

# Scheduling 2022-2023

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# Summary of Minimum Requirements

- English- 4 Credits
- Social Studies- 4 Credits(Must include Civics, Western Civ. & U.S. History)

\*Students who attend Steel Center will only need 3 Social Studies credits to graduate.

- Mathematics- 3 Credits(Must include an Algebra & a Geometry Course)
- Science- 3 Credits(Must include Biology)
- Health and PE-1 Credit (PE) .25 Health
- Computer Application/w personal finance- .5
- College and Career- .5
- Electives- Students select additional credits from any content area in the curriculum to complete minimum requirements of 25.25 credits for graduation.

# **Requirements for Graduation**

- All students must have successfully completed a total of 25 credits in grade 9, 10, 11, and 12 in order to become eligible for a diploma.
- 9th Grade- At least 6 credits
- 10th Grade- At least 12 credits
- 11th Grade- At least 18 credits

\*A student needs to have earned at least 6 credits to attend Steel Center.

# **Keystone Pathways to Graduation**

Pathway 1: Keystone Proficiency- Proficient or Advanced on each exam

Pathway 2: Composite Score Pathway- (Goal 4452) and at least one score is proficient or advanced and no score is below basic

Pathway 3: Grade requirements for Keystone content areas AND one of the following...

- PSAT Composite(Goal 970)
- SAT Composite(Goal 1010)
- ASVAB(Goal 31)
- 4 year college acceptance

# **Keystone Pathways**

Pathway 4: Evidenced Based

Pathway 5: CTE

• If you are in danger of not completing a Pathway for graduation you will be meeting your counselor to discuss a plan.



- For student athletes who may be eligible for Division 1 or Division 2 colleges.
- All CP, Honors, and AP courses are NCAA approved.
- Please see your counselor with any questions.



# **Scheduling Process-**

- You will make your course requests on line with your parents.
- Discuss electives and a four year plan.
- Review the Program of Studies with your parents.
- Complete the paper copy course request sheet to use as a reference for online course requests.
- When you request online you will only be able to choose courses that you have met the prerequisite requirements.
- Choose your electives based on your areas of interest.
- Please be sure to arrange your electives in order of preference on your sheet from 1-10, in case your first few choices are not available or do not fit into your schedule.

### **Course Levels**

<u>General</u>-Courses which are remedial in nature and designed for reinforcement of the basic skills. These courses provide for a slower paced learning environment. These courses are not approved by the NCAA and should not be taken by any students considering playing athletics at the college level.

\*For students that need more of a foundation, more remediation involved in general courses.

<u>College Prep</u>-Courses which are for the average to above average student. A command of the basic skills is necessary along with interest to do self-initiated work. This level is appropriate for students planning to pursue a post-secondary education.

\*Most of our students take college prep classes that will prepare them for collegiate levels courses.

<u>*Honors*</u>- Courses designed for high ability and honors/gifted students. Students need to be highly motivated, actively creative and willing to assume much responsibility.

\*Faster pace courses with more rigor, more outside independent work and reading for the class is required prior to taking these courses

### Prerequisites/Semesters

A prerequisite is a requirement that each student needs to meet prior to taking a course. (If there is a prerequisite for a course it will be listed in the course description)

- When you make your scheduling requests online you will only be given the option to choose courses where the prerequisites are met.
- No Waivers.

### **Program of Studies**

. This is a comprehensive listing and description for all South Park High School's available courses and graduation requirements.

It can be accessed from www.sparksd.org

Click on schools

South Park High School

Select Scheduling Tab

Click on Schools

The Program of Studies can be found at www.sparksd.org, Click on schools, South Park High School, Select Academics, Select Scheduling Tab

### **Core Courses**

- English, Math, Social Studies, and Science-Your teacher are recommending your course level based on your semester grade and in some courses teacher recommendation.
- Keep a strong schedule for your senior year. Take four years of math and science.
- Seven credits are required

#### **Electives:**

Please arrange your electives in order or preference from 1 - 10, in case your first few choices are not available or do not fit into your schedule. If you are attending Steel Center you will choose your electives as alternates.

#### \*Prerequisite required for some elective courses.

- You must complete Foundations of Art Before you can take Drawing and Painting and/or Pottery.
- You must have at least 70% and teacher recommendation for Spanish and German II.



### **Scheduling Information**

- If you are currently failing a course you will be scheduled into that course again until it is recovered in summer school.
- Summer school is an option to regain up to two courses.
- Grades for repeated courses are placed on the transcript. They do not replace the original grade on the Transcript.

# Early Release from School

Students in their senior year will have the opportunity to apply for early release from attending a full day of school at SPHS for two purposes, Employment or Dual Enrollment. The early release program will only be used for students making adequate progress toward graduation requirements and whose class schedule permits that early dismissal. Students will be released from SPHS on a daily basis, upon administrative, parental and employer approval

\*Adequate progress is defined as having earned 20 credit, passing all classes needed for graduation, proficient on all Keystone Exams, and a disciplinary record that does not contain suspensions.

# **Dual Enrollment**

- Student is enrolled in at least one class through the dual enrollment.
- Dual Enrollment Application and Proof of Class Registration must be kept on file.
- Due to the fact that the college classes are based on semesters, each college level class taken grants release time for 1 semester. Therefore, a student must take 2 or more college classes during their senior year to have release time for their entire senior year.
- The college level classes may not replace the high school core classes on Math, English, and Science. The college classes replace electives.
- The college classes do not reflect on the high school transcript.

### Work Release

- Student is employed 15 or more hours a week at an administratively approved place of employment.
- Student files a copy of his/her work schedule in the office on a weekly basis.
- Students will also need to provide pay stubs on a monthly basis.

# Scheduling Adjustments



- After the online scheduling form is complete and verified by parents, the counselors will meet individually with each student to review their credit attainment and scheduling requests.
- Once the master schedule is created, based on student requests, <u>No Schedule Changes</u> will be permitted after the designed drop / add period. This period will run for the <u>First Two Weeks</u> of the school year.

During the first two weeks of school, changes may be made on the following valid reasons:

- 1. Scheduling error (Missing period, no lunch)
- 2. Missing Class Needed for Graduation
- 3. College/Career Plans Change
- 4. Summer School Completed

### Plan a Diverse Summer

- Participate in a specialized high school program
- Take a college class-Dual Enrollment
- Find a summer program at a local school or community college
- Get involved with research
- Create your own project-form a band, teach yourself to program, submit your drawings or create writing
- Take a few free online courses-edx and Coursera
- Get a job
- Be an entrepreneur
- Volunteer in your community
- Apply for internships

### Questions

Please reach out to us with any questions.

Email to set up an appointment.

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