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JUNIOR SPRING PARENT MEETING

February 13, 2024





Required Senior Classes



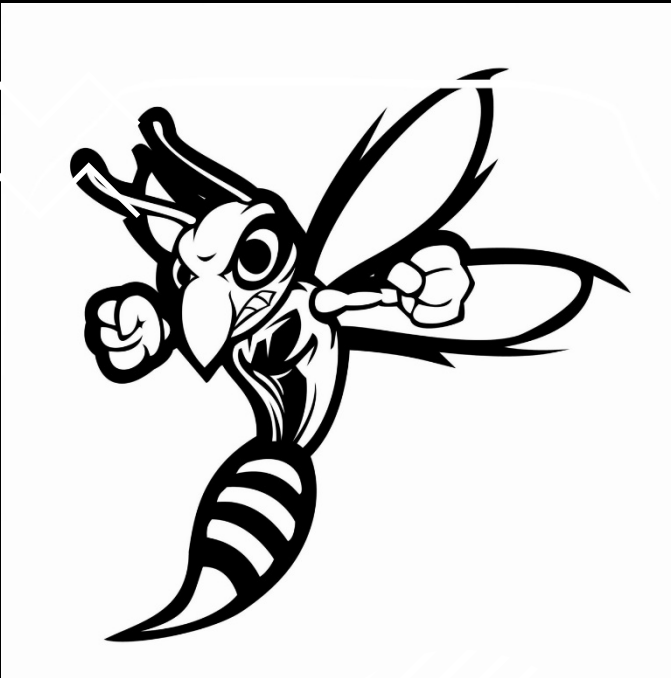
- English IV, English IV Honors, or DE English Comp I or II
- AP Calculus, DC Statistics, DC Pre-Calculus, Applied Math, or Mathematical Reasoning for Decision Making
- Personal Finance/Economics
- Program of study course(s)
- Other electives



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



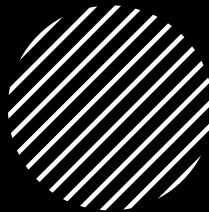
New Fine Arts Opportunity

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)



Acceptable Graduation Substitutions

<u>Fourth Year Math*</u>	<u>Third Lab Science</u>	<u>Fourth English</u>	<u>Economics</u>	<u>Pers. Fin.</u>	<u>Government</u>	<u>Fine Art</u>
AP Calc	DE Science	AP English	DE Business	DE Business	DE USH (2nd Course)	DE Fine Art
DE Mathematics	AP CSP	DE English	DE Economics	Business Mgmt.	AP USH	Floral Design
SDC Pre-Cal	Comp. Sci. Found.		Entrepreneurship	Entrepreneuership		Fashion Design
SDC Stats	DE Cyber 1		Marketing and Mgt. 1			Landscape/Turf
Physics	DE Cyber 2					
AP/DE CSP	Agriscience					
Comp. Sci. Found.	Human A and P					
DE Cyber 1 or 2	Nutrition Science					
Cybersecurity Practicum	Vet Science					
	STEM 1, 2, or 3					
Practicum Options #	Practicum Options #					
	Clinical Intersnhip #					
	Nursing Ed #					
*Course must be taken during senior year	Biology and Chem or Physics must be taken**					
This list is not extensive. Please check the Tennessee State Board of Education Graduation Substitutions Policy 3.103 for the full list.						
# Industry 4.0 Only						
** Unless not taking Chemistry due to IEP.						

- This is based off State Board Policy
- For math, this is **ONLY** for the 4th year (Senior) math.
- Because students must take Biology and Chemistry/Physics Honors, we believe taking Physical Science is the best preparation for these.

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.



Types of Recognitions

TN Scholar

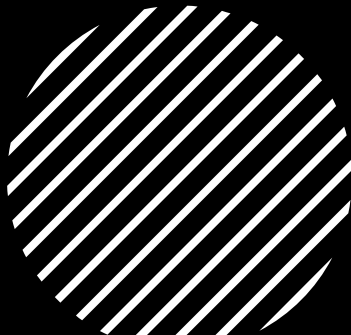
- 80 hours of community service
- No more than 9 days absent per year
- Maintain a “C” average
- Can not be suspended
- Certain Academic Coursework Required

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.



Types of Recognitions Continued

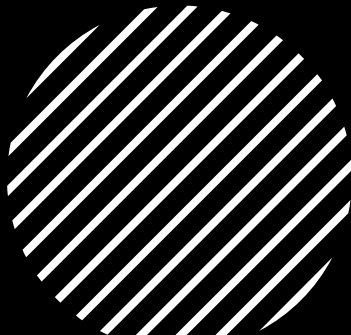
Distinction

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.

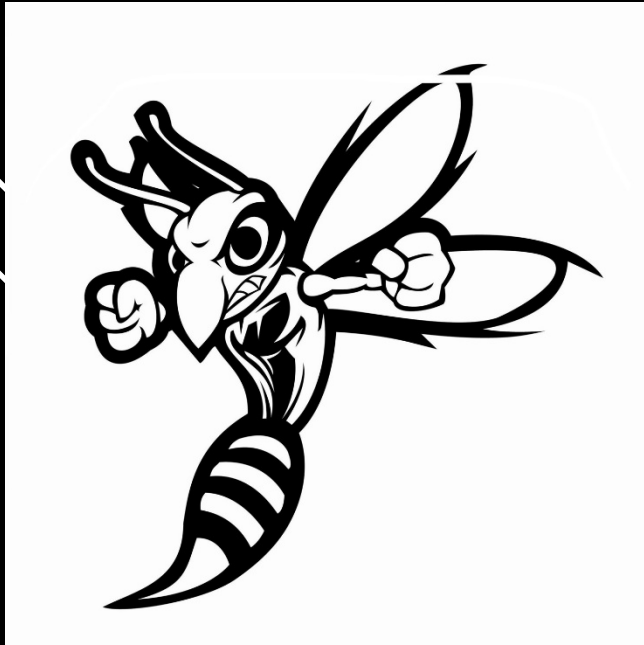
Industry Certifications

- Option to earn in various CTE classes



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

Now is the Time



- To get busy!
- This summer, write down all your activities and awards. Write down any leadership activities, community service, etc.
- Write your essay for college apps/scholarships
- Look at colleges – when you return in next Fall, have your college choices narrowed down to 2-3
- Fill out scholarship applications
- Get your volunteer hours done



College Information



- Start searching for colleges now.
 - Collegefortn.org, planningyourdreams.org
- College preview days this spring. Go to them.
- Visit colleges this spring break & summer
- Juniors get 2 college days this spring semester
- Do your research
- Every college sets their own admission standards and procedures. Know Them!



Financial Aid Terms

- **Cost of Attendance** - The total amount of college expenses before financial aid. Cost of attendance includes money spent on tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and living expenses.
- **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- **Grant and Scholarship** - Money that does not have to be paid back, some might have criteria you have to meet
- **Student Loan** – Unsecured student loan is backed by federal government, it does have to be paid back, but typically at a low interest. Do not borrow more than you need.



TN Promise and HOPE



- **TN Promise** – You can go to a 2-year college, TCAT Schools, or an Associates program at some 4-year universities tuition free. You must meet admission requirements and TN Promise requirements.
- **Hope/Lottery Scholarship** – Students must have a 3.0 or 21 on ACT to receive this scholarship. At a 4-year university, students receive \$4500 per year for their Freshman/Sophomore years and \$5700 per year for their Junior/Senior years.

College and Military Recruiters



- Use their expertise
- ASVAB test is available to take in October
- Recruiters typically do lunch visits at a table set up in the cafeteria and join us for college and career fairs

HS Graduation Requirements



Students must select and complete an elective focus of no less than 3 credits of study and earn a minimum of 24 credits that include the READY CORE requirements as follows:

- English Language Arts 4 units
- Math 4 units
- Science 3 units
- Social Studies 3 units
- Wellness 1 unit
- P.E. .5 units
- Personal Finance .5 units
- Foreign Language 2 units (same language)
- Fine Arts 1 unit
- Elective Focus 3 units

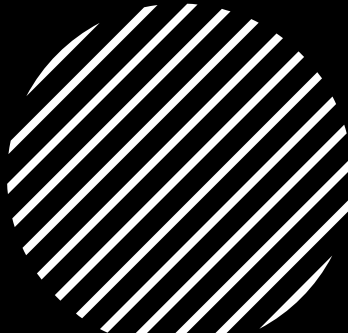
Total 22 units

****GCSSD requires graduates to complete one unit in computer education and one elective unit**



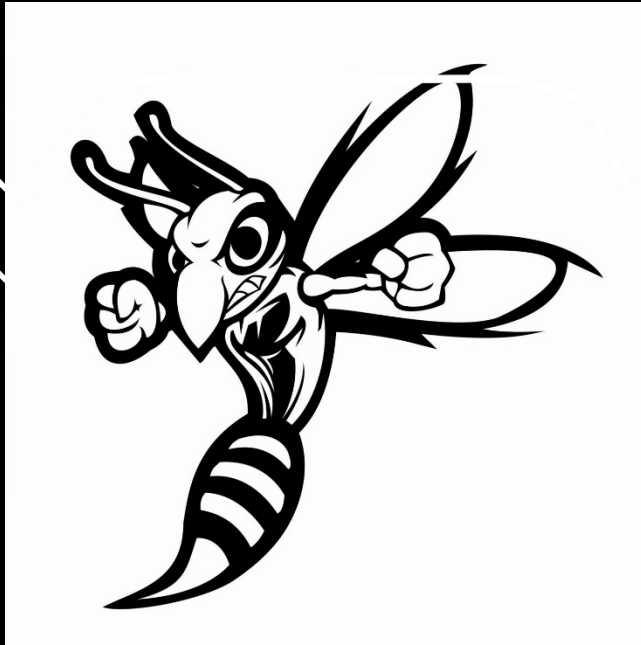
AP and Dual Enrollment

- **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 as a Junior. Must have a 3.0 high school GPA. All DE courses are taught online with the exception of some CTE DEs. If your child's DE is taught online, that means that no one at this school is making sure your child is doing his/her work. Make sure your child is self disciplined and self motivated. The student takes the course for one semester. One block is dedicated to the DE course. Pass the course, get the college credit. Most colleges accept DE classes. Must maintain a college GPA of 2.75 to remain eligible for these.



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.



Honors/CLEP Courses



- Students can take the CLEP exam and earn college credit in Spanish III Honors/CLEP, Biology II Honors/CLEP, Chemistry II Honors/CLEP and Accounting II CLEP.
- Students take the course here at SGC with a teacher and at the end of the course they take the CLEP exam here at SGC. If they pass the exam, they earn college credit for an equivalent course.
- When students take the exam, they get +5 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 (1st and 2nd blocks)



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

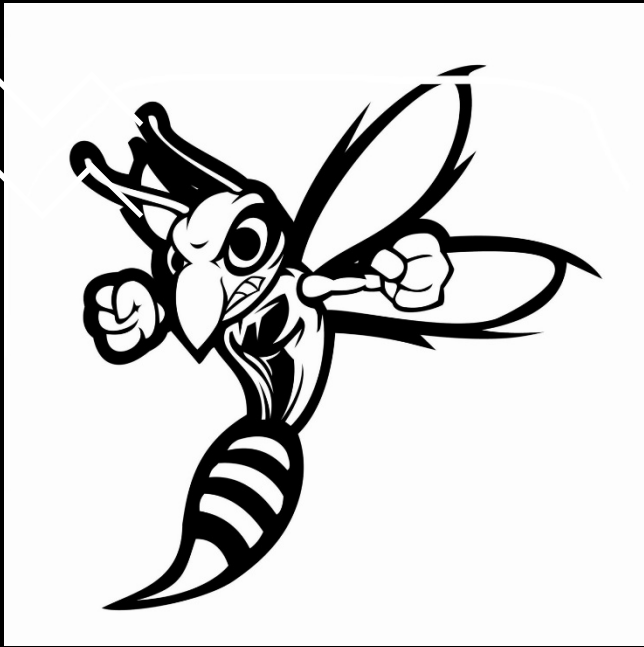


For additional information about APAA

Contact Mrs. Amber Harris
aharris1@gcssd.org



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

17-18 South Gibson County High School				
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
18-19 South Gibson County High School				
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

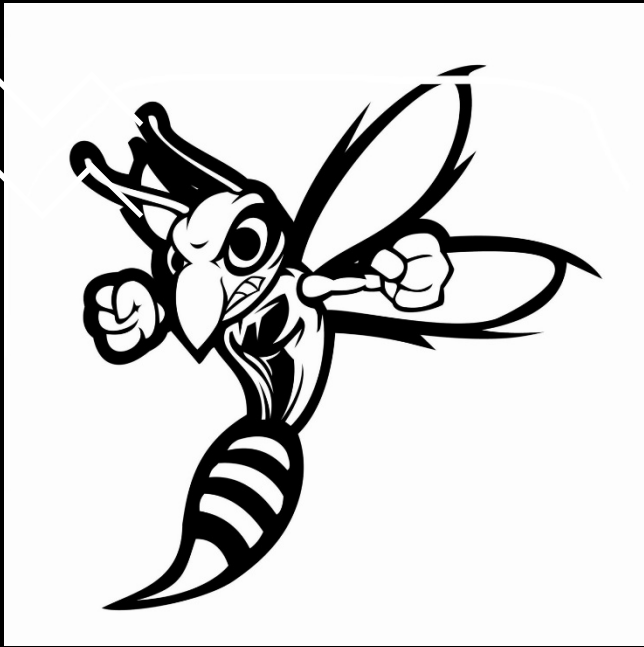
D = 60 - 69

F = 59 - Below

P = Passing

I = Incomplete

August



- We will meet in August to go over DETAILED Senior information and Financial Aid.
- We will not send transcripts to admission offices until late August. We will go over the process then.
- There will be a meeting regarding senior pictures in April.
- The senior year is very expensive.

Contact Information



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ISM Work Program

What: An extended Work Based Learning Program allowing seniors to use school time to gain career-based experience

Regular WBL vs ISM WBL: Regular WBL takes place during 4th Block Spring semester for general work experience. ISM WBL works around the student's schedule one or both semesters to allow multiple blocks of WBL for career-based experience

Who: ISM has partnering businesses in many fields such as health, manufacturing, banking, mechanics, office administration, and much more!

Requirements: Strong grades and strong attendance are crucial in showing a dedication to work. Students also complete an ISM Application before being accepted into the program.

Questions/Interest: Contact SGCHS Work Support Coach Delaney Naffziger (naffzigerd@gcssd.org). Check the "I want to participate in the ISM Work Program" line on the Schedule Request Form to be considered.

