

Junior ACP Information

2024-2025



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 1 credit
- 10th Grade English 1 credit
- 11th Grade English 1 credit
- English Elective in 12th Grade*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 1 credit
- United States History 1 credit
- Economics .5 credit
- Civics* .5 credit

*In addition to receiving .5 credit in a civics 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 1 credit
- Physical Science 1 credit
- Ecology .5 credit
- Science Elective* .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* 1 credit
- Geometric Concepts 1 credit
- Math Elective* 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* .5 credit
- Physical Education Electives 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



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 2025 or are due by October 1st next fall for the spring semester of 2026.
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

The screenshot displays the Xello web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Xello logo on the left and menu items: 'About Me', 'Explore Options', and 'Goals & Plans'. On the right side of the navigation bar are icons for search, a heart, and a user profile. The main content area is divided into six panels:

- PERSONALITY STYLE:** A circular diagram with six personality types: Organizer (purple), Builder (grey), Thinker (grey), Persuader (grey), Helper (green), and Creator (yellow).
- LEARNING STYLE:** A circular diagram showing three learning styles: Auditory (60%), Visual (25%), and Tactile (15%). Below the diagram, it states 'You are an Auditory Learner'.
- SKILLS LAB:** A section titled 'What skills do you want to develop?' featuring an illustration of laboratory glassware and a 'Get Started' button.
- AFTER HIGH SCHOOL...:** A section titled 'My Goal More School or Training' with an illustration of diverse students and an 'Edit Goal' button.
- FAVORITE CLUSTERS:** A section titled 'Education & Training / Health Science / Human Services' with an illustration of colorful clusters and an 'Update' button.
- RESUME:** A section titled 'Get ready to impress potential employers.' with an illustration of a student at a desk and an 'Update' button.

- 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.com)
- [Testprepreview.com](https://www.testprepreview.com)

Course Options (COST)

- [Sylvan Learning Center](https://www.sylvanlearning.com)
1-800- 661-0129
- [Kaplan](https://www.kaplan.com) 1-800-KAP-TEST
- [Tutor Doctor](https://www.tutordoc.com)
- [Galín Education](https://www.galin.com)
- [ZAPS the ACT](https://www.zaps.com)
- [Wisconsin Test Prep](https://www.wisconsinprep.com)

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.

General Admissions Information

Minimum Requirements for UW System

Post-Secondary Admission Requirements

****Please verify admission requirements with the specific school of your choice****
 For UW System Schools, go to uwp.edu/wisconsin.edu
 For all other universities, go directly to their website for admissions information.

Minimum Requirements for most University of Wisconsin System institutions**
 Please verify the specific admission standards with the school and program of your choice.

English 4 Credits	4 Credits (literature-based and composition-based English courses recommended by many universities)
Social Sciences 3 Credits	3 Credits
Natural Sciences 3 Credits	3 Credits (Biology, Chemistry and another lab science recommended by many universities)
Math 3 Credits	3 credits of college preparatory math (typically through Algebra II, however it is best to check with each institution for specific preferences)
World Language	It is highly recommended that students complete two units of a single world language in high school. <small>NOTE: Completion of two years of a single world language in high school at UW System schools is considered a prerequisite for most programs. For students at UW System schools, completion of two units of a single world language is equivalent to UW System completion of two units of a single world language.</small>
Electives 4 Credits	Fine arts, computer science, business, family and consumer education and other academic, career, and technical areas
Total Credits: 17	

Typical Requirements for Moderate/Highly Selective Colleges

Typical Requirements for Highly Selective Colleges**
 Please verify the specific admission standards with the school and program of your choice.

English 4 Credits	4 Credits (literature-based and composition-based English courses recommended by many universities)
Social Sciences 3-4 Credits	3-4 Credits
Natural Sciences 3-4 Credits	3 Credits (3 credits lab-based sciences)
Math 4 Credits	4 credits of college preparatory math (typically through Algebra II, however it is best to check with each institution for specific preferences)
Single World Language 3-4 Credits	(Requirements will vary)
Additional Academic/Fine Arts 2 Credits	Fine arts, computer science, business, family and consumer education, and other academic, career, and technical areas
Total Credits: 19-22	

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE GUIDE 2024-2026

NOTE: This information is available on page 6 of the course guide.

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 the Fall of 2025

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 April 9 from 11am-2pm

Don't forget to prepare for an interview!

- Resume
- References
- Mock Interviews
- Appropriate attire

*****WIN time sessions in April to support resumes and interview prep!**

Next Steps



Next Steps for Juniors

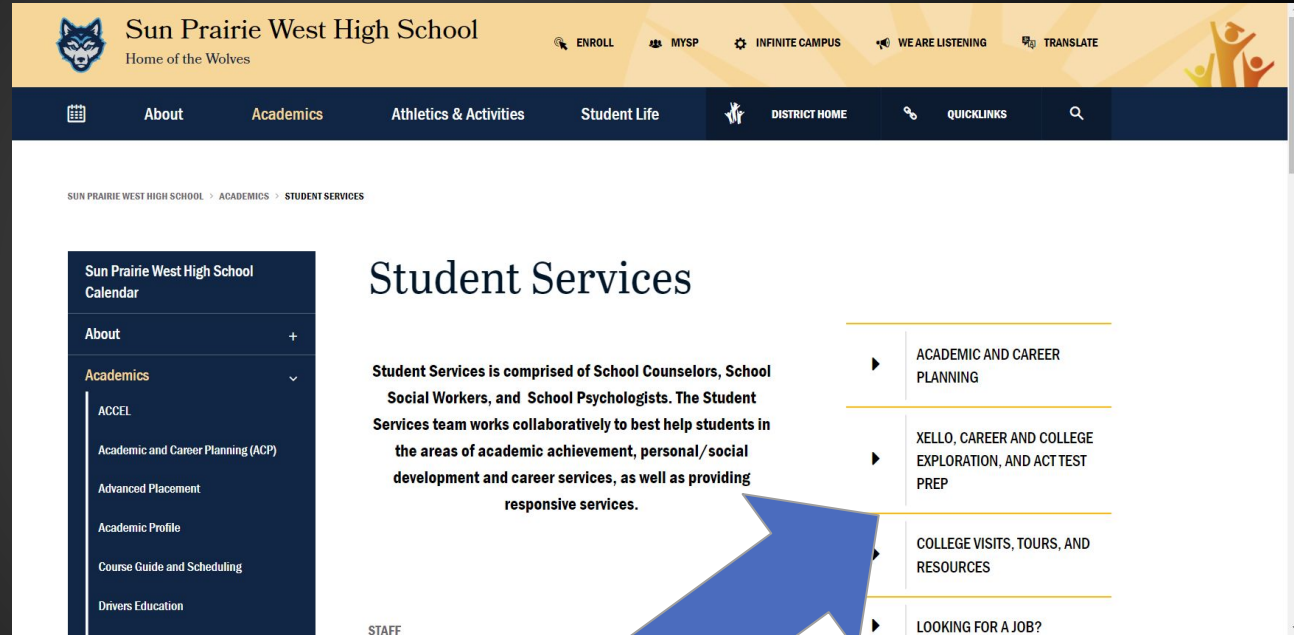


- Review Transcripts
- Contact your counselor with questions
- Enroll in summer school, as needed
- Retake your ACT test if needed
- Start researching post-high school opportunities
- Access additional resources such as college planning checklists:
 - [UW Help](#)
 - [College Board](#)
- Letters of Recommendations
 - 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 includes the school 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 features 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 menu is expanded to show the Academics section, with sub-links for ACCEL, Academic and Career Planning (ACP), Advanced Placement, Academic Profile, Course Guide and Scheduling, and Drivers Education.

Student Services

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.

- ▶ ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING
- ▶ XELLO, CAREER AND COLLEGE EXPLORATION, AND ACT TEST PREP
- ▶ COLLEGE VISITS, TOURS, AND RESOURCES
- ▶ LOOKING FOR A JOB?

STAFF

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.
- Note: To receive a Direct Admit offer, you must meet the minimum requirements for admissions to the UW System, including 3 credits of college preparatory math. (See page 6 of the course guide).
- For more information about Direct Admit Wisconsin, please visit the following website: www.wisconsin.edu/direct-admissions
 - Student and Family information including FAQs
 - Next Steps



Wisconsin Guarantee (Act 95)

- Starting August 1, 2024, with the high school class of 2025, the Wisconsin Guarantee will offer guaranteed admission to all Universities of Wisconsin universities for Wisconsin high school students in the top 5% to 10% of their graduating class.
 - If you are in the top 5%, you will be guaranteed admission to all UWs including UW-Madison provided students meet minimum admissions criteria AND apply on or before the Early Action deadline of November 1.
 - If you are in the top 10%, you will be guaranteed to all UW universities except UW-Madison if you meet minimum admissions criteria and apply by the Regular Admissions Deadline.
 - In the event that there are too many 4.0 students to clearly identify the top 5%, tie breaker criteria will be applied.
- For more information about the Wisconsin Guarantee, please visit the following website:
www.wisconsin.edu/wisconsin-guarantee

DCODE: 5656
Sun Prairie West High School Official Transcript
Tel: (608)478-1700
2850 Ironwood Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Class Rank Top 5 %	
You are in the top 5% of your class.	
Student Information	



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 2, 2025
- 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 and CCLR are here to help!

Ms. Saldana (A-G)



Mr. Medema (H-M)



Ms. Wagner (N-T)



Ms. Thao (U-Z)



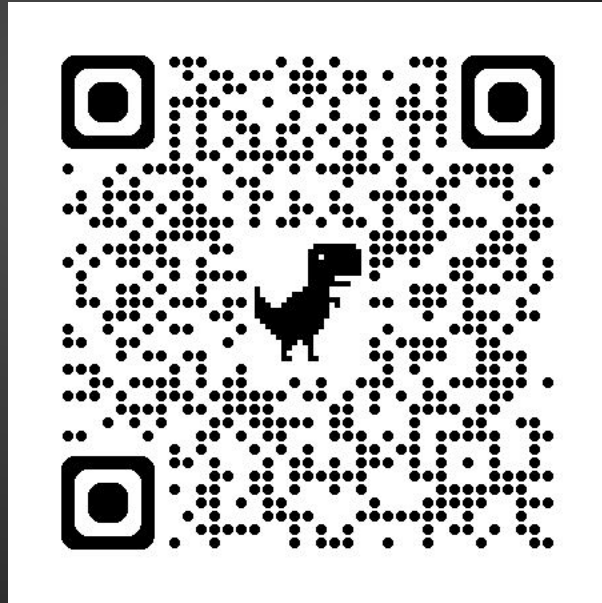
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Griffin



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!



APPRENTICESHIP USA



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH *Spirit Week*

Monday

BE COMFORTABLE IN YOUR OWN SKIN:

PAJAMA DAY

3/17

3/18

Tuesday

WONDER WOMEN DAY:

DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE FEMALE/ICON

Wednesday

WOMEN ARE STRONGER TOGETHER:

TWIN DAY

3/19

Thursday

BOSS DAY:

DRESS TO IMPRESS

3/20

Friday

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT DAY:

PINK OUT

3/21

“Never apologize for being
a powerful woman”

