

Pathways & Possibilities



Welcome to Southington High School!

Your journey to discovering your strengths, exploring your passions, and building your future starts here.



Meet Your SHS Administrative Team

Admin Team

Principal Rich Aroian leads alongside Assistant Principals Ms. Clark, Mrs. Crouch, Mr. Hinman, and Ms. Reynolds.

Middle School Counselors

Ms. Dickson and Ms. Steinnagel serve as your 8th grade liaison, supported by a full team of counselors ready to guide your academic and personal growth.

📄 **PowerSchool Parent Portal:** Your digital hub for course registration, progress tracking, and staying connected with your student's academics in real time.

Your SHS Grade 9 Support Team



Kathleen Reynolds
9th Grade Assistant Principal



Jennifer Discenza
Director of School Counseling, Grades
6-12 and
**Counselor for all GHAA and Multi-
Language Learner Students**



Lindsay Perzan
SHS Ninth Grade Academy School
Counselor
(Last name A - K)



Mark Bugnacki
SHS Ninth Grade Academy School
Counselor
(Last name L - Z)



Sylvia Gonzalez
SHS School Counselor, Grades 9-12
Agricultural Science

GETTING STARTED

Starting High School: What to Expect



New Schedule

Transition from middle school with a block schedule featuring 88-minute classes designed for deeper learning and exploration.



More Independence

Experience new teachers, navigate your own schedule, and take ownership of your academic journey with confidence.



Support System

Teachers, counselors, and peers form a strong network ready to help you succeed every step of the way.

Technology & Learning Tools

Canvas

Our online learning platform where you'll find everything for your classes in one place. Teachers post assignments, resources, grades, and announcements, and you can submit work, check feedback, and communicate with teachers anytime. Think of Canvas as your digital classroom—organized, accessible, and designed to help you stay on track and succeed.

PowerSchool

Our student information system where you can view your schedule, grades, attendance, and report cards. It helps you keep track of how you're doing in each class and stay informed about important academic information. Checking PowerSchool regularly helps you take ownership of your progress and stay organized throughout the school year.

ParentSquare

Our main communication platform for school updates and messages. You'll receive announcements, reminders, and important information from teachers, clubs, and the school all in one place. Checking ParentSquare often helps you stay informed, meet deadlines, and stay connected to what's happening at school.



ParentSquare

Beyond the Classroom: Activities & Athletics

- **Competitive Sports**

Join teams in football, soccer, basketball, swimming, lacrosse, track and field, and many more. Our state-of-the-art Fontana Field and athletic facilities support your active lifestyle.

- **Arts Programs**

Express yourself through drama, choir, band, visual arts, and more. Participate in performances, exhibitions, and creative collaborations.

- **Clubs & Organizations**

Discover nearly 70 clubs spanning interests from robotics to debate, community service to cultural awareness. Build friendships and explore your passions.



FALL



- CHEERLEADING
- CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS AND GIRLS)
- FIELD HOCKEY
- FOOTBALL
- GOLF (BOYS)
- SOCCER (BOYS AND GIRLS)
- SWIM AND DIVE (GIRLS)
- VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS)

DANCE
POWDERPUFF FOOTBALL (GIRLS)

WINTER

- BASKETBALL (BOYS AND GIRLS)
- CHEER
- GYMNASTICS
- INDOOR TRACK (BOYS AND GIRLS)
- ICE HOCKEY (BOYS)
- SWIM AND DIVE (BOYS)
- WRESTLING

SKI RACE TEAM
ICE HOCKEY (GIRLS)

DANCE

SPRING

- BASEBALL
- GOLF (GIRLS)
- LACROSSE (BOYS AND GIRLS)
- OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD (BOYS AND GIRLS)
- SOFTBALL
- TENNIS (BOYS AND GIRLS)
- VOLLEYBALL (BOYS)

RUGBY (BOYS AND GIRLS)
7 V. 7 FLAG FOOTBALL (GIRLS)

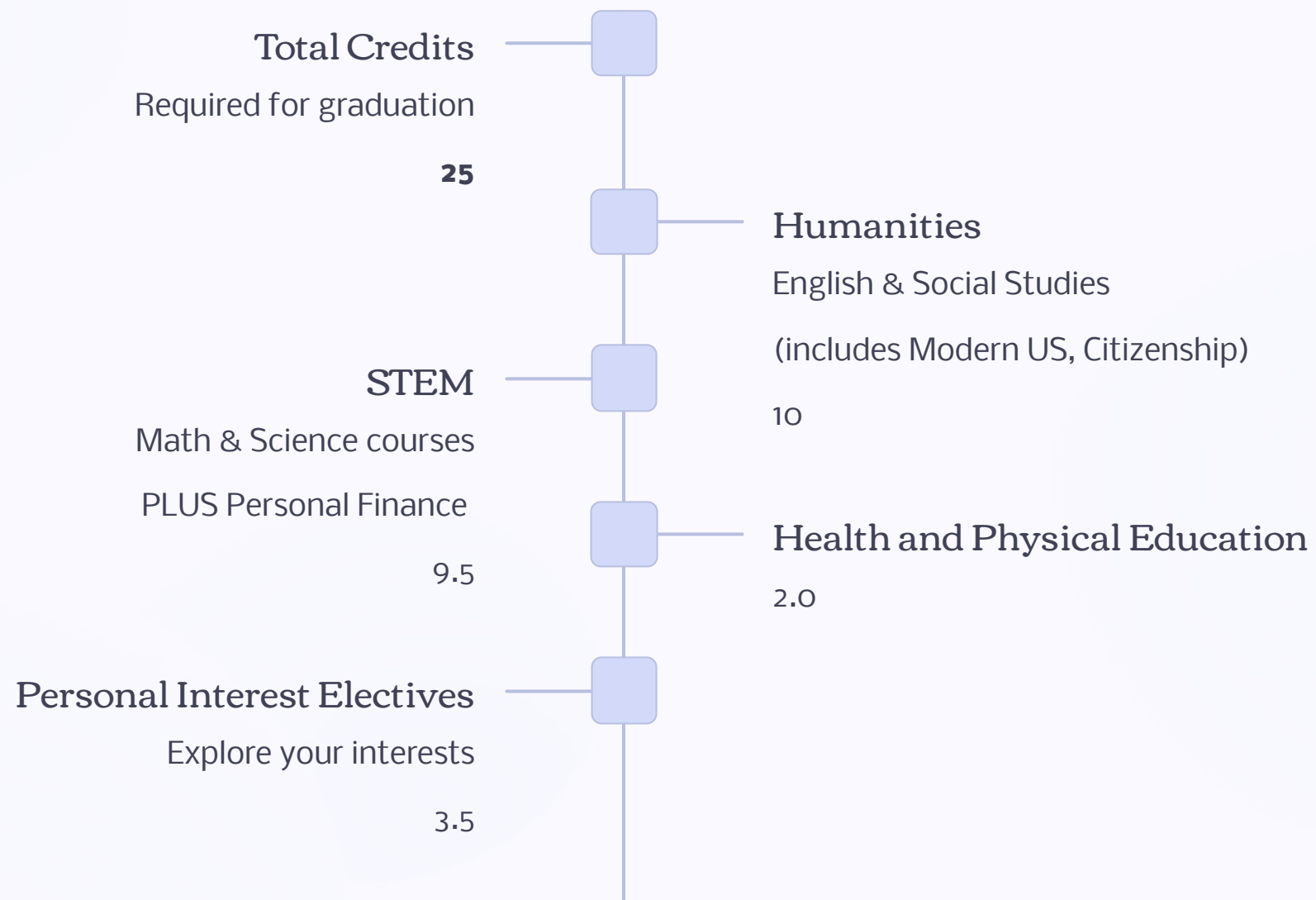


SPORTS AND CLUBS



 REQUIREMENTS

Graduation Requirements at a Glance



Course Levels to Match Your Strength

Academic (ACA)

Curriculum designed to prepare you for college and career success.

Accelerated (ACC)

Curriculum designed with accelerated content and rigorous coursework that deepens your understanding. Pacing moves faster than ACA.

Advanced Placement (AP) or College Level (CLC)

Advanced study with intensive college level curriculum and option for college credit.

Teachers recommend course levels based on your performance, but you and your family have an important voice in making final decisions. Students can be enrolled in multiple levels. Advanced Placement (AP) and Early College Experience (ECE) courses offer additional opportunities to earn college credit while in high school.

Sample Schedule

A- Day		B-Day	
Period 1A	English I	Period 1B	Earth Science
Period 2A	Elective or Study Hall	Period 2B	Health
Period 3A (Lunch Waves)	Modern U.S. History	Period 3B	World Language
Period 4A	Algebra	Period 4B	Elective or Study Hall

Exploring Career Pathways

Pathways connect your interests to future careers and college goals. The best part? They're flexible—you can enter, exit, or change pathways as you grow, learn, and discover new passions.



SHS PATHWAYS

Click Pathway images for more info!



Business & Finance 	Computer Science 	Law & Justice 	Education 	Fine Arts 	Agricultural Science  Specialized Program (acceptance based)
Health & Medical Sciences 	Hospitality Pathway 	Technology & Engineering 	Natural Resources 		Project Lead the Way (PLTW)  Specialized Program (acceptance based)

How to Prepare for Course Registration

Review Your Options

Explore the SHS Program of Studies with your family to discover course offerings, prerequisites, and pathway opportunities that align with your goals.



SOUTHINGTON

HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 9 Course Offerings

Core Academic Departments Courses

English Language Arts

CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ENG1110	ACA	English	1	Required in grade 9
ENG1130	ACC	English I ACC	1	

English Language Arts Electives

ENG2210	ACA	Introduction to Acting	.50	Credits in the elective courses will not count toward the four required English Language Arts credits necessary for graduation.
ENG5001	ACA	Foundational English*	1	
ENG5005	ACA	Multilingual Lab Support*	1	

*Multilingual Courses are teacher recommended & dependent on LAS Scores

Mathematics

CRS#	LEVEL	COURSE NAME	CREDIT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
MAT1100	ACA	Foundations of Algebra	1	Geometry cannot be taken unless a student had Algebra I in grade 8.
MAT1110	ACA	Algebra I	1	
MAT1130	ACC	Algebra I ACC	1	
MAT2110	ACA	Geometry	1	
MAT2130	ACC	Geometry ACC	1	

Use PowerSchool Portal

Log into the Parent PowerSchool portal during the registration window to select courses, review schedules, and submit your choices electronically.

Ask Questions

Connect with your middle school counselor anytime you have questions about courses, pathways, or the registration process.



Your Journey Starts Here!

Southington High School is a thriving community of nearly 2,000 students, all working together to learn, grow, and achieve their dreams.

Find Your Pathway

Discover the career path that excites you and connects to your future goals.

Explore Your Passions

Dive into academics, athletics, arts, and activities that make you come alive.

Prepare for Success

Build skills, knowledge, and confidence for college, career, and beyond.

We're excited to welcome you to SHS—let's make these next four years unforgettable!