

SCHEDULING NEWS

WINTER 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's difficult to believe that the 2019-2020 academic year is half over and it's time to plan for next year. Because the selection of appropriate courses is extremely important to your child's academic success, the counseling staff and administration want to ensure that you, the parents/guardians, are involved in these decisions. For this reason, we are sending you a brief outline of the scheduling process. Course guides are available online and can be accessed at www.sycsd.org. Scheduling will take place during the months of February – April (**All signed schedules are due to the student's homeroom teacher no later than Thursday, April 6, 2020.**)

We ask that you:

- **review this letter and timeline,**
- **discuss your child's course choices for next year, and**
- **promptly sign the proposed schedule when it comes home to you between April 2 – April 6. (STUDENTS WHO DO NOT RETURN SCHEDULES WILL HAVE A SCHEDULE MADE FOR THEM.)**
- **Make sure your child has scheduled 7 credits (Class of '21 needs a minimum of 6; with the exception of students enrolled in any one of the following: Diversified Occupations, Y.E.S., or Online Senior Courses)**

We appreciate your input and look forward to another educationally rewarding year. Should you have questions or wish to discuss any aspect of scheduling with us, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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COURSE REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021

1. Online Course selection needs to be completed by 3:00 pm on Friday, March 6, 2020. Graduation requirements and recommended course of study are addressed on pages **5 through 9** of the Online Course Guide.
2. Students are expected to select alternate courses. These courses will be used in the event of over or under subscribed courses or a scheduling conflict between two courses.
3. Check to make sure the total number of credits for sophomores and juniors is 7 credits. ***Senior credit totals must be at least 4 if the student is electing Work Experience, Y.E.S., or online courses.*** Seniors not electing Work Experience, Y.E.S., or online courses **must** schedule at least 6 credits.
4. All students will be scheduled for a lunch.
5. Between February 21 and February 25 teachers will discuss course selections with students in class. Students must have a teacher recommendation for English, math, social studies, science, and advanced level courses, as well as, world languages.
6. Teacher recommendations will pre-populate in the student's online course form. Students will select remaining elective credits. After all individual student meetings with the counselors are completed paper copies of the course selection form will be sent home for a parent/guardian signature. A parent/guardian signature indicates that the parent/guardian is approving the selected courses.
7. Signed schedules are to be returned to the homeroom teacher. **ALL FORMS ARE DUE TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE ON April 6, 2020.**
8. **A course requiring a teacher recommendation will only be scheduled if a recommendation is given or a Course Waiver Form is signed by a parent/guardian.**

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS, CHANGES OR DELETIONS IN THE 2020-2021 COURSE OFFERINGS:

Courses Not Being Offered

Biotechnology
United States History II

Courses Added

10th grade Social Studies Offerings:

- American History Through Sport (.5 credit)
- American History Through Media (.5 credit)
- Contemporary American History (.5 credit)
- United States Military History (.5 credit)