

Welcome
to
Schuylkill Valley
High School

March 24, 2026



Agenda for this evening:

- Overview of transition plan
- Basic information about what to expect
- Course selection & Presentations by Department Chairs
- Q & A



Transition plan

- March 25th – Course selection at MS
- Summer-9th Grade Orientation @ HS



Course Selection

26-27 Program of Studies is approved and on the district website

25 credits needed for graduation

Selection will occur during Social Studies & Science classes Wednesday, March 25th

Teachers will make recommendations in core areas

Students may choose elective courses and Spanish or German

Required credits for graduation

- 4 credits of English (4 years)
- 4 credits of Social Studies (4 years)
- 3 credits of Math (3 years)
- 3 credits of Science (3 years)
- One additional credit in math or science (1 year)
- 2 credits in Physical Education (must include wellness)
- 8 credits Electives (anything in the Program of Studies)



Act 158

- Pathways for graduation
- Must meet one pathway to earn your diploma



Promotion to next grade Level

- Freshmen must pass four major courses and complete the year with 5.5 credits to move on to tenth grade

8 Period day



4 core classes: Science, Social Studies, English, Math



4 elective periods, 1 could be used for world language



Classes will be either semester-based or are full-year courses, all occurring every day



Students should choose some alternatives, just in case courses are full

Other Highlights



Peer Tutoring



Weighting of courses



Activity Period



Other events: Pep rallies, Battle of the Classes, Homecoming, Prom



3 lunch periods-mixed grade levels



Backpacks allowed

***DEPARTMENT
CHAIRS:
SUBJECT SPECIFIC
INFORMATION***

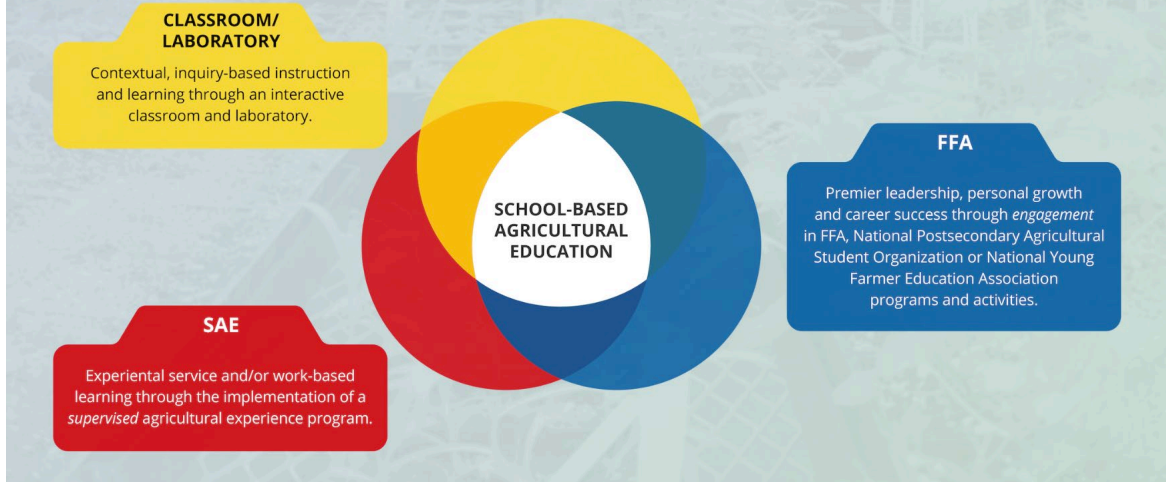


Science

- Students coming into 9th grade can choose from the following courses:
 - **Honors Biology (weighted)** - Students taking this class should be very strong in science and very strong in math. Students taking this class would be expected to take Honors Chemistry as a sophomore (which is very math intensive). Students will take the Keystone Exam at the end of this course.
 - **Academic Biology** - Students taking this class should be strong in science and math. Students taking this course would be expected to take Academic Chemistry as a sophomore (which involves math). Students will take the Keystone Exam at the end of this course.
 - **Honors Earth Space Science (weighted)** - Students taking this course should be strong in science, and should have good math skills, but not as intensive as what is needed if taking Biology. Students taking this course would be expected to take Honors Biology as a sophomore.
 - **Academic Earth Science** - Students taking this course will begin to build a solid science foundation here at the high school. Students taking this course will take Academic Biology in their sophomore year.
- Students may double up on science courses at any point during their academic career to meet their individual goals.

Agricultural science

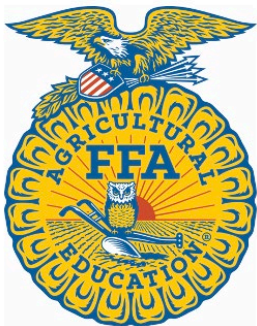
The Three-Component Model of Agricultural Education



Why Ag Ed?

- Teaches technical and soft skills
- Helps students explore ag career paths
- Makes sustainability real and strengthens the community
- Makes students informed decision makers

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Courses we offer include:

- Animal Science
- Plant Science/Horticulture
- Veterinary Science
- Food Science
- Natural Resources & Ecology
- Agribusiness
- Part 107 Drone Certification

If interested, be sure to
schedule
Introduction to Agriscience
as an elective



9th grade course: **Civics**

- Honors
- Academic



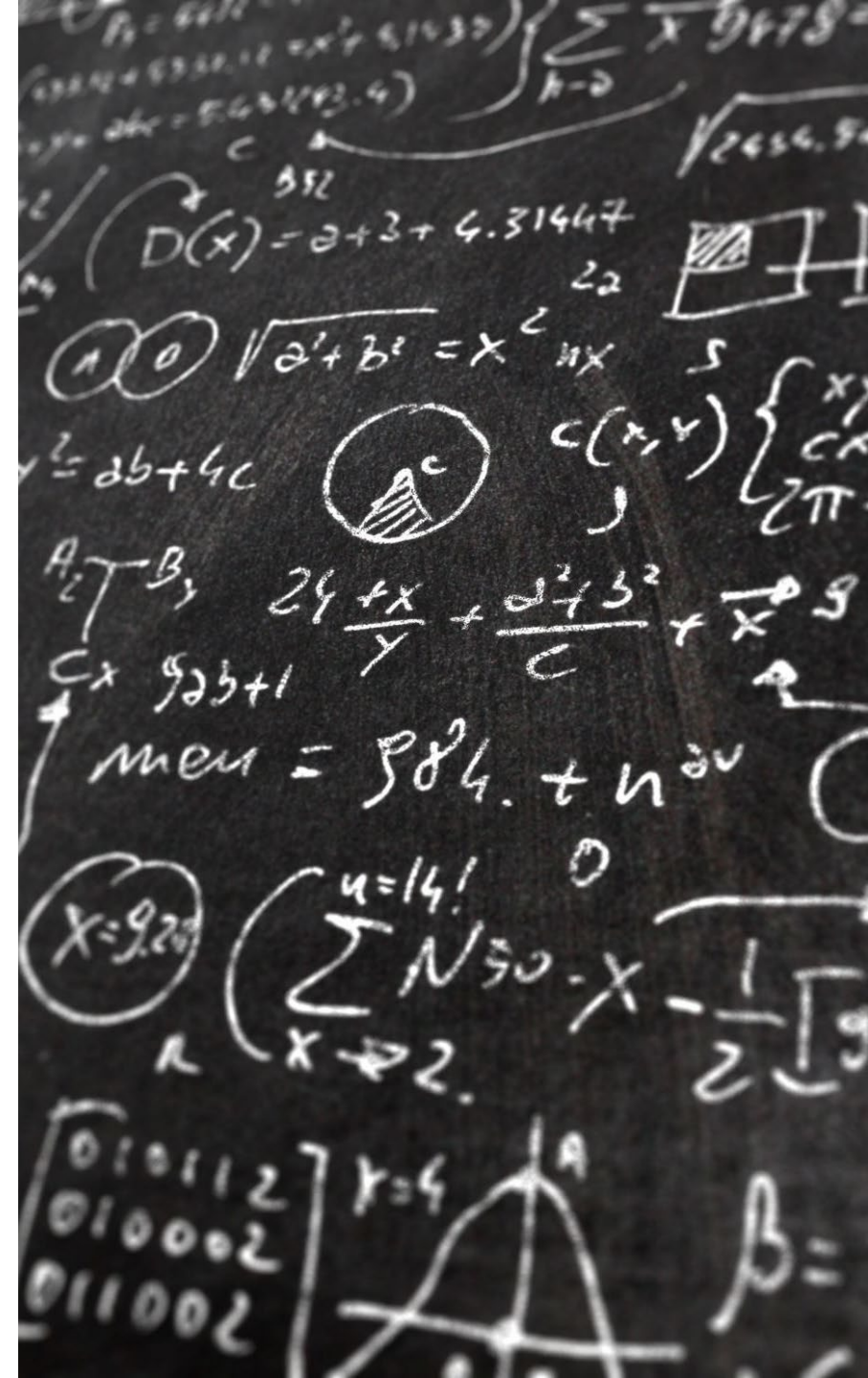
AP option: **AP US Government**

- AP stands for *Advanced Placement* – you can earn college credit in high school!
- Social Studies is the only content area where you are allowed to take AP classes in 9th grade.
- Taking AP US Government can put you on track to possibly earn 15 college history/social science credits here at SVHS by the time you graduate!



Mathematics

- Most if not all 9th grade students will take Geometry Honors or Geometry Academic
 - If they did not pass the Algebra 1 Keystone Exam at the end of 8th grade there will be remediation opportunities available before the Winter testing window
 - If a student has not passed an Algebra 1 course, they will take a full year of Algebra 1 and take the Keystone Exam during the Spring testing window
 - If recommended for: Accelerated Algebra 2/Geometry: selected students will take 1 full year of Algebra 2 Accelerated with an additional 1 semester course of Geometry Honors



English

- 9th grade English
 - Honors
 - Academic

Grades 10-12: Electives
Public speaking, creative
writing, sports literature,
communications



COMPUTER & BUSINESS

Computer Options

- Microsoft Office Specialist (with a certification)
- Multimedia Applications(Adobe Products)
- Personal Keyboarding
- Intro to Computer Science using Python
- Cisco Networking Academy (with a certification)

Business Options

- Introduction to Business



World Languages

Colleges often like to see two years of a language in high school



German

- German 1

Spanish

- Spanish 1 Honors or Academic



International Trips!

- 2024 Germany & the Alps
- 2025 Costa Rica
- 2027 Europe (Germany, France, Spain & Portugal)

Students must be taking a World Language class to participate on a trip.



Physical education



2 total credits needed to graduate,
including Wellness

9th and 10th graders may only sign
up for one PE course, wellness is an
option only for 10-12
Semester class = .5 credits
Year Class = 1 Credit



Wellness Education 10 – 12th
CPR / 1st Aid Training
PIAA Official / Philosophy Coaching



Sport PE 9-12
Fitness PE 9-12



Intro to Strength - 9th
Strength Training 9th - 12th
Strength For Athletes 9 – 12th
2 Sections – Upper & Under
Classman



Family and Consumer Science

9th Grade Course Options:

- Joy of Cooking
- Global Foods

(pre-requisite – 75% in Joy of Cooking)

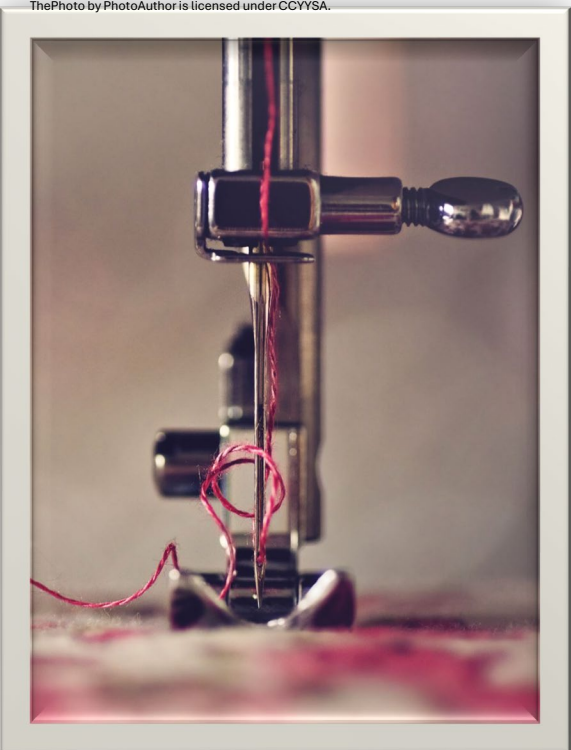
- Baking and Pastry Arts

(pre-requisite – 75% in Joy of Cooking)

- Sewing Studio I

- Sewing Studio II

- (pre-requisite – Sewing Studio I)



Fine Arts

- Foundations of Art
- Chorus
- Band
- Piano I
- The History of Popular Music



TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

Design. Build. Create.



Design & Engineering

Engineering Drawing & 2D CAD
Parametric 3D Engineering
Modeling
STEM 1 & 2
Architecture



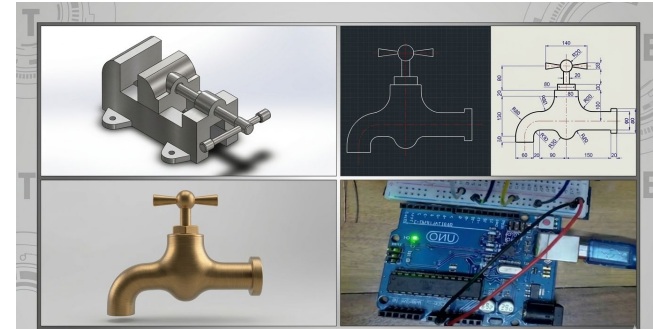
Creative Tech

Photography 1 & 2
Graphics Design 1 & 2

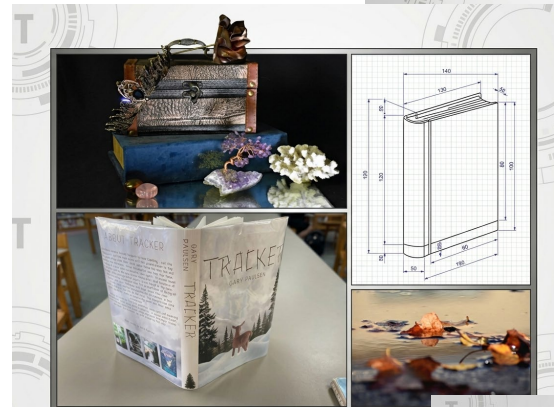


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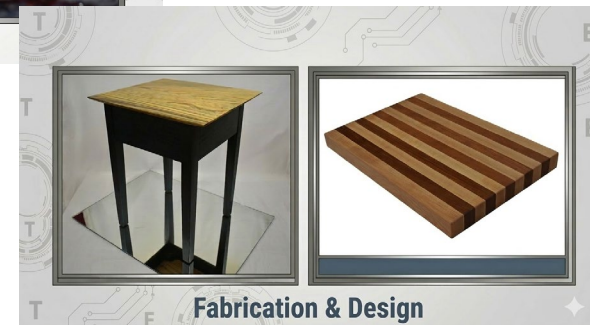
Materials Tech 1 & 2



Design & Engineering



Creative Tech



Fabrication & Design

Special Education/Gifted

504 plans are monitored by the school counselors

IEP's will be in effect here at the high school

Modifications may be made based on things that may not be applicable here

Study Support offered

GIEP's will also be in effect- A mentor teacher meets with students and focuses on college and career planning or passion projects



Choosing Courses

- Students may log into the community portal and choose course requests on the left- hand side
- Recommendation: look at the choices together
- Students may change them many times before the window closes on Tuesday March 31st
- We will reach out when a tentative schedule is set so you may view it

Helpful tips

1

Students must
choose at least 6.5
credits

2

Choose some
alternates

3

Try to only leave one
empty period for
study hall, if
possible

Recommendations

Core teachers will make recommendations for the students for core content classes

Students will choose their electives

Course selection will happen at the MS tomorrow, Wednesday, March 25th!

We look forward to helping with the transition from 8th to 9th grade!



Q & A