

BE IN THE KNOW!

8th Grade Transition to High School



AGENDA

- Introduction–Mrs. Gonzales, Principal
- Short presentation by Mrs. Schwartzenburg and Mrs. Pascale
– grades, LEAP scores, attendance, summer school, scheduling
- Mrs. Christy Valentine – SHS9 counselor
- Mrs. Kay Marcantel, Mrs. Rose Villery, and Mrs. Michelle Evans – CTE Career Coaches

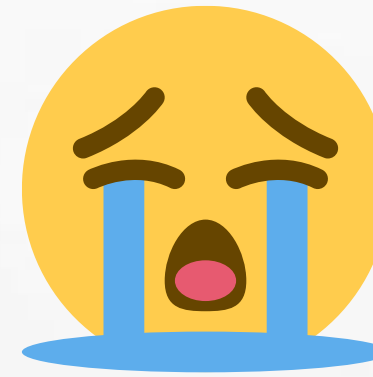
WILL MY STUDENT BE PROMOTED TO 9TH GRADE?

Yes, if they...

- Have passed core classes (ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies)
- Have taken and passed all LEAP tests
- Have not missed too much school



SUMMER SCHOOL



ATTENDANCE

- **10 + UNEXCUSED DAYS**
- **PAY \$200**
- **NO CPSB TRANSPORTATION**

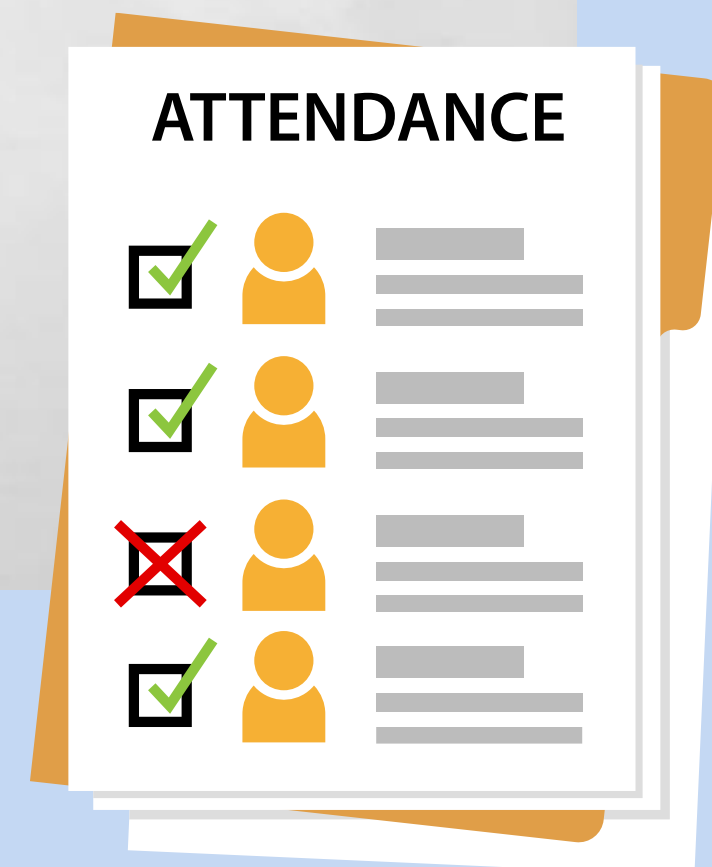
GRADES

- **FAIL 2 OR MORE CLASSES**
- **PAY \$200**
- **NO CPSB TRANSPORTATION**



ATTENDANCE

- MIDDLE SCHOOL: 10 OR MORE DAYS MISSED = SUMMER SCHOOL
- HIGH SCHOOL IS DIFFERENT THAN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN ATTENDANCE POLICY
- **NO MORE THAN 5 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES** PER SEMESTER PER CLASS.
- STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE UP **“SEAT TIME”** MISSED
- **SEAT TIME** HAS A **FEE** TO PARTICIPATE
- **CREDIT DENIED** FOR CLASSES WITH EXCESSIVE ABSENCES
- EXCUSED ONLY WITH DOCTOR'S EXCUSE





WHAT ARE QUALITY POINTS?



$$A = 4$$

$$B = 3$$

$$C = 2$$

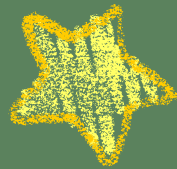
$$D = 1$$

$$F = 0$$

YOU NEED 4 QUALITY POINTS TO PASS EACH CLASS.



QUALITY POINTS



01	PE 7 GIRLS	A	A	B	B	A
02	SOC STUDIES 7	C	D	D	C	C
03	MATH 7	C	C	D	C	C
04	SPANISH A	A	C	B	B	B
06	ENGLISH 7 IELA	B	C	C	B	B
07	BAND 7	A	B	B	A	A
08	SCIENCE 7	C	C	C	C	C



WHAT ARE QUALITY POINTS?

YOU NEED 4 QUALITY POINTS TO PASS EACH CLASS.

In high school, for LEAP courses, you need 5 quality points to pass each class. the LEAP test counts like a “5th 9 weeks” grade.

English I, English II, Civics, US History, Biology, Algebra I, Geometry

In high school, passing LEAP tests is a graduation requirement, and LEAP scores affect transcript grades and GPA.

LEAP SCORE LEVELS



ADVANCED
A

MASTERY
B

BASIC
C

**APPROACHING
BASIC**
D

UNSATISFACTOR
Y
F



WHAT DID YOU MAKE ON LEAP 2025?

Student Home

Pages Grade Calendar Attendance Discipline Transcript **Test** Communication Documents

LEAP 2025 Gr. 3-8 Scores									
DATE	Grade	Ela S	Ela Level	Math S	Math Level	Soc S	Soc Level	Sci S	Sci Level
05/2023	07	708	Approaching Basic	732	Basic	710	Approaching Basic	730	Basic
05/2022	06	738	Basic	722	Approaching Basic	694	Unsatisfactory	710	Approaching Basic
05/2021	05	720	Approaching Basic	737	Basic	680	Unsatisfactory	735	Basic
05/2020	04		Not Tested		Not Tested		Not Tested		Not Tested
04/2019	03	737	Basic	778	Mastery	714	Approaching Basic	731	Basic

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05/2023	07	803	Advance	800	Advance	789	Advance	778	Mastery
05/2022	06	783	Mastery	798	Advance	756	Mastery	744	Basic
05/2021	05	778	Mastery	772	Mastery	738	Basic	760	Mastery
05/2020	04		Not Tested		Not Tested		Not Tested		Not Tested
04/2019	03	788	Mastery	781	Mastery	772	Mastery	765	Mastery

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADING

LETTER GRADE

$$\underline{A+F=C}$$

HIGH SCHOOL GRADING

NUMERICAL GRADE

$$100+0=F$$



8TH GRADE SCHEDULING FOR NEXT YEAR



Tuesday, March 24th and Wednesday, March 25th

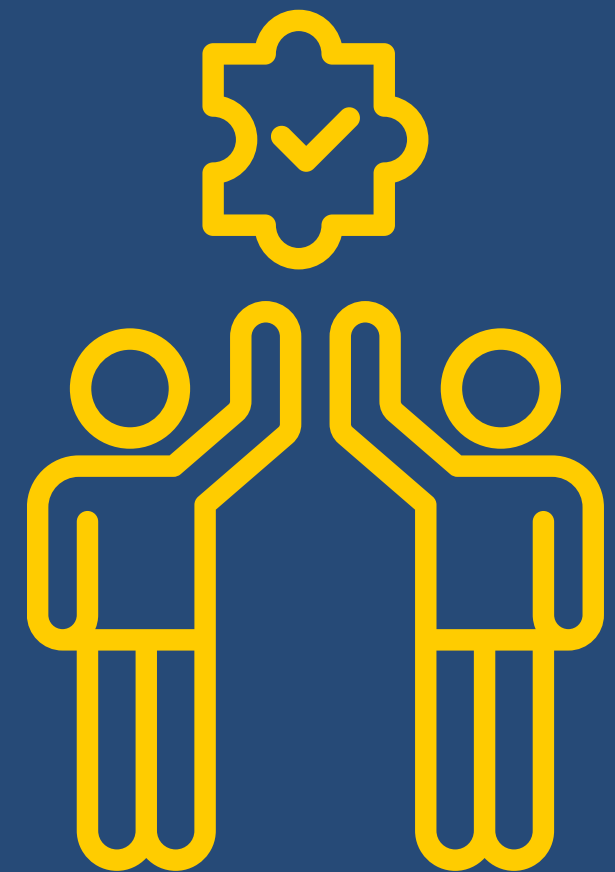
SHS counselors visit Lewis and schedule students during their Social Studies classes.



**Thank you for
scheduling your
appointments
around these
dates.**

Tips for the Transition (from former high school teachers!)

- **Attend Open House in August to meet your child's teachers and find out their method of communication/posting assignments.**
- **Check your student's grades frequently.**
- **Instill a value for education and a respect for teachers and staff in your student.**
- **Limit and monitor screen time.**
- **Encourage adequate sleep and nutrition.**



Graduation Requirements for 2026-2027 9th Grade
2025-2026 T9 Students

TOPS University Pathway

- **English (4 units)**
 - English I
 - English II
 - English III
 - English IV
- **Math (4 units)**
 - Algebra I
 - Geometry
 - Algebra II
 - Higher-level math course
- **Science (4 units)**
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Two additional science courses
- **Social Studies (4 units)**
 - U.S. History
 - Civics
 - Two additional social studies courses
- **Foreign Language (2 units)**
 - Two years of the *same* language
OR
 - Two years of Computer Science
- **Art (1 unit)**
- **Financial Literacy (1 unit)**
- **PE 1 ½ units & Health ½ unit (2 units total)**
- **Electives (2 units)**

24 credits to graduate

TOPS Tech Pathway

- **English (4 units)**
 - English I
 - English II
 - Two additional English courses
- **Math (4 units)**
 - Algebra I
 - Geometry
 - Financial Literacy
 - One additional Math course
- **Science (2 units)**
 - Biology
 - One additional Science course
- **Social Studies (2 units)**
 - Civics
 - U.S. History
- **Jumpstart Courses (9 units)**
 - In a JS 2.0 Career Pathway
 - 1 unit must be Career Readiness course
- **PE 1 ½ units & Health ½ unit (2 units total)**
- **Jumpstart Pathway Credential Exam**


23 credits to graduate

LEAP Testing Requirements
2026-2027 Final Year of EOC

English I or English II
Algebra I or Geometry
Biology or Civics

2027-2028 Comprehensive Exams Begins

English & Math & Biology & Civics



ALL freshmen are placed on the TOPS University pathway. To switch to the JumpStart/Tops Tech pathway, parents must schedule a meeting with the counselor.



**Courses
Available to
Freshmen
2026-2027**

<p><u>ENGLISH</u> Business English English I English I – ADV English I – Gifted (IEP Required)</p>	<p><u>MATH</u> Algebra I Geometry Geometry – Gifted (IEP Required) Math Essentials</p>
<p><u>SCIENCE</u> Biology (Must have passed Algebra I) Physical Science Environmental Science</p>	<p><u>SOCIAL STUDIES</u> Civics World Geography Human Geography AP (Application required)</p>
<p><u>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</u> – ALL must choose PE I on schedule. Coaches and Band Director will determine which hour of PE to place athletes and band members.</p>	

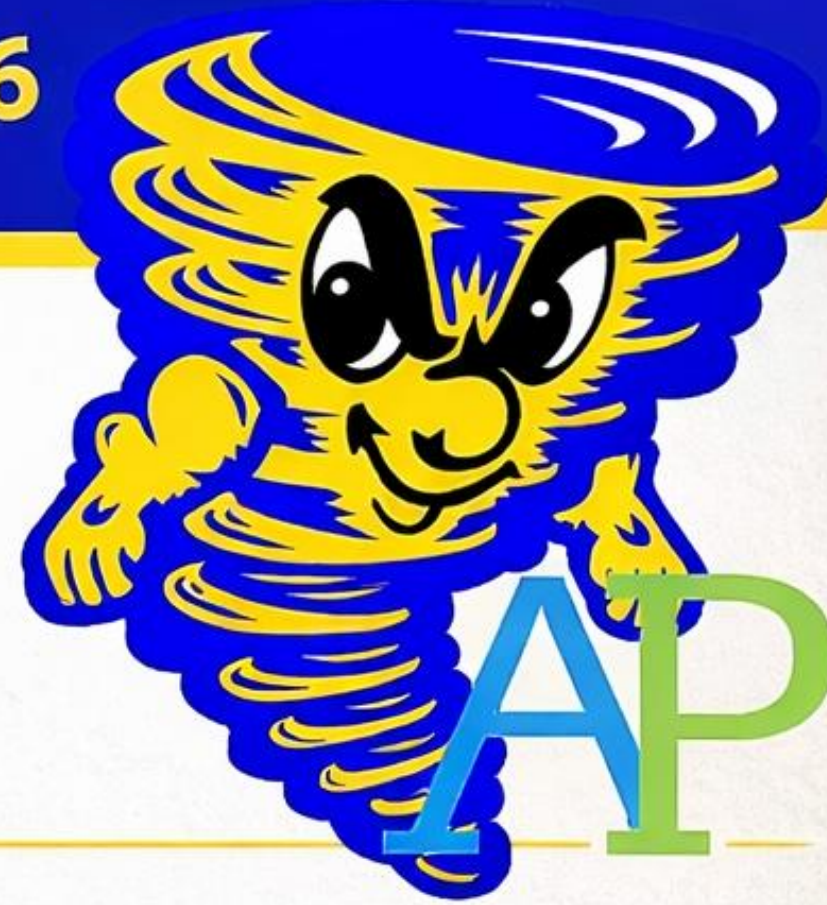
<p>ELECTIVES – CHOOSE TWO (Have a backup 3rd and 4th choice ready.)</p>	
<p><u>ARTS</u> Advanced Band Art I Chorus Fine Arts Survey Photography I (Application Required) Theater (Application Required)</p>	<p><u>FOREIGN LANGUAGES</u> Spanish I Spanish II (Must have passed Spanish I) Spanish III (Must have been in Spanish Immersion)</p> <p>If interested in taking ASL (American Sign Language) or Computer Science, students may wait until sophomore year to begin their FL requirements.</p>
<p><u>COMPUTER/CAREER CLASSES</u> IBCA BCA JAG (Jobs for America’s Graduates)</p>	<p><u>TRADE & INDUSTRY CLASSES</u> Agriscience I NCCER Core Welding</p>
<p><u>GENERAL ELECTIVES</u> Food Science I Yearbook (Application Required) Engineering (STEM - Application Required)</p>	
<p>STUDY SKILLS – IEP students MUST schedule this as one elective unless they are full inclusion.</p>	





Upon entering 9th grade, all students are placed on a TOPS University diploma pathway unless a parent meets with a counselor and completes the necessary change form (changing student to a JumpStart/TOPS Tech pathway.) This can be done at our parent night on Tuesday, March 31, 5:30 @SHS 9 gym. For more information regarding the two diploma pathways or if you just have questions about your student's schedule, please plan to attend our parent meeting.



AP INFORMATION MEETING - 2026



-  **MARCH 17, 2026**
-  **6:00 PM**
-  **SULPHUR 9TH GRADE CAFETERIA**

- ✓ **What is AP?**
- ✓ **How to apply for AP classes at Sulphur 9th Grade**
- ✓ **Meet AP teachers & ask questions**
- ✓ **Hear from AP students about their experience**

STUDENTS & PARENTS WELCOME

Ready to learn about AP at Sulphur High?
Join us March 17 at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria

**SHS9
Cafeteria**

Incoming Freshmen

8TH GRADE PARENT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 31
5:30 PM @ SHS9 GYM

We are excited to
meet all future 9th
grade parents!



Get information
about freshman
year, schedules,
and ask questions!



8TH GRADE PARENTS!

Important upcoming dates



8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO SHS

**STUDENTS LEAVE WWL AT 8:30 AM-
STUDENTS AND STAFF ONLY**



**SHS COUNSELORS VISIT WWL
DURING SCHOOL DAY TO
SCHEDULE 8TH GRADERS FOR NEXT
YEAR - STUDENTS AND STAFF ONLY**

Go Rebels and Go Tors!

SHS 9TH GRADE COUNSELOR



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IT WAS SO NICE
MEETING YOU!

