

SOUTH POINTE HIGH SCHOOL 9TH GRADE PRE-IGP MEETING

**School Counseling Department
November 2023**



IGP MEETING AGENDA

In your IGP meeting we will discuss:

- ☐ Overview of Grades/Academic Progress & Attendance
- ☐ Post-Secondary Plans & Next Steps
- ☐ Course Requests for 2024-2025

When choosing courses consider...

- ✓ Graduation/College Admissions Requirements
- ✓ Promotion Requirements
- ✓ Academic Performance
- ✓ Post-Secondary Plans
- ✓ Career Goals
- ✓ Personal Goals



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS

PSAT – All 10th grade students take PSAT each year in October. This is a great opportunity for students to get practice. 11th grade students can sign up to take the

ACT/SAT – We recommend college bound students begin taking ACT/SAT in the junior year. It is recommended that students have taken or be taking Algebra 2. Most colleges will accept either test. Students can take both tests to determine which is a better fit. **It is ideal for students to test 2-3 times prior to the senior year.**

Accuplacer - Students who plan to attend a technical college may choose to take Accuplacer which is a placement test. Scores are used to determine proper course placement. ***Note – Some technical college programs require SAT/ACT scores for admission.***

COLLEGE PLANNING

It's important to begin preparing early for college admissions. Click the link below to view tips from the College Board on how to begin your preparation.

[College Planning: 9th/10th Grade](#)

MILITARY EXPLORATION

Are you interested in the military??

- Military service can be full-time or part-time... You can also consider attending college and military service.
- Begin talking to military recruiters about their branch of the military and entrance requirements.
- Take ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)... This test is offered at South Pointe in the fall each year to all 11th graders and 12th graders who sign up.
- Use the link below to research the various military branches and to learn more about military service.

www.todaysmilitary.com

These are requests, NOT a schedule.

Please note that the courses you are selecting at this time are just requests. Actual student schedules will not be created until summer and are typically released to students in late July/early August.

Courses may not be able to be scheduled if overall requests are low, a teacher is not available to teach the class, or there is a conflict with other courses you have requested.



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Rising 10th and 11th grade students should select 8 units of courses to include an English, math, science, and social studies class and electives.
- **Students must have prior approval before taking any virtual, dual credit or dual enrollment courses.** Only a select list of college dual enrollment courses are approved by Rock Hill Schools to receive dual credit (high school & college credit). Work with your counselor to discuss options and the process for doing so.
- Student schedules are created for the entire school year in the summer prior to the start of the school year. Students should choose their course requests carefully; **once schedules are set changes are very limited and based on a strict set of guidelines.**
- Counselors may assign classes for students who do not complete the course selection process.

SC COMPUTER LITERACY REQUIREMENT

The following courses will meet the graduation computer literacy requirement.
Please reference the [2023-2024 RHS Course Catalog](#) to verify.

- Discovering Computer Science
- Fundamentals of Computing
- Fundamentals of Web Page Design
- Advanced Web Page Design
- Intro to Computer Programming
- Intermediate Computer Programming
- Foundations of Animation
- Game Design & Development
- Business Data Applications
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- PLTW Computer Science Essentials
- PLTW Computer Science Principles
- PLTW Computer Science Applications
- PLTW Principles of Engineering
- PLTW Cybersecurity Honors

CAREER CLUSTERS/MAJORS OF STUDY

Rock Hill Schools offers a variety of courses aligned to majors of study. Students can choose to focus in on a particular career area by choosing course options within a major.

Reference pages 21-45 in the [2023-2024 RHS Course Catalog](#).

STEAM PATHWAYS

South Pointe offers several STEAM pathways for students to engage in focused coursework. Students may choose to complete all coursework in pathway, but do not have to do so. Click on the link below for more information on these pathways.

- ☐ Biomedical Science
- ☐ Clean Energy
- ☐ Computer Science
- ☐ Engineering

[SPHS STEAM Pathways & Course Descriptions](#)

AP, IB, DUAL CREDIT, ACCELERATE

- South Pointe offers **Advanced Placement (AP)**, **International Baccalaureate (IB)**, and **Dual Credit** courses. Review the RHS Course Catalog (pages 52-59) to learn more about these programs and course options. [2023-2024 RHS Course Catalog](#)
 - You may also visit the [Advanced Studies Website](#) for more information.
- The **SC Governor's School for Science & Mathematics Accelerate Program** is also available at South Pointe. This is a virtual program for 10th-12th grade students who demonstrate an exceptional ability in science and mathematics and have a strong interest in the engineering field. Students must apply for admission to this program through the Governor's School in 9th grade. The application opens in October each year. [GSSM Accelerate Program](#)

As you select your course requests....

Review the course selection documents on the [SPHS Guidance Website](#).

Come to your IGP meeting prepared with your tentative list of course requests. You can use the link below to print the form or as a template and make a note of your selections.

[SPHS Course Selection Form](#)

QUESTIONS?

You will have an opportunity to ask questions during your IGP meeting, but feel free to reach anytime.

Dr. C– scocchiaro@rhmail.org

