

# 8th Grade Parent Night 2026-2027



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# Welcome to Simley High School

We are excited to welcome you to Simley High School, Class of 2030!

The **goal for tonight** is to give you information to help make your student's transition to high school successful, starting with registering for courses.



# Simley Registration 101



Assistant Principal  
Alyssa Gardner

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# Registration Timeline

- January 13: 8th Grade Classroom Presentations
- January 13: Parent Information & Registration Night
- January 15: Q & A with high school counselors (Pathways)
- **January 23: 8th Grade Registration Deadline**

# SIMLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**64 CREDITS**

**1 quarter = .75 credits**

**1 semester = 1.5 credits**

**Each year long course = 3 credits**

Language Arts	12 credits
Social Studies	10.5 credits
Math	9 credits
Science	9 credits
Physical Education & Health	1.5 credits
Art	3 credits
Electives Including Personal Finance	19 credits

All students entering grade 9 must register for a full schedule of courses. This is equivalent to 21 credits.

- Language Arts = 3 credits
- Social Studies = 1.5 credits
- Math = 3 credits
- Science = 3 credits
- \*PE/Health = 1.5 credits
- 9 elective credits

## Study Hall

- Study Halls are an option for students but students DO NOT register for them. Students in need of a Study Hall can request one through their assigned high school counselor once schedules become available in August.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pathway Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_



### 9th Grade Registration 2026-2027

The 28 boxes below represent a full schedule at Simley High School. Students have 7 class periods per day for 4 quarters during the year. Please register for a full schedule of courses in Xello, which adds up to 21 credits.

#### MATH

Geometry A	Geometry B	Algebra A	Algebra B
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#### ENGLISH

<input type="checkbox"/> Communications 9 Q1 OR <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Comm. 9 Q1	<input type="checkbox"/> Communications 9 Q2 OR <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Comm. 9 Q2	<input type="checkbox"/> Communications 9 Q3 OR <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Comm. 9 Q3	<input type="checkbox"/> Communications 9 Q4 OR <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Comm. 9 Q4
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#### SCIENCE

<input type="checkbox"/> Earth/Space Science Q1 OR <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Earth/Space Sci. Q1	<input type="checkbox"/> Earth/Space Science Q2 OR <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Earth/Space Sci. Q2	<input type="checkbox"/> Earth/Space Science Q3 OR <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Earth/Space Sci. Q3	<input type="checkbox"/> Earth/Space Science Q4 OR <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Earth/Space Sci. Q4
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#### SOCIAL STUDIES

<input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography OR <input type="checkbox"/> AP Human Geography Q1	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography OR <input type="checkbox"/> AP Human Geography Q2	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ OR <input type="checkbox"/> AP Human Geography Q3	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ OR <input type="checkbox"/> AP Human Geography Q4
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#### ELECTIVES OR SOCIAL STUDIES

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION / HEALTH

Spartan Health & Fitness I	Spartan Health & Fitness II	_____	_____
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ALTERNATE ELECTIVES (in case your choices above are not available or don't fit with your schedule)

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# Math Standards Changes

- Previously - Algebra II, Geometry, Algebra III
- Changes to state standards reduce Algebra and add Statistics
- Now 2 semesters each of Algebra, Geometry & Statistics
- Rotating each semester provides more reinforcement and flexibility for students
- Accelerated replaces Honors

## Standard Sequence

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
9th	Geometry	Algebra
10th	Statistics	Geometry
11th	Algebra	Statistics
12th	Math Elective	Math Elective

# Math Sequencing Options

## Standard Sequence

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
9th	Geometry	Algebra
10th	Statistics	Geometry
11th	Algebra	Statistics
12th	Math Elective	Math Elective

## Accelerated Sequence

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
9th	Geometry	Algebra
10th	Algebra	Geometry
11th	AP Statistics	AP Statistics
12th	Math Elective	Math Elective

# Path to Calculus

## Standard Sequence

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
9th	Geometry	Algebra
10th	Statistics	Geometry
11th	Algebra	Statistics
12th	Math Elective	Math Elective

## Calculus Sequence

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
9th	Geometry	Algebra
10th	Statistics	Geometry
	Algebra	Statistics
11th	Pre-Calculus	Pre-Calculus
12th	Calculus	Calculus

# 9th Grade Electives

## **ART**

Art Lab  
Introduction to Drawing  
Jewelry

## **AVID**

AVID 9 \*Current AVID students only or by application

## **BUSINESS**

Business Applications & Communication  
Career Explorations  
Introduction to Business in Society  
Keyboarding  
Marketing 1  
Marketing 2  
Sports Management

## **CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Engineering Drafting & Design I  
Metals and Welding I  
Woodworking I

## **COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY**

Introduction to Computer Science

## **MUSIC**

Beginning Guitar  
Advanced Guitar  
Music Creation  
Percussion  
Spartan Choir  
Symphonic Band

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Games for Life  
Indoor Sports

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION (CONT.)**

Mindful Movement I  
Mindful Movement II  
Outdoor Sports  
Powerwalking & Group Fitness  
Racquet Sports  
Strength Training I  
Strength Training II  
Strength Training III

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Contemporary Issues in America  
Developmental Psychology  
Sociology

## **WORLD LANGUAGE**

Spanish for Heritage Speakers I  
Spanish I  
Spanish II

# How Can Families Support Registration?

1. Review the [course descriptions on Xello](#)
2. Talk with your student about what classes they want to take in 9th grade and beyond
3. Make a plan and be engaged in your student's education

*Do you have questions? Feel free to contact our support staff below!*

Assistant Principal - Alyssa Gardner [gardnera@isd199.org](mailto:gardnera@isd199.org)

School Counselors -

Katherine Beck (A-G) [beckk@isd199.org](mailto:beckk@isd199.org)

Kris DeVries (H-N) [devriesk@isd199.org](mailto:devriesk@isd199.org)

Julie Reed (O-Z) [mollisonreedj@isd199.org](mailto:mollisonreedj@isd199.org) (currently on maternity leave)

\*DeVries (O-R) & Beck (S-Z)

# Simley Success 101



Assistant Principal  
Cullen Berg

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# Preparing for 9th Grade

1. Finish 8th grade strong
2. Talk to your child about future goals and activities or coursework they may want to get involved in. What are their hopes for high school?
3. Spring Transition Day
4. September 2nd - LINK Day

# Who Can Support My Student at Simley?

- ❑ Teaching Staff
- ❑ Administration
  - ❑ Principal - Carrie Gillund
  - ❑ Assistant Principal - Cullen Berg
  - ❑ Assistant Principal - Alyssa Gardner
  - ❑ Assistant Administrator - Miles Webb
- ❑ School Counselors
  - ❑ Katherine Beck (A-H)
  - ❑ Kris DeVries (G-N)
  - ❑ Julie Reed (O-Z)
- ❑ Social Worker
  - ❑ Ingrid Holt
- ❑ School Psychologist
  - ❑ Mackenzie Bruns

# Simley HS Activities 101



Athletic Director  
Will Short

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# Simley Activities

**Activities Director: Will Short**

**Activities Assistant: Missy Berglund**

Minnesota State High School League

Metro East Conference

[www.metroeastconference.org](http://www.metroeastconference.org)

[www.simleyathletics.com](http://www.simleyathletics.com)

Registration: Infinite Campus Parent Portal – School Store

# Fall Activities

Marching Band-Summer

**All Fall Sports - Start on August 17th**

Girls Tennis -\$150

B/G Soccer-\$150

Football-\$180

Girls Swimming-7th Hour Study Hall-\$150

B/G Cross Country-\$150

Fall Activities: Fall Play, Performance Dance

# Winter Activities

Competition Dance

B/G Hockey-7th Hour Study Hall-\$180

Gymnastics-\$150

Nordic Ski-\$150

Girls Basketball-\$150

Wrestling-\$150

Boys Swimming-7th Hour Study hall-\$150

Boys Basketball-\$150

Activities: MSHSL-One Acts, E-Sports

# Spring Activities

Boys & Girls Track-\$150

Softball-\$150

Baseball-\$150

Golf - \$150

Boys Tennis-\$150

B/G Lacrosse-\$180

Adapted Bowling-\$150

Activities: Spring Musical

# The Benefits of Athletics / Activities / Clubs Participation

MSHSL: Students who participate in Interscholastic Athletics and/or Fine arts

- Higher GPA
- Better attendance
- Lower Dropout Rates
- Fewer Discipline Problems
- Develop Social Skills

Multiple National Studies also report:

- Activities Build Character
- Increase Self Confidence
- Relieve Tension
- Generate School Pride and a Sense of Community

United States Department of Education:  
Students who spend **NO** time in extracurricular activities are: (Compared to those with 4 hrs/wk)

- 49% more likely to use drugs
- 37% more likely to become teen parents