

Welcome to South Side High School

Incoming 9th grade Orientation and Scheduling

Agenda

**Graduation
Requirements**

**Course
Options**

Support

**Clubs and
Activities**

**Course
Selection**



Tonight's Speakers

Kelly Ramsey - Director of School Counseling

Patrick Walsh, Ed.D. - SSHS Principal

SSHS Students

Counselors

Greg Brennan

Kevin Downey

Alexandra Foukalas

Marcy Pedone

Joanna Zweben



Topics



Topics For This Evening

About SSHS

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The South Side High School Experience

Our Goal:

Design a **comprehensive experience** for all students that allows them to develop and strengthen their **academic and interpersonal skills**, through options and choice based on their interests and goals, to prepare students for the **next phase of their lives** after high school.

What we ask of you:

- Be willing to work hard and try your best
- Be open to feedback
- Be respectful and kind
- Bring a positive attitude



What you can expect from us:

- Clear, on-going communication about our programs and your child's progress in school
- Passion and enthusiasm for subject matter, content, and programs
- A decision-making model centered on "What is best for students?"
- A faculty committed to continuous growth and improvement
- Trust Adults in our building dedicated to supporting the overall growth of all students

What will you see at South Side HS?

Academics

- 99% of students earned a Regents Diploma (Class of '23)
- 90% of students earned a Regents with Advanced Designation (Class of '23)
- 448 students were involved in the International Baccalaureate Program last year
- International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement (AP), College-credit course
- 89% of seniors graduating last year took at least 1 college level course
- 74% of seniors graduating last year took at least 7 college level courses
- Vocational Education
- 28 students in Work Based Learning programs
- 35 students participated in BOCES this year

Athletics & Extracurricular

- 50+ clubs
- 40+ interscholastic sports
- Performance Groups in Music and Theatre
- 2:32 "Second Half of Day"

Social Emotional

- Sources of Strength
- Inclusive Schools Week
- Spirit Days
- 3 social workers, 2 psychologists, 5 counselors
- Community Outreach and Connection

**Appropriately
Challenging
Learning
Opportunities**

+

**High
Expectations
for All Students**

+

**Necessary
Supports and
Positive
Encouragement
from a dedicated
faculty**



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Graduation Requirements

- English - 4 credits
- Social Studies - 4 credits
- Mathematics - 3 credits
- Science - 3 credits
- Fine Arts - 1 credit
- Health - .5 credit
- Physical Education - 2 credits
- World Language - 1 credit**
**(For Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation 3 credits)
- Additional Elective Credits

**Regents
Exams and
Diplomas**

Regents Diploma

5 Required Regents Exams

Passing Grade = 65

1. English Language Arts
2. Global History
3. U.S. History and Government
4. Math (1)
5. Science (1)

Advanced Regents Diploma

In addition to the requirements for the Regents diploma, students must also:

- Earn 2 additional course credits in French or Spanish
- Pass the Foreign Language Checkpoint B Exam (FLACS)
- Pass 2 additional Regents exams in math (Geometry and Algebra II)
- Pass a second Regents exam in science (one of the two must be Living Environment)

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Course Selections

Sample 9th Grade Schedule

1. *English 9 Adv.
2. *Global 9 Adv.
3. *Geometry or Algebra I
4. *Living Environment
5. *Living Environ. Lab/Phys. Ed. (every other day)
6. *World Languages - Spanish 3 or French 3
7. **Lunch
8. Elective of Choice (ex: Art/Music/Theatre/Business)
9. Elective of Choice (ex: Support Classes/Academic Enrichment)

* Prescheduled classes (leaves 2 remaining periods to fill)

** Lunch is prescheduled, but is not a requirement.



Electives



Full Year - Every Day

- Studio in Art
- Sculpture and Ceramics
- Painting and Drawing
- Choraleers
- Concert Band
- Concert Orchestra
- Theatre Arts 1
- Play Production
- Career & Financial Mgmt.
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles

Full Year - Every Other Day

- Stage Band
- Science Research Skills
- Music Technology
- Music Theory
- ELA Support
- Math Support
- Science Support
- Spanish Support

Half Year - Every Day

- Public Speaking
- Creative Writing
- Digital Photography 1&2
- Computer Graphics
- Deaf Culture
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Personal Finance
- 3D Computer Modeling
- Wood Design
- TV Production
- Morning News
- Prompt Engineering
- Python

Scheduling Timeline

February - Students choose electives

March - All course selections are finalized

August - Schedules available to view on Portal

Hard copies of schedules will be given out at Freshmen Orientation

(last week of August)

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Support Services

- Support Classes
- Zero Period (except Tuesdays)
- Homework Helpers (after school)
- Math Resource Center (during school day)

**Support
Staff**



SSHS Support Staff

Counselors

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Clubs & Activities

- 50+ clubs to join
- Quality of involvement, not quantity
- Eligibility to remain in club or sport
- Club directory available on SSHS website

Best Buddies G.E.M.S. Mock Trial DECA Spirit Club SAFE
Centre Stage LEAD
Drama Robotics Art Club

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SSHS Counseling Center

 @RVC_Counseling

Dr. Walsh, Principal

 &  @pat_walshEDU

Ms. Green, Asst Principal

 &  @RGreenSSHS

SSHS Athletic Department

 &  @South_Side_Cyclones

 @SSHSSSpiritClubRVC

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CHOOSE YOUR CLASSES

Email with link will be sent
tonight

— OR —



Please select your classes by 2/13

HS Counselors @ the MS
2/7 (Downey, Brennan, Foukalas)
2/9 (Zweben, Pedone)

**Thank you
for coming!**

**We look
forward to
seeing you in
September!**

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