

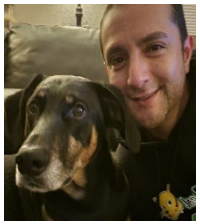
SHS Class of 2027

WELCOME to Registration for the 2026-2027 school year!

Welcome to 12th Grade



SHS Counseling Team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How to reach us: Email, Booking Link or Chat us any time!
You can find our contact information on the Sammamish High School Website.

COLLEGE & CAREER RESOURCES



Ms. Lopez-Kopp

College & Career Counselor

- Available Mon-Fri 7:30-3:30 PM
- Ways to reach her:
  - Via email: lopezk@bsd405.org
  - Book an Appointment
  - Swing by Room 201(fishbowl)

Get Help with:

- Answering Questions
- College Lists
- Application Advice
- Essay Review
- Financial Aid
- HSBP
- Find jobs
- Mock interviews
- WANIC
- And so much more!

High School Graduation vs. Four-year College Entrance Requirements

Class of 2024 and beyond	BSD Grad Requirements	Four-Year College Requirements
English	4 years	4 years
Social Studies	3.5 years	3 years
Math	3 years	4 years recommended
Science	3 years	4 years recommended
Fine Arts	2 years	1 year
CTE	1 year	
World Language	2 years or Personal Pathway	2 years minimum 3-4 years recommended
PE	1.5 years	
Health	0.5 year	
Total Credits	24.0 credits	





Additional high school graduation requirements

- Cumulative 2.0 GPA
- Forty hours of community service
- WA State History in middle or high school
- High School & Beyond Plan

State testing requirements—Students must pass required English and Math classes *and* show a level of English and Math knowledge through a Washington State approved pathway:

- Smarter Balance ELA
- Smarter Balance Math
- (Or Graduation Pathway)

HS Graduation Considerations: Graduation Pathway Options: Your school counselor will confirm your plan during Blitz

ASVAB
(Score: 31)

CTE Course Sequence (2 credits)

ELA & Math*

Course Based Options (Dual Credit):

- AP (earn B on approved courses)
- College in the High School
- Running Start

Exam Based Options:

- ACT or SAT
- AP (score 3+)
- Smarter Balanced Exam or WA-AIM

*Students can do a **combination** of any of these

What is a Personal Pathway Requirement?

PPR = Personalized Pathway Requirements

PPR's can be used to replace the 2 credit World Language or 1 credit of the Fine Arts requirements.

All students must complete at least 1 credit of Fine Arts



PPR's are optional ways of meeting certain requirements. Not every student will use this option.

Student will work with school counselor in the spring of 11th grade to decide if a PPR is needed to meet graduation requirements.



Am I on track to graduate?

Failed any classes in **English**, **History**, **Math**, or **Science or PE?**

Summer School registration info will be posted here later in the spring:
https://www.bsd405.org/academics/summer-programs

40 hours of Community Service submitted through X2vol in Clever

A strong Senior Year schedule is essential

- Increasing rigor *(with balance)* throughout high school is critical for starting strong as a college freshman. Be prepared!
- Math is a gate-keeper for many majors and needs to be taken all four years in high school. Rising Seniors should be discussing a good fit math class with current math teacher.
- Rising Seniors should be taking a 4th year of science if planning to attend a four year or two-year college after graduation. Rising Seniors should be discussing a good fit science class with current science teacher.
- English and Social Studies are required in Senior year!
- World Language credits are required for 4-year college entrance. Complete two credits in high school or take the Stamp test!
- Don’t forget about fine arts, career and technical courses and your required PE/Health courses

High School Courses taken during Middle School

WA State has automatically posted any high school level courses taken in middle school to your high school transcript. If you would like them removed, you must do so *by the end of 11th grade.*

Your school counselor will give you the form during your Junior Blitz meeting.

Once the course grade/credit are removed, they cannot be re-added. We recommend to make this decision in the Spring of 11th grade.

Two options:

*Remove course from transcript (remove credit & grade)

*Remove grade only (course remains on transcript with "CR")

Request for Removal of Credit/Grade Form must be completed and signed by parents and submitted to Registrar at the high school. Policy 24101P.

Ways to add rigor to your schedule

- Take challenging classes beyond the minimum requirements. Dual Credit classes like:
- Advanced Placement classes
- College in the High School (CiHS)

Students stay enrolled in their high school, take courses with their high school teachers, and elect to get college credit. Some CiHS classes count for more than 1 high school credit and can have a greater impact on students' GPAs.

- WANIC classes like Health Sciences at Sammamish.
- Career Tech courses in fields of interest- many are college credit as well
- Running Start classes

Did you know you can earn free college credit while taking classes at SHS?

You can earn college credits for many high school courses.

Bellevue School District offers students multiple ways to earn college credit through existing courses.

As you plan your high school registration for the 2026-27 school year, consider the range of dual credit options. Explore the options here: https://www.bsd405.org/academics/college-credit-options. These options can offer cost savings over typical tuition costs.

With **College in the High School** (CHS), students can earn college credits by taking classes at their high school. Many of the courses offered are part of a typical high school student's schedule. Check out the courses available in Bellevue schools. The college credits available can be applied toward many college or university general undergraduate requirements. Students stay enrolled in their high school, take courses with their high school teachers, elect to have their high school grades applied to a college-credited course, and the credits are FREE!

Learn more:

Credit Transferability

College in the High School: Implications and Considerations for Students

Dual Credit

DUAL CREDIT: Earn Credits for High School *and* College

Did you know? *You can earn college credits for many high school courses.*

	College in the High School (CHS)	Advanced Placement (AP)	International Baccalaureate (IB)	Running Start (RS)
Location 	At your high school	At your high school	At Interlake High School	At a local college or with an online program
Teacher 	Your high school teacher	Your high school teacher	Your high school teacher	The instructor for the college course at the local college
High School Credit 	5 credits of CHS counts for 1.0 high school credit	1 class period = 1.0 high school	1 class period = 1.0 high school	5 credits in Running Start counts for 1.0 high school credit
Cost 	No cost to students	$98 per exam with fee waivers for qualified students	$119 per exam with fee waivers for qualified students	No cost for course credits for classes numbered above 99 and up to 15 credits per quarter; students pay fees, books, and other course expenses.
Registration 	Register with the college for the term of each class	Register to take the AP exam online with high school in the fall	Register to take an IB exam online with your high school in the fall	Register through the Running Start program at the partner college
College Credits* 	Earn college credits and a grade on a college transcript through the completion of high school courses.	Credits are determined by colleges based upon exam score.	Credits are determined by colleges based upon exam score.	Earn college credits and a grade on a college transcript through the completion of college courses.
Course Titles in Course Catalog 	See list on page 2	Any course with "AP" in the course title	Any course with "IB" in the course title	See your school's counseling site for Running Start Course Equivalency Guide (for HS graduation requirements) and the college course catalog

***NOTE:** Transferability of credits depends on the receiving college.

- On the receiving college website, search *transfer equivalency* to find information on transfer credits earned in **CHS** or **Running Start**.
- On the receiving college website, search *Advanced Placement credits* or *International Baccalaureate credits* for credits earned in **AP** or **IB classes**.

For information on Career and Technical Education (CTE) dual credit courses see CTE program on the BSD website.

What is Running Start?

An opportunity for 11th and 12th graders to earn college and high school credit at the same time, while taking classes at Bellevue College or another local community college

- **SHS RS Website**

Sammamish High School Running Start Information Session

A Running Start Information Session was held on **February 4, 2026** on TEAMS for current 10th and 11th grade students and their families.

Running Start Event Recording

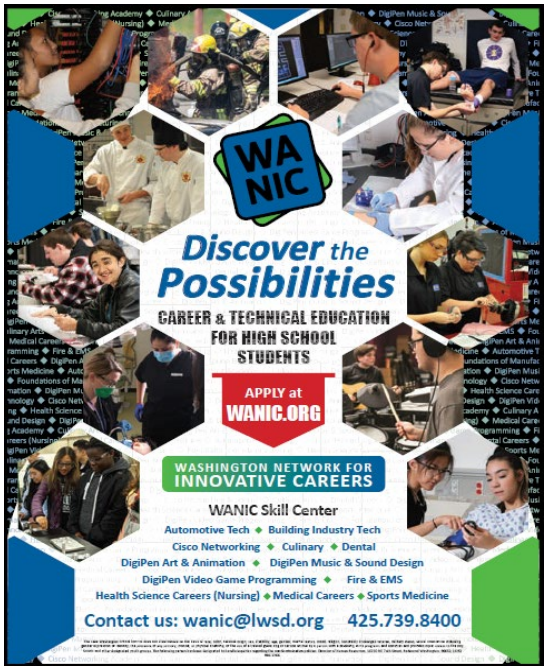
Description: This TEAMS meeting is for **students and families** in 10th and 11th grade who are interested in learning more about Running Start and how to enroll for the 2025-2026 school year. We will discuss eligibility, steps, benefits, challenges, policies, and timelines.

CSHS RS Packet

Running Start Info Session PowerPoint 2026

- **Check out the Bellevue College Website for Running Start**
  - Complete all steps on the website
  - Apply online and meet all application deadlines

What are BSD WANIC classes?



WANIC classes are two or three period classes that allow for hands on learning in career-oriented classes. Classes typically take place periods 0-2 or 5-7, with a travel period added for courses taken at other schools

Here are the options in the Bellevue School District:

Auto Technology (BHS)

Building Industry Technologies (IHS)

CISCO Networking Academy & Advanced CISCO (NHS)

Culinary Arts & Advanced Culinary Arts (NHS)

Health Sciences Careers- Nursing (SHS)

Maritime Welding (Core Plus) (IHS)

Teaching Academy (NHS)

Please request these courses in Synergy Student VUE under course requests.

If you are interested in WANIC courses outside of the Bellevue School District…….

Check out Out-of-District WANIC Offerings such as Fire/EMS, Dental Careers, Medical Careers, and Aviation Tech here! Applications are open now!

Spaces fill quickly!!! Interested? Message Ms. Lopez-Kopp

WANIC 2026 Open House and Information Night

FEATURING 2026-27 FULL YEAR PROGRAM OPTIONS OUTSIDE OF THE BSD

Thursday March 19, 2026

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Lake Washington Institute of Technology Allied Health Building (AHB)

Students, Families, Community are welcome!

Chinese, Russian, and Spanish interpreters available

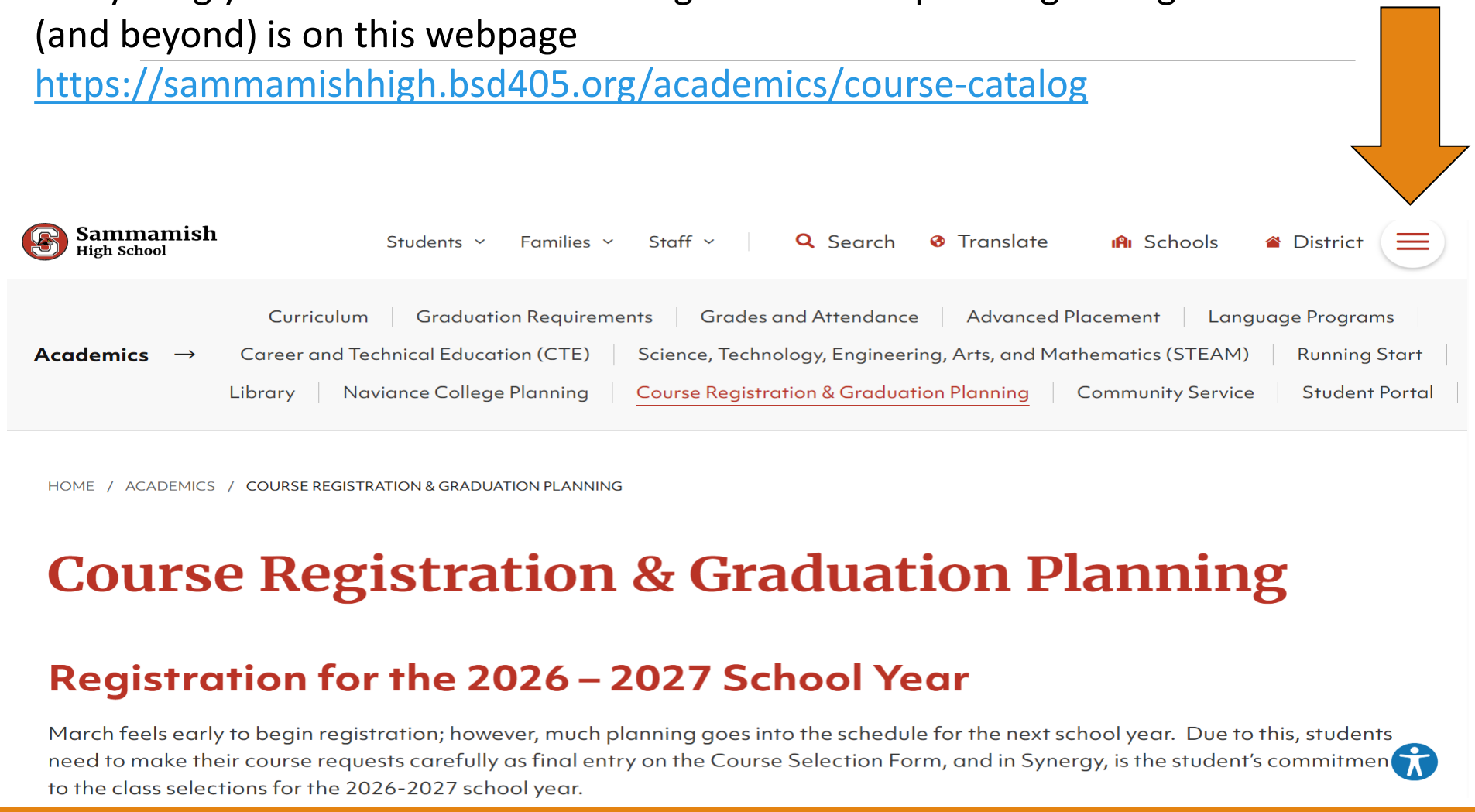
Meet with program teachers and current students to learn more about WANIC programs.

Learn about WANIC's full year preparatory college and career education programs designed for 11th and 12th graders. Students enrolled in high schools in Bellevue, Issaquah, Lake Washington, Mercer Island, Northshore, Riverview, and Snoqualmie Valley School Districts are eligible to apply. NO TUITION FEES!

Aerospace Manufacturing Core Plus * * Aviation Tech * Baking & Pastry* Dental Careers * DigiPen Art & Animation * DigiPen AI & Predictive Analytics for Entertainment * DigiPen Game Design * DigiPen Music & Sound Design * DigiPen Video Game Programming * Fire & EMS * Medical Careers * Restoration Ecology & Sustainable Forestry * Sports Medicine

How to find everything you need for registration!

Everything you need to know about registration and planning for high school (and beyond) is on this webpage
https://sammamishhigh.bsd405.org/academics/course-catalog

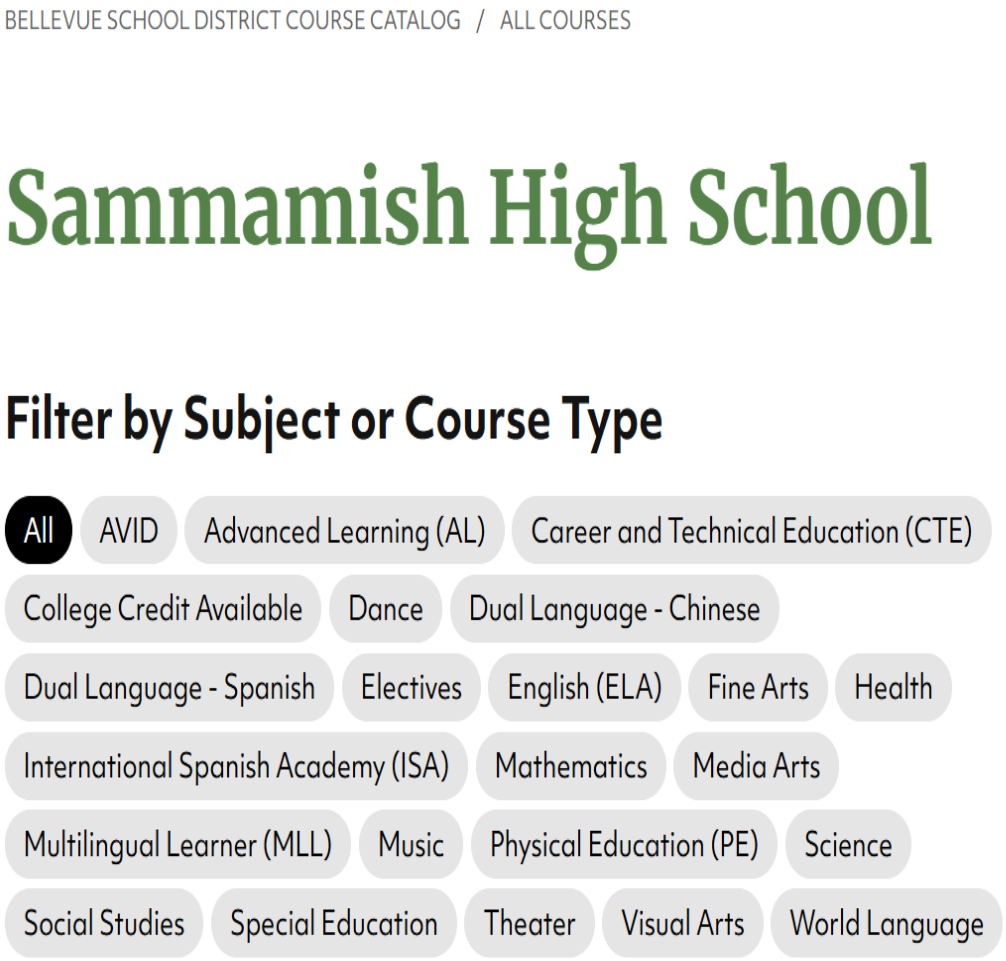


BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT COURSE CATALOG / ALL COURSES

Sammamish High School

Filter by Subject or Course Type

All | AVID | Advanced Learning (AL) | Career and Technical Education (CTE) | College Credit Available | Dance | Dual Language - Chinese | Dual Language - Spanish | Electives | English (ELA) | Fine Arts | Health | International Spanish Academy (ISA) | Mathematics | Media Arts | Multilingual Learner (MLL) | Music | Physical Education (PE) | Science | Social Studies | Special Education | Theater | Visual Arts | World Language



A FULL DESCRIPTION OF ALL CLASSES IS AVAILABLE ONLINE IN OUR BSD COURSE CATALOG!

HTTPS://BSD405.ORG/DEPARTMENTS/TEACHING-AND-LEARNING/COURSE-CATALOG/

12th Grade Course Planning

English: Senior English or AP Literature (must choose one)

History: Civics &Cont. World Affairs or AP US Govt (must choose one)

Mathematics (based on level and prerequisites)

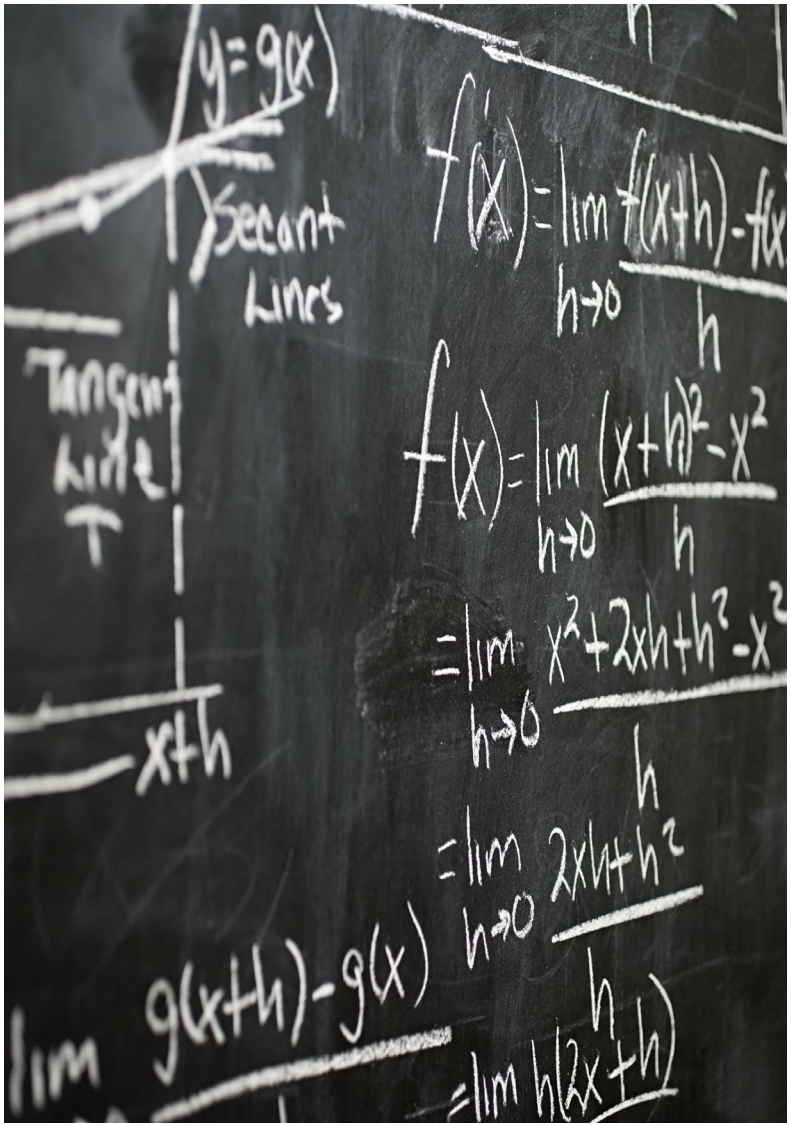
Science: Can choose from any of our science electives

World Language: (suggested to continue in the course progression)

Electives: (PE, CTE and Fine Arts)

Must have a 6-period schedule. Athletes should take 7 periods.

Can request 1st or 7th period as an open period.



Math 3 credits required

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2

After passing Algebra 1 & 2 and Geometry choose from math options below:

- Intro to Data Science
- Math Models
- Pre-Calculus
- Calculus
- AP Stats
- AP Calc AB/BC (two periods)

Science 3 credits required:



After passing both Biology (9th grade) and Chemistry (10th grade) choose from science electives below:

- Physics
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Biology
- Marine Science
- The Brain & Addiction
- Biotechnology
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Astronomy
- AP Chemistry*
- AP Physics 1*
- AP Physics 2*
- AP Physics C*

* Requires strong math skills

World Languages offered at SHS:



- 2 Credits required
- Choose from Chinese (Mandarin), French, or Spanish
- Online Language option: Arabic or Korean
- OR choose the World Language Competency test if you already speak another language- check the website for Language options

Would you like to earn high school credit for a language other than English that you speak at home?

The competency test is a way to earn high school credit for a language you already know.



BSD world-language/competency-credits

Watch for signups in the fall.



Washington State Seal of Biliteracy



Earn the Seal of Biliteracy **In the State of Washington, students qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy by demonstrating proficiency in English and another World Language.**

Students must demonstrate proficiency on a nationally normed language test (AP, IB, or a STAMP Exam).



Discovery Language Program



Ms.Lee
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Korean



Ms. Shim
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Korean



Ms.Chaaban
leejie@bsd405.org
Arabic

One of the goals of this our language learning program is to allow students of Arabic and Korean heritage to be proud of their language.

Learning a language like Arabic or Korean enables our students to be more globally competent individuals.

Why choose these programs?

- Earn World Language Credits
- Develop linguistic proficiency
- Expand horizons for future education
- Enhance cognitive skills and critical thinking
- Embrace diversity and build potential in languages

Physical Education Options- remember you need 1.5 credits to graduate!



If you are planning on using Sport as PE credit for the last 0.5 credit, remember to register for the PE assessment & submit application. **You must take the test AND play the sport in the SAME year.**

Sammamish PE Electives

Intro to Dance
Dance performance
Recreational Multi Sports
Weight Training & Conditioning
Personal Fitness
Net and Wall Sports
Walking for Fitness
Yoga

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING SPORTS?

WIAA standards require that you must be passing 6 classes to play

BSD requires that you maintain a cumulative GPA at or above 2.0

Advice for juniors and seniors who want to play sports AND struggle academically or have a GPA of lower than a 2.5

- Take 7 periods instead of 6 + open period
- Choose electives that you are interested in and will do well in to boost your GPA



Elective Fair!

It's time to register for classes for next year!

Come check out all the electives SHS has to offer at **8:00 on Friday February 27th**

Talk to teachers about classes you may want to sign up for next year

This is a great time to learn more about what SHS has to offer!

Think about taking challenging electives that could lead to future college interests or electives that allow you to explore your creative side!

Support MLL Students in their classes

(Good Fit for Students Fluent in Another Language)



EL_531
ELL ACADEMIC COACH

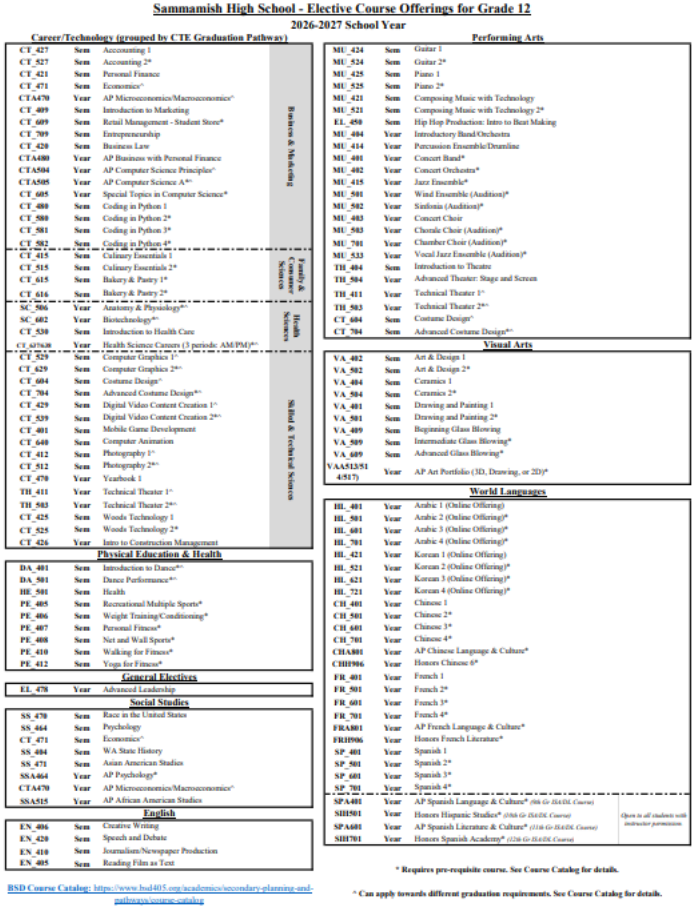
Length/Credit: 1 semester - 0.5 elective credit

Prerequisite: School staff recommendation

Location: Interlake, Sammamish

This class involves working with small groups in the ELL Language Arts and English Language Development classes. Interested students should be Juniors or Seniors in good standing, have academic and social interests and enjoy helping and working with other students. ELL Academic Coaches will work closely with their advising teachers to deliver small group or tutoring instruction in reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Talk to your Counselor during your registration meeting if you're interested!



Sammamish High School - Elective Course Offerings for Grade 12

2026-2027 School Year

Career/Technology (grouped by CTE Graduation Pathway)

CT_427	Sem	Accounting 1	Business & Marketing
CT_527	Sem	Accounting 2*	
CT_421	Sem	Personal Finance	
CT_471	Sem	Economics^	
CTA470	Year	AP Microeconomics/Macroeconomics^	
CT_409	Sem	Introduction to Marketing	
CT_609	Sem	Retail Management - Student Store*	
CT_709	Sem	Entrepreneurship	
CT_420	Sem	Business Law	
CTA480	Year	AP Business with Personal Finance	
CTA504	Year	AP Computer Science Principles^	
CTA505	Year	AP Computer Science A*^	
CT_605	Year	Special Topics in Computer Science*	
CT_480	Sem	Coding in Python 1	
CT_580	Sem	Coding in Python 2*	
CT_581	Sem	Coding in Python 3*	
CT_582	Sem	Coding in Python 4*	
CT_415	Sem	Culinary Essentials 1	Family & Consumer Sciences
CT_515	Sem	Culinary Essentials 2*	
CT_615	Sem	Bakery & Pastry 1*	
CT_616	Sem	Bakery & Pastry 2*	
SC_506	Year	Anatomy & Physiology*^	Health Sciences
SC_602	Year	Biotechnology*^	
CT_530	Sem	Introduction to Health Care	
CT_607630	Year	Health Science Careers (3 periods: AM/PM)*^	
CT_529	Sem	Computer Graphics 1^	Skilled & Technical Sciences
CT_629	Sem	Computer Graphics 2*^	
CT_604	Sem	Costume Design^	
CT_704	Sem	Advanced Costume Design*^	
CT_429	Sem	Digital Video Content Creation 1^	
CT_529	Sem	Digital Video Content Creation 2*^	
CT_401	Sem	Mobile Game Development	
CT_640	Sem	Computer Animation	
CT_412	Sem	Photography 1^	
CT_512	Sem	Photography 2*^	
CT_470	Year	Yearbook 1	
TH_411	Year	Technical Theater 1^	
TH_503	Year	Technical Theater 2*^	
CT_425	Sem	Woods Technology 1	
CT_525	Sem	Woods Technology 2*	
CT_426	Year	Intro to Construction Management	

Physical Education & Health

DA_401	Sem	Introduction to Dance*^
DA_501	Sem	Dance Performance*^
HE_501	Sem	Health
PE_405	Sem	Recreational Multiple Sports*
PE_406	Sem	Weight Training/Conditioning*
PE_407	Sem	Personal Fitness*
PE_408	Sem	Net and Wall Sports*
PE_410	Sem	Walking for Fitness*
PE_412	Sem	Yoga for Fitness*

General Electives

EL_478	Year	Advanced Leadership

Social Studies

SS_470	Sem	Race in the United States
SS_444	Sem	Psychology
CT_471	Sem	Economics^
SS_404	Sem	WA State History
SS_471	Sem	Asian American Studies
SSA464	Year	AP Psychology*
CTA470	Year	AP Microeconomics/Macroeconomics^
SSA515	Year	AP African American Studies

English

EN_406	Sem	Creative Writing
EN_420	Sem	Speech and Debate
EN_410	Sem	Journalism/Newspaper Production
EN_405	Sem	Reading Film as Text

Performing Arts

MU_424	Sem	Guitar 1
MU_524	Sem	Guitar 2*
MU_425	Sem	Piano 1
MU_525	Sem	Piano 2*
MU_421	Sem	Composing Music with Technology
MU_521	Sem	Composing Music with Technology 2*
EL_450	Sem	Hip Hop Production: Intro to Beat Making
MU_404	Year	Introductory Band/Orchestra
MU_414	Year	Percussion Ensemble/Drumline
MU_401	Year	Concert Band*
MU_402	Year	Concert Orchestra*
MU_415	Year	Jazz Ensemble*
MU_501	Year	Wind Ensemble (Audition)*
MU_502	Year	Sinfonia (Audition)*
MU_403	Year	Concert Choir
MU_503	Year	Chorale Choir (Audition)*
MU_701	Year	Chamber Choir (Audition)*
MU_533	Year	Vocal Jazz Ensemble (Audition)*
TH_404	Sem	Introduction to Theatre
TH_504	Year	Advanced Theater: Stage and Screen
TH_411	Year	Technical Theater 1^
TH_503	Year	Technical Theater 2*^
CT_604	Sem	Costume Design^
CT_704	Sem	Advanced Costume Design*^

Visual Arts

VA_402	Sem	Art & Design 1
VA_502	Sem	Art & Design 2*
VA_404	Sem	Ceramics 1
VA_504	Sem	Ceramics 2*
VA_401	Sem	Drawing and Painting 1
VA_501	Sem	Drawing and Painting 2*
VA_409	Sem	Beginning Glass Blowing
VA_509	Sem	Intermediate Glass Blowing*
VA_609	Sem	Advanced Glass Blowing*
VAA513/514/517	Year	AP Art Portfolio (3D, Drawing, or 2D)*

World Languages

HL_401	Year	Arabic 1 (Online Offering)
HL_501	Year	Arabic 2 (Online Offering)*
HL_601	Year	Arabic 3 (Online Offering)*
HL_701	Year	Arabic 4 (Online Offering)*
HL_421	Year	Korean 1 (Online Offering)
HL_521	Year	Korean 2 (Online Offering)*
HL_621	Year	Korean 3 (Online Offering)*
HL_721	Year	Korean 4 (Online Offering)*
CH_401	Year	Chinese 1
CH_501	Year	Chinese 2*
CH_601	Year	Chinese 3*
CH_701	Year	Chinese 4*
CHA801	Year	AP Chinese Language & Culture*
CHH906	Year	Honors Chinese 6*
FR_401	Year	French 1
FR_501	Year	French 2*
FR_601	Year	French 3*
FR_701	Year	French 4*
FRA801	Year	AP French Language & Culture*
FRH906	Year	Honors French Literature*
SP_401	Year	Spanish 1
SP_501	Year	Spanish 2*
SP_601	Year	Spanish 3*
SP_701	Year	Spanish 4*
SPA401	Year	AP Spanish Language & Culture* *(9th Gr IB/DL Course)*
SH1501	Year	Honors Hispanic Studies* *(10th Gr IB/DL Course)*
SPA601	Year	AP Spanish Literature & Culture* *(11th Gr IB/DL Course)*
SH1701	Year	Honors Spanish Academy* *(12th Gr IB/DL Course)*

Open to all students with instructor permission.

* Requires pre-requisite course. See Course Catalog for details.

^ Can apply towards different graduation requirements. See Course Catalog for details.

BSD Course Catalog: https://www.bsd405.org/academics/secondary-planning-and-pathways/course-catalog

New Electives in 2026-2027

- CTE classes: AP Business with Personal Finance and Intro to Construction Management
- Science Classes: Marine Science and the Brain & Addiction
- Social Studies: Race in the US, Asian American Studies

“Balance” is the key in high school

Make thoughtful choices

Maintain balance between academic and extracurricular activities and work

Explore interests!





COURSE SELECTION FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Find all details & info on our Registration Website

Current SHS students will receive registration materials on February 25th or 26th

All students will meet with their counselor during the months of March and April to review registration.

Counselors will meet individually with 11th graders (Junior Blitz appointments). These appointments will happen in the first two weeks of March

Select your courses using the color-coded Course Request Forms → return to your school counselor during in-person meeting

Register for courses in StudentVue → Course Request→ submit prior to meeting with counselor. Counselor can edit requests as needed after meeting.

Synergy Online Course Requests

StudentVUE → StudentVUE

Course Requests →

"Click here to enter or change course requests" →

Select a total of 7 credits, including 2-5 credits of alternates →

"Click here to return to course request summary" →

Due prior to your Junior Blitz meeting with school counselor. Requests can be edited during the Junior Blitz appointment with counselor

TO DO's

Spring of 11th Grade:

- Focus on a finishing your junior year strong!
- Junior Blitz with counselor in March:
- Look for invite in your outlook email
  - Pick senior classes (think UC Arts requirements/rigor/grad reqs/etc)
  - Put requests into Synergy StudentVue prior to Junior Blitz meeting
- Visit colleges (in person/virtual tours) and research colleges and careers
- Start college essays in English classes
- Attend Junior Lesson #2 in US History classes in May
- Complete Community Service hours and add to X2vol immediately

REMEMBER…

- **Include alternates** for your electives.
- **The expectation is that you discuss your course requests with your family.**
- **Talk to current teachers to choose classes that are the best fit for you.**
- **Choose carefully** –you are committing to your course selections for next year.





Questions?

You can view our 2026 Registration FAQs to see if your question has already been answered

Have a Question? Ask Registration Questions of SHS counselors! After school in the Career Center

Wednesday March 4: Student Q & A Drop-In Sessions:

Wednesday March 11: Student Q & A Drop-In Sessions:

Wednesday March 18: Student Q & A Drop-In Sessions:

Wednesday March 25: Student Q& A Drop-In Sessions: