

HIGH SCHOOL 101

A ROADMAP FOR SUCCESS





WELCOME TO SHS

WE ARE SO HAPPY YOU ARE A PART OF OUR TRIBE!



Mrs. Sperry
Principal



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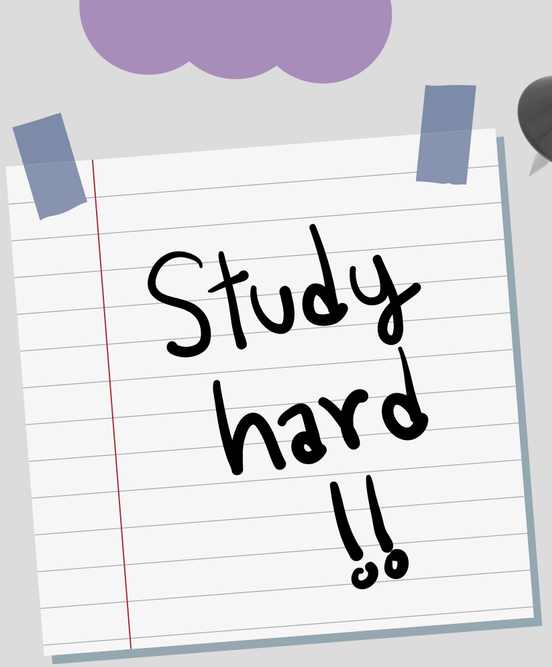


Mrs. Green
Counselor
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Mrs. Schlegel
Counselor
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AGENDA



- Graduation Requirements
- Personal Graduation Plans (Programs of Study, Course selection, Level Down, Schedule Changes)
- GPA and Class Rank
- Advanced Classes (Honors, AP, Dual Credit, On Ramps)
- Credit Loss (Failure and/or Attendance)
- Student Resources (Examples: Tribe Time, Tutoring, School Links, PSAT/Testing)
- Parent Resources (Examples: Ascender, Parent Workshops, Parent Square)
- Ways to Get Involved (Including: Athletics, Fine Arts, Clubs, UIL, Volunteering)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

WHAT CLASSES ARE REQUIRED TO GRADUATE?



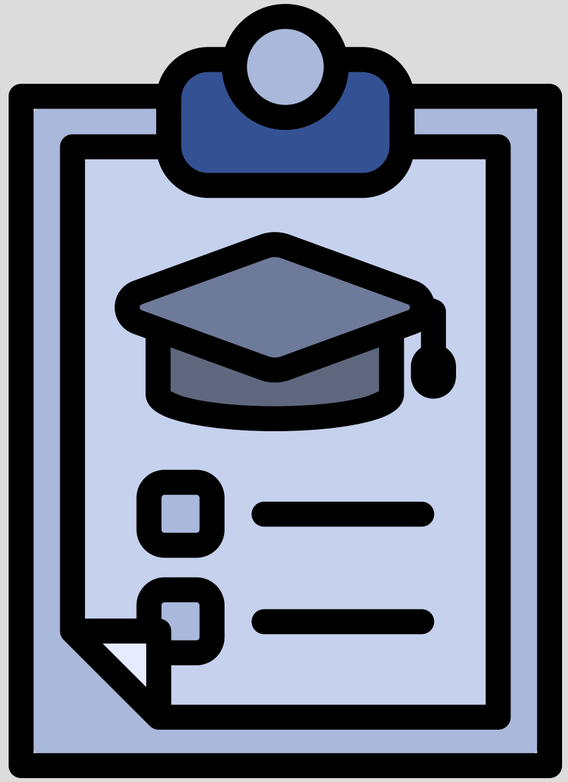


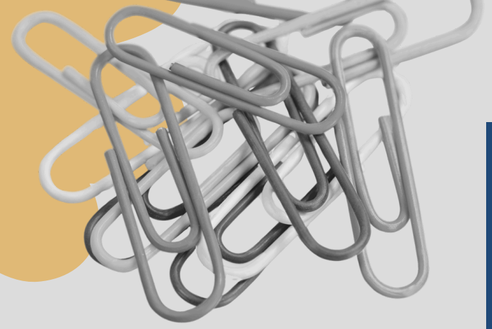
- At least 26 state credits
- Local credits are offered but don't count toward graduation
- 4 core classes each year
- 1 PE credit
- 1 Fine art credit
- 2 Languae credits (same language)
- Pass EOCs (English 1, Algebra 1, Biology, English 2*, US History)
- CPR, POI, Speech, FAFSA, My Tx Future Account
- To earn credits, students must PASS the class AND follow the 90% attendance rule.

PERSONAL GRADUATION PLAN

PROGRAMS OF STUDY - STUDENTS NEED AT LEAST FOUR CREDITS IN A PROGRAM

- Business Entrepreneurship
- Marketing and Sales
- Graphic Design
- Audio / Video Technology
- Engineering
  - Robotics
  - Drones
- Welding
- Automotive
- Distribution and Logistics
- Animal Science
- Plant Science
- Culinary Arts
- Teaching and Community Service
- Health Science
  - CNA
  - PCT
- Exercise Science
- Criminal Justice
- Emergency Services
- Cosmetology

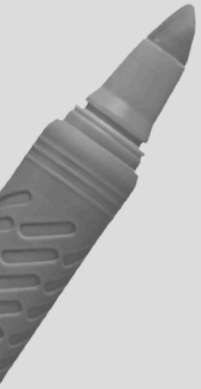


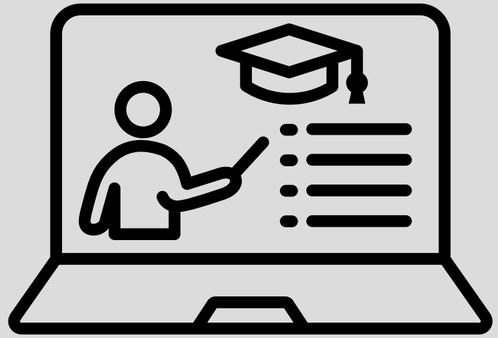


COURSE SELECTION

BEGINS IN JANUARY - MEET WITH GRADES 8TH - 11TH

- Counselors meet with grade levels to review information.
- Counselors then meet with students individually to select courses.
- Students must have course selection, honors contracts, additional forms signed by a parent.
- Students have an opportunity in March to request changes to course selection.
- No changes after March as we begin building the Master Schedule based on course selections.
- Counselors work in summer on schedules - email/call students whose schedule may have a conflict.
- Level down opportunity from the 6th through the 9th week and at the end of Fall semester (Dec.).



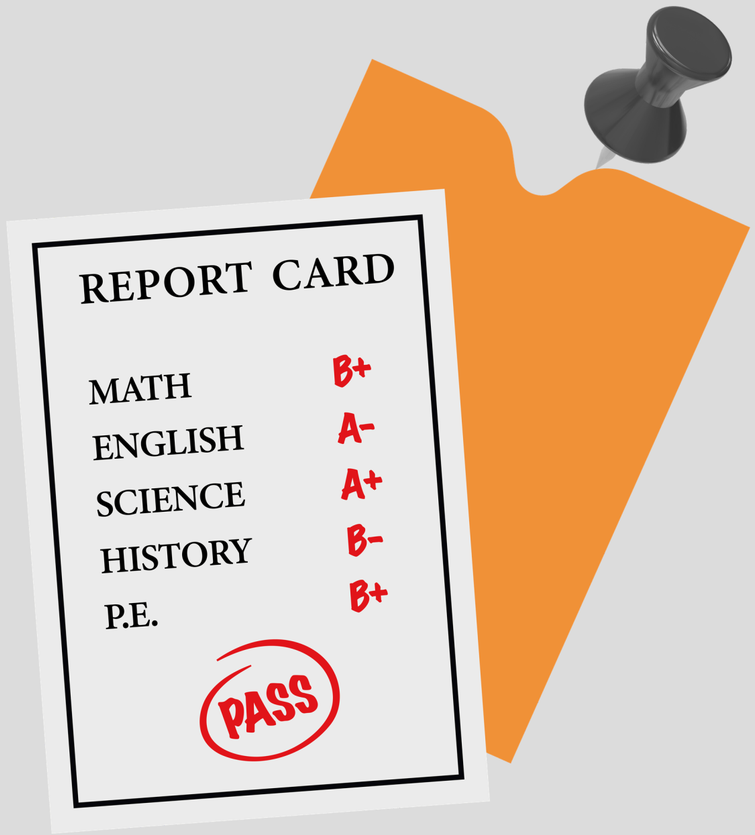


GPA AND CLASS RANK



- Two GPA calculations on transcript
- GPA calculates four core classes and top two language credits
- Unweighted is shown on the 4 point scale - doesn’t factor in advanced classes
- Weighted is shown on a 100 point scale + 5 points for honors and 10 points for AP, Dual Credit and On Ramp classes
- Class rank based on 100 point scale / weighted GPA
- Encourage students to keep a balanced schedule based on their own skills, schedule and goals

CREDIT LOSS/RECOVERY

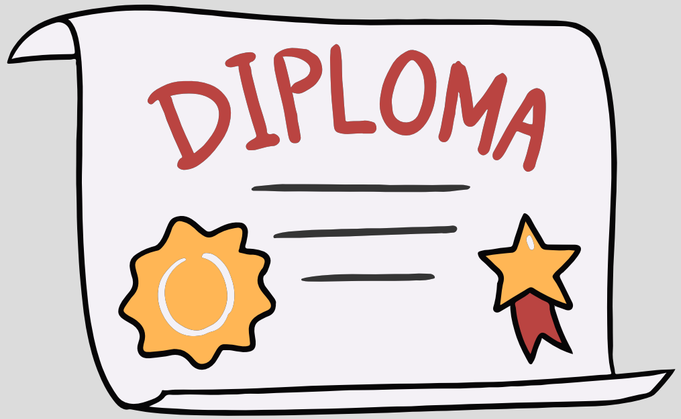


- Semester grades are based on two 9 week periods.
- If a student fails a 9 week period, they could average pass.
- Students who fail a course do not receive that semester credit.
- Students can also lose credit based on attendance.
- Students can recover credit during summer school.
- Students move up grade levels based on credits
  - 10^{th} = 6
  - 11^{th} = 13
  - 12^{th} = 19+

MY TEXAS FUTURE

FREE PLANNING TOOL BY THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD (THECB)

- Career Match: Take an interest inventory to match with 500+ Texas careers & pay rates.
- College Search: Compare Texas colleges, trade schools, costs, and programs.
- Financial Aid & Apps: Step-by-step help with ApplyTexas and financial aid.
- **Direct Admissions: See instant admission offers based on your GPA and class rank before you even apply.**
  - **New: 26-27 graduation requirement!**
  - **Create a profile or submit opt-out form.**



ADVANCED ACADEMICS

CHALLENGE YOURSELF, BUT STAY BALANCED!

- Honors - mostly in 9th/10th grade - prepare students for college-level courses
- College-level classes
  - **Dual credit** - Online class through NCTC with time built in SHS schedule. Taught by NCTC teachers. Families pay for class. Credit earned by passing course. (Exceptions: English 4 and College Algebra)
  - **AP** - Taught by SHS teacher trained by College Board, pay for AP exam, - not the course and must pass exam to earn college credit.
  - **On Ramps** - Taught by SHS teacher trained by UT Austin with an online component taught by UT professor. Families pay for course. Students choose to accept college credit at the end of the course.
- Advanced Academics meeting in February to discuss each type in-depth, admission requirements, and next steps.

NCTC
DUAL CREDIT

Dual Credit Parent Night

LEARN • EXPLORE • PLAN AHEAD



- Dual Credit Basics
- Student Benefits
- NCTC Opportunities
- How to Apply



OCTOBER 1
6:00 PM

NCTC GAINESVILLE
HSC | ROOM 2401

1525 W. California Street
Gainesville, TX 76240

SCHOOLINKS

What is SchooLinks?

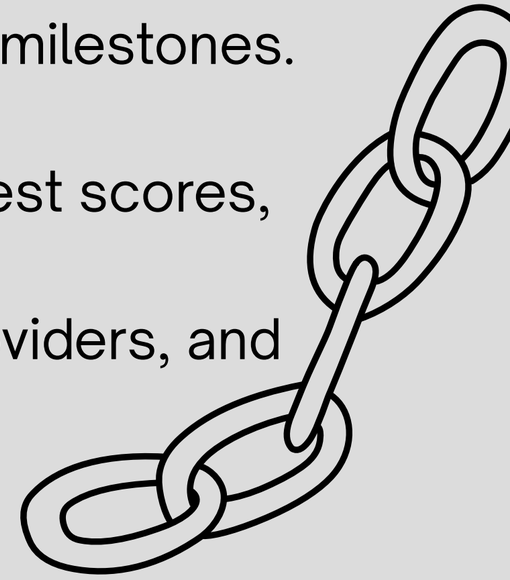
Students can explore careers, plan high school courses, and handle college applications and navigate post-secondary planning with their families.

Step 1: Set up your guardian account.

- View student assessments, track post-secondary plans, and complete assigned guardian tasks.
- See your student's GPA, class rank, test scores, and weekly activity updates.
- Review saved career goals, college lists, and post-secondary planning milestones.

Step 2: Complete FERPA authorization.

- Authorizes the school to share official education records (transcripts, test scores, recommendations, application materials) via SchooLinks.
- Sent securely to colleges, universities, trade programs, scholarship providers, and employers at student request.
- Parents/Guardians must sign if student is under 18.



GET INVOLVED!

HIGH SCHOOL IS ONLY AS GOOD AS YOU MAKE IT – FIND YOUR PASSION AND YOUR PEOPLE!



- Athletic Progams
  - Football, basketball, volleyball, powerlifting, golf, tennis, baseball, softball, track, cross country, cheerleading, soccer, Special Olympics
- Academic Programs
  - Academic UIL, Robotics and Drone Team (UIL), TAFE, Future Medical Professionals, Science National Honor Society, National Honor Society, iHelp, FCCLA, One Act Play
- Extracurricular Programs
  - Art Club, Band, Choir, BBQ Club, Chess Club, Drama Club, FCA, FFA, Student Council, Yearbook, One Act Play, Drill Team Club, Cybersecurity Club, E-sports, Rocketry Club

STUDENT AND PARENT RESOURCES

Student Resources:

- Tribe Time (Not just tutorials!)
- Before / after school tutorials
- SchooLinks (College and Career exploration)
- PSAT, SAT, TSI, ASVAB testing
- Go Center / Upward Bound
- Minga (Earn points for rewards)
- Class Link (Varsity Tutors, etc.)
- Counseling groups and resources
- Newsletters
- College visits during lunches
- Futures Fair

Parent Resources:

- Ascender (grade portal)
- Parent Square
- Community resources
- Parent workshops
- SchooLinks
- Parent / Teacher Conferences
- Newsletters