

***SPHS 9TH AND
10TH GRADE
NIGHT***



Welcome

We will review:

- **How to AccessYou Science results**
- **Graduation Requirements**
- **Dual Enrollment**
- **Work Based Learning Opportunities**
- **Information about Honors and AP courses**
- **SAT/ACT/PSAT/ASVAB**
- **Pathways-Advanced Academic, CTAE, Fine Arts, World Language**
- **Post Secondary Plans**

SPHS Counseling program

- Supports all students in three life areas:
 - Academics
 - College and Career
 - Personal/Social Emotional

BRIDGE Bill - High School

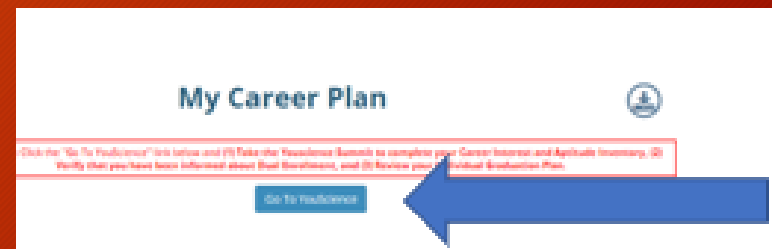
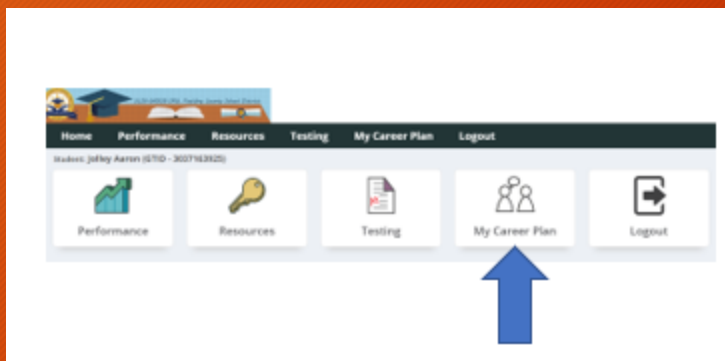
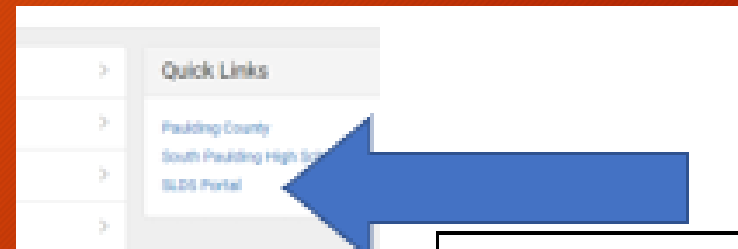
The following BRIDGE Bill advisement tasks are required to be completed during high school on the student's Infinite Campus accounts:

9th and 10th Grade:

- Explore Dual Enrollment options
- Complete the YouScience Career Inventory which is an excellent tool in identifying the student's natural strengths, personality and careers related to these.
- YouScience results are accessed through Infinite Campus (SLDS)



Getting to your students You Science Results in Infinite Campus



Diploma Requirements

Every year we review

- 4 Units of English
- 4 Units of Science
- 4 Units of Mathematics
- 3 Units of Social Studies
- 3 Units of Career/Technology and/or World Language and/or Fine Arts
- 1 Unit of Health & Physical Education/3 Credits of JROTC
- 4 Units of Electives (minimum)

A total of 23 Units

Note: **World Language** is not required for Graduation **BUT** it is required for acceptance into most 4-year College or University.

Math Requirements (Now have New Names)

- ▶ **9th Grade: Algebra I = Algebra Concepts and Connections**
- ▶ **10th Grade: Geometry = Geometry Concepts and Connections**
- ▶ **11th Grade: Algebra II = Advanced Algebra Concepts and Connections**
- ▶ **12 Grade: Pre-Calculus/AMDM/Stat Reasoning**
Or AP Calculus AB or AP Statistics, Dual Enrollment Math may also be considered

Some students may have taken Honors Algebra I in 8th grade. All students are **strongly** advised to take Mathematics during the last year of high school, even if the student has met the 4 credits requirement at the close of 11th grade.

English\Language Arts Requirements

- 4 TOTAL units of English\Language Arts

The 4 units must include:

- * 1 unit of 9th grade Literature and Composition
- * 1 unit of American Literature and Composition
- * 2 additional units in English\Language Arts

- **Honors and AP level courses are available

- The Honors/AP track is 9th Lit Honors, World Lit. Honors, American Lit Honors or AP Language, & AP Literature (Dual Enrollment off campus)

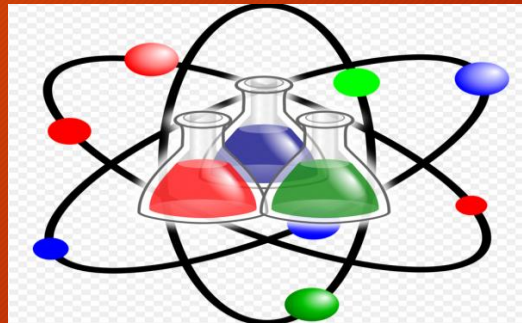
- Some students earned 9th Lit in 9th grade, but all students are **strongly** advised to take English during the last year of high school, even if the student has met the 4 credits requirement at the close of 11th grade.

Science Requirements

4 Total Units of Science Required

- 1 unit of Biology
- 1 unit of Environmental, Chemistry or Earth Systems
- 1 unit of Physical Science OR Physics
- 1 unit of a 4th Science (Anatomy, Forensic Science, Earth Systems, Zoology)

Honors and AP Level Courses are available on campus.
Dual Enrollment Science courses are available off campus.



Career Pathways

- ▶ Career Pathways are part of a state supported curriculum that encourages and supports students and families in their educational and career planning through long-term goals, knowledge, experience and resources.
- ▶ Students earn three (3) units of credit in a sequence of CTAE courses in a Pathway. These self-selected Pathways can lead to college readiness and a career readiness certificate.
- ▶ There is a Career Pathway Assessment given at the end of the three (3) sequential Career Pathway courses
- ▶ Students may use their required Electives courses to complete more than one Pathway during their high school career.

CTAE Options at SPHS

- Army JROTC
- Audio-Video, Technology & Film
- Business & Technology
- Carpentry
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Engineering & Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Law Enforcement Services: Criminal Investigations
- Marketing & Management
- Patient Care (Nursing)
- Teaching as a Profession

Paulding College and Career Academy CTAE options

- Certified Medical Assisting (CMA)
- Certified Nursing Aide (CNA)
- Cybersecurity
- Energy & Power (Lineman Program)
- Mechatronics (Robotics/Circuitry)
- Patient Care

Elective Courses

- Students request their top-4 elective choices for next year.
- Students cannot request specific teachers, blocks, or lunches in which to take courses.
- **Spanish and French is an academic elective.** A World Language is not required for graduation, however most 4-year colleges require a minimum of 2 credits of the same language.

Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement

With the new law passed by the legislature in February 2020, 11th and 12th grade students may apply to take Dual Enrollment classes. There is limited availability and numerous restrictions 10th grade to participate.

Students must meet admissions requirements of the college, university or technical college and be on track to graduate from high school. It is the student's responsibility to complete the application process in a timely matter (including the GaFutures Funding requirement).

It is recommended that parents and students research this process to make sure DE is the best path. DE students become students of the college and the high school has no access to grades, assignments or absences.

DUAL ENROLLMENT OR AP??

Should your student take Dual Enrollment or Advanced Placement classes? The answer is YES!

Advanced Placement class advantage is courses can be taken as early as the 9th grade year. Make no mistake - these are rigorous courses in which your student can possibly earn college credit depending on how they do on the national AP Exam.

Important Tests for 10th grades

- All 10th Graders take the PSAT, (Preliminary SAT). PSAT is an assessment that can be used to determine areas of strengths and weaknesses.

This assessment has many uses:

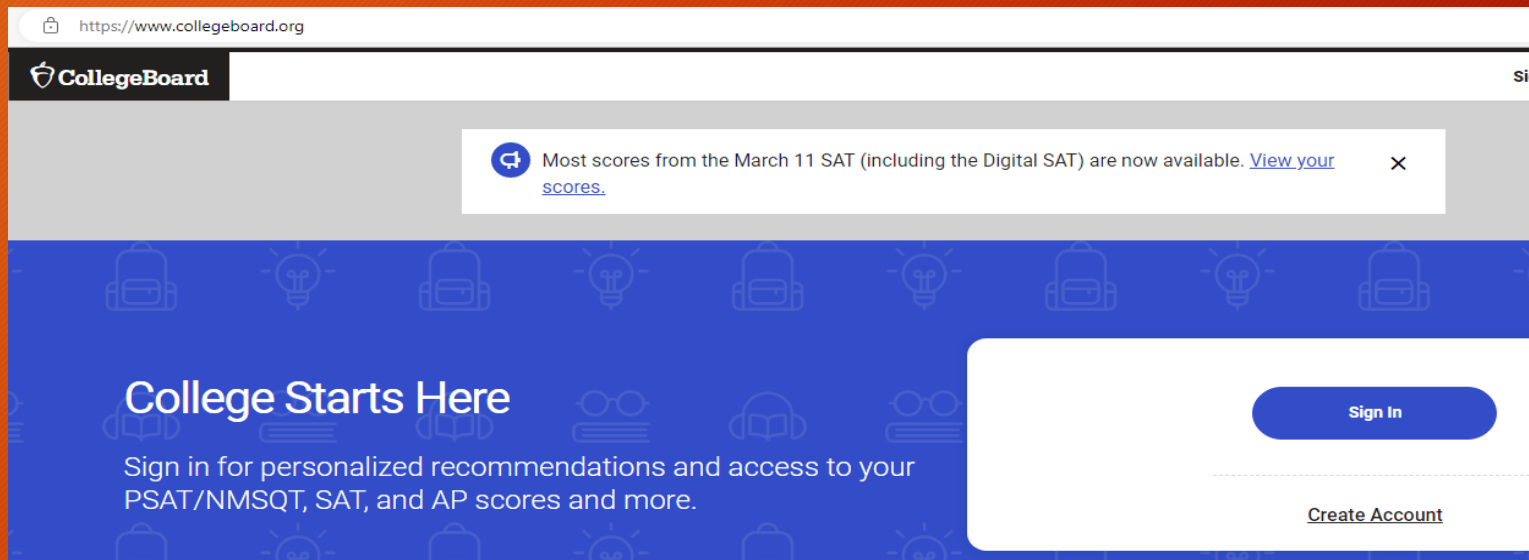
- Can predict readiness for Advanced Placement courses, as well as being used in looking at college readiness & even for applications for Dual Enrollment with some colleges.
- Juniors that take the PSAT can be in the running for the National Merit Scholarship. This is a national program for top scoring testers.

College Entrance Exams SAT/ACT

- Check each college website for the latest update on their testing requirements
- South Paulding High School code: 111-115
- ACT/SAT registration is not done at SPHS
 - ACT www.act.org
 - SAT www.collegeboard.org
- Technical Colleges and some traditional colleges accept the Accuplacer
 - Accuplacer www.accuplacer.org
- Junior year is typically when a student takes the first test

How do I see my PSAT score?

- Each student needs to go to **collegeboard.org** and create an account
- Login and your PSAT scores can be seen
- You can also connect the test to Khan Academy for personalized test practice.



The screenshot shows the CollegeBoard website interface. At the top, the URL is <https://www.collegeboard.org>. The CollegeBoard logo is visible in the top left. A notification banner states: "Most scores from the March 11 SAT (including the Digital SAT) are now available. [View your scores.](#)" Below this, the main content area has a blue background with a pattern of icons. The text "College Starts Here" is prominently displayed, followed by the message: "Sign in for personalized recommendations and access to your PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, and AP scores and more." On the right side, there is a white box containing a blue "Sign In" button and a "Create Account" link.

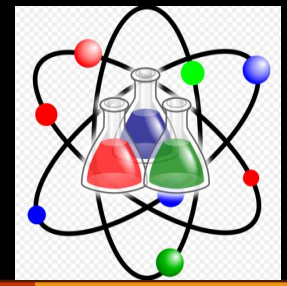
Fee Waivers for SAT/ACT

- To check requirements for a waiver, visit collegeboard.org or ACT.org
- Sophomores are not eligible for a waiver
- SPHS is given a limited number of waivers. They are issued on a first come first serve basis to students that qualify during their Junior and Senior year

Other Tests You May Need

- ▶ CHECK THE COLLEGE WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE TESTING REQUIREMENTS
- ▶ ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)- Aptitude exam required for entrance into the military that determines your eligibility for military jobs. Students may start taking this in their 10th grade year. Remember that the military takes the LAST score when the test was taken, NOT the best score overall.

HOPE Scholarship



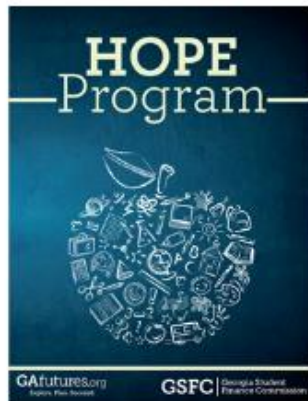
- ▶ HOPE scholarship is determined by the calculation of all academic core and academic elective courses that the student has taken and completed (grades 9-12).
- ▶ No high school classes taken in middle school are used in the calculation.
- ▶ Both passing and failing grades in the core courses are part of the overall GPA calculation.
- ▶ For current GPA and other requirements go to GAFutures.org

**NOW, NOT LATER, IS THE TIME TO FOCUS ON ACADEMIC GPA!
IT'S HARD TO BRING UP A GPA...EASY TO BRING IT DOWN.**

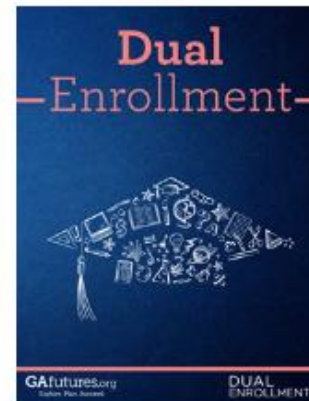
GAFutures.org

- To check your current HOPE Scholarship progress, create an account on GAFutures.org
- Spend time on the site learning about how you qualify for the HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant and other ways to pay for college.
- The site covers how to search for careers, colleges request transcript, and much more!

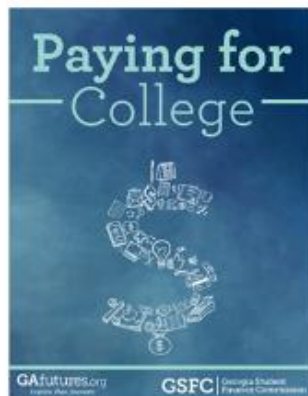
Resources on GAFutures.org



HOPE Program Brochure



Dual Enrollment Brochure



Paying for College Brochure



FAFSA Checklists Brochure

Work Base Learning (11th and 12th Grade Only)

WORK-BASED LEARNING 2024-2025

Earn While You Learn



- Do you want to leave school 1 or 2 blocks early?
- Do you want to earn money & high school credit at the same time?
- Do you want to gain valuable work experience while still in high school?

WORK-BASED LEARNING IS FOR YOU!

To complete an application – scan QR code below.

Questions? See Mrs. Moody in Room 631.

**Limited spots available.
Don't be left out!
Apply today!**



Junior/Senior Year Regular Decision or Early Action College Applications

Considering early actions for college applications?

- **Common App** opens on **August 1st** (Commonapp.org) typically closes in October for early action at some colleges
- **Early Action:** Junior year would be the last grades on transcript, ACT/SAT testing complete
- **Early Action:** Junior year would be the last year for community service, finding your passion for helping others, participating in extracurricular activities, or summer enrichment programs
- **Early Action:** Competing for college scholarships at the college, need to apply in the fall

College Summer Enrichment

- Consider summer programs at a colleges you are interested in possibly applying for
- Great way to experience the campus and explore college majors
- Colleges with amazing summer programs: UGA, Georgia Tech, Auburn, University of Alabama, Naval Academy ect.
- Summer programs range from STEM to Fine Arts
- If you want to be an engineer? Examples: Georgia Tech, Auburn, and Boy Scouts of America (STEM Academy at Georgia Tech)

It's never too early...

Spend time on the SPHS Counselor's website:

Counselingsphs.weebly.com

Thank you for coming out!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's counselor.

- A-Bal, T-Z Mrs. Ayanna Clarke-Daniel
- Ban-D Mrs. Christie Hightower
- E-H Ms. Kirstie Mosier
- I-N Mrs. Shannon Allister
- O-S Mrs. Michelyn Russell