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# FRESHMAN SPRING PARENT MEETING

February 12, 2024



# Required Sophomore Classes



- English II or English II Honors
- Geometry or Geometry Honors
- Biology I or Biology I Honors
- Spanish I or Spanish I Honors
- Spanish II or Spanish II Honors
  - Program of Study course/s
  - 1 or 2 other electives

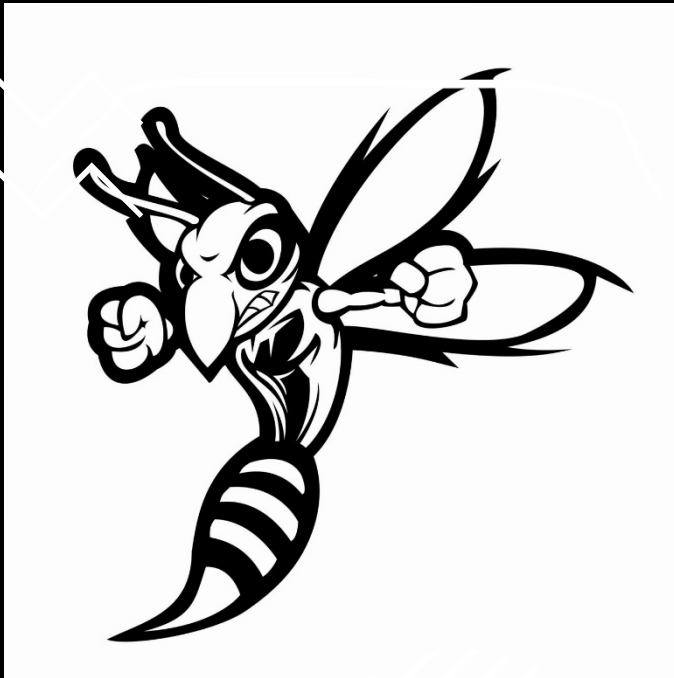
**\*\*Students who do not plan to attend a four-year university after graduation can complete a foreign language waiver. Instead of taking the foreign language classes, they would be replaced with their program of study courses on your course selection sheet.**



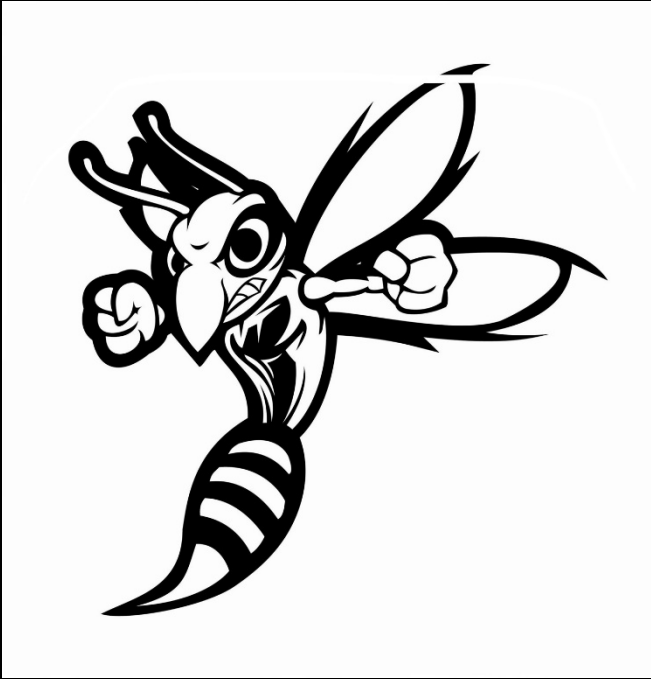
# Fine Arts Credit

The state of Tennessee requires all high school students to earn 1 credit in Fine Arts to graduate. We offer a variety of ways to earn this credit. They are listed on your course request sheet and include the following:

- Visual Art
- General Music
- Theatre
- Concert Band
- Marching Band
- Percussion
- Vocal Music.
- Landscaping and Turf Science

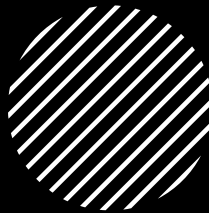


# New Fine Arts Opportunity



**This year we are pleased to be able to offer Landscaping and Turf Science as another way to earn the required Fine Arts credit.**

**Course Activities:** Students participating in the course will have the opportunity to gain experience in the daily tasks associated with maintaining various turfgrass fields on the campus of South Gibson County High School. These students will be trained on the proper safety procedures to operate the various pieces of equipment used in the daily operations. In addition, they will have the opportunity to operate these pieces of equipment once they have passed their safety certifications. This course will also incorporate the use of drone technology. Students will be given the opportunity to see how drones are used in the daily practices in the agriculture industry and learn to operate them as well.



**Two Industry Certifications can be earned in this course as well.**

- Commercial Applicators Certification – C03 Ornamental and Turf
- FAA Part 107 (Drone Technology)

# Example of Programs of Study & CTE Courses



- **AGRICULTURE: VETERINARY & ANIMAL SCIENCE – Program of Study**
  - Ag Science – CTE Course
  - Small Animal Science – CTE Course
  - Large Animal Science – CTE Course
  - Veterinary Science – CTE Course
- **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: CYBERSECURITY – Program of Study**
  - Computer Science Foundations – CTE Course
  - DE Cybersecurity I – CTE Course
  - DE Cybersecurity II – CTE Course
- **HEALTH SCIENCES: NURSING SERVICES – Program of Study**
  - Health Science Education – CTE Course
  - Anatomy & Physiology or Medical Therapeutics – CTE Course
  - Medical Therapeutics or Anatomy & Physiology – CTE Course
  - Clinical Internship – CTE Course

**\*\*It is very important that students take these courses in the order listed. For example, you cannot take DE Cybersecurity II without having already taken Computer Science Foundations.**



# Types of Diplomas



- **Regular Diploma** (meet the requirements set forth by the State of TN)
- **Honors Diploma** (meet all 4 benchmarks on ACT, English=18, Reading=22, Math=22, Science=23)
- **Hornet Scholar-** Students who meet a minimum of 1700 points (no rounding) using their ACT score and GPA will qualify for the Hornet Scholar Diploma. The ACT score is super scored. This is the highest recognition that you can receive at South Gibson County High School.

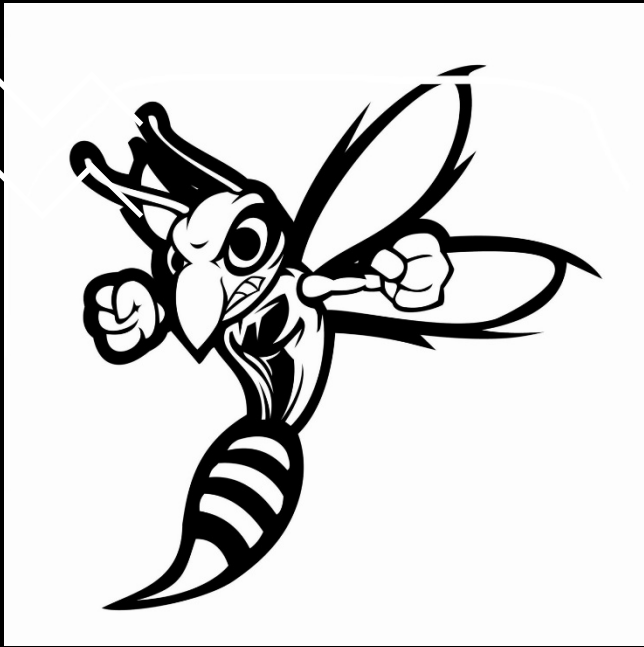
**Formula:**  $\text{GPA} \times 250(\text{max } 1000) + \text{ACT} \times 27.7777(\text{max } 1000)$

Ex:  $3.9 \times 250 + 28 \times 27.7777 = 1752.7756$  pts.

Ex:  $3.9 \times 250 + 25 \times 27.7777 = 1669.4425$  pts.



# Incentive for Taking Rigorous Coursework



- **Students can earn a maximum of 5.0 (versus 4.0 points) for the following courses:**
  - Any AP course
  - Any DE course
  - Any Statewide Dual Credit course
- **Students can earn a maximum of 4.5 (versus 4.0 points) for the following courses:**
  - Any Honors Course

# Incentive Continued



## Examples:

- **Algebra I Honors** = A, 4.5 points vs 4.0
- **Geometry Honors** = A, 4.5 points vs 4.0
- **Algebra II Honors** = B, 3.5 points vs 3.0
- **Pre-Calculus SDC** = B, 4.0 points vs 3.0
- **AP Calculus** = A 5.0 Points, B 4.0 points, C 3.0 points, D 2.0 points
- If you made an A in AP calculus, your math average will be 4.3 average. If you made a B, 4.1. On a 4.0 scale if you made an A, your average is a 3.6, B is a 3.4.





# How is My GPA Calculated?



- Your GPA is calculated 3 ways – on a 100-point scale, a 4.0 scale, and a 5.0 scale.

## Standard

A = 4.0

B = 3.0

C = 2.0

D = 1.0

## Honors

4.5

3.5

2.5

1.5

## AP/DE/SDC

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0



# SAMPLE TRANSCRIPT

<u>17-18 South Gibson County High School</u>				
English II Honors	10	95		1
Spanish I	10	99		1
Spanish II	10	97		1
Algebra II Honors	10	87		1
Biology I Honors	10	91		1
AP Psychology	10	96		1
Marching Band	10	100		1
Found Fashion Design	10	100		1
<u>18-19 South Gibson County High School</u>				
AP Lang & Comp	11		98	1
Chemistry Honors	11	91		1
US Gov't & Civics	11	98		0.5
AP US History	11		96	1
Marching Band	11	100		1
Sociology DE	11	100		1
ACT Prep	11	99		0.5
PreCalculus H Dual	11	87		1
Credit				
Music Appreciation DE	11	100		1

ACT (First)		ACT (Best)	
12/08/2018		ACT Highest Composite: 29.0 on 02/19/2019	
English	35.0	English:	33.0
Math	20.0	Math:	25.0
Reading	30.0	Reading:	35.0
Science	26.0	Science:	23.0
Composite	28.0		

ACT (Last)		ACT (Super)	
10/15/2019		31 from:	
English	29.0	English:	35.0 on 12/08/2018
Math	24.0	Math:	26.0 on 06/08/2019
Reading	36.0	Science:	26.0 on 06/08/2019
Science	23.0	Reading:	36.0 on 10/15/2019
Composite	28.0		

SDC Exam (Pre-Calculus)			
2017-18SY	0.0	Taken:	00/00/0000
2018-19SY	70.0	Taken:	05/21/2019

SDC Exam (Statistics)			
2017-18SY	0.0	Taken:	00/00/0000
2018-19SY	0.0	Taken:	00/00/0000

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**Hope Scholarship GPA (100 Point Scale)**

Cumulative GPA: 91.0769

**Hope Scholarship GPA (4.0 Point Scale)**

Cumulative GPA: 3.4423

**GPA Weighted Summary**

Cumulative GPA: 3.8077

**Completed Credit Hours:**

27.0

**Grading Scale prior to 2022-23SY:**

A = 93 - 100

B = 85 - 92

C = 75 - 84

D = 70 - 74

F = 69 - Below

P = Passing

I = Incomplete

**Grading Scale as of 2022-23SY:**

A = 90 - 100

B = 80 - 89

C = 70 - 79

D = 60 - 69

F = 59 - Below

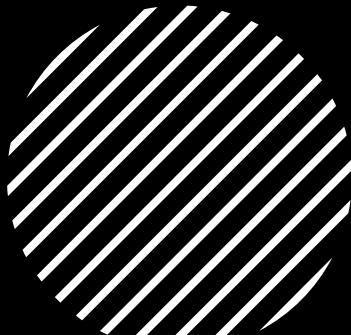
P = Passing

I = Incomplete

# AP and Dual Enrollment

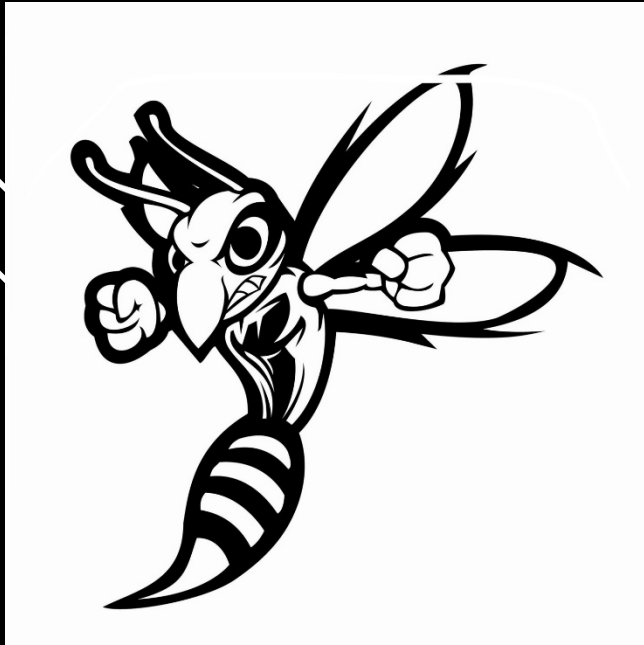


- **AP – Advanced Placement** courses are hard but worth it. We offer AP HG, AP Psychology, AP Lang & Comp, AP US History, AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Calculus. There is an exam at the end of the course. If you make a 3 or higher, most colleges will accept that course as college credit. If you make a 3 or higher, our district will reimburse you the cost of the exam. Students get +5 added to their course grade.
- **Dual Enrollment** – Can start these classes as a Junior. These are courses taken online through either UTM or Jackson State. You will get more information about this option next year when you're a Sophomore.



# Statewide and Local Dual Credit

- We offer **Statewide Dual Credit** in Pre-Calculus and Statistics. Students take the course here at SGC just like they do any other course and at the end of the course students take a challenge exam. If they pass the challenge exam, they get college credit at any public university in the State of TN. There is no cost for the course or the exam. Students receive +4 points to their grade.
- We offer **Local Dual Credit** in Wellness and Personal Finance. Students take the course here at SGC and at the end of the course there is a challenge exam. If the student passes the challenge exam, they get credit at JSCC. Students receive +4 points to their grade.



# Dual Enrollment – TCAT



- DE Welding I, II, and III\*
- DE Cybersecurity I and II
- DE Industrial Maintenance I, II, III, IV\*
- DE Hospitality & Tourism Mgmt\*

\*These courses take place at Gibson County High School in the mornings (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> blocks). Students will ride the bus from SGC to GC for this and return for their SGC afternoon classes.



# AP Access for All (APAA) Course Information

- ☐ Online AP courses taught by TN licensed/endorsed teachers who are AP certified
- ☐ Assignments and tests are graded by teachers
- ☐ Progress is available to view by students and parents 24/7
- ☐ Students and parents are encouraged to communicate with the online teachers
- ☐ Various means of academic support are available to students
- ☐ APAA Courses are available for Full Year, Fall, and Spring enrollment
- ☐ APAA courses are FREE
- ☐ FREE Textbooks for APAA are embedded in the APAA courses. AP Exams for AP course are FREE
- ☐ All AP Exams for College Credit are taken in May
- ☐ APAA Courses include AP Exam prep opportunities



# For additional information about APAA

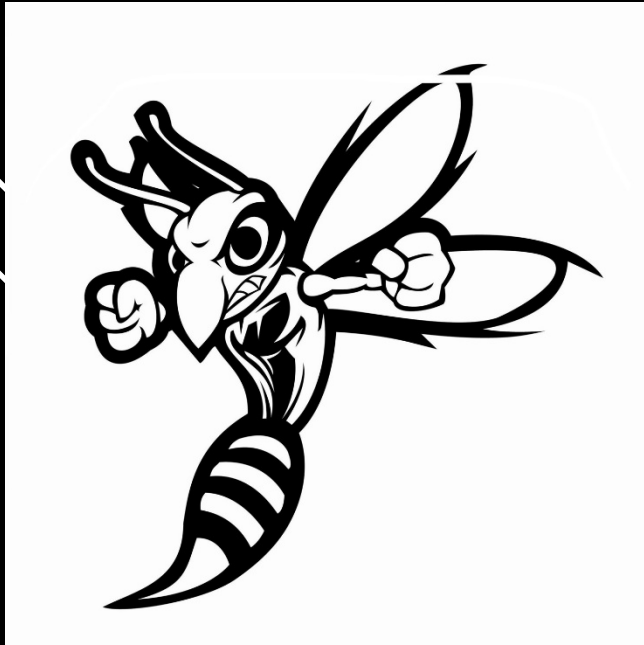
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# The ACT

- The higher your ACT score, the better, especially in terms of \$\$ and acceptance into college.
- There are 7 National Test Dates throughout the year. Your child is responsible for signing up online for any of those that he/she wants to take. We announce each of those about a week before the deadline to register. F/R lunch 2 fee waivers.
- There are 2 State Test Dates. One in the Spring for Juniors and one in the Fall for Seniors.
- Students typically take the ACT 3-5 times.
- Your child will be taking a practice Pareto test here at SGCHS on TBD. Basically, it is a retired ACT test. It will be administered online.
- A lot of students will start taking the ACT the summer after their Sophomore year.



# ACT RESOURCES

- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com)
- [www.testpreview.com/act\\_practice.htm](http://www.testpreview.com/act_practice.htm)
- [www.internet4classrooms.com/assistance.htm](http://www.internet4classrooms.com/assistance.htm)
- [www.tntel.tnsos.org/](http://www.tntel.tnsos.org/) - click on Test Prep, then click on ACT Prep
- [www.grammar.ccc.commnet.edu](http://www.grammar.ccc.commnet.edu)
- [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com)
- [www.4tests.com/exams/examdetail.asp?eid=13](http://www.4tests.com/exams/examdetail.asp?eid=13)
- [www.act.org/profile](http://www.act.org/profile)
- [SGC Media Center](#)
- **WORKSHOPS**
  - Jane Ross ACT Workshop – [www.janerosstutoring.com](http://www.janerosstutoring.com)
  - Quest to College – 731-868-4688
  - JSCC – [www.jsc.edu](http://www.jsc.edu) – click on community outreach, lifetime learning, class schedule, then exam prep
  - UTM – [www.utm.edu/departments/ecos/courses/children/actprep.php](http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecos/courses/children/actprep.php)

# Types of Recognitions

## TN Scholar

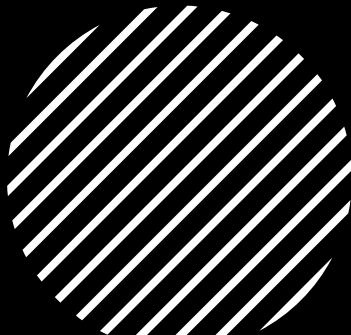
- 80 hours of community service
- No more than 9 days absent per year
- Maintain a “C” average
- Can not be suspended
- Certain Academic Coursework Required

## Tri Star Scholar

- Earn a 19 on ACT and earn a capstone industry certification.

## Work Ethic Certificate

- A point system based on the work ethic certificate standards. Students must demonstrate they possess employable skills, as identified by local industries.



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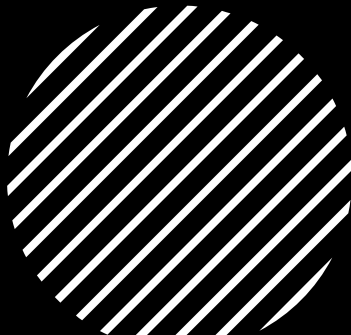
## Distinction

There are a number of different ways a student can be recognized as a Distinction graduate (a full list is listed on page 45 of the handbook). Here are a few examples:

- Earning 12 hours of postsecondary credit
- Earning a nationally recognized industry certification
- Making a 31 on the ACT
- Attending a Governor's School
- Etc.

## Industry Certifications

- Option to earn in various CTE classes



# Now is the Time



- TALK – think about your options and what you want: TCAT, Community College, possible careers.
- Talk to the college and military recruiters if interested. ASVAB test.
- Job Shadow
- Keep a record of all awards, projects, leadership
- Be involved
- Make good grades and get your GPA up
- Look at colleges. [Collegefortn.org](http://Collegefortn.org) and [planningyourdreams.org](http://planningyourdreams.org) are good sources
- Fill out scholarship applications
- Get your volunteer hours



# Contact Information

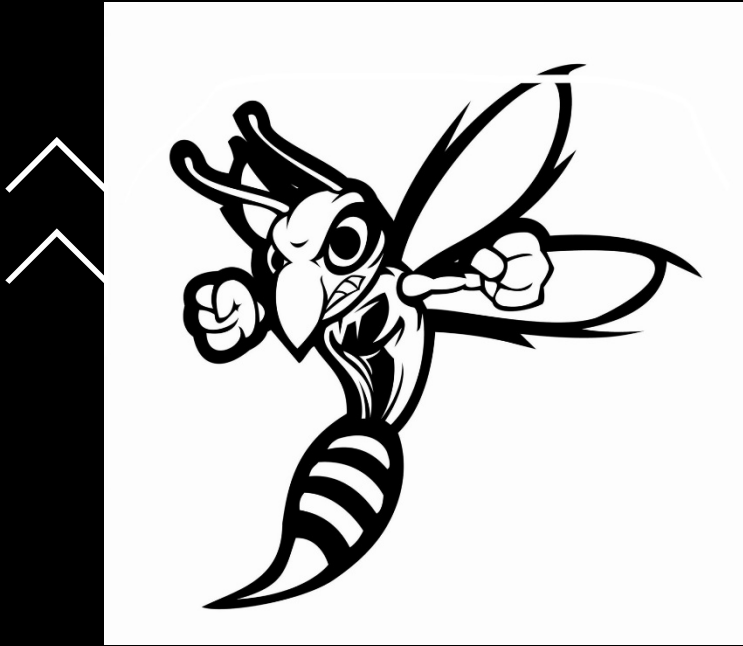


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# Middle College Opportunity through JSCC



- **Earn an Associate Degree your junior and senior year**
- **Informational meeting with JSCC representative immediately following the parent meeting. Please go to the Media Center using the main hallway if interested.**