
Sun Valley High School

10th Grade Classroom Guidance

***Making Your High School Experience a
Success***



School Counseling Staff:

- ❖ Mrs. Stadler
 - Students with Last Names A-Ca
- ❖ Mrs. Hawkins
 - Students with Last Names Ce-Go
- ❖ Ms. Jaquish (soon to be Cervini)
 - Students with Last Names Gr-L
- ❖ Mrs. Hill
 - Students with Last Names M-Ri
- ❖ Ms. Jackson
 - Students with Last Names Ro-Z
- ❖ Ms. Clark
 - Secretary/Registrar
- ❖ Mr. White
 - College Advisor



SCHOOL
COUNSELOR
I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU

The logo features the words "SCHOOL" and "COUNSELOR" in a large, bold, black, hand-drawn font. Each letter has a small colored dot (red, green, or yellow) next to it. Below these words, the phrase "I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU" is written in a smaller, black, hand-drawn font.

Meet the Counselors!



School Counselor



❖ Academic

Scheduling, course selection, study skills, graduation requirements

❖ Career

Career exploration, college & scholarship information, job search and interview skills, resume writing

❖ Personal/Social

Peer pressure, stress, time management, conflict resolution

Confidentiality

- ❖ Confidentiality is an ethical principle upheld by your school counselor, but as required by law, it cannot be maintained in the event that a student reports:
 - The desire to harm oneself
 - The desire to harm others
 - Someone is harming them



Graduation Requirements

- ❖ Earn 28 credits
- ❖ Earn passing scores on 4 EOC exams
 - Math I, Biology, English II, and Math III
- ❖ You must meet the course requirements for the Future Ready Core course of study.
- ❖ Successfully complete Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training



Graduation Requirements Cont. - Future Ready Track

- ❖ Check your transcript to make sure you are on track to graduate
 - English I, II, III, IV
 - Math I, II, III, and 4th Math course aligned with students post high school plans
 - Earth Science, Biology, and a Physical Science (Physical, Chemistry, Physics)
 - World History, Civics, American History I & II
 - Health & PE
 - If you plan to attend a 4 year college, you will need **at least 2 credits** of the same foreign language
 - This is a minimum requirement so at least 3 years of the same foreign language is recommended - Check your desired 4 year institution as 3 credits may be required
 - ❖ In addition to core classes, earn enough electives for **28 total credits**
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Calculating GPA (Grade Point Average)

- ❖ You receive quality points for each final grade you get in a class
- ❖ Honors and AP classes give you more quality points based on the grade you receive

Regular

A=4

B=3

C=2

D=1

Honors

A=4.5

B=3.5

C=2.5

D=1.5

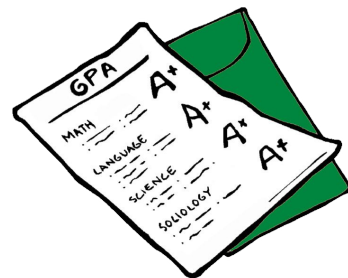
AP

A=5

B=4

C=3

D=2



For Example:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Quality Points</u>
Honors English III	A	4.5
Math III	B	3
Honors American History I	A	4.5
AP Biology	A	5

- ❖ Add up your quality points $\rightarrow 4.5 + 3 + 4.5 + 5 = 17$
 - ❖ Divide the total by 4 (number of classes) $\rightarrow 17/4 = \mathbf{4.25 \text{ GPA}}$
 - ❖ Your GPA is calculated at the end of each semester
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How Can I Begin Preparing for College Now?

- ❖ Get your GPA as high as possible
 - Take challenging classes, work hard in your classes, and earn high grades
 - Improve your class rank
- ❖ Get involved with Extracurricular Activities
 - Sports
 - Clubs
 - Volunteering
 - Part-time job or job shadowing
- ❖ Participate in a summer experience
- ❖ You *can begin* studying for the ACT and SAT



ACT/SAT Prep

- ❖ Studying for the SAT
 - Link your collegeboard account to Khan Academy and get a **FREE**, personalized study plan based on your PSAT scores
 - Use Khan Academy to take free practice SAT tests
- ❖ Studying for the ACT
 - ACT Test Prep booklet
 - Official ACT Prep Guide - costs money online but is covered by a fee waiver



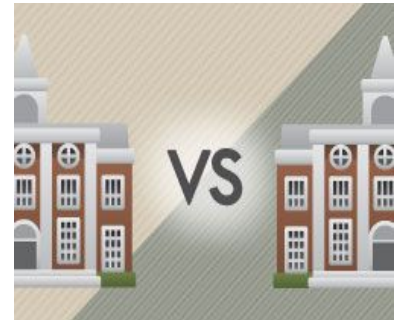
MAKE A PLAN: Get Involved through Extracurricular Activities

- ❖ Joining clubs at school (listed on the SVHS website)
 - Get to know students outside of your classes, make new friends, and be a part of a group with goals and a purpose
- ❖ Playing sports at school or in your community
 - Gain experience working with a team to reach goals and build self-confidence
- ❖ Having a part-time job (if it does not interfere with school work and grades) and job shadowing
 - Explore careers, gain experience, and build skills that will be useful in your future career
- ❖ Volunteering in your community
 - Teach you how to help other people and open your eyes to the needs of others



How to PLAN for your future: Research Colleges

- ❖ Use **SCOIR** to explore Colleges
 - You can use filter such as GPA/test scores, locations, fields of study, etc.
- ❖ Will need CFNC account for Residency account
- ❖ Visit college campuses- schedule a tour and information session. Many schools are doing virtual visits!
 - This is the best way to find out what type of college you are interested in attending
- ❖ Use BigFuture
 - Go to www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org to research schools
 - Filter through 4,000 colleges and universities to see which ones match what you are looking for
- ❖ Look for schools in your current academic profile
 - Check the average freshman profile of colleges you are interested in to make sure you are on track



A Brief Overview

- Request Transcripts
- Request Letters of Recommendation
- Scholarship Search



How to PLAN for your future: Research Community College Programs



- ❖ Local community colleges include South Piedmont Community College (**SPCC**) and Central Piedmont Community College (**CPCC**)
- ❖ Open admission
- ❖ 2 year college option that can lead to:
 - **Associates of Art or Science** → degree that is designed for transfer to a 4 year university
 - **Diploma or certificate in a specific program** → lead to entrance into the workforce
 - Early Childhood Education, Automotive Systems Technology, Welding Technology, and many more!



South Piedmont Community College- CCP program

43 CTE pathway options- fall into 12 areas:

- ❖ Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
 - ❖ Architecture and Construction
 - ❖ Business Mgmt & Administration
 - ❖ Health Science
 - ❖ Hospitality & Tourism
 - ❖ Human Services
 - ❖ Information Technology
 - ❖ Law, Public Safety & Security
 - ❖ Manufacturing
 - ❖ Science, Engineering & Mathematics
 - ❖ Transportation & Distribution
 - ❖ Arts, Audio/Visual Technology & Communications
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There are also **College Transfer Pathways** you can complete.

These courses allow you to earn College Credit IN High School that will then transfer to UNC-system schools and some private colleges/universities.

* Junior/Senior year eligibility

*** A 2.8 unweighted GPA is required to enroll in any CCP course

Military

- Different military branches visit SVHS throughout the year
- **The ASVAB test is REQUIRED** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) for entrance into the military
- SVHS will offer the ASVAB test in **October (27th) & November (3rd)**
- ***ROTC scholarships are available!***
 - **<http://todaysmilitary.com/videos/earning-a-degree>**
 - Deadlines are usually from October to December, so plan early!



IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

- ❖ To be promoted to 11th grade → **need 13 credits including Eng. II**
 - ❖ You must score a level III, IV or V to meet the Exit Standard on the English II, Math I, Math III, and Biology EOC's .
 - ❖ Students will not receive credit for a class if they miss 7 or more days
 - Will be required to do attendance recovery.
 - ❖ Students must pass 3 out of 4 classes to be eligible to take Drivers Education
 - ❖ Students must pass 3 out of 4 classes and be in attendance at least 85% from the previous semester to be eligible to play sports
 - ❖ Students can earn college credits in high school through College and Career Promise Program at SPCC (typically as a junior and /or senior).
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Resources

- ❖ SVHS School Counseling Center
- ❖ College Advisor: Mr. White
- ❖ SVHS School Counseling webpage on the SVHS website
 - Under “for students”
- ❖ SCOIR
- ❖ Counseling Canvas Page



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One Final Thing...

<http://bit.ly/10thPOST>



The Sun Valley Counseling Center would like to welcome all students to a new school year. We are here to help you make wise decisions and to remove any obstacles that may hinder your success in school. We would like to see this be your best school year yet!
