SOUTH POINTE HIGH SCHOOL 9TH GRADE PRE-IGP MEETING

School Counseling Department

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MEET OUR TEAM

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IGP MEETING AGENDA

In your IGP meeting we will discuss:

- Grades/Academic Progress & Attendance

- Post-Secondary Plans & Next Steps

- Course Requests for 2023-2024

OUR SERVICES

- ☐ Academic Guidance & Advisement
- ☐ College & Career Readiness
- ☐ Social Emotional Learning & Development

CANVAS

☐ Monitor Academic Performance (assignment grades and work submission)

☐ Teacher/Guidance/School Communication

☐ General Announcements

☐ Student Email

Students should be enrolled in their grade level Canvas Page (Class of 2026)

> If you are not enrolled, check your Canvas inbox for an invitation to enroll.

> Contact your counselor if you need further assistance.

Parents are strongly encouraged to create a Canvas Observer account

Parent Observer Canvas Account

ATTENDANCE

Attendance in your classes every day is important!!

If you miss too many days in a class, you can fail due to absences (FA). The FA will be recorded as your final grade even though you have a passing average.

- Students are only allotted 6 unexcused absences in a semester class.
- Absences documented with parent or medical notes are **_not_** excused absences, but these notes should be submitted to attendance to avoid truancy contact.
- Students may attend Make Up School to recover absences ($20 per session)
- Contact Mrs. Laura Jennings if you have questions – ljenning@rhmail.org

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

9TH TO 10TH GRADE	10TH TO 11TH GRADE	11TH TO 12TH GRADE
1 English (Eng 1)	2 English (Eng 1 & 2)	3 English (Eng 1, 2, & 3)
1 Math	2 Math	3 Math
2 Other Credits	1 Science	2 Science
	1 Social Studies	2 Social Studies
	4 Other Credits	4 Other Credits

SC GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 Units
Math	4 Units
Science	3 Units
US History	1 Unit
US Government	½ Unit
Economics	½ Unit
Other Social Studies	1 Unit
PE/JROTC/Band w/ PE	1 Unit
Computer Literacy	1 Unit
World Language or CTE	1 Unit
Health	1 Unit
Electives	6 Units
Total Required	**24 Units**

4YR COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

English	4 Units
Math	4 Units (*Algebra 1 (or the equivalent), Algebra 2, Geometry, 4th higher level math*)
Science	*3 Units* Laboratory Science (Physical Science & Integrated Science are not lab sciences)
US History	1 Unit
US Government	½ Unit
Economics	½ Unit
Other Social Studies	1 Unit (*World Geography or World History are strongly recommended*)
World Language	*2 Units* (same language; Some schools may require 3 units)
Fine Arts	**1 Unit**
PE/JROTC/Band w/ PE	1 Unit
Electives	**2 Units**

(Computer Science is strongly recommended as well as courses in the above listed categories)

Note – These are the general requirements for 4 year college entrance in SC schools. Parents and students are encouraged to research the specific admission requirements for schools of interest.

Reference the RHS Course Catalog and the SC Commission on Higher Education website for details on 4 year college entrance requirements.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Once you begin taking high school classes all of your coursework is documented on your high school transcript… Pass or Fail!!

The final grades in your classes impact your cumulative GPA and class rank.

SC UGP GPA – Weighted GPA

SC 4.0 – 4.0 Scale Unweighted GPA

South Pointe uses Parchment to process transcript requests. Students must create an account in order to use this system.

Create a Parchment Account

CONTENT RECOVERY

Students who are struggling in the classroom should ask their teachers for additional support. Students may be able to complete content recovery which helps to improve reporting period grades while students are still enrolled in a class.

For more information, students and parents should reach out to the classroom teacher.

CREDIT RECOVERY

Students who fail a class with a final grade of 50-59 in a core class may be able to participate in credit recovery. Participating in credit recovery allows students to recover credit for a class by completing assigned units in the GradPoint online curriculum.

- Participation in credit recovery does not remove a failing grade from a student's transcript and does not impact/improve a student's GPA.
- *Note – The South Carolina High School League only allows 2 classes to be recovered per year for eligibility purposes.*

Parents and students should discuss the credit recovery option with the student's assigned counselor as needed.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

- Students must pass a specified # of classes each semester and year in order to be eligible for high school athletics (see page 14 in the 2023-2024 RHS Course Catalog).

- Fall/Winter sports eligibility is based on the previous year's grades and Spring sports eligibility is based on fall grades.

Note – Students may only apply 2 credit recovery and/or summer school classes toward eligibility.

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NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Do you plan to participate in collegiate sports??

Familiarize yourself with the NCAA Eligibility requirements.

High school students must take courses at the appropriate time and meet certain ***core GPA*** and SAT/ACT requirements.

[Initial Eligibility Brochure](#)

[Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#)

[NCAA Eligibility Center](#)

ACADEMIC GRADUATION RECOGNITIONS

❑Valedictorian/Salutatorian

❑Honor Grad/Highest Honor Grad

❑SC Diploma Seals of Distinction

❑SC Academic Honors Award

❑Junior Marshal

   ❑(11th graders identified at the end of the 1st semester who rank in the top 10% of the class)

Reference pages 12-13 in the 2023-2024 RHS Course Catalog

MILITARY EXPLORATION

Are you interested in the military??

- Military service can be full-time or part-time… You can also consider attending college and military service.

- Begin talking to military recruiters about their branch of the military and entrance requirements.

- Take ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)… This test is offered at South Pointe in the fall each year to all 11th graders and 12th graders who sign up.

- Use the link below to research the various military branches and to learn more about military service.

www.todaysmilitary.com

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS

PSAT – All 10th grade students take PSAT each year in October. This is a great opportunity for students to get practice. 11th grade students can sign up to take the

ACT/SAT – We recommend college bound students begin taking ACT/SAT in the junior year. It is recommended that students have taken or be taking Algebra 2 Most colleges will accept either test. Students can take both tests to determine which is a better fit. **It is ideal for students to test 2-3 times prior to the senior year.**

Accuplacer - Students who plan to attend a technical college may choose to take Accuplacer which is a placement test. Scores are used to determine proper course placement. *Note – Some technical college programs require SAT/ACT scores for admission.*

SC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
- Life Scholarship
- Hope Scholarship
- Lottery Tuition Assistance

More information can be found in the 2023-2024 RHS Course Catalog (pages 49-51) and on the SC Commission on Higher Education's website.

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SC Commission on Higher Education

SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

Below are some websites to start the scholarship search:

- Going Merry – www.goingmerry.com

- Raise Me – www.raise.me.com

- FastWeb – www.fastweb.com

- Foundation for the Carolinas – www.fftc.org/scholarships

- SPHS Scholarship Newsletter - https://www.smore.com/bdnfk-scholarship-newsletter

HIGH SCHOOL RESUME

Start developing your high school resume. A high school resume can be used when requesting recommendations as well as a resource when completing college admissions and scholarship applications.

Start now so you don't forget anything!

Consider including the below information:

✓ Education

✓ Post-Secondary Plans & Career Goals

✓ Extracurricular Activities

✓ Community Service

✓ Work Experience

✓ Leadership Experience/Roles

✓ Honors/Awards

COLLEGE PLANNING

It's important to begin preparing early for college admissions. Click the link below to view tips from the College Board on how to begin your preparation.

College Planning: 9th/10th Grade

COLLEGE SEARCH RESOURCES

ACT – www.act.org

CollegeBoard – www.collegeboard.org

College Data – www.collegedata.com

College Navigator – www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

SC CAN GO – www.sccango.org

COURSE SELECTION

Students and parents meet with their assigned counselor each year to discuss post-secondary plans, career goals, and course selection.

Consider the below items when choosing course requests:

- ✓ Graduation/College Admissions Requirements
- ✓ Promotion Requirements
- ✓ Academic Performance
- ✓ Post-Secondary Plans
- ✓ Career Goals
- ✓ Personal Goals

These are _requests_, NOT a schedule.

Please note that the courses you are selecting at this time are just **requests**. Actual student schedules will not be created until summer and are typically released to students in late July/early August.

Courses may not be able to be scheduled if overall requests are low, a teacher is not available to teach the class, or there is a conflict with other courses you have requested.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Rising 10th and 11th grade students should select 8 units of courses to include an English, math, science, and social studies class and electives.

- Rising 12th graders must select at least 6 units of courses. Please note that if late arrival (1st block) and/or early dismissal (4th block) do not work out in the schedule you will have to fill the slot with a class.

- **Students must have prior approval before taking any virtual, dual credit or dual enrollment courses. Only a select list of college dual enrollment courses are approved by Rock Hill Schools to receive dual credit (high school & college credit). Work with your counselor to discuss options and the process for doing so.**

- Student schedules are created for the entire school year in the summer prior to the start of the school year. Students should choose their course requests carefully; **once schedules are set changes are very limited and based on a strict set of guidelines.**

- Counselors may assign classes for students who do not complete the course selection process.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

South Pointe offers **Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Dual Credit** courses. Review the 2023-2024 RHS Course Catalog (pages 52-58) to learn more about these programs and course options.

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The **Governor's School for Science & Mathematics Accelerate** program is also available at South Pointe. This is a virtual program geared toward students who demonstrate an exceptional ability in science and mathematics and have a strong interest in engineering and problem solving. Students must apply for admission to this program in 9th grade to begin participating in 10th grade. The application window typically opens November 1st.

https://www.scgssm.org/virtual-programs

CAREER CLUSTERS/MAJORS OF STUDY

Rock Hill Schools offers a variety of courses aligned to majors of study. Students can choose to focus in on a particular career area by choosing course options within a major. Reference pages 21-45 in the 2023-2024 RHS Course Catalog.

FRAMEWORK OF CAREER CLUSTERS AND MAJORS

Overview

The Framework presented here was revised in December 2021.

Key: ** Nine grade course | * Required for major | ^^ Dual Credit | WBL = Work Based Learning

Cluster of Study	Major(s)
Arts and Humanities	Digital Art and Design Journalism and Mass Communication Visual Arts Performing Arts Theater Arts
Media Technology	Media Technology/Visual Communication
Education and Training	Teaching and Training
Cross Curricular	Occupation and Employability
Business Management and Administration	Operations Management
Finance	Accounting Business Finance
Hospitality and Tourism	Culinary Arts Hospitality and Tourism Management
Information Technology	Programming and Software Development Computer Science Game and Interactive Media Design Web and Digital Communications
Marketing	Marketing Management
Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	Plant and Animal Systems
Architecture and Construction	Architecture/Mechanical Design Electricity, HVAC Carpentry and Construction Engineering
Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics	Power Equipment Technology Automotive Service Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing Logistics and Distribution
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	Pre-Engineering Integrated Production Technologies Drone Innovation Technologies
Health Science	Health Science Health and Wellness Biomedical Science
Human Services	Cosmetology Family and Consumer Science
Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security	Criminal Justice and Public Safety Military Science
Government and Public Administration	Social Science/Political Science

STEAM PATHWAYS

South Pointe offers several STEAM pathways for students to engage in focused coursework. Students may choose to complete all coursework in pathway, but do not have to do so. Click on the link below for more information on these pathways.

- ❑ Biomedical Science
- ❑ Clean Energy
- ❑ Computer Science
- ❑ Engineering

SPHS STEAM Pathways & Course Descriptions

SC COMPUTER LITERACY REQUIREMENT

**The following courses will meet the graduation computer literacy requirement.
Please reference the <u>2023-2024 RHS Course Catalog</u> to verify.**

- Discovering Computer Science
- Fundamentals of Computing
- Fundamentals of Web Page Design
- Advanced Web Page Design
- Intro to Computer Programming
- Intermediate Computer Programming
- Foundations of Animation
- Game Design & Development

- Business Data Applications
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- PLTW Computer Science Essentials
- PLTW Computer Science Principles
- PLTW Computer Science Applications
- PLTW Principles of Engineering
- PLTW Cybersecurity Honors

COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION

Review the course selection PowerPoint for more information about selecting courses.

Bring your tentative course selections to your IGP meeting.

MAKING THE MOST OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL

✓ Focus on Academics

✓ Get Involved

✓ Stay in the Loop

✓ Consider your Future

✓ Have Fun!!

CONNECT WITH US!

Canvas – Check Canvas regularly for emails and announcements.
(You must be enrolled in your grade level Canvas Page to get the announcements.)

Guidance Website - https://www.rockhill.k12.sc.us/domain/1160

Twitter – Follow us @SPHS_Guidance

FaceBook – SPHS Guidance

Email or Phone Call

QUESTIONS?

You will have an opportunity to ask questions during your IGP meeting, but feel free to reach out to your assigned counselor as well.

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