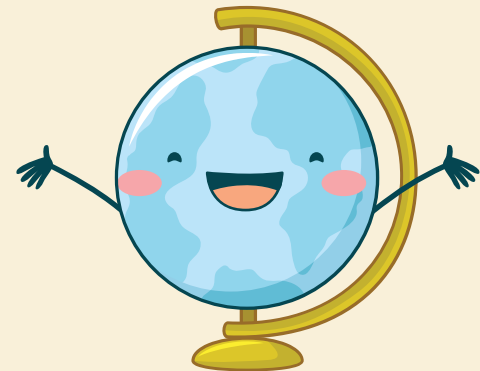
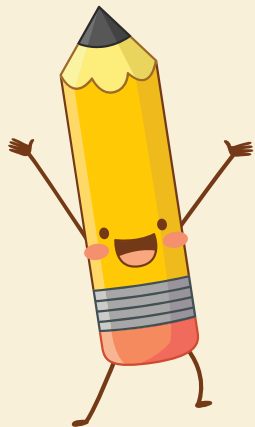


Summerville High School

# Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Night

April 9, 2026



# Welcome Families!

## Goals for tonight:

- To understand the expectations for 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Summerville High School
- To learn about academic requirements and support systems
- To explore opportunities for involvement
- To learn how to partner with school



# Bell Schedule



1<sup>st</sup> – 9:30 – 11:00

2<sup>nd</sup> – 11:05 – 12:35

**ILT – 12:35 – 1:15**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 1:15 – 2:35

4<sup>th</sup> – 2:40 – 4:00

# Sample Student Schedule #1

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## First Semester

1st – Earth Science H

2nd – PE

**ILT/SLT**

3rd – High School 101

4th – Geometry CP

## Second Semester

1st – Spanish 1

2nd – Human Geo

**ILT/SLT**

3rd – Webpage Design

4th – English 1 H

# Sample Student Schedule #2

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## First Semester

1st – (A Day) AP Human Geo  
(B Day) ROTC  
2nd – Geometry CP  
ILT/SLT  
3rd – (A Day) HS 101  
(B Day) Dance 2  
4th – Art 1

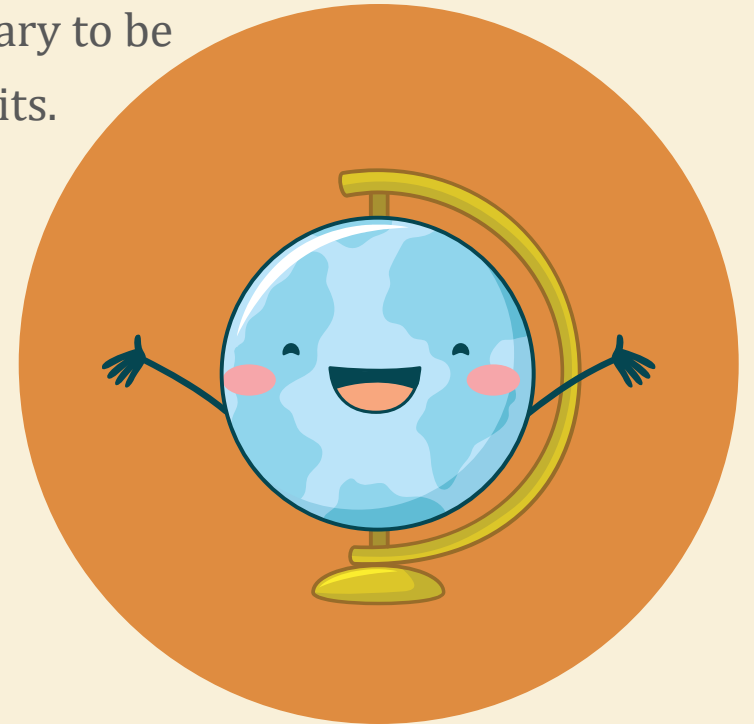
## Second Semester

1st – (A Day) AP Human Geo  
(B Day) ROTC  
2nd – English I CP  
ILT/SLT  
3rd – (A Day) HS 101  
(B Day) Dance 2  
4th – Earth Science CP

# High School 101

HS 101 focuses on providing 9<sup>th</sup> graders with the skills necessary to be successful during high school as well as post-secondary pursuits.

- goal setting
- study skills
- time management
- academic planning
- financial literacy
- employability/soft skills
- comprehensive health education
- resume writing
- job interview skills



# Challenges for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders



- Time Management
- Workload
- Attendance and tardiness
- Socializing at the wrong times
- Social Media Drama





# Attendance Regulations

- According to SC State Law regarding school attendance, no more **than 5 absences per course for any semester long course or A/B course**
- FA- Failure due to Absence
- Students may an opportunity to "recover" missed class time to remove FA(s)
- Students will make up the time during non-instructional time

# How Can parents help?

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- Make sure your student attends school all day, every day.
- Encourage your child to talk to his/her teachers and self-advocate.
  - Make-up Work
  - Re-assessing
  - Extra help to further understanding
- Formulate a plan with teacher(s) if your student is struggling. Contact your student's guidance counselor and request a parent/teacher conference.
- Use ParentSquare and Schoology.
- Provide your students with a time and place for homework and studying.
- Talk with your student about their classes and their post-secondary goals.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselors



**Alyssa Liptak, Kevin Deeter, and Jenelle Howard**

# Student Success

**Re-teaching and  
Reassessment**

**After School  
Tutoring/Evening  
School**

**Individual and  
Structured Time (ILT &  
SLT)**

**Support and  
Remediation Classes**

**Spirit Events/Behavior  
Incentives**

# Retaking a High School Course from Middle School



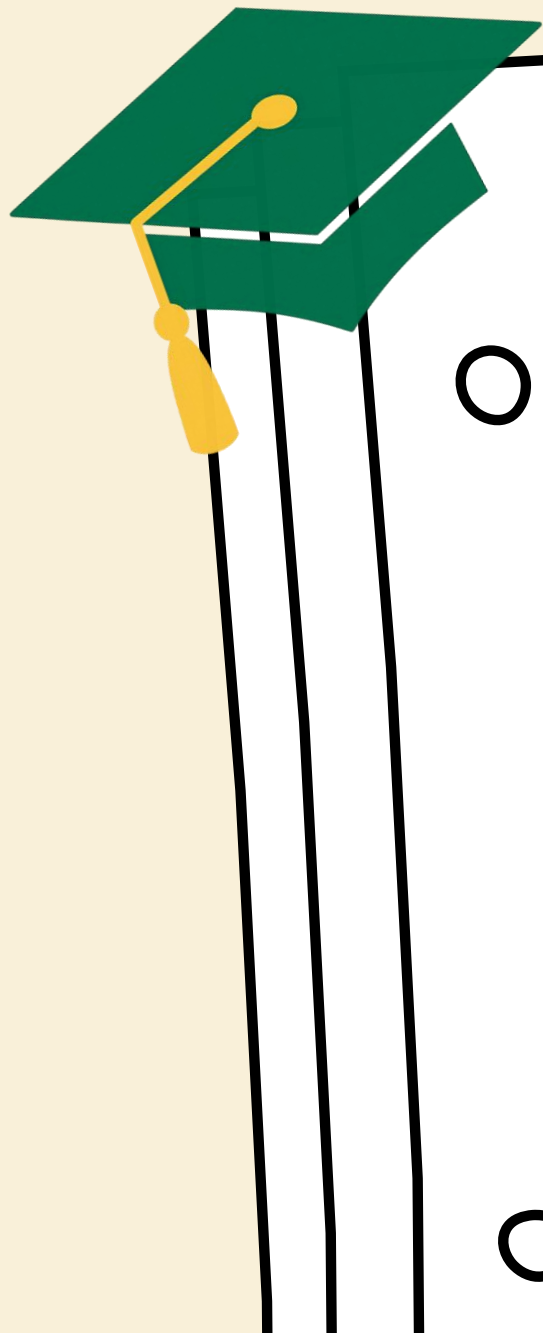
A STUDENT WHO HAS TAKEN A COURSE FOR A UNIT OF HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT PRIOR TO HIS OR HER NINTH-GRADE YEAR MAY RETAKE THAT COURSE, REGARDLESS OF THE GRADE EARNED.

A STUDENT WHO RETAKES A HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSE FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL MUST COMPLETE IT BEFORE THE NEXT SEQUENTIAL COURSE.

RETAKING A COURSE MEANS THAT THE STUDENT COMPLETES THE ENTIRE COURSE AGAIN

IF THE COURSE BEING RETAKEN HAS AN EOCEP, THE EOCEP MUST BE RETAKEN.

**THE STUDENT'S TRANSCRIPT WILL REFLECT BOTH COURSES. ONLY ONE COURSE ATTEMPT AND THE HIGHEST GRADE EARNED FOR THE COURSE WILL BE CALCULATED IN THE GPA.**



# Graduation Requirements

English	4 Units
Mathematics	4 Units
Biology	1 Unit
Science	2 Units
U.S. History	1 Unit
Economics/Gov't	1 Unit
Other Social Studies	1 Unit
PE (ROTC/Marching Band w/PE)	1 Unit
Computer Science	1 Unit
Foreign Language or Vocational	1 Unit
Personal Finance	.5 Unit
Additional Units/Electives	<u>6.5 Units</u>

*24 Units*

## Dorchester School District Two Promotion Policy

9 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup>	6 units of credit TOTAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li><li>• Math</li></ul>
10 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup>	12 units of credit TOTAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 English</li><li>• 2 math</li><li>• 1 social studies</li><li>• 1 science</li></ul>
11 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup>	18 units of credit TOTAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 English</li><li>• 3 math</li><li>• 2 social studies</li><li>• 2 science</li></ul>



# Special Education / 504

- Each Special Education student has a case manager at the school who will set up the IEP meetings and work with teachers.
- Our School Counselor serve as our 504 case managers.
- Together we can work to ensure your student is successful and create the best learning environment possible.
- At the beginning of the school year, connect with your student's case manager and/or counselor about his or her IEP or 504 Plan.

# Advanced Academics

## ECPI

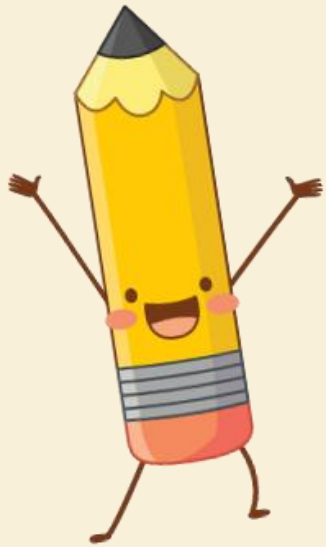
- Partner program with ECPI University
- Focus on creating/maintaining Windows & UNIX network security

## Early College Program

- Courses provided by Trident Technical College
- Earn college credits while in high school
- Associate's Degree while still in high school

## AP (Advanced Placement) and Dual Credit

- AP Credits may be transferrable to 2-year and 4-year colleges/universities (*based on AP exam scores*)
- Dual credit course offerings in grades 10 – 12



# Summer AP BootCamp

- enrichment program to prepare students for the rigor of AP classes
- building foundational writing
- developing their content knowledge
- providing AVID strategies that will help them navigate through the coursework.



# Diploma of Distinction

Students must meet all seven of the following criteria by the end of their senior year:

1. Must have a minimum of 32 earned credits.
2. Must have an overall GPA of 4.0 or higher.
3. Must have a minimum SAT score of 1100 or a minimum ACT composite score of 24.
4. Must earn four or more credits in all the following areas: English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
5. Must earn three or more units of credit at the Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Credit level.
6. Must earn at least three credits in the same world language.
7. Must show written verification of participation in at least one school-sponsored organization (club) in 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade or complete 50 hours of approved community service during high school.



# SC Diploma Pathways



## DIPLOMA PATHWAYS SEALS OF DISTINCTION TEMPLATE

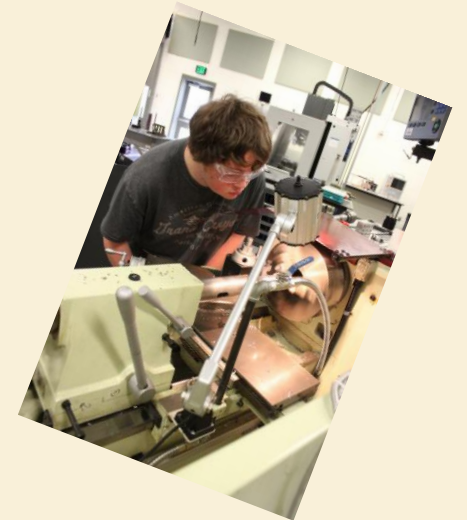
Students shall meet all requirements for earning a South Carolina high school diploma to be eligible to earn any Seal of Distinction. One or more Seals may be earned.

Consult District or School Curriculum Guides for more information regarding curriculum choices and requirements.

Honors Seal of Distinction	College Ready Seal of Distinction	Career Ready Seal of Distinction	Arts Specialization Seal of Distinction
<b>UGP GPA 3.5 or higher</b>	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b> or <b>ACT 20 or higher</b> or <b>SAT 1020 or higher</b> <b>Tests may be superscored</b>	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>
<p><b>English</b> - 4 credits 2 at honors or higher level</p> <p><b>Math</b> - Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, and a 4th higher level math requiring Algebra 2 as a prerequisite 3 at honors or higher level</p> <p><b>Lab Science</b> - 3 credits 2 at honors or higher level</p> <p><b>Social Studies</b> - 3 credits 2 at honors or higher level</p> <p><b>World Languages</b> - 2 credits of the same language for students entering 9th grade in 2018–2019 3 credits of the same language for students entering 9th grade in 2019–2020 and beyond</p> <p><b>Advanced Coursework</b> - 4 additional credits of honors or higher completed during the Junior/Senior years (the last 2 years prior to graduation)</p>	<p><b>English</b> - 4 credits</p> <p><b>Math</b> - Algebra 1 (or the equivalent of Algebra 1), Algebra 2, Geometry, and another higher level math</p> <p><b>Lab Science</b> - 3 credits</p> <p><b>Social Studies</b> - 3 credits</p> <p><b>World Language</b> - 2 credits in the same language</p> <p><b>Fine Arts</b> - 1 credit</p>	<p>Career and Technical Education (CTE) Completer with an industry recognized credential <b>OR</b> Silver or higher certificate on ACT WorkKeys or Level 3 Credential or higher on WIN SC Career Ready Test <b>OR</b> Completion of Career Ready Work-Based Learning (WBL) placement</p>	<p>4 credits in a single or multiple arts areas, 2 at the honors or higher level* <b>AND</b> Mastery on externally evaluated exam or performance task</p> <p>*If honors credit is not available for arts courses, student must complete four courses in a single art area</p>
		<b>STEM Specialization Seal of Distinction</b>	<b>World Language Specialization Seal of Distinction</b>
		<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>
		4 credits beyond required graduation courses in math, science, technology, and engineering; at least 2 at honors or higher level	4 credits in the same language <b>OR</b> a nationally normed proficiency-based language assessment score of "Intermediate Low" <b>OR</b> AP exam score of 3 or higher <b>OR</b> IB exam score of 4 or higher <b>OR</b> Cambridge AICE Language exam score of E or better before the senior year
	<b>Military Specialization Seal of Distinction</b>	Courses may be in 1 area of STEM or across all 4 areas	
	<b>UGP GPA 3.0 or higher</b>		
	4 credits in JROTC and an ASVAB score of 31 or higher		

# CTE Programs

- NJROTC
- Health Sciences
- Culinary
- Engineering
- Manufacturing
- Vocational School
- Sports Medicine
- Business





# Clubs

Art

Astronomy

Beta Club and NHS

Black Student Union

Board Games

Mu Alpha Theta /Ro Kappa

Chess

Dance

Dart Club

Engineering & Robotics

Esports

Fishing

Fellowship Christian Athletes

Language Clubs

Health and Wellness

HOSA

Int'l Thespian Society

PTSA

Prom Committee

Wave TV

Weather Club

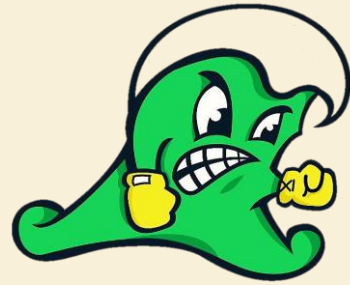


# GET INVOLVED AND HAVE FUN!

**SPIRIT EVENTS**



**STUDENT SECTION**



**ESPORTS**



**SHS UNIFIED TRACK**

**SHS POWDERPUFF**



**HOMECOMING PARADE**



# Summerville High School Athletics

[www.summervilleathletics.com](http://www.summervilleathletics.com)



- Football
- Cheerleading
- Volleyball
- Tennis
- Golf
- Swimming
- Baseball
- Softball
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Track
- Soccer
- Cross Country



**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

**Mr. Cory Magwood**  
[cmagwood@dorchester2.k12.sc.us](mailto:cmagwood@dorchester2.k12.sc.us)

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Athletic Eligibility for Sports



- To be eligible for Fall & Winter Sports:
  - Must be PROMOTED to 9<sup>th</sup> grade (rather than being placed)
- To be eligible for Spring Sports:
  - If eligible in the fall, student must be passing four courses AND have an overall passing average
  - If ineligible in the fall, student must be passing five courses AND have an overall passing average

# Online Registration

All students are required to register.

All registration is completed online. No need to come to the school.

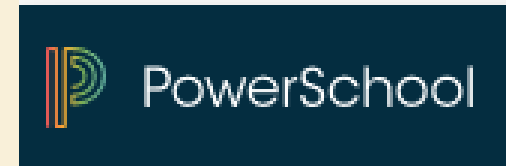
Failure to register may delay the issuing of the student laptop.

Failure to register may result in you losing your spot in certain high-demand classes.

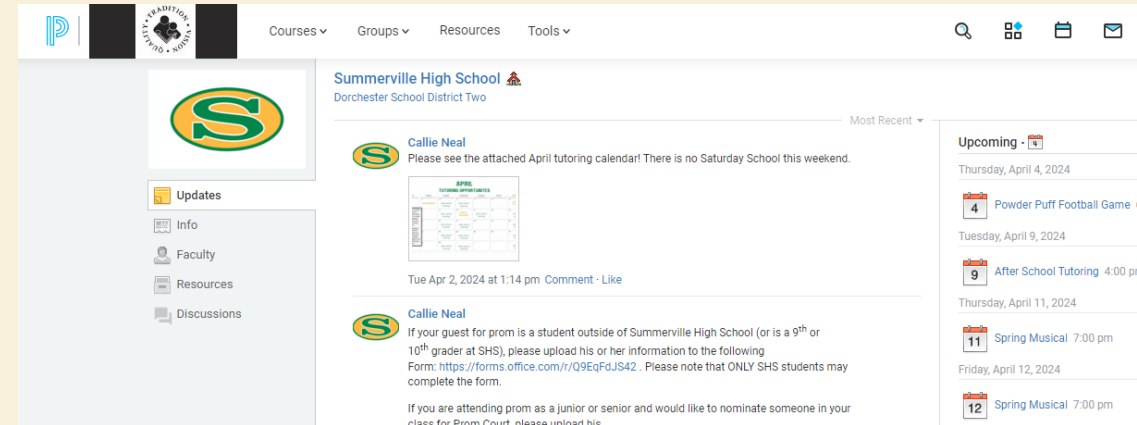
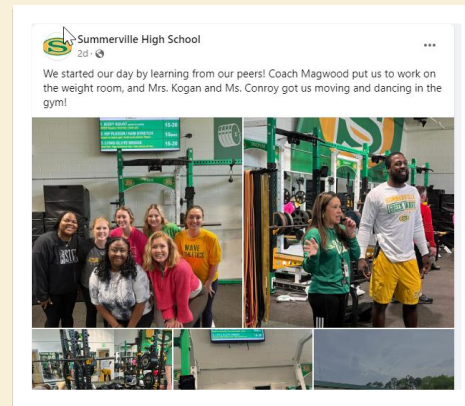


# Stay Connected

Check our school's website:  
[shs.ddtwo.org](https://shs.ddtwo.org)



“Like” Summerville High School on Facebook and Instagram



# Welcome to the Green Wave Family

- We look forward to a wonderful school year filled with fun and success!
- Never hesitate to reach out to us for additional support; we are here for you and your student!



# Questions?

- Quick 2 minute break to allow for those who need to leave to exit.
- Please stay afterwards if you would like to ask a question that would benefit the group.





# Contacts

- Have questions specific to your student? Reach out to a school counselor at your middle school or contact one of us:
  - [cbunao@dorchester2.k12.sc.us](mailto:cbunao@dorchester2.k12.sc.us) (Scheduler)
  - [aliptak@dorchester2.k12.sc.us](mailto:aliptak@dorchester2.k12.sc.us) (A-G)
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