



Welcome to SAMOHI





SAMOHI'S Structure/House System

S	Small Communities	A "school within a school" to make our large campus feel like home.
A	Academic Support	Dedicated principal and advisor who stays with you all 4 years
M	Mentorship	Personalized guidance from a team that knows your specific name and gets to know you more to be advise you
O	Outreach	Proactive connection to school resources so no student “falls through the cracks”.



PBL Pathway

All Samohi PBL Pathway classes are UC a-g approved college preparatory classes.



Grade	9	10	11	12
Core Integrated Courses	- English 9 PBL (ACES) - Freshman Seminar PBL (ACES) - Physics in the Universe PBL - Algebra 1 PBL, Geometry PBL, or Algebra 2 PBL	- English 10 PBL - World History PBL - Biology PBL - Geometry PBL, Algebra 2 PBL, or Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry PBL	- English 11 – American Literature PBL - United States History PBL (ACES) - Chemistry in Earth PBL - Algebra 2 PBL, Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry PBL, or Calculus A/B (SMC Enrollment)	- World Literature PBL (ACES) - American Government PBL (semester) - Economics PBL (semester) - Statistics PBL or Calculus A/B (SMC Enrollment)
Project Electives	Service Learning	Learning Through Interest/ Internship (LTI)	Learning Through Interest/ Internship (LTI)	Senior Thesis Project (STP)

Changes and what to expect:



Everything Counts

Grades, credits, activities, and volunteer work all matter

Academic Expectations Increase

Classes are more challenging; study skills, organization, and initiative are important

Time Management & Support

Learn to manage your time; tutoring is available on and off campus

Activities & Opportunities

Sports, clubs, ASB, band, drama, journalism, and more

College & Career Planning

Support from 3 College & Career Counselors through SchoolLinks, college nights, and fairs

Check Your Email

Great way to stay up to date and communicate with others





Bell Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Friday (Standard)	Wednesday (EVEN Block)	Thursday (ODD Block)
Period A: 7:20 – 8:22	Staff Meeting: 7:40	Period A: 7:20 – 8:22
Period 1: 8:30 – 9:25	Period 2: 8:55 – 10:24	Period 1: 8:30 – 9:59
Homeroom: 9:34 – 9:43	Break: 10:24 – 10:26	Break: 9:59 – 10:01
Period 2: 9:43 – 10:38	Period 4: 10:35 – 12:04	Period 3: 10:10 – 11:39
Period 3: 10:49 – 11:44	Flex-Time: 12:13 – 1:03	Flex-Time: 11:48 – 12:39
LUNCH: 12:48 – 1:23	LUNCH: 1:03 – 1:38	LUNCH: 12:39 – 1:14
Period 5: 1:32 – 2:27	Period 6: 1:47 – 3:16	Period 5: 1:23 – 2:52
Period 6: 2:36 – 3:31	—	Staff Mtg: 3:10 – 3:40

Attendance

- **Show Up to Level Up:** Being in class is the best way to keep your grades high and stress low.
- **Graduation Goal:** Keep total absences **under 60** across all four years to walk at graduation.
- **Protect Your Perks:** Hitting **18 unexcused absences** means losing dances and your off-campus lunch pass (lunch pass for 10th grade-12th grade).
- **The Tardy Math:** Every **3 tardies = 1 full absence**. It adds up fast!
- **Feeling Sick?:** Have a parent call or email the school immediately to ensure your absence is **excused**.



9th Grade schedule

Five Classes Predetermined

1. English
2. Physics in the Universe (or intro to engineering for PLTW)
3. Math
4. P.E.- All students take P.E. unless they are in a Sport or Marching Band (Student must try out), or ISPE (Student must apply for approval)
5. Freshman Seminar (IM, AVID)
6. Elective (i.e., Language, Visual/Performing Art)





9th Grade Elective Course Offerings

World Languages	Visual & Performing Arts	Specialty Programs (Apply!)
• French	• Music: Band, Orchestra, Choir, Piano	• ASB (Student Govt)
• Japanese	• Theater: Acting	• AVID
• Latin	• Media: Film/Video Production	• PLTW Engineering
• Spanish	• Studio: Drawing, Painting, Ceramics	• Journalism and Yearbook
• Spanish SS	• Digital: Beginning Graphic Design	• AcaDeca



9th Grade Course Request Form

How to Submit

- **Aeries Portal:** A step-by-step instructional video will play at the end of this presentation.
 - You can review it or make changes with your parents later
- **Just in Case:** Even if you aren't sure you'll attend Samohi next year, please submit your requests so we have a spot for you if your plans change.
- **Sibling House Request:** You can **ONLY** request a specific House if you have a **sibling** in that house

Aeries portal will close on February 27



Athletic Information

<https://samohi.smmusd.org/programs/athletics/home>

Mandatory: Students **MUST** complete a preliminary clearance (Physical Examination Form) before they can try out or practice.

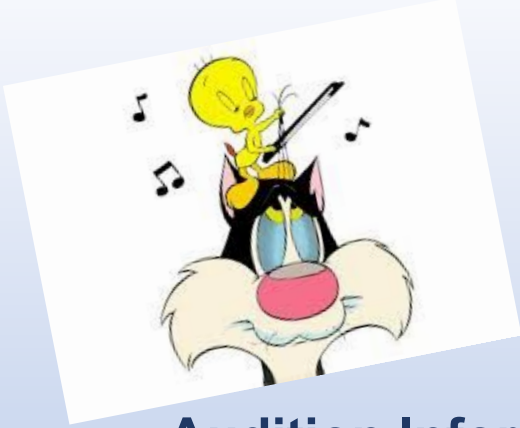
Academic requirement: You must maintain at least a **2.0 GPA**.

Tryout Information: Every sport requires a tryout on a specific day prescribed by the coach. Check the **Athletics Contact Sheets** on the school website for specific dates and coach info.

Advantages:

- Community:** Feel like a true part of the Samohi Viking family.
- Future-Ready:** Demonstrate commitment to colleges and open doors for scholarships.





Music program

Audition Information

- **Band & Orchestra:** Audition dates are **TBD** at your school site.

Choir: All students are welcome and will be placed in our first-level choir.

Open Access: Every student has the opportunity to participate; no prior experience is necessary.



Summer options

Samohi Summer School	SMC (Community College)	Outside Schools
Students with impacted schedules who want to avoid taking 7 classes	Students looking for college-level rigor. Important: approved college classes will be on your high school and college transcript!	Students who need flexibility with their courses
Complete the Google Form Application.	Approval from Middle School Counselor AND Ms. Jane Han	Must be from the approved list of schools
Applying to our summer school classes is not a guarantee. Decisions are made by seniority and strong grades.	Follow the step-by-step guide in the Google Folder.	Get SAMOHI Approval FIRST before signing up.

This information is accessible through:

<https://samohi.smmusd.org/about-us/advisors/incoming-9th-graders>. Official transcripts need to be sent to samohirecords@smmusd.org



Coming next

**Instructional video for
inputting classes in
Aeries**

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[Term View](#)
[Term and Day of Week View](#)



Not Tested/Undetermined

Thank you!

