

Santa Susana High School

9th Grade Presentation

Counseling Department



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- **College/Post High School Planning for Freshmen**
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- **Your Personal 4 –year Plan**
 - **Class Prerequisites**
 - **Failing Grades**

Who is your school counselor?



Ms. Bischoff
A-GL



Mrs. Melanson
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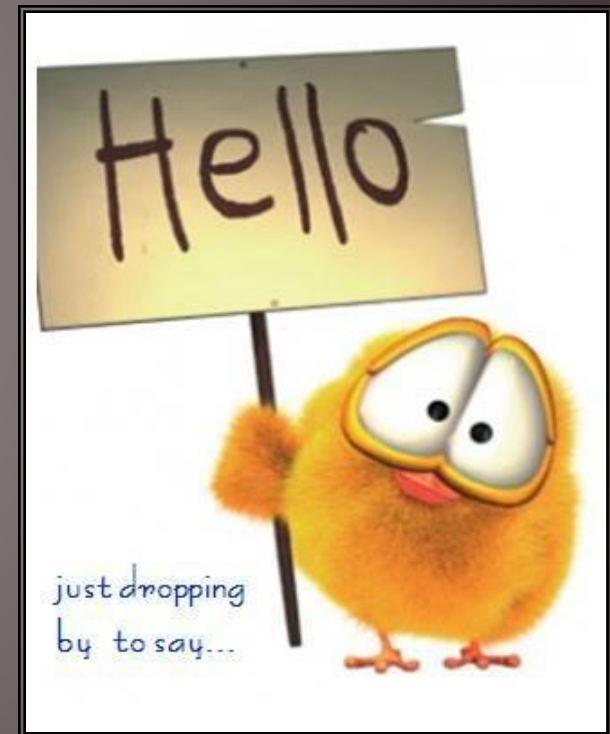
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What do school counselors do?

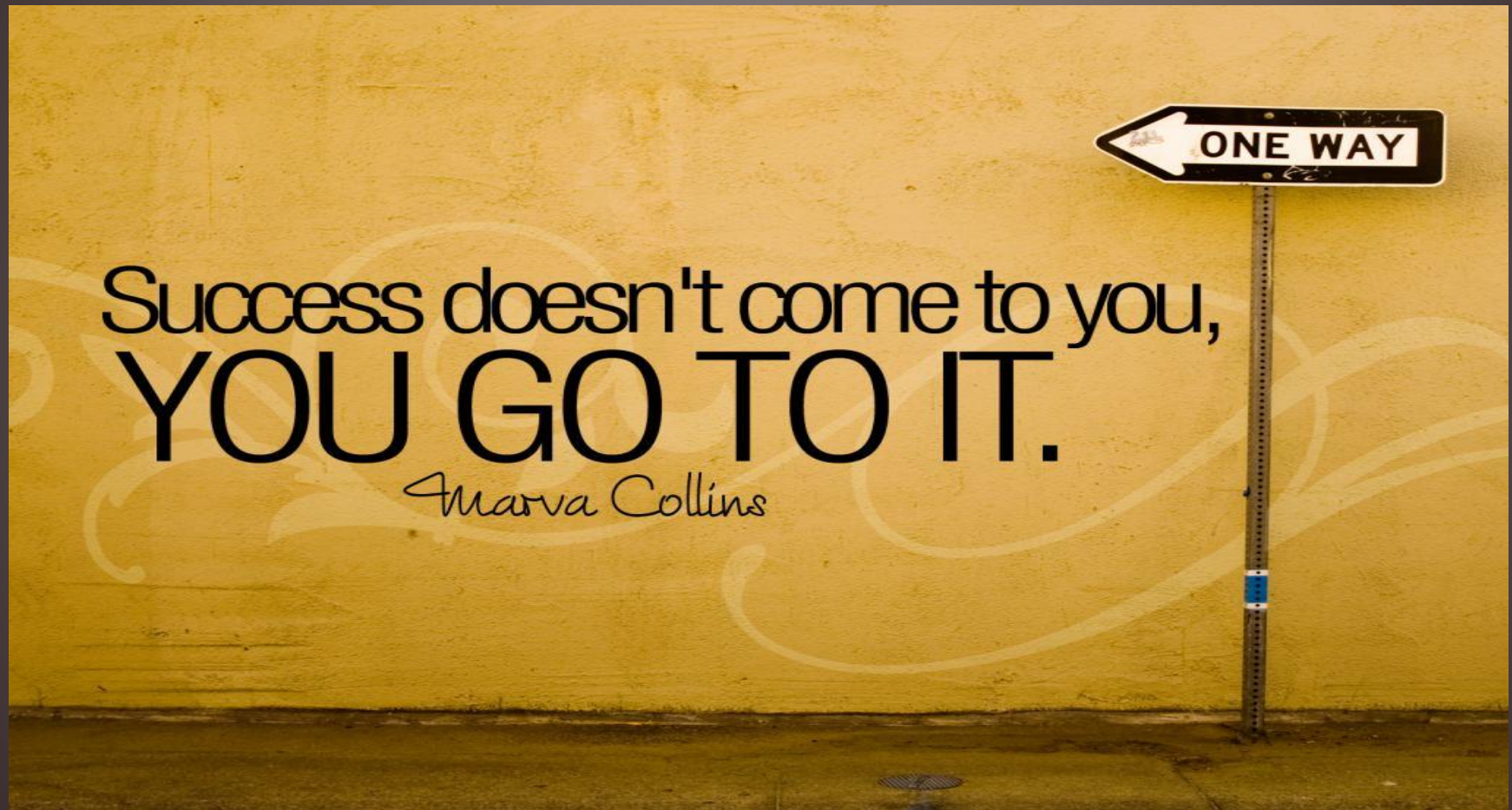
- Academic counseling
- Academic Resources
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- College Information
- PSAT/CAHSEE
- TAP Advisors
- And much much more!

How to meet your counselor?

- Drop by times on a first come-first serve basis:
 - Before school
 - After school
- Fill out a 'Counselor Request Form'
- If it is urgent, please talk to the registrar



How to make the most out of your High School Experience!



Home-to-School Connections

- **Review assignments**
 - Check AERIES
 - Utilize Teacher's Website (if available)
 - Review student's planner (ask to have teacher initial agenda if necessary)
- **Contact Teacher**
 - The best way is through e-mail.
 - Please see the school website or connect through AERIES



How to improve your grades

Stay Organized

- develop a study schedule
- utilize your planner
- organize notebook
- clean out backpack



Homework

- well lit area
- quiet
- comfortable
- neat
- necessary supplies available
- avoid distractions
- take short breaks
- reward yourself for completion

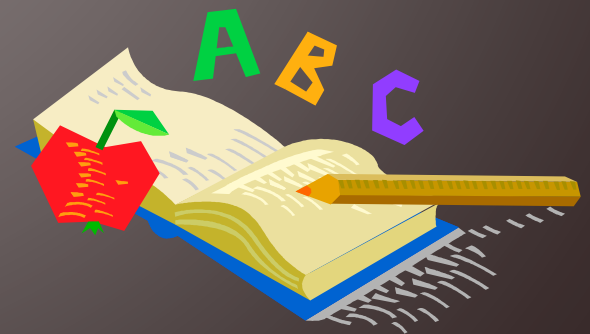
How to improve your grades

Active Note Taking

- be brief
- use abbreviations and symbols
- be neat
- listen actively
- review your notes
- summarize your notes

Talk with Your Teachers

- make an appointment with your teacher during lunch or before/after school
- ask questions



How to improve your grades

Study for tests

- prepare in advance
- review
- memorize
- take practice tests
- relax

Reduce test anxiety

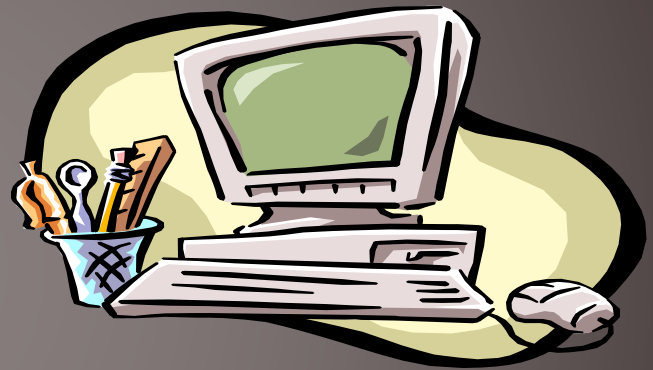
- study in advance
- mental practice
- think of relaxed place
- take a deep breath



Resources

www.SantaSusana.org

- Teacher websites
- Check Aeries
- CSF Tutoring (M-Th)
 - Room 108 3:00pm-4:00pm
- Weekly progress report

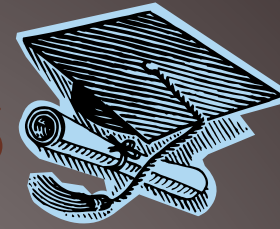


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Graduation Requirements

Required classes for graduation. Alg I. CAHSEE.

GRADES & CREDITS



- Semesters
- 1 semester class = 5 credits
- 30 credits per semester
- 60 credits per year
- Semester grades are the ones that count!
- Aeries to monitor
- D is passing **BUT...may not allow you to take the next higher course & will not meet college entrance requirements**

SSHS Graduation Requirements

“Cap & Gown”

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Credits</u>
✓ English	40
✓ Social Sciences	30
✓ Math (must pass Alg. 1*)	30
✓ Science	30
✓ PE	20
✓ Fine Art <u>OR</u> Foreign Language	10
✓ Health	5
✓ Practical Art	5
✓ Computer Education	5
✓ Electives	55

- Includes anything beyond “core” subjects

TOTAL CREDITS 230

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

- State requirement to receive high school diploma
 - Non-passing score results in a “Certificate of Completion”
- Test covers English and Math
- Need a minimum score of 350 in subject to pass
- First taken Spring of 10th Grade
- Make-up day in May
 - If don't pass first time, retake in 11th grade twice, 12th grade three times



‘a-g’ requirements

What are they?!

What is 'a-g'? And what does it mean?

- A-G refers to the high school courses required for entrance to the University of California and the California State University systems.
- You must take classes that are 'a-g' approved. This means they are College Prep (CP), Advanced Placement (AP), and/or Honors (Hon) level in order to meet the 'a-g' requirements.
- You must earn grades of 'C' or better in each of the required subject areas.

Lets go check it out!



University of California/California State University

“A-G” College Entrance Requirements

COURSES	
A. History/Social Science	2 years: World History, U.S. History
B. English	4 years: English 9, 10, 11, 12
C. Math	3 years : (4 years recommended) Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II** (must include Alg II)
D. Laboratory Science	2 years: (3 years recommended) Must be a Lab Science
E. Foreign Language	2 years same language: (3 years recommended)
F. Visual/Performing Arts	1 year of college prep course
G. CP Elective	1 year of college prep electives
Test Requirements	SAT I or ACT with Writing

***All courses must be College Preparatory Level (CP) or higher.
Courses must be completed with a “C” or better.**

What if I FAIL(or get a D) in a class? ASK YOURSELF:

- Do I need this class ONLY to meet graduation (CAP & GOWN) requirements?
- Do I need a grade higher than a D to move on to the next level course?
- Do I need this class to meet A-G College Admissions Requirements?

SUMMER SCHOOL OR REMEDIATION OPTIONS WILL DEPEND ON ABOVE

If you earn a FAIL or D grade on your January or May report card YOU
Need to see your counselor to discuss options.

REPEAT POLICY

- **Graduation Eligibility / Standard Policy**
 - Both the original course (D) and the remediated course are calculated in the total credits earned and cumulative GPA.
- **University Eligibility Option**
 - *As determined by individual University/College. You must fix the (D) to be 'a-g' eligible.*

Note: “C” grades cannot be remediated. If you are remediating a course where one of the semester grades was a “C”, the remediated credit will be counted as elective credit.

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SCHOOLS & ACADEMIES & COURSE OF STUDY

ACADEMICS. TECHNICAL ARTS. VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS.

Course of Study

SSHS is broken up into 3 schools, which are further broken up into Academies and Emphasis.

Which one are YOU a part of?

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ACADEMICS

Academy of Accelerated Academics

Emphasis - Humanities *English:*

9th & 10th Honors English
11th & 12th Advanced Placement English

Emphasis - Social Science:

Advanced Placement World History
Advanced Placement U.S. History
Advanced Placement Government
Advanced Placement Economics
Foreign Language:
French, or Spanish 1, 2, 3

Emphasis - Science

CP Science 9, CP Biology, CP Chemistry, CP Physics
Honors Anatomy & Physiology
Advanced Placement Biology
Advanced Placement Chemistry
Advanced Placement Environmental Science
Advanced Placement Physics

Emphasis - Math

Geometry
Algebra II or Algebra II/Trigonometry
Math Analysis
Advanced Placement Statistics
Advanced Placement Calculus AB, BC

Academy of Law and Society

Ethics and Logics
Applied Legal Studies
Law and Order
Government, AP or Constitutional Law
Economics, AP or International Trade

Academy of Core Academics

Basic High School Graduation Requirements in English, Math, Social Studies, Health, PE, Science, Art, Language and 55 electives.

TECHNICAL ARTS

Academy of Digital Graphics & Publication

Basic Design
Graphics and Publication
AP Studio Art (Digital Photography)
Graphic Design (ROP)
Annual

Academy of TV & the Art of Film

Basic Design (Semester)
Introduction to Filmmaking and Video Production
Movie Production
Broadcasting
Video Editing
Video Entrepreneur
Event Crew (Internship)
Video Assistant

Academy of StageCraft

Basic Design (Semester)
Computer Applications
Video Production (Year)
Theatre Essentials
Stagecraft ROP

* Basic Design is a prerequisite course. See individual courses of study per emphasis area.

Academy of Internet Development

Basic Design
Graphics & Publication
Web-Site Design
Web Design (ROP)

Academy of Computer Programming

Computer Programming 1, 2 & 3
Advanced Placement Computer Science

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Academy of Fine Arts

Emphasis - Visual Arts
Basic Design
Drawing and Painting
Advanced Drawing and Painting
Digital Photography
AP Studio Art (Drawing)
Senior Studio

Emphasis - Animation
Basic Design
Computer Applications
Animation
Advanced Animation
Computer Animation

Academy of Performing Arts

Emphasis - Vocal Music
Chamber Choir
Jazz Choir
Show Choir
Vocal Ensemble
Vocal Technique

Emphasis - Instrumental Music
Wind Symphony
Jazz Ensemble
Concert Orchestra
Production Orchestra

Emphasis - Theatre
Theatre Essentials
Play Production
Children's Theatre

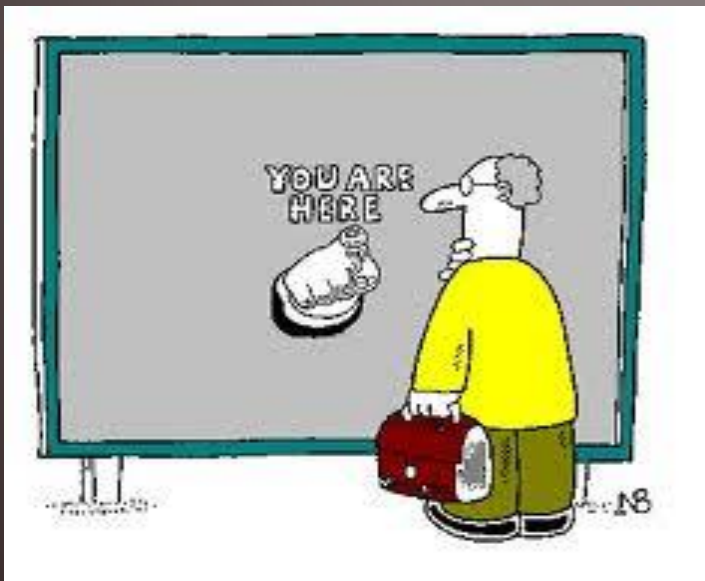
Emphasis - Dance
Tap 1 & 2
Jazz 1 & 2
Ballet 1
Jazz 2 or Ballet 2 or Pointe
Modern Dance
Dance Ensemble

Emphasis - Musical Theatre
Jazz 1 or Ballet 1, and Tap 1
Theatre Essentials
Play Production
Show Choir
Musical Theatre

* Music Theory or Basic Design are prerequisite courses. See individual courses of study per emphasis area.

So what is a Course of Study?

- A Course of study is like a map or pathway that leads you toward **certification** in a particular School or Academy
- It incorporates your graduation requirements (as seen on the previous slide) and indicates the electives you should take to certify





As an example we will look at a Course of Study for **Graphics & Publication** on the next slide

Please note the following:

- The suggested courses of study are indicated for each year in **bold** and with a **yellow** arrows.
- For many **Courses of Study** – requirements follow a certain sequential order

For other 'courses of study' please go on-line to SSHs.org.
Under Students click Important Information → Academies
& Schools

SSHS – SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL ARTS
Course of Study for Academy of Digital Graphics and Publication

Subject Area	Credits Required	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English	40	English 9 (Y)	English 10 (Y)	English 11 (Y)	English 12 (Y)
Fine Arts or Foreign Language	10 *	Basic Design (Y)  <i>Students planning on attending a University need 2 years of a Foreign Language course</i>			
Mathematics	30	Math (Y)	Math (Y)	Math (Y)	
P.E.	20 **	P.E. (Y)	P.E. (Y)		
Health	5	Health (S)			
Physical and Biological Sciences	30 ***	Science 9 (Y)	Science (Y)	Science (Y)	
World History	10		World History (Y)		
U.S. History	10			U.S. History (Y)	
American Gov.	5				American Gov. (S)
Economics	5				Economics (S)
Computer Ed.	5	Computer Apps. (S)		+Annual (Y)	+Annual (Y)
Practical Art	5		 Graphics & Pub. (S) Digital Photo. (S) or +AP Studio Art 2-D (Digital Photo.) (Y)	or ++ROP Graphic Design (Y) or +AP Studio Art 2-D (Digital Photo.) (Y)	or ++ROP Graphic Design (Y) or +AP Studio Art 2-D (Digital Photo.) (Y)
Electives	55				
Note: +The exact sequence of classes and year taken may change due to scheduling restrictions					
Total	230 Minimum				

Courses in bold lettering required for certification

++ROP Graphic Design (Y) is a 2 period 2 semester class (20 credits)

(Y) Indicates a 1 year course of study (10 credits)

(S) Indicates a 1 semester course of study (5 credits)

* Must pass 1 year of a Fine Arts OR 1 year of a Foreign Language (10 credits) for high school diploma

** Must pass 2 years (20 credits) of P.E. Dance can be taken for P.E. credit

*** Must pass one 1 year of Science 9 AND 1 year each of Biological AND Physical Sciences (30 credits of Science)

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Courses and Course #'s

Basic Design (Y) #7383/8039

Graphics & Pub. (S) #7849 Digital Photo. (S) #8169

AP Studio Art 2-D (Digital Photo.) (Y) #5721/5722

Annual (Y) 5057/5058

ROP Graphic Design (Y) 2 Periods #7292/7293

Certification is the GOAL of the course of study

Graduation Certification Requirements
SSHS – SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
Academy of Fine Arts: Emphasis in ANIMATION

L E V E L S		GPA in Animation
	<i>HIGH HONORS</i>	4.0
	<i>HONORS</i>	3.5
	<i>RECOGNITION</i>	3.0

To be eligible to receive any certificate in ANIMATION, students must:

- 1) Complete a Senior Project with an *ANIMATION* focus
- 2) Participate in a minimum of 4 semesters of Animation courses
- 3) Earn a 2.0 overall GPA

To be eligible for High Honors in ANIMATION, students must also:

- 1) Complete a Portfolio before Graduation

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Post Secondary Planning

UC. CSU. Private. Community College. Military. Vocational.

Post High School Planning:

- **College & Post High School Planning for Freshmen**
 - 4-year College
 - 2-year College
 - Vocational/Trade School
 - Apprenticeship/Workforce
 - Military

College and Career Center

- Room 902
- Career Assessments
- College Choices Information
- College Application
- Workshops (college/career)
- Scholarship Information
- SAT/ACT Information
- College Visits

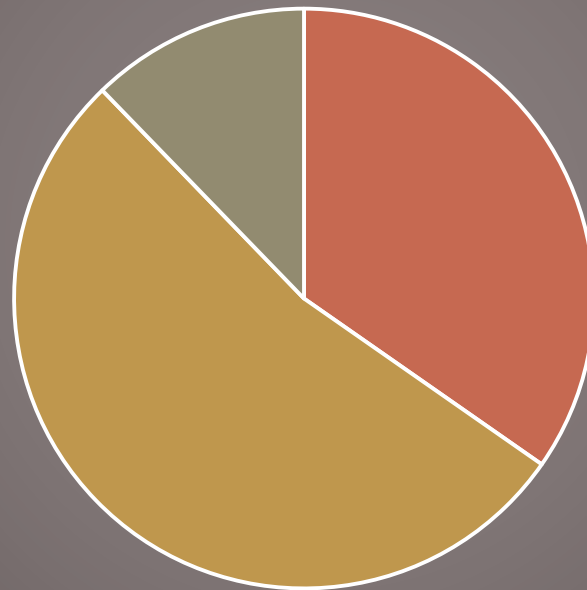


Visit Mrs. Wigdor

“Success is not an Option.

Now It's a Requirement.”

Where are they now?
Class of 2014



■ Attending 4 year schools ■ Attending 2 year schools

■ Vocational/Military

The University of California (UCs)



CSU

The California State University

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(CSUs)

California State University
Northridge



Channel Islands

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Private & Out of State Colleges

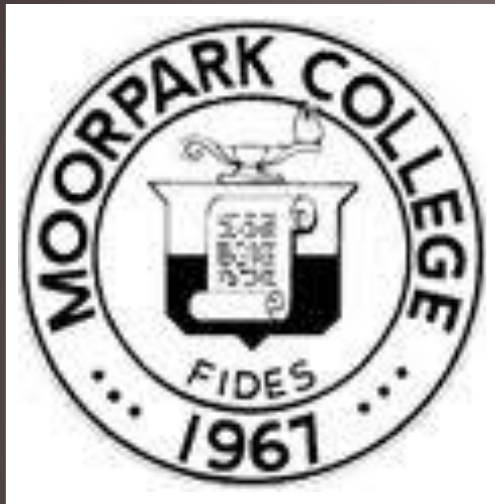


Private & Out of State Colleges

- Most private and out-of-state universities/colleges follow the UC/CSU A-G College Entrance Requirements.
- For out-of-state universities, contact the schools directly for current information.



Community Colleges



Community College Admission Requirements

- Must be 18 years of age or a HS diploma
- Placement tests are required



SAT? ACT?

No! If you are going to attend a community college and/or transfer from a community college to a UC/CSU/Private College you will NOT be required to take the SAT/ACT

VOCATIONAL & TRADE SCHOOLS



VOCATIONAL OPTIONS

- **Vocational Program at Community College**
 - MC: EATM, Interior Design, Criminal Justice, Nursing
 - VC: Construction Technology, CNC Machine Operator
 - OX: Air Conditioning Repair, Fire Technology, Auto Tech & Auto Body, Culinary Arts
- **Vocational school**
 - Specialty in specific area (i.e. Lu Ross Academy for Cosmetology)
- **Apprenticeship Programs**
 - Paid Training- Welder, Electrician

Career Technical Education

(Previously known as ROP)

- **Job training program**
 - **20 Programs available**
 - **Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting, Bank & Finance, Screen Printing, Welding**
 - **@ SSHS: Web Design, Video Production, Graphic Design, Stagecraft**
- **Open to eligible Juniors and Seniors**
- **Typically scheduled 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th period**
- **Transportation is provided for most courses**
- **Satisfactory attendance required**



5 Year Plans

What to keep in mind!

Personal 5-Year Plan

Things to think about before getting started:

PREREQUISITES

What grades or courses are required this year to take a certain course next year?

Grades will have direct impact on courses you will be allowed to take the following year.

Santa Susana Course Catalog is on-line!

EXAMPLES OF PREREQUISITES:

- **CP, AP, Honors**

- In the Course Handbook prerequisites will be listed

- **Science**

- F's = Will need to repeat
- English & Math grades will affect your Science Placement

- **Math**

- F's = Will need to repeat
- D's = May keep you from moving on to the next higher level of math

- **Foreign Language**

- Must earn a C or better both semesters to move on to next level- English is also considered

Santa Susana High School Four Year Planning Worksheet

Circle the courses you are taking and are planning on taking.

After high school I want to:

GRADE 9 FRESHMAN	GRADE 10 SOPHOMORE	GRADE 11 JUNIOR	GRADE 12 SENIOR	CREDITS REQUIRED
<u>ENGLISH</u> CP English 9 English 9 Honors	<u>ENGLISH</u> CP English 10 English 10 Honors	<u>ENGLISH</u> CP English 11 AP English 11	<u>ENGLISH</u> CP English 12 AP English 12	ENGLISH 40
<u>MATH</u> _____	<u>MATH</u> _____	<u>MATH</u> _____	<u>ELECTIVE (MATH)</u> _____	MATH 30
<u>SCIENCE</u> CP Science 9 Gen Science 9 CP Biology	<u>SCIENCE</u> CP Biology Gen Biology CP Chemistry Gen Chemistry	<u>SCIENCE</u> CP Chemistry Gen Chemistry _____	<u>ELECTIVE (SCIENCE)</u> _____	SCIENCE 30
HEALTH & COMPUTER EDUCATION (1 SEM EACH) _____ (other if applicable)	<u>SOCIAL SCIENCE</u> CP World History AP World History	<u>SOCIAL SCIENCE</u> CP US History AP US History	<u>SOCIAL SCIENCE</u> CP Economics CP Am Gov. AP Economics AP Am. Gov 1 SEM EACH	HEALTH & COMPUTER EDUCATION 10 SOCIAL STUDIES 30
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	<u>ELECTIVE</u> _____	<u>ELECTIVE</u> _____	20
<u>ELECTIVE</u> _____	<u>ELECTIVE</u> _____	<u>ELECTIVE</u> _____	<u>ELECTIVE</u> _____	FINE ART OR FOR. LANG-10 PRACTICAL ART- 5 & ELECTIVES 55
FRESHMAN 60	SOPHOMORE 60	JUNIOR 60	SENIOR 60	TOTAL 230

Name: _____
Counselor: _____

LAST NAME FIRST

Math Flow Chart

This flow chart is designed to guide students along common academic pathways. The paths shown are typical routes taken by students. Transferring between paths is possible from year to year based on student performance, teacher recommendation, and counselor re-

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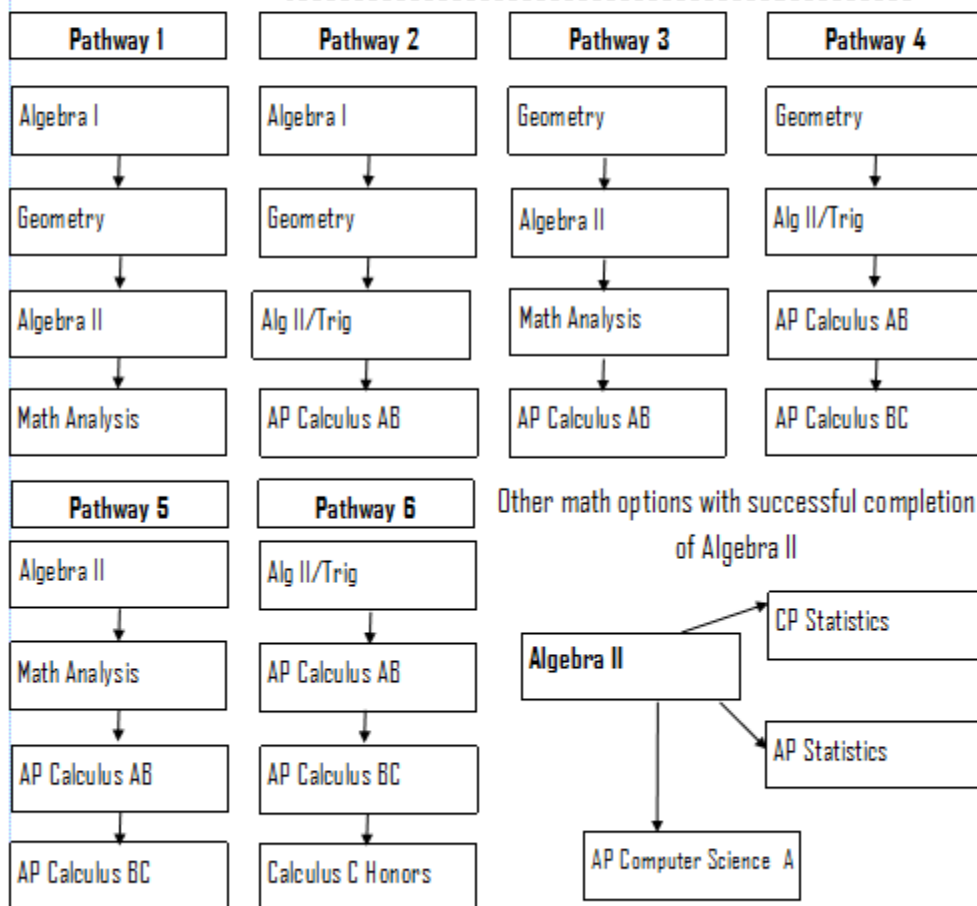
Math Flow Chart- Grades 9-12



Three years required for high school and 'a-g' required.
Four years recommended.

Prerequisites

- Geom: Passing grade 2nd sem. of Algebra I, 'C' or better
- Alg II: Passing grade 2nd sem. of Geometry, 'C' or better
- Alg II/Trig: Grade of 'A' or better in both sem. of Geometry + teacher recommendation
- Math Analysis: Grade of 'C' or better in Algebra II or teacher rec
- AP Cal AB: Grade of 'C' or better in either Alg II/Trig or Math Analysis + teacher recommendation
- AP Cal BC: Grade of 'C' or better in AP Cal AB + teacher recommendation
- Calculus C Honors: Grade of 'C' or better in AP Cal BC + teacher recommendation
- AP Statistics: Grade of 'B' or better in Alg II
- CP Statistics: Grade of 'C' or better in both sem. of Alg II or both sem. of Alg II/Trig
- AP Computer Science A: Successful completion of Alg II or approval from instructor in lieu of math requirement



Science Flow Chart

This flow chart is designed to guide students along common academic pathways. The paths shown are typical routes taken by students. Transferring between paths is possible from year to year based on student performance, teacher recommendation, and counselor re-

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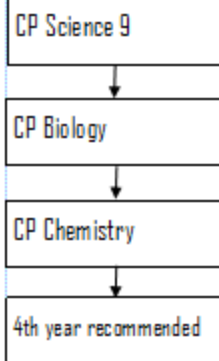
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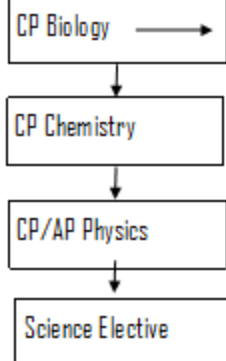
Prerequisites

CP Science 9: Passed Alg I with an "A" both semesters, yearlong Gate Science "B" both semesters, 800+ CST 6 LA/MATH
 CP Biology: Passing grade of Alg I, "C" both semesters; "C" or better in CP Sci 9; "B" or better in Gen. Sci 9
 CP Chemistry: Passing grade of Alg I "B" or better sem 2 or Geom with a "C" or better sem 2 & CP Bio w/ a "C" or better sem 2
 CP Physics: Passing grade of "C" or better in Alg II; grade of "B" or better recommended
 AP Physic C: Passing grade of "C" or better in Math & a concurrent enrollment in AP Cal AB recommended
 AP Environmental Science: Recommendation of completion of Bio & Chem. & grade of "C" or better sem 2 in Alg II & teacher recommendation
 AP Biology: Recommended completion of CP Bio; completion of CP Chem with a grade of "B" or better; "B" or better in CP Sci 9; or teacher recommendation
 AP Chemistry: Recommended completion of CP Chem; "C" or better in Alg II and/or teacher recommendation
 Anatomy & Physiology Honors: Grade of "C" or better in both CP Bio & CP Chem

Pathway 1

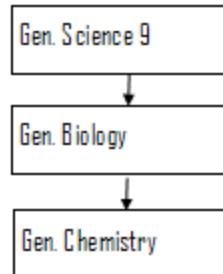


Pathway 2

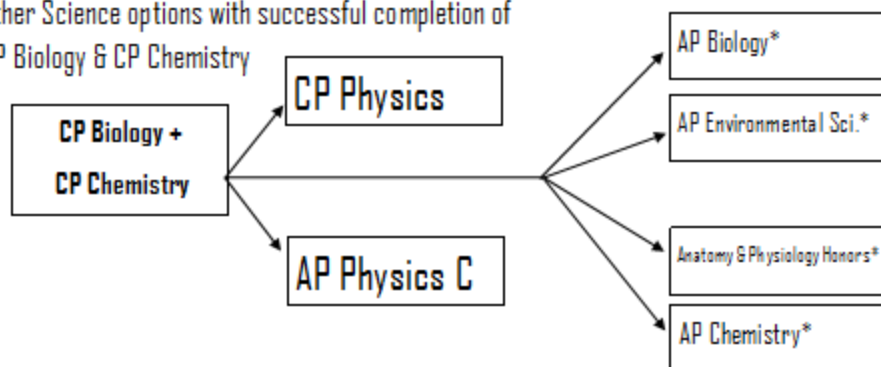


General Science courses will meet high school graduation requirements but will not meet the 'a-g' requirements.

Pathway 3



Other Science options with successful completion of CP Biology & CP Chemistry



* Course offered every other year

Thank You!

From the SSHS Counseling Department



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