

# Class of 2029 8th Grade Parent Meeting



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# Ohio Graduation Requirements

- Published in the Program of Studies
- Purpose is to establish a standard of expectations for all students graduating from high school

**English**, 4 credits  
**Math**, 4 credits  
**Science**, 3 credits  
**Social Studies**, 3 credits  
**Physical Education**, .5 credit  
**Health**, .5 credit  
**Financial Literacy**, .5 credit  
**Fine Art/Foreign Language/Technology, Career Tech**, 1 credit  
**Electives**, 3.5 credits

## Physical Education Exemption

- Complete two seasons of high school athletics or two seasons of high school marching band.
- Complete the PE exemption application, which can be found in the back of the Program of Studies.
- Student will need to obtain a coach's signature verifying participation for each of the two seasons (this information will be added to a student's transcript and the form will be placed in the student's permanent file).

## Program of Studies

- Available on the school's website, under the guidance tab
- Includes updated information – published annually
- State Testing Requirements
- SE course descriptions
- Guides for four-year plans
  - Honors Diploma Criteria
  - College Prep Curriculum
  - Career & Technical Curriculum

Seneca East High School  
Department Course Offerings

## AGRICULTURE – Mr. Pozderac & Mr. McClain

- **First Course**
  - Agricultural, Food & Natural Resources
- **After Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources**
  - Mechanical Principles (and then Advanced Mechanical Principles)
  - Greenhouse Management
  - Agronomy Systems
  - Environmental Science
  - Livestock Selection, Nutrition, & Management
  - Agricultural Business I (and then Agricultural Business II)
  - Self-Determined Agricultural Capstone, or Agricultural Internship & Work Study (can only be taken after a minimum of three of the above ag classes have been taken)

## ART – Mrs. Dennings

- Art I (no prerequisite)
- Art II
- Art III
- Art IV
- Artist Studio I-IV
- Ceramics I-IV

## BUSINESS - Ms. Caudill & Mr. Heal

- Requirement for Class of 2026 and Beyond
  - Financial Literacy (one semester)
- Students with a “C” or better in Algebra I
  - Accounting I, II, and III
- All Grades
  - Marketing
  - Entrepreneurship/Small Business Management
- Seneca County CEO Program

## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY – Mrs. Baker

- All Grades
  - One Semester Courses
    - Pinterest to Etsy
    - Computer Technology Game Design
    - Digital Literacy and Applications
      - Can be taken for Terra college credit
    - Website Design
    - STEM
  - Full Year Courses
    - Programming/Computer Science Principles
      - Can be taken for AP credit
      - Can be used as a math credit OR a science credit
    - Robotics

## ENGLISH

Mrs. Saylor, Ms. Looney & Mr. White

- 9th Grade – World Literature & Composition I, English 9 CP, or English 9 Honors
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade – World Literature & Composition II, English 10 CP, or English 10 Honors
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade – American Literature, English 11 CP, or AP English Language
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade – British Literature, English 12 CP, or AP English Literature
- Tiffin University composition courses (ENG141 and ENG142) will also be offered in 25/26, pending TU approval

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE - Ms. Blanton

- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Spanish III
- Spanish IV

## HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### Mr. Drennen & Mr. Phillips

- Health
- Physical Education I
- Physical Education II
- Healthy Living
- Officiating

## MATH

Mrs. Forehand, Mr. Hall & Mr. Scott

- Algebra I or Honors Algebra I
- Geometry or Honors Geometry
- Algebra II or Honors Algebra II or Mathematics Modeling & Reasoning
- Options for 4<sup>th</sup> Math Credit – Trigonometry, AP Calculus, Statistics, Financial Algebra, Programming/Computer Science Principles, Mathematics Modeling & Reasoning II
- Tiffin University's MAT181, College Algebra, will also be offered in 25/26, pending TU approval

# MUSIC

Mrs. Spencer & Mr. Schultz

- All Grades
  - Band
  - Band Sectional
  - Band Leadership
  - Jazz Band
  - Music Theory (one semester)
  - Mixed Choir
  - Show Choir
  - Guitar (one semester)
  - Piano (one semester)

# SCIENCE

Mrs. Vannest & Mrs. Griffin

## Science Pathway One

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade – Physical Science
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade – Biology
- Advanced Science Courses
  - Chemistry
  - Human Anatomy/Physiology (University of Findlay college credit available)
  - Physics
  - AP Biology (BGSU college credit available)
  - Environmental Science, Livestock Selection, or Agronomic Systems

## Science Pathway Two

Interested students must meet science department criteria for approval.

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade – Biology
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade – Chemistry
- Advanced Science Courses
  - Human Anatomy/Physiology (University of Findlay college credit available)
  - Physics
  - AP Biology (BGSU college credit available)
  - Environmental Science, Livestock Selection, or Agronomic Systems

## SOCIAL STUDIES – Mr. Heal & Mr. Hendrix

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade – United States History
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade – Modern World History
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grade - Government and Financial Literacy
  - Elective - Contemporary World Issues
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- Bowling Green State University's HIST1250, Early America, and HIST1260, Modern America and Tiffin University's PSY101, Introduction to Psychology, and SOC101, Principles of Sociology, will also be offered in the 25/26 school year, pending the colleges' approval

## ADDITIONAL COURSES

- ACT Prep
  - Career Readiness
  - Forensic Science
  - Journalism (offered during study hall)
  - Marine Biology
  - Sports Literature
  - Yearbook (offered during study hall)
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- Tiffin University's COM130, Intro to Speech Communication, will be offered during the 25/26 school year, pending TU's approval

## Sentinel Career and Technology Center

### Programs

Advanced Nail (one-year program)	Firefighting (senior-only)
AIM Construction (one-year program)	Health Careers Academy
Automotive Technology	HVAC (senior-only)
Building Construction Trades	Independent Living
Career Exploration (one semester)	Industrial Maintenance (senior-only)
Careers in Education	Manufacturing Tech & Robotics
Certified Nurse Assistant (senior-only)	Public Safety
Collision Repair Technology	Welding & Fabrication Tech.
Cosmetology (three-year program)	
Culinary Arts & Hospitality Mgmt.	
Digital Technologies	
Electrical Trades	
EMT (senior-only)	
Esthetics (one-year program)	

## Sentinel Career and Technology Center

### Additional Information

- Located in Tiffin
- Two-year program commitment unless otherwise stated
- Transportation is provided
- Might require flexible credit options, including online courses
- Students can still participate in SE sport, activity, or club
- Students can participate if they
  - Are successfully on track with academic courses
  - Apply and are accepted by the Sentinel deadline, which is February 7, 2025
  - [sentinel.enrollspot.com](https://www.sentinel.enrollspot.com)

## Ohio State Testing Requirements

- The Class of 2029 is required to complete both of the following:
- Competency Demonstration
- Readiness Demonstration

## What is Competency Demonstration?

- Students must:
  - Earn a competency score on the English 10 and Algebra I End of Course Exams. Competency is defined by the State as a score of 684.

There are 4 alternative ways to demonstrate competency if one/both of the above subject areas are not passed.

1. College Credit Plus
2. Military Enlistment
3. ACT or SAT remediation free scores
3. Career Readiness

## What is Readiness Demonstration?

- Students must show they are prepared for college and/or a career. Ohio Law created 12 seals for students to demonstrate academic, technical, and professional readiness for careers, college, the military, or self-sustaining professions. Students must demonstrate readiness by earning at least two seals, one of which must be state-defined.

## State-Defined Diploma Seals

- Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal
- State Seal of Biliteracy
- Industry-Recognized Credential Seal
- College-Ready Seal (remediation free scores on ACT/SAT)
- Military Enlistment Seal
- Citizenship Seal
- Science Seal
- Honors Diploma Seal
- Technology Seal

## Locally Defined Diploma Seals

- Community Service Seal
- Fine and Performing Arts Seal
- Student Engagement Seal

## Academic Diploma with Honors Criteria

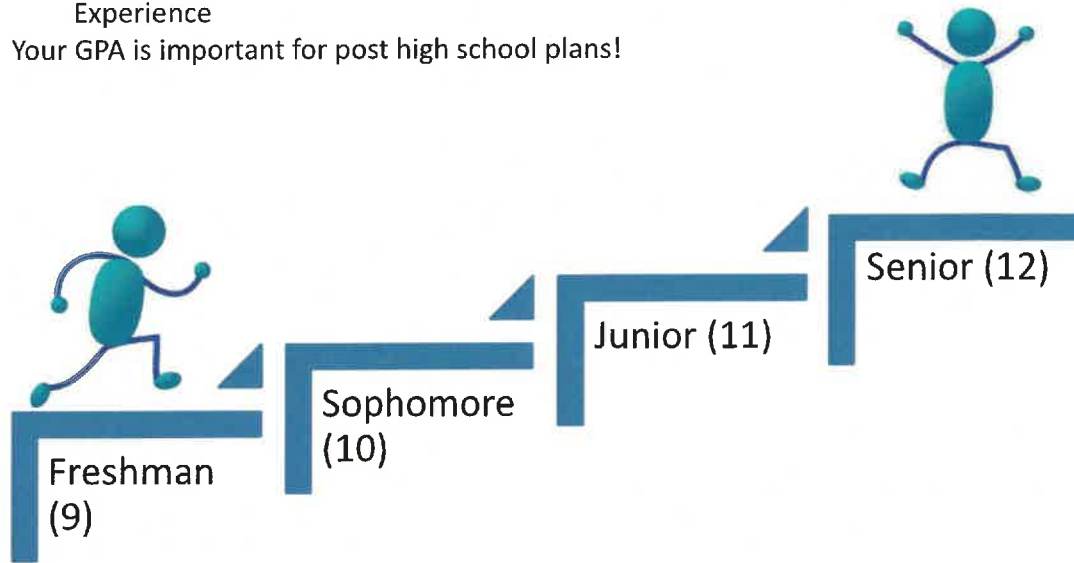
1. Math - 4th credit must be greater than Algebra 2
2. Science - Four credits of science (4th credit must be "Advanced")
3. Social Studies - Four credits
4. World Languages - Three sequential units of one world language  
OR two sequential units of two world languages
5. GPA - 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
6. ACT - score of 27 or higher OR SAT - score of 1280 or higher
7. Two Additional diploma seals, not including the Honors Diploma Seal
8. The Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal

Students must meet all but one of the above requirements.

Also, a student could replace #4, 5, OR 6 with a "Student Strength Option" which includes 12 CCP hours, three AP courses with a score of three or higher, etc.

# Grade Point Average

- Every grade in every course counts towards your GPA!
- Why do you want a high GPA?
  - Short Term – Eligibility, Program Acceptance
  - Long term – Scholarships, College Acceptance, Work Experience
- Your GPA is important for post high school plans!



## Grade Point Average (GPA)

A+ = 4.00	B+ = 3.33	C+ = 2.33	D+ = 1.33
A = 4.00	B = 3.00	C = 2.00	D = 1.00
A- = 3.67	B- = 2.67	C- = 1.67	D- = 0.67
			F = 0

- Your goal is to earn as many points as you can!

### Sample Grades/GPA – Can you figure out the GPA?

▪ English 9 CP	B	3.00
▪ Algebra	A	4.00
▪ Physical Science	A	4.00
▪ US History	C	2.00
▪ Spanish !	A	4.00
▪ Band	A	4.00
▪ AGFNR	C	2.00
GPA		3.286

## Add-On Grade Point Average

- Seneca East “adds-on” GPA points for the following classes:
  - 0.0125 points are added to every semester-long CCP or AP class.
  - 0.0250 points are added to every year-long CCP or AP class.
  - Students must receive a “C” or higher to earn points.
  - Starting with the Class of 2023, points will also be added to Spanish III, Trigonometry, Chemistry, and Physics.



## Eligibility Center

- Do you plan to participate in college level sports?
  - Most SE core courses are NCAA approved! Eligibility requirements are published in the Program of Studies and on the NCAA Eligibility Center website. During junior year, interested students need to apply through the NCAA Eligibility Center website to be considered to participate in Division I or Division II athletics.

## College Credit Plus+

Option for your student to participate in college courses to earn college credit while attending SE



- Annual meeting held for parents/students who wish to participate in the program during the next school year. Meeting for the 25/26 school year will be on January 29, 2025 at 6pm
- Students must apply to the college, take placement test if necessary, and if accepted, they can enroll and participate in college level classes
- Classes can be scheduled during the school day, in the evening, online, and during summer
- Successful completion of courses allow students to earn transcribed college credit and high school credit

## What's Next?

- Students meet with the Middle School Counselor to help them fill out their course choices
- Two copies of the planner are sent home
  - One copy needs to be **signed and returned** before we will schedule freshman classes
  - You can keep the other copy

*\*These planners can grow and evolve as the student's needs change over the course of their high school career*

*\*Your signature on this planner states that you agree with **Freshman Year** courses*

## Scheduling in the Classroom



- **Day 1:**

Students will be visited by high school teachers to introduce programs and options that are available to them throughout high school

- **Day 2:**

School Counselor will introduce and review the Program of Studies with students as well as discuss graduation requirements and the student's [four-year planner](#)



- **Day 3:**

Students create their freshman schedule and four-year planner in the classroom

## Freshman Disclaimer:

Seneca East offers many course opportunities to our students, as we want students to develop into well-rounded individuals. Because of graduation and testing requirements, *freshman schedules typically don't allow for too much flexibility*. This should not discourage students from taking electives such as band, art, or music. Students choosing electives may have to take a less traditional scheduling route and be willing to take required classes at a later date or be willing to consider other means to earning required credits.



- The high school counselor revisits the planner each year to make sure students are continuing down their chosen path
- These planners are kept for the students in a school counseling department folder and are available at the student's request

# Seneca East High School Four Year Planner

Grade  
8 9 10 11 12



Name:	Date:				
	7th/8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English: 4 Credits					
Math: 4 Credits					
Social Studies: 3 Credits					
Science: 3 Credits					
Financial Literacy: .5 Credit					
Health: .5 Credit					
P.E.: .5 Credit					
Tech/Fine Arts/Foreign Language: 1 Credit					
Electives: 3.5 Credits					
Total Credits: 20 needed					

Career Goal \_\_\_\_\_

My Plan For after High School \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular experiences and activities \_\_\_\_\_

### Approval Plan

I have seen and agreed to this Education Plan

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardain Signature Date

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Counselor/Teacher Date

## High School Clubs & Activities

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|--|---------------|
| National Honor Society                 | Book Club     |
| Quiz Bowl                              | Kindness Club |
| Class Officer                          | Fishing Club  |
| Yearbook                               | SADD          |
| Student Council                        | Pep Club      |
| Journalism                             | Science Club  |
| Jazz Band                              | ESports       |
| Pep Band                               |               |
| FFA                                    |               |
| Choir                                  |               |
| Musical                                |               |
| Big Brothers/Big Sisters               |               |
| Seneca County Youth Leadership Council |               |





# High School Sports

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
Varsity Football	Girls/Boys Wrestling	Girls/Boys Track & Field
JV Football	Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball	Varsity Baseball
Girls/Boys Golf	Girls/Boys JV Basketball	JV Baseball
Girls/Boys Cross Country	Bowling	Varsity Softball
Varsity Volleyball		JV Softball
JV Volleyball		



Thank you! Questions?

