, Languages Other than English or Fine Arts</p> |



SELECTING COURSES FOR 9TH GRADE

ENGLISH: English 1 or Honors English 1 (Summer Reading Requirement)

MATH: Algebra 1, Honors Algebra 1, Geometry or Honors Geometry

SCIENCE: Biology or Honors Biology

SOCIAL STUDIES: World Geo or Honors World Geo

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish 1, Spanish II, or Honors Spanish 2

PE or Athletics: Must be in a team sport for Athletics

Speech/Health or Technology Credit

Fine Arts

Endorsement Elective(s)

Study Hall

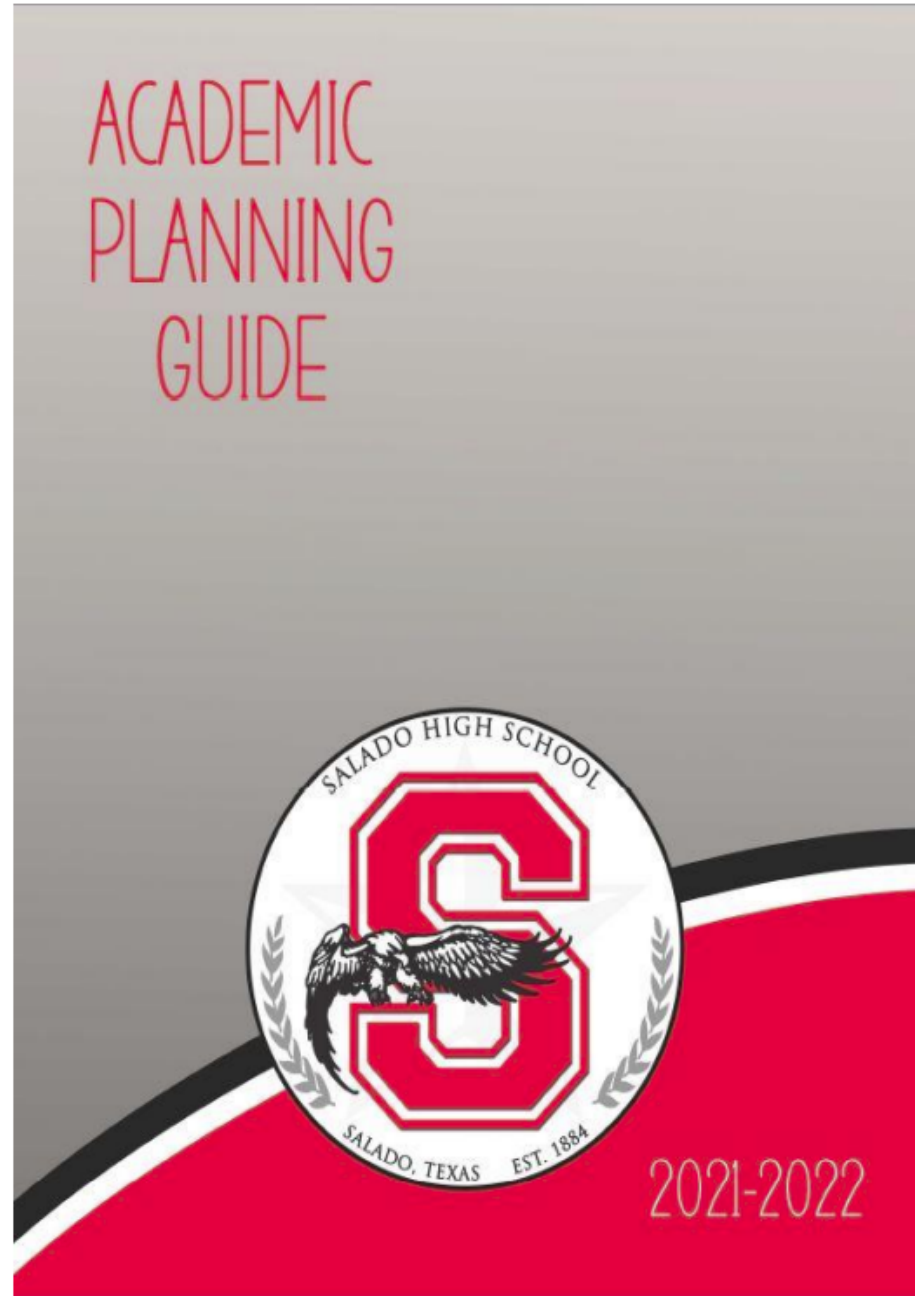
UIL Academic Advanced Honors 1 (take this class to be involved in UIL academics)

1 course must be unweighted



SALADO ACADEMIC PLANNING GUIDE IS ON THE HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE.

[https://shs.saladoisd.org/
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GPA

| CATEGORY | WEIGHT |
|--|----------------------|
| TIER I: Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) courses, dual credit courses, Locally designated advanced courses and College and Career Path III & IV courses. (Weight will be awarded for an earned grade of 70 or above.) | Multiplied by 1.2 |
| <i>**Dual Credit classes taken for a course in which state credit has already been awarded will NOT be posted on the high school transcript. No points will be calculated in GPA/Class Rank for these dual credit classes.</i> | |
| TIER II: Eligible Honors courses and College and Career Path I & II courses. (Weight will be awarded for an earned grade of 70 or above.) | Multiplied by 1.1 |
| TIER III: Eligible courses not designated at Tier I, Tier II or Tier IV. | Multiplied by 1.0 |
| TIER IV: Eligible remediation or test-prep courses and courses with content that has been modified on an individual basis for a student by the student's admission, review and dismissal (ARD) committee. | Multiplied by 0.9 |



COURSE WEIGHT

*located on page 4 in the course guide

| TIER I (x1.2) | TIER II (x1.1) | TIER III (x1.0) | TIER III Cont. (x1.0) |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| All AP Courses | Algebra 1 Honors (8th & 9th) | Core: | Non-Core: |
| Adv. Animal Science Honors | AVID Honors - 9th & 10th | Adv. Quantitative Reasoning | Advanced Art 1, 2 & 3 |
| Algebra 2 Honors | Biology Honors | Algebra 1 | Advanced Floral Design |
| Anatomy & Physiology Honors | Chemistry Honors | Algebra 2 | Ag Mechanics |
| AVID Honors - 11th | College & Career Path 1 & 2 (UIL) | Algebra 3 | Ag Structures Design & Fab. |
| College & Career Path 3 & 4 (UIL) | Computer Science 1 Honors | Biology | Art 1, 2, 3 & 4 |
| Computer Science Ind. Study | English 1 Honors | Chemistry | Athletics 1, 2, 3 & 4 (Boys & Girls) |
| OnRamps College Algebra | English 2 Honors | Earth & Space Science | Band 1, 2, 3 & 4 |
| OnRamps College Chemistry | Geometry Honors | Economics (0.5) | Career Prep 1 & 2 |
| Physics Honors | Health Science Theory | English 1, 2, 3 & 4 | Choir 1, 2, 3 & 4 |
| PreCalculus Honors | Medical Terminology Honors | ESOL 1 & 2 | Debate 1, 2 & 3 |
| Spanish 3 Honors | Practicum Health Science 1 | Geometry | Dual Credit (see pg 10 for list) |
| Dual Credit Approved Core Courses | Principles of Hlth Science Honors | Integrated Physics & Chemistry | Equine Science (0.5) |
| TBI Approved Core Courses | Spanish 1 Honors | Math Models with Applications | Film (Adv. Brcast Journ) 1, 2 & 3 |
| (see pg 9 for DC & TBI Courses) | Spanish 2 Honors | Physics | Floral Design |
| | Veterinary Medical App. Honors | PreCalculus | Health Education (0.5) |
| | World Geography Honors | Psychology (0.5) | Horticulture |
| | World History Honors | Sociology (0.5) | Interpersonal Studies (0.5) |
| | | US Government (0.5) | Introduction to Culinary Arts |
| | | US History | Livestock Production |
| | | World Geography | PE Courses |
| | | World History | Practicum in Ag (AFNR) 1 & 2 |
| | | | Principles of Agriculture |
| TIER IV (x.9) | NOT INCLUDED IN GPA | NOT INCLUDED IN GPA Cont. | Principles of Human Services |
| Modified Courses per ARD | State Credit: | Local Courses: | Principles of Information Tech |
| Practical Writing | Courses receiving a P/F Grade | Aides - Class, Library & Office | Professional Communication (0.5) |
| Reading Improvement | Athletic Substitute (not in athletics) | | Prof. Standards in Ag (0.5) |
| | Band PE Substitute | No Credit: | Small Animal Management (0.5) |
| | Cheer Substitute | 18+ | Spanish 1, 2 & 3 |
| | CBE (with or without prior instruct.) | Class Audit | Sports Medicine 1, 2 & 3 |
| | Summer School (except Dual Credit) | Courses not Recognized by TEA | TBI Courses (see pg 10 for list) |
| | Supplemental/Correspondence Crs. | Courses taken in non-accredited setting | Technical Theater 1, 2, 3 & 4 |
| | Traditional Correspondence Course | Dual Credit which state credit already awarded | Theatre Arts 1, 2, 3 & 4 |
| | | Early Release/Late Arrival | Theatrical Design 1 & 2 |
| | | Study Hall | Wildlife Management |
| | | | Yearbook 1, 2 & 3 |

NOTE: Weights will only be added to courses for new students to the district if their previous school gave the extra weight when credit was awarded.



College Credit Options

- Dual Credit on SHS Campus
- Texas Bioscience Institute (TBI) through Temple College (Alg. 1, Geom., Alg II)
- Dual Enrollment with UT On-Ramps on SHS Campus



DUAL CREDIT

- Fall of Sophomore year, students will take the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) test in ELAR (Reading & Writing).
- Must make a TSI score of 945 (or higher) with an Essay score of 5-8 in order to be dual credit ready.
- Dual credit is taught through Temple College through a professor on the SHS campus.
- Junior year:
 - Fall: English 1301 & US History 1302 (US History EOC STAAR given in December) 6 college credits
 - Spring: English 1302 & US History 1301; 6 college credits=12 total
- Senior year:
 - Fall: English 2322 & Gov't 2305; 6 college credits
 - Spring: English 2323 & Econ 2301; 6 college credits=12 total (potential 24 total college credits)
- More information to follow Spring of student's sophomore year.
- Please refer to the academic planning guide for more information.



TEXAS BIOSCIENCE INSTITUTE (TBI)

- Fall of Sophomore year, students will take the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) test in ELAR (Reading & Writing) and Math.
- Must make a TSI score of 945 (or higher) with an Essay score of 5-8 and a Math score of 950 in order to be dual credit ready.
- TBI is a half day program on the Temple College campus.
- Students take English, US History, Math, Science and earn an Associates Degree.
- Geared towards those interested in STEM fields.
- Must have already taken Algebra I, Geometry & Algebra II.
- Please refer to the academic planning guide for more information.



DUAL ENROLLMENT/UT ON-RAMPS

- SHS offers On-Ramps courses through The University of Texas.
- On-Ramps Algebra II (high school Algebra II & Math 1314—3 college credits)
- On-Ramps Chemistry (high school Scientific Research & Design, CHEM 1411 & Lab—4 college credits)
- On-Ramps Biology (high school Scientific Research & Design II, BIOL 1306 & Lab—4 college credits)
- TSI is not required, but recommended
- Please refer to the academic planning guide for more information.



Advanced Placement

What is AP?

The advanced placement (AP) Program of the College Board enables students to complete college-level

studies at Salado High School. The primary goals of the AP Program are to enrich the secondary school experience of students ready to apply themselves to college-level courses and to provide the means by which colleges may grant credit or placement, or both, to students with satisfactory AP test scores.

Benefits of AP

The benefits of the AP Program extend beyond students receiving college credit, placement, or both for

exam performance. AP courses teach them how to manage their time while they learn how to deal with college-level work.

Enrolling in AP Classes

Students entering high school need to plan with their counselor to insure that all prerequisite courses are

scheduled early enough to allow them to take the AP course(s) of their choice at the senior high level. Students pay an AP Examination fee per test in early spring.



Credit By Exam and Supplemental Courses

- Texas Tech ISD – Credit By Exam and Supplemental Courses
- Must be approved by SHS Counselor
- Paid for by the parent
 - Supplemental Course: \$250 a class plus books and fees
 - Credit by Exam: \$70 per semester exam
- Not included in GPA
- 3 credit maximum for supplemental courses
- No EOC tested courses
- Studying/Review is the student's responsibility
- Passing Grades:
 - Supplemental Course: 70 or above
 - CBE: 80 or above



Schedule Information

- Students served through 504 will be contacted by the serving counselor
- Students served through Special Education will have transition meetings prior to high school
- Schedule changes can be made through the second week of the school year
- Students enrolled in Honors courses can move to on level courses within the first 6 weeks of each semester



UIL Eligibility

- Grade Checks for Gain/Lose:
 - 1st 6 weeks
 - End of each 9 week grading period
- Grade Checks for Gain Only:
 - Every 3 weeks
- Must pass ALL classes at a grade check to be eligible



NEST 2022

- Saturday in August
- In the morning
- Welcome from Student Council
- Tour of the School
- Information Sessions/Break-outs
- We feed you!
- Excellent way to meet new 9th graders & maybe meet your teachers.



**PLEASE RETURN YOUR
FOUR YEAR PLAN TO THE
HIGH SCHOOL OR THE
MIDDLE SCHOOL BY
MARCH 31ST!**



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