

Class of 2029



**Welcome to
Freshman Year**



Welcome to high school!
Here are some essential
tips to help you acclimate
and transition to Scholars
Academy and know
what's expected.



Essential tips for students and parents to thrive



Stay Organized and Plan Ahead

Using planners or apps will help keep track of assignments, **due dates**, and important events throughout the school year.



Get Involved in School Activities

Join clubs, sports, or organizations to meet new friends and develop **valuable skills** that will enhance your high school experience.



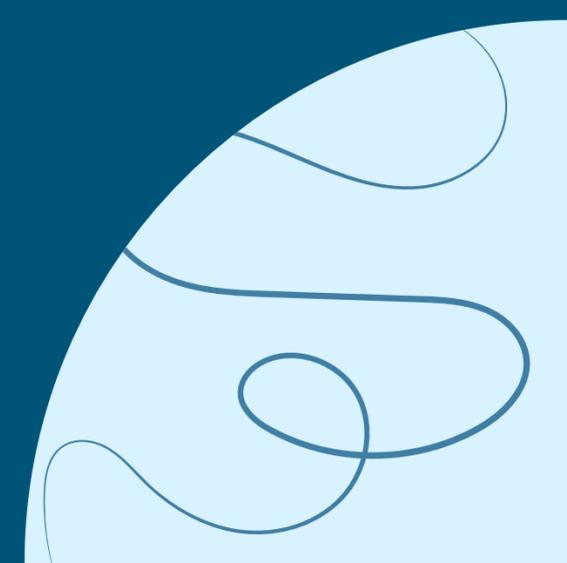
Ask for Help When Needed

Don't hesitate to reach out to teachers, friends, or counselors for support; **communication is key** to being successful at Scholars Academy.



Maintain a Healthy Balance

Prioritize academics while making time for hobbies and relaxation; a balanced life leads to better **well-being** and academic success.





Every class counts in high school! Final grades will factor into your GPA for college admission.



Build rapport with your teachers, and specifically your School Counselor.



Learn to self-advocate with your teachers. Don't be afraid to talk to them and ask for help.



Start exploring extracurriculars (clubs, sports, community service, arts, and personal interests).



Begin to line up your interests and skill sets with careers that may be a good fit for you.



Consider summer activities that connect your interests like internships, job shadowing, academic enrichment activities, and summer jobs.



Keep track of everything you do throughout high school. This prepares you for college applications your senior year.

Essential Resources for Freshmen

Academic Support

Each teacher offers weekly after-school tutoring, and students can also receive additional support from teachers and peers during Scholars Station.

Extracurricular Activities

Join clubs or sports to explore your **interests and meet new friends** while enhancing your high school experience and building your student resume' for college.

School Counselor

Mrs. Williams, through the School Counseling Office, provides ongoing support and guidance for students throughout the year. Each year, we also hold an Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) Conference with both students and parents to review progress and plan for the future.



Good Habits to Stay on Track!



Check your school email daily



Read the Weekly Announcements



Check the school & guidance websites regularly



Keep your social media clean & stay safe online



Get plenty of rest



Important Dates to Remember



As you embark on this exciting journey, take note of the important dates:

- October 9th--PSAT
- October 10th--River Islands Adventure Field Trip
- October 29th--1st 9 Weeks Report Cards
- January--Biology EOC Exam
- January 26th--2nd 9 Weeks Report Cards
- April 2nd-3rd 9 Weeks Report Cards
- May 5th--AP United States Government & Politics Exam
(12:00-4:00 PM-You will need to provide transportation home)
- May--English 2 Honors EOC Exam
- June 4th-Last Day of School





CCU Spring Registration Coming Soon!

Current Fall Schedule

- English 2 Honors/
Freshman Seminar
- Algebra 2 Honors
- AP United States Government
& Politics/Economics H.5
- PE or
Extra Scholar Station
- Biology Honors

Proposed Spring Schedule

- English 2 Honors/
Freshman Seminar
- 1. Algebra 2 Honors or
2. Pre-Calculus Honors
- AP United States Government
& Politics/Economics H.5
- PE or
Extra Scholar Station
- CCU Elective

CCU Course Recommendations

- FINANCE 110
(Required to Graduate)
- ART STUDIO (ARTS)
102, 103, 104 or 111
- ART HISTORY (ARTH)
105, 106, 107, or 323
OR VPA 103
- MUSIC (MUS)
110, 116, OR 258
- THEATER
149, 153, 154, 155, OR 329

South Carolina Lottery Scholarships



LIFE \$5,000

Two-Year Institution

- 3.0 SC UGP GPA

Four-year Institution (Meet 2 out of 3)

- 3.0 SC UGP GPA
- 1100 SAT or 22 ACT
- Rank in top 30% of graduating class*

*Cannot use rank if graduating mid-year



- 3.0 LIFE GPA; and
- Earn an average of 30 credit hours by the end of the first academic year*

Up to eight terms of eligibility towards first Bachelors degree

*Academic year: Fall, Spring, Summer

** Can use AP, IB, Dual Enrollment, and CLEP hours towards credit hour requirement

Palmetto Fellows

\$6,700 year 1
\$7,500 year 2-4

- 3.5 SC UGP GPA; and
- 1200 SAT or 25 ACT; and
- Top 6% rank in either 10, 11, 12

Without regard to rank (Alternative Criteria)

- 4.0 SC UGP GPA; and
- 1400 SAT or 31 ACT

*Mid-year graduates MUST apply prior to mid-year graduation date



- 3.0 Institutional GPA; and
- Earn 30 credit hours each academic year

Up to eight terms of eligibility towards first Bachelors degree

*Academic year: Fall, Spring, Summer

**Cannot use AP, IB, Dual Enrollment, or CLEP hours towards credit hour requirement



Questions or Comments?

Feel free to reach out if you have any
questions!

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