

# SCHEDULING NEWS

WINTER 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's difficult to believe that the 2022-2023 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 <https://www.sycsd.org/Page/878>. Scheduling will take place during the months of February and March (**All course request changes must be emailed to your student's school counselor no later than Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**)

**We ask that you:**

- **review this letter and timeline,**
- **discuss your student's course choices for next year, and**
- **promptly view the course requests in the Sapphire Community Portal between February 21<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
- **Make sure your student has scheduled 7 credits\* and at least 2 credits of alternate course selections**

**\* The Class of 2024 will need to select a minimum of 6 credits with at least 2 alternate course selections. Members of the Class of 2024 electing to enroll in Diversified Occupations & Work Experience, Career Practicum, or Government & Economics Online or English 12 Online are only required to select a minimum of 4 credits with at least 2 alternate course selections.**

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 2023-2024

1. Online Course selection needs to be completed by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Graduation requirements and recommended course of study are addressed on pages **5 through 10** of the Curriculum 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 to register for Diversified Occupations & Work Experience, Career Practicum, or Government & Economics Online or English 12 Online.*** Seniors not electing to register one of these options **must** schedule at least 6 credits.
4. All students will be scheduled for a lunch.
5. Between January 30<sup>th</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup>, teachers will discuss course selections with students. Students may receive 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. **Students and parents will have the ability to override teacher recommendations in the form, so it is imperative that parents work alongside their student(s) to select courses for the 2023-2024 academic year.** All students will be scheduled for an individualized meeting with their school counselor in March.
7. Students' course selections will be uploaded into their Sapphire Community Portal for student and parent/guardian review on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Parents/guardians should email their student's school counselor directly for any course selection changes by Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.**

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS OR CHANGES IN THE 2023-2024 COURSE OFFERINGS:

### Courses Not Being Offered

Contemporary Fashion I  
Contemporary Fashion II  
Technology Education  
Basic Design Concepts  
Pre-Architecture I  
Pre-Architecture II  
Your Employability Skills (Y.E.S.)  
Human Biology  
Keystone Algebra  
Power Technology I, II, III, IV

### Courses Added

AP Research  
Leadership I  
Career Practicum  
Energy, Power, & Transportation Technology

### Courses Changed

Pre-Engineering I → PLTW: Engineering Essentials  
Pre-Engineering II → PLTW: Principles of Engineering  
Foods I → Intro to Foods  
Foods II → Advanced Foods  
Child Care I → Pre-School Lab I  
Child Care II → Pre-School Lab II  
Child Care Senior Director I → Pre-School Lab: Senior Director  
Child Care Senior Director II → Education Internship