

SRHS * Freshman Articulation – Support Document * 3/2021

Directions for choosing courses:

Please be sure to complete the on-line course requests
AND complete the Elective Choice Google Form

- **Make informed decisions in choosing classes:** talk to your current teachers and see what they advise. Read the Course Descriptions found on the counseling website (srhscounseling.com) under Academics.
- **You should not ask your teachers for written recommendations.** Counselors will receive recommendations directly from the teachers.
- Go to the 8th Grade Student Information page found on the Counseling Website in the Home dropdown menu. **View the Articulation Card** located next to this Support Document under the Freshman Articulation video. Use the Articulation Card as a guide in selecting your classes. Notice that the classes are listed in order of the UC A-G requirements. It is important to be aware of each of the categories.
- **Remember that grades, teacher recommendations and end-of-course exam scores (if available) are used for placement.**
- Please be aware that **in order to remain in any advanced level courses at SRHS, you must earn a minimum of a B grade** to continue in the advanced subject.
- **READ THE PREREQUISITES** in the Course Descriptions! If you do not meet them, you will be removed from the course.
- All Freshman take PE. You may select Physical Education, PE/Dance, or AFJROTC. Once you make an **athletic team or cheer**, counselors will put you in Athletics. If you would like to take **Marching Band/Drill Team** as your PE class, you should indicate that on your Elective Choice Google Form and leave the PE section blank.
- Go to your **Student Portal on PowerSchool and choose Class Registration** found on the left side of the page. Follow directions and select your courses. Hit SUBMIT when done.
- **Complete the required Elective Choice Google Form**, link found on the 8th grade page. You should indicate 4-6 courses as back-up options in addition to what you selected on your Class Registration. If you do not do this form and do not get into your first choices courses, counselors will have to select your elective classes for you.

It is important that YOU understand...

- The importance of your 8th grade year.
- If you are lacking in any area, you need to see your teachers and develop an action-plan now!
- Athletic and extra-curricular participation requires a minimum GPA of 2.0 in both academics and citizenship
- Planner use is critical to student success. You should have no missing assignments!
- Grades and end-of-course exams (if available) are used for class placement.

Course Selection

- **Area A- History/Social Sciences** There is no history for grade 9. History will be taken in grades 10–12.
- **Area B – English**
 - If you are in 8th grade English, you go to English 1-2. Students in English with an A grade and teacher recommendation may go to English Cluster 1-2.
 - English Cluster 8 with grade A or B goes to English Cluster 1-2, same for Seminar. C grade in English Cluster or Seminar goes to English 1-2.
- **Area C - Math** **We honor the District's Math Performance Expectations and the recommendations for placement based on end of the year grade and End of Year Course Exam.*
 - CC Math 8 goes to Integrated Math I. Placement test will determine if advanced. Students with a B or higher in AIM I may select AIM II at this time. Final placement will be determined at the end of the year.
- **Area D – Science** Everyone will take Science in 9th grade.
 - Physics will be taken for all students who are in Common Core Math 8. Students who test into AIM I freshman year (concurrent enrollment) may elect to take Advanced Physics if they earned an A in Science.
 - If you are currently in Advanced Integrated Math I with a B or above, and an A in Science you have the option to take Advanced Physics.
- **Area E – Language Other Than English (LOTE)**
 - A minimum of 2 years of the same language are required for graduation.
 - You need to decide if it is best to start this year.
 - Please note, SRHS currently only offers ASL 1-2 and 3-4.
 - Please choose two languages (1st choice, 2nd choice) if requesting a first year LOTE class.
- **PE – Required for all Freshmen** PE, PE Dance, Marching Band or AFJROTC. Marching Band must be taken in conjunction with an instrumental music class. Athletics and Cheer are only for those who are selected. Coaches will inform your counselor if a schedule change is needed. Information will be available about try-outs.

Areas F, G and Other Electives

****Select at least 6 courses across areas F, G and Other Electives. Indicate them in order of preference 1-6 on the Elective Choice Google Form. Select classes based on your interest areas.**

- **Area F – VAPA.** Must complete 1 year of a VAPA course in grades 9-12
- **Area G – College Prep Elective.** Students usually fulfill this requirement as upperclassman. Math higher than Integrated Math III, 3rd year of Language Other than English and courses on the card under area G are all examples of a G College Prep Elective. Only one year is required.

Keep in mind your overall time commitments (sports, family responsibilities, work, community service, rigor of classes etc.) when choosing your classes for next year.

Remember... NO CHANGES after Kick-off

There is no guarantee that classes will be open at Kick-off, so choose wisely the first time!

➤ **If you do not qualify for a class because of grades at this time:**

- ✓ You must select the class you qualify for now
- ✓ You may request an academic change the beginning of June with qualifying grades
- ✓ If space is available, a change will be granted

***SHARE all Articulation materials with your parent/guardian**