

2025-2026 Soldotna High School Registration and Enrollment Guide

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ENGLISH

Language Arts 9, 10, 11, 12 Film as Literature AP Lit (12)

Honors Language Arts 9, 10 Creative Writing English Literature-Composition (12) AP Lang (11)

MATHEMATICS

Foundations of Algebra and Geometry Geometry Personal Finance MathS1

Algebra Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry Business Math S2

Advanced Algebra AP Calculus (AB)

LIFE SCIENCE

Biology Anatomy/Physiology Environmental Science

AP Biology (rotate every other year)

Marine Biology

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Physical Science Chemistry

Earth Science AP Chemistry (rotate every other year)

SOCIAL STUDIES

U.S. History World History Government AP U.S. History AP World History AK History

Psychology (Elective) Sociology (Elective)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Life Activities – 9th Physical Training Movement & Activities (yoga)

WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish I Spanish II

CREATIVE ARTS (Graphic and Performing Arts)

Beginning CeramicsDrawing & DesignGraphicsIntermediate CeramicsIntermediate ArtSculptureAdvanced CeramicsAdvanced ArtDrama 1, 2

CREATIVE ARTS (Music and Performing Arts)

Mixed Choir Guitar 1, 2

Concert Choir (Audition) Symphonic Band (Audition)

Jazz Ensemble (Audition) Piano/Keyboard

CREATIVE ARTS or PRACTICAL ARTS

Yearbook

PRACTICAL ARTS (Family and Consumer Science)

Foods and Nutrition 1 Culinary 1 Foods and Nutrition 2 Culinary 2

PRACTICAL ART (Career and Technical)

Construction 1, 2, 3, 4 Welding 1, 2, 3, 4 Software Design

Officiating Team Activities

Tech Prep Courses - College credit (KPC/UAA) may be available

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Introduction

The purpose of establishing graduation requirements is to set guidelines that will ensure each high school graduate has exposure to a variety of learning experiences necessary for living in the changing world of today. Graduation requirements should be specific enough to direct students into major curricular areas, and yet flexible enough to provide for individual student's abilities, needs, and interests. Completion of all credits must occur before the student may participate in graduation exercises.

High School Graduation Requirements

All students must satisfactorily complete 22 credits for graduation (and diploma) to include the following requirements:

English	4 credits	Science	3 credits
Math	3 credits	(minimum of 1 credit of life and 1 credit of physica	ıl science)
World History	1 credit	Physical Education	1 credit
U.S. History	1 credit	Electives	4 1/2 credits
Government	1/2 credit	Practical and/or Creative Arts	3 credits
AK Studies	1/2 credit	(minimum of .5 credit practical art and .5 credit creative art)	
Health	1/2 credit		

Credit Standing: "How Many Do I Need?"

Student promotion is based on the number of years they have attended high school; however, if they have not earned sufficient credits, they may not be on track to graduate. Progress towards graduation can be reviewed on students' PowerSchool accounts. Recommended minimum credit designations to stay on track for graduation are listed below:

Freshmen Standing: 7 credits
Sophomore Standing: 12 credits
Junior Standing: 16 credits
Senior Standing: 18 credits

Enrollment Guidelines

- One (1) credit equals the successful completion of a course for one year; ½ credit equals the successful completion of a course for one semester. (Dependent on master schedule)
- Seven courses per semester is the required class load. Do not schedule fewer than six (6) courses. (Dependent on master schedule and class standing)
- Students may be aides for one course period per semester, which will earn ½ elective credit. They may accumulate a maximum of one (1) elective credit for aide positions during their high school tenure.
- Student grades are kept on an official transcript in the Counseling Office. This is an official record of courses passed
 and credits earned. If students wish to have transcripts mailed to a college or institution, log on to parchment.com and
 place your request. Transcripts are sent electronically. Students may still request a hard copy from their high school
 counselor in the Counseling Office for scholarships or insurance.
- Students wishing to enroll in Correspondence/Distance Delivery/Credit Recovery Courses must first meet with their counselor to discuss registration procedures and complete necessary paperwork.

JumpStart Program

SOHI juniors and seniors may enroll in courses at Kenai Peninsula College through the Jump Start Program. Students may take up to six (6) credits each semester, which they can begin during the summer semester following their sophomore year. Students can then take another six credits each in the fall and spring semesters for a total of 36 college credits while still in high school. Students will need to show verification of registration to their high school counselor prior to being enrolled in college release. The Borough will cover 2/3 of the cost and 1/3 of the cost is paid for by the student. Withdrawals from Jump Start courses must be made in accordance with KPC procedures. Jump Start forms are available on KPC's website.

Middle College Program

Middle colleges are partnerships between local school districts and local colleges which provide a pathway for high school students to meet graduation requirements through taking classes at the college. Middle Colleges provide students the ability to make a smooth transition from high school to college and begin their college careers ahead of traditional students. Students earn college credit through Kenai Peninsula College and high school credit through their Affiliate High School. Per KPBSD policy, high school credit is awarded as 1.0 high school credit for each 3-4 credit college course.

Cooperative Work Experience

Juniors and seniors may participate in the Cooperative Work Experience Program. All students must complete pre-registration and parent approval forms before registering for Work Co-op. Come to the Counseling Office for more information.

Recommended High School Curriculum for College-Bound Students

Colleges look for students with high potential abilities that have worked to their capacity in high school. Whenever a particular college is being considered, a student should be sure to study the college catalog or website for specific entrance requirements. Students may also consult Naviance available at SOHI and on the internet for college information.

Selective College

- 4 years of college preparatory English
- 3 years of social studies
- 2-3 years of world language
- 2-3 years of laboratory science
- 2-3 years of college preparatory math (algebra and beyond)
- SAT/ACT test scores in ranges acceptable to specific schools

Traditional College

Applicants will need adequate academic background to produce ACT/SAT scores in the national average range. To score in this range, students must have above average English/grammar competence, college prep mathematics, critical reading skills, a strong social studies background, and an adequate science background.

Recommended High School Curriculum for Career & Technical Education Students

Career & technical education (CTE) courses are a component of a sequence of courses leading to an occupational outcome and/or further related training/education in current or emerging occupations. Programs are competency based and include occupational-specific skills. Many CTE courses are listed in this course description book. The purpose of these programs is to train an individual with job-entry-level skills, and to help the individual become gainfully employed upon completion of high school.

Employers want students to know and be able to use mathematical skills, writing skills, communication skills, and interpersonal skills well. Employers constantly inform students that they must do well in English and math, must have the proper attitude about work, and must have the technical skills necessary to perform the job satisfactorily. CTE courses and programs provide these skills. Students should understand the purpose, the need, and the ways that CTE courses can help. The next question for students to decide is, "What type of job would I like to have when I graduate, and what training is necessary to secure this job?" Remember, many beginning jobs may need additional training after high school. Whenever a particular career/technical school is being considered, a student should be sure to study the school's catalog or website for specific entrance requirements. Students may also consult Naviance available at SOHI and on the internet for more information.

Schedule Changes - Drop/Add

The goal of the Counseling Department is to have all approved schedule changes completed before the beginning of each semester. Because choices students make during the registration process help determine course offerings for a given year, the counseling office will have a 2 week add/drop period before each semester starts, in August and December. Students should check their school Gmail for a Google link to make changes. **SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE LIMITED.** The drop/add period will only be able to accommodate changes due to placement error, holes in schedule, addition of a Work Coop, College/Home Release, aide position or to drop a course that is too demanding (e.g. AP course). If a student receives a schedule that reflects the choices she/he made at registration, she/he will be expected to keep that schedule. **Schedule changes for teacher preference, elective changes, or class changes to be with friends are not allowed.**

Students withdrawing from any courses **prior to** the end of the drop/add period will not have the courses recorded on their transcripts. After the 5 day add/drop deadline, the grade entered on the student's official transcript will be a "NG". After the 20th day of the semester, the grade entered on the student's official transcript will be an F.

Grades:

A-D grades: Sufficient progress in the subject to merit granting of credit for the course

F grade: Insufficient progress in the subject to merit granting of credit for the course

Withdrawal grades
 Student has withdrawn from the course with current grade; used only in

extenuating circumstances.

NG
 No grade is issued to indicate a withdrawal from course after the 10 day

Add/drop period or is used for courses that do not receive high school credit

(E.g. College Release, etc.) alternatively, at the principal's discretion.

Weighted grades
 Additional quality points will be assigned for College Board Advanced

Placement (AP) courses for the purposes of calculating grade point average

(GPA) and rank. For each passing semester grade in an Advanced Placement course, 0.02 will be added to the student's cumulative GPA,

as long as the student has taken the AP test.

Incompletes

In order to accommodate students in extenuating circumstances, teachers may assign a grade of "Incomplete." Incompletes must be made up within two weeks of the grade verification date, or they will become F's. Any grade changes after the two-week period will require principal signature.

Retaking of a class for increased knowledge/better grade

Students may elect to repeat a course for improving his/her knowledge of the subject matter and improving his/her grade. The higher of the two grades will count toward the completion of graduation requirements; the lower grade will be counted as elective credit only. Both grades will be calculated in the GPA.

Early Graduation

The purpose of the four-year high school program is to provide students with a combination of academic, vocational, and social experiences that will prepare them for entry into the world of work, further training, and/or continued academic enrollment. In very few cases, a student, because of his/her educational or vocational abilities, may qualify for early graduation without completing the eight (8) semester requirements. Early graduation requires substantial advanced planning. Requests for early graduation will not be considered during the quarter of the proposed graduation. Students and their parents should meet with the school counselor to obtain the necessary paperwork. To be considered for early graduation, requests must be received at the District Office no later than the last day of the quarter that precedes the proposed graduation date. See requirements:

- 1. The student/parent initiates a request with the school counselor. Counselor assembles a packet for the I-team.
 - a. A letter of rationale by a student articulating readiness for adult life, college, and or a career path, and explaining circumstances related to early graduation consideration.
 - b. A letter of approval and support from parent/guardian.
 - c. Student records including transcripts, test scores and graduation requirement check.
 - d.Confirmation of a postsecondary plan
 - I. Letter of acceptance from institution offering advanced vocational or education training
 - ii. Proof of full-time and continuous employment
 - iii. Evidence of engaging in an acceptable alternative program of education
 - e. Letter from counselor/principal confirming that state and Board of Education requirements can be met with exception of eight semesters of attendance.
- 2. The I-team considers the acceleration request for early graduation, and if approved, forwards the request to the Superintendent. The request must include
 - a. Copy of intervention packet, which included 1 a-e
 - b. Letter of approval from the intervention team stating the rationale for consideration of the early graduation request signed by the I-team chair and principal.
- 3. The Superintendent considers the recommendation and, if appropriate, grants final approval.

Honor Roll/Grade Point Average/Class Rank

Students can earn an Honor Roll certificate at the end of each quarter and semester. There are 3 types of Honor Roll a student can earn - Honor Roll, High Honors, and Highest Honors. Several factors are considered in order for a student to earn Honor Roll. Honor Roll Criteria:

HONOR ROLL
At least 3.0 GPA
No grade of D, F, I, NG
At least 3 grades of A, B, C

HIGH HONORS
At least a 3.5 GPA
No grade of D, F, I, NG
At least 3 grade3s of A, B, C

HIGHEST HONORS
At least a 4.0 GPA
No grade of B, C, D, G, I, NG
At least 3 grades of A

COLLEGE STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR QUARTER HONOR ROLL. College grades are reported for Semesters only and will apply to the Honor Roll criteria then.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE(GPA) is computed on a 4.0 scale, considering letter grades earned in all classes (with the exception of "P" and "NG").

CLASS RANK shall be determined by computing the total number of quality points on a semester basis. This total shall include all quality points earned during the regular school year by the end of the eighth (8th) semester. Advanced Placement (AP) quality points of .021 per semester AP class will be included.

Quality Points for Courses

A = 4 points
B = 3 points
C = 2 point
D = 1 point
F = 0 points

To determine rank in class, students' total quality points shall be listed in order from the highest to the lowest and numbered accordingly, starting with rank one for the highest. Equal GPAs will share the ranking.

School Activities

Any activity that can give students the opportunity to demonstrate that they are responsible, dependable, and motivated will be important to them when applying for college admission, scholarships, and their first full-time job. Participation in these activities is also important when being considered for honors at Soldotna High School.

Eligibility - High School Athletics (Based on master schedule/credits given in semester)

A student can compete when the following conditions are met:

- Must have passed five classes the previous semester.
- Must not reach the age of 19 on or before August 1 of his/her senior year.
- Must not have participated in more than four seasons for a particular activity
- Freshmen, sophomores and juniors must be earning a minimum of 2.5 credits per semester.
- Seniors, who are on track to graduate, must be earning a minimum of 2.0 credits per semester
- All students must maintain an overall 2.0 GPA to remain eligible.
- For *mid-quarter checks only*, students may regain their eligibility after seven calendar days if they meet the 2.0 GPA minimum and are passing all their classes within the next five school days. Otherwise, they will remain ineligible until the next eligibility check.

Individual school districts may establish athletics/activities participation eligibility rules beyond Alaska Schools Activities Association (ASAA) requirements. In order to participate in athletics/activities, the Kenai Peninsula Schools Activities Association (KPSAA) has established a no pass/no play rule, which means a student may not be failing any class. Eligibility is processed each quarter and mid-quarter, (approximately every 4 ½ weeks). The preceding information is condensed from the KPSAA Handbook. For further explanation, please consult the handbook or the high school athletic director.

NCAA Clearinghouse Statement

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), an organization founded in 1906 that has established rules on eligibility, recruiting, and financial aid, regulates many college sports. The NCAA has three membership divisions – Division I, Division II, and Division III. These institutions are members of the various divisions according to the size and scope of their athletic program and whether they provide athletic scholarships. NCAA Clearinghouse applications are available online at ncaa.org. Students interested can also look at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, at www.naia.org, or National Junior College Athletic Association at www.nicaa.org

P.E. Waivers

Students can waive .5 elective credit of physical education graduation requirement through participation in athletic activities sponsored by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. **This waiver does not apply to the Basic P.E. requirement.** Students will not receive credit for P.E. waivers but rather, will have their elective physical education requirement decreased by .5 credit, enabling them to take additional courses in other areas. In order to receive a P.E. waiver, the following must happen:

- The athletic activity is supervised by a certified teacher or an individual who has been approved by the Alaska School Activities Association and employed by the school district:
- The athletic activity involves at least 4,050 minutes (67.5 hours) of participation in a time period not to exceed a school year;
- The student completed the season in good standing.

Students will be required to submit P.E. waiver forms during the academic year in which participation takes place. We encourage students to initiate this process with their coaches/sponsors prior to participating in athletic activities. P.E. waiver forms are available in the Counseling Office. Please call your student's counselor if you have questions.

Career & Post- Secondary Curriculum

The Counseling Department at Soldotna High School provides students with career education activities designed to develop necessary skills that will enhance their personal and educational development. These career education activities can help students as they plan their high school program by encouraging students to look at their interests and abilities as they relate to possible future career pathways. In addition, the following career activities based on grade levels are given to students. Counselors use Naviance with students, which can be accessed through PowerSchool.

- 9th Career Interest Profiler-Four year plan
- 10th Career Clusters-Skills
- 11th Resume building with Job Center/Job Shadowing Program
- 12th Post-secondary planning, scholarship folder preparation, financial aid workshop, personal narrative, college essay

Scholarship Opportunities

All seniors planning to attend college or a vocational school after graduation should complete the SOHI scholarship folder as this will allow them to be considered for offerings listed here at SOHI. However, they should also check the scholarship wall outside of the Counseling Office, 1Stop, their G-mail on a regular basis for opportunities sponsored by local, state and national organizations. Underclassmen should begin preparing for their senior year by volunteering in the community, participating in leadership events (check G-mail and the wall for information), taking advantage of Workforce Development Center Academy's offerings and participating in extra-curricular school events. Remember to keep a log of activities, awards, certificates and community service performed.

One Stop Scholarship Database: https://kpbsd.org/scholarship/

Go to Kpbsd.org

Select Departments

Select Counselor Corner/Onestop

Select KPBSD Scholarship Database to see local scholarship offerings

The Alaska Performance Scholarship is a great opportunity for Alaska's students. **More information about the Alaska Performance Scholarship is available on the next page.**

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ALASKA PERFORMANCE HOLARSHIP CHECKLIST



To receive the APS and other forms of financial aid, students must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by June 30th of each year. Visit studentaid.gov



Contact your counselor for information about APS courses. Approved courses may also be available through resources such as the University of Alaska or others. Eligibility is determined based upon courses with a letter grade reflected on your official high school transcript.

Choose from option A, B, or C (curriculum options apply for all APS award levels)

Curriculum Option A		Curriculu	Curriculum Option B		Curriculum Option C	
Science 4 credits	1 2 3 substitution	Science 3 credits	1 2 3 substitution	Science 3 credits	2 3 substitution	
Math	4 trababladisco	Math 3 credits	1 2 3 substitution	Math 3 credits	1 2 3 whithton	
4 credits Language	3 4 substitution 1 2	Language Arts 4 credits	2 3 4 substitution	Language Arts 4 credits	2 3 4 substitution	
Arts 4 credits Social	3 4 substitution 1	Social Studies 4 credits	2 3 4 substitution QR	Social Studies 4 credits	1 2 3 4 substitution OR (CTE	
Studies 4 credits	3 substitution substitution World Language, Alaska Native Language, Fine Arts, Cultural Heritage or CTE	Other 2 credits	FROM THE SAME SUBJECT: World Language, Alaska Native Language, Fine Arts, Cultural Heritage, or CTE (1 year of which includes 2 semesters of sequentially more rigorous content within a career cluster)	Other 2 credits	FROM ANY SUBJECTS: World Language Alaska Native Language, Fine Arts, or Cultural Heritage	

Highlighted sections above reflect additional course substitutions within each Curriculum Option. For example, in Curriculum Option A, two (2) Science credits may be substituted with 2 credits/years of rigorous additional non-standard Science course(s).

REQUI	RED GPA ST SCORE	LEVEL1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
	Maximum Award	UP TO \$7,000 PER YR	UP TO \$5,250 PER YR	UP TO \$3,500 PER YR
	GPA	3.5 OR GREATER	3.0 OR GREATER	2.5 OR GREATER
	OR-	□ACT25	ACT23	OR
	Test Score	SAT1210	SAT1130	SAT1060
	000.0	WorkKeys 18 PLATINUM (no score below 6)	WorkKeys 15 GOLD (no score below 5)	WorkKeys 12 SILVER (no score below 4)
EACP	E		NOTE: Receive a	qualifying score from one of the



following tests: ACT, SAT, or WorkKeys

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ALASKA PERFORMANCE CHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

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APS QUALIFYING COURSES

- Only approved courses can be used to complete the required APS curriculum. Eligibility is determined based on courses with a letter grade reflected on your official high school transcript. Each requirement is for a complete unit of credit (can be 1 or more required APS course).
- The State Board of Education & Early Development has published the following approved standard courses. Any course matching the title of standard course with high school rigor can be used to meet APS curriculum requirements.
- Public School Districts may also approve additional courses. Each school district is responsible for providing students with a complete list of APS-qualifying courses.
- Private/Homeschool student APS eligibility is determined by the Department of Education & Early Development (DEED). Submit the APS Eligibility Determination Application found in the Private/Homeschool Students section of aps.alaska.gov. Any additional courses used to meet APS requirements must first be approved by DEED.

Students in public school districts can select additional courses only from a list of approved additional courses provided by their district.



WAYS TO ACCESS APPROVED COURSES

Several alternative sources to access approved APS courses are available (such as the University of Alaska or others). In most cases, a fee will be required to enroll in these courses. If you are considering using courses from outside of your school to qualify for the APS, ensure these courses are approved by your district and meet APS requirements.

SCIENCE standard courses
☐ Physical Science
□ Earth Science
□ Biology
☐ Chemistry
□ Physics
□ Marine Biology
□ Anatomy & Physiology

□ Composition
☐ American Literature
□ World Literature
☐ Speech & Debate
☐ Advanced Composition
☐ Creative Writing
☐ British Literature
SOCIAL STUDIES

LANGUAGE ARTS

standard courses

MATH standard courses
□ Algebra 1
□ Algebra 2
□ Geometry
□ Trigonometry
☐ Pre-calculus
☐ Calculus
☐ Calculus 2
□ Statistics

SOCIAL STUDIES
□ World History
☐ American History
☐ Geography
☐ American Government
☐ Civics
□ Economics
☐ Alaska History
□ Western Civilization
☐ Eastern Civilization
□ Psychology
□ Sociology



Review Our FAQ-

SEE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING APS FOR CLASS OF 2024 AND BEYOND AT:

aps.alaska.gov



Reminder – Students must complete the FAFSA every year in order to receive the APS.

acpe.alaska.gov/alaskafafsacompletion





WHAT'S YOUR | Check your award eligibility status and track disbursements from the APS STATUS? Alaska Student Aid Portal (ASAP). Create account at acpe.alaska.gov/asap.

Counseling Department Events, Workshops, and Parent Nights

Specific dates posted each year on Counselor's Corner on SOHI's website

https://sites.google.com/g.kpbsd.org/sohicounselingprogram/home

September: Post-Secondary Planning (application process and college information)

September: Financial Aid Night

September: College Athletics Information Meeting (NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA) Open to all students & parents

October: Counseling Department administers the PSAT on the national date

October: College Fair at Soldotna or Kenai High School Gym

November: College Application Month **March:** Job Shadow Day for juniors at SOHI **April:** Decision Day Celebration for seniors

April: Junior parent night- Post-Secondary Planning (application process and college information)

May: Awards night, Graduation

**Ongoing in Counseling Office: college representative visits, professionals

Find more information at:

-Counselor's Corner on SOHI's website (forms, announcements, information) https://sites.google.com/g.kpbsd.org/sohicounselingprogram/home

-OneStop at https://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/OneStop/Onestop.aspx?id=30681

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Soldotna High School Core Counseling Curriculum 9th-12th

9th grade:

- -November classroom visits topics include: importance of credits, layout of 9th grade year, career exploration.
- -November classroom lesson (one day) Naviance career exploration activities
- -March classroom visit (one day) Registration for sophomore year

10th grade:

- **-September classroom visits -** topics include: PSAT, ACT/SAT, NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA, sophomore year timeline, APS, Jumpstart, Middle College, Counselor's Corner on SOHI website, Scholarship folder activity tracking, and Post-Secondary planning nights.
- **-October classroom lesson (one day) -** Naviance career exploration activities, 4 year plan Strengths explorer
- **-March classroom lesson (one day)** Registration for Junior year Presentation topics include credits/graduation requirements, college requirements, APS, NCAA/NAIA, transcripts and how to get one, course offerings, and enrollment instructions
- **-March/April/May** Post-secondary plans, credits, APS, UA Scholars, PSAT, ACT/SAT, Accuplacer/ALEKS, Jumpstart, Middle College, NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA, Counselor's Corner on SOHI website, timelines for each year, field trips, parent nights, FAFSA workshops, scholarship folder activity tracking, and course selection for Junior year.

11th grade:

- -September classroom visits Topics include: PSAT, ACT/SAT, NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA, junior year timeline, APS, Jumpstart, Counselor's Corner on SOHI website, Scholarship folder activity tracking, and Post-Secondary planning nights.
- **-October classroom lesson (one day) -** Naviance college search and resume workshop Resume instruction and worksheet guide, Resume Builder Naviance, College & Career smart goal
- -March classroom lesson (one day) Registration for Senior year Presentation topics include credits/graduation requirements, college requirements, APS, NCAA/NAIA, transcripts and how to get one, course offerings, and enrollment instructions
- **-March/April/May** Individual appointments to discuss post-secondary plans, credits, APS, UA Scholars, PSAT, ACT/SAT, Accuplacer/ALEKS, Jumpstart, Middle College, NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA, Counselor's Corner on SOHI website, timelines for each year, field trips, parent nights, FAFSA workshops, scholarship folder activity tracking, and course selection for Senior year.

12th grade:

- **-September classroom visits -** Topics include: PSAT, ACT/SAT, NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA, senior year timeline, APS, Jumpstart, Middle College, Counselor's Corner on SOHI website, Scholarship folder activity tracking, and Post-Secondary planning nights.
- **-September classroom lesson (two days) -** Scholarship Folder, Scholarship Search, and College Essay Review of Junior year school sort, scholarship search instruction and samples Scholarship Folder completion, Naviance apply to colleges, scholarship search Personal Narrative instruction, samples, and writers workshop
- -October/November/December Individual appointments to discuss post-secondary plans, credits, APS, UA Scholars, PSAT, ACT/SAT, Accuplacer/ALEKS, Jumpstart, Middle College, NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA, Counselor's Corner on SOHI website, timelines for each year, field trips, parent nights, FAFSA workshops, scholarship folder activity tracking, and course selection for second semester of Senior year.
- -January Classroom visit Plans for after high school, with steps to think about taking to prepare for the next chapter. (Scholarships, applications, employment, military, etc.)



CREATIVE ARTS Art

Title: SCULPTURE (Intro to Art - 3D) AA730 Length: One Semester

Fee: \$20

Sculpture is an introductory art class that focuses on all things 3D. In this class we will use cardboard, paper mache, glue, wood, styrofoam and found objects to create 3-Dimensional sculptures over a variety of themes. This course covers the fundamental skills, knowledge, attitudes, and technology necessary to begin to understand sculpture. Various sculptural processes are explored, and students work with a variety of materials and tools. Students learn to make critical judgments about their own art and the art of others and are encouraged to relate the beauty and meaning of art to their lives. They are exposed to the historical and contemporary role of sculpture throughout the world. Portfolio development may be required. Technology may be applied for reference or support

Title: DRAWING AND DESIGN (Intro to Art - 2D) AA815 Length: One Semester

Fee: \$20

Drawing and Design is an introductory art class that focuses on all things 2-D. In addition to beginning drawing skills, students will have the opportunity to experience collage, painting, print-making and various forms of design. A variety of subject matter, materials, and technologies are used on a two dimensional surface. Students will develop formal drawing, painting, and printmaking skills. Students continue to develop critiquing skills and are encouraged to relate beauty and meaning of art to their lives. They gain an understanding of values, beliefs, ideas, and traditions of various cultures through the study of drawing and desian.

Title: **GRAPHICS** AA735 Length: One Semester Fee: \$20

Prerequisite: Drawing and Design

Graphics is a creative arts class focused on understanding and implementing the formal design principles into artwork for use in advertising and graphic design specifically, as well as photography, game design, and more. There is an emphasis on composition and layout. Students will experiment with a variety of techniques and materials that may include drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpting, digital photography, and more. Students will learn to analyze their own art and the art of others and will be encouraged to relate the beauty and meaning of art to their lives. This course will stress the use of the Elements and Principles of Design, the study of artists, the improvement of creative thinking skills, and the process of making informed judgments about art. Students will be exposed to the historical and contemporary role of the arts in Alaska, the nation, and the world. Portfolio development will be required. Technology may be applied for reference or support.

Title: **INTERMEDIATE ART** AA710 Length: One Semester Fee: \$20

Prerequisite: One semester of either Drawing or Sculpture prior

Intermediate Art is a progression of art techniques and theory designed for high school students. Students continue to explore a variety of techniques and materials that may include drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, weaving, and hand built ceramics. During project creation, students will purposefully apply multiple art elements, moving from knowledge to successful art production. Students will learn to make critical judgments about their own art and the art of others. They will be exposed to the historical and contemporary role of art from various cultures throughout the world and will be encouraged to relate the beauty and meaning of art to their lives. Students will apply a basic understanding of the Elements and Principles of Design to create successful pieces of art.

Title: ADVANCED ART AA715 Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Intermediate Art prior Fee: \$20

Advanced Art is a course for students who have successfully passed Intro and Intermediate Art. Students will experiment with a variety of techniques and materials that may include drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpting, weaving, and pottery. Students will learn to analyze their own art and the art of others and will be encouraged to relate the beauty and meaning of art to their lives. This course will stress the use of the Elements and Principles of Design, the study of artists, the improvement of creative thinking skills, and the process of making informed judgments about art. Students will be exposed to the historical and contemporary role of the Arts in Alaska, the nation, and the world. Portfolio development will be required. Technology may be applied for reference or support.

Title: **BEGINNING CERAMICS**

AA720

Length: One Semester

Fee: \$30

Beginning Ceramics covers the fundamental skills, knowledge, and techniques necessary to begin understanding ceramics. Students learn a variety of hand building techniques, including, pinch, coil and slab construction, as well as an introduction to wheel throwing. They will also study the processes unique to ceramics including the stages of clay, firing and glazing. They will be exposed to the historical and contemporary role of pottery from various cultures throughout the world and will be encouraged to relate the beauty and meaning of art to their lives. Students will acquire a basic understanding of the Elements and Principles of Design that go into a successful piece of pottery.

Title: INTERMEDIATE CERAMICS

AA810

Length: One Semester

Fee: \$30

Prerequisite: Beginning Ceramics Intermediate Ceramics expands upon the fundamental skills, knowledge, and techniques necessary for creating ceramics. Students practice a variety of wheel thrown and hand building techniques, including: pinch, coil and slab construction. An emphasis will be placed upon quality construction and design development. Students will also broaden their study of the processes unique to ceramics including the stages of clay, firing and glazing. The course includes the study of Artist and Cultures. They will be exposed to the historical and contemporary role of pottery from various cultures throughout the world and will be encouraged to relate the beauty and meaning of art to their lives. Students will apply a basic understanding of the Elements and Principles of Design to create successful pieces of pottery.

Title: ADVANCED CERAMICS

AA725

Length: One Semester

Fee: \$30

Prerequisite: Junior standing/Intermediate Ceramics/Teacher Discretion

Advanced Ceramics covers the in-depth skills, knowledge, and techniques necessary to creating advanced level ceramics. Students apply a variety of wheel thrown and hand building techniques. They will also study and refine the processes unique to ceramics including the stages of clay, firing and glazing. Students will continue to learn to make critical judgments about their own art and the art of others. They will be exposed to the historical and contemporary role of pottery from various cultures throughout the world and will be encouraged to relate the beauty and meaning of art to their lives. Students will utilize advanced levels of understanding of the Elements and Principles of Design and apply them to create successful pieces of pottery.

CREATIVE ARTS Drama

Title: **DRAMA 1** VV705 Length: One Semester

This course is an introduction to basic acting skills, and studying plays as a literary form. It involves improvisation, movement, character analysis, stage terminology, mime, and scripted material.

Title: DRAMA 2 VV710

Length: One Semester This course involves taking part in a full scale play production, which includes set design and building, costumes, props, and character acting. Practices will take place within the class period, but there is the expectation that performances will be made.

CREATIVE ARTS Music

Title: MIXED CHOIR UU725 Length: One Semester

Fee: \$20/semester

Fundamentals of music and voice production are taught for the purpose of performance and competition. This class is open to all students who are interested in vocal music. Sight-reading skills will be developed. Emphasis is on participation, although there will be required evening performances that occur near the end of each quarter. This class will also participate in fundraising.

Title: **CONCERT CHOIR** UU715 Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Must have taken Mixed Choir or Director approval

This course emphasizes advanced vocal performance with required quarterly evening concerts. This course requires a mature voice, great work ethic, and positive attitude. Numerous additional performance opportunities are available, some requiring outside-of-classroom commitments. This class will also participate in fundraising.

Title: CHAMBER CHOIR

Prerequisite: Must audition for director prior to enrolling

Length: One Semester

Fee: \$20

Chamber choir is a select ensemble designed for the advanced vocal student. The completion of a successful audition is required for membership. This ensemble may be set up as an all-female SSAA ensemble, an all-male TTBB ensemble or as a mixed SATB ensemble. Structure of the ensemble will be determined by the individual school. Emphasis is placed on elevating music reading skills and performance techniques to an advanced level through standard and custom choral literature. Students in this class should have previous choral ensemble experience. The students in this class should exhibit solid music reading skills and have a working knowledge of vocal techniques. This course may require after school rehearsals, performances and/or field trip(s).

Title: **SYMPHONIC BAND** Prerequisite: Audition for Teacher **UU735** Length: Two Semesters Fee: \$20/semester

This course is designed for the student who has developed some proficiency in performance skills. Tone production, technical facility, and musicianship are taught as each relates to performance. This band is involved in numerous performances and competitions throughout the year. Students are required to purchase some materials and the cost may vary depending on the band program and level of study.

Title: **DRUMLINE (Instrumental Ensemble)**

UU780 Length: One Semester

All students will learn to play and will be expected to demonstrate competency on snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, and smaller instruments of the battery and pit. Students will be required to purchase their own drumline supplies (sticks). Grades are based on participation, attendance, practice, and rehearsal technique. Drumline performs at concerts, assemblies, and sporting events throughout the year. Concurrent enrollment in Band is encouraged. Enrollment may be limited to the available equipment.

Title: JAZZ ENSEMBLE

UU785 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Audition for Director Fee: \$20

The focus of this course is the exploration of styles and rhythms utilized in American jazz through performance. Students learn improvisational techniques. Students must be a member of another regular band class to enroll in jazz ensemble (exception: piano, guitar, and bass). Placement in this course is by audition only.

Title: GUITAR 1 UU740 Length: One Semester

This course is open to all students interested in playing the guitar. This course serves as an introduction to the instrument. Individuals as well as groups will work on learning all strings of the guitar, music fundamentals, reading notes, and chords. Guitar 1 may only be taken for one semester and may be repeated for credit.

Title: GUITAR 2 **UU745** Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Guitar 1

Guitar is a one-semester course that offers the intermediate guitarist instruction in playing techniques, reading guitar notation & tab, creating melodies, playing chords, and focused study in a specialized technique. Students will review guitar performance basics and blues styles, cover basic rock techniques, and undertake a specialized study in a genre of their choice. Intermediate guitar students will have the opportunity to prepare a program of songs for performance. Students should provide their own instruments. Guitar 2 may only be taken for one semester, and may be repeated for credit.

Title: PIANO/KEYBOARD **UU765** Length: One Semester

This course includes beginning, intermediate, and advanced instruction in piano/keyboard technique and music reading, as well as in conducting related research. There is a required in-class performance for each quarter.

CREATIVE ARTS or PRACTICAL ARTS

Title: YEARBOOK Length: Year long (start S1 not S2)

Prerequisite: Must complete the interview/application process.

This course will teach students to understand, develop, and use the techniques found in the occupational field of commercial publishing. Students will assist in producing publishable documents (e.g. yearbook, brochures, etc.), utilize online publishing software, document school athletics and events via photography, and support sales of the yearbook. This course requires good attendance and motivation to meet deadlines. It will also address academic and vocational educational standards, and may be taken for practical or creative art credit. Course may be repeated for credit.

PRACTICAL ARTS Family & Consumer Science

Title: FOOD AND NUTRITION 1 HH725 Length: One Semester

Fee: \$30

This is an introductory course designed for students who are interested in learning how to cook. The course includes simple food preparation techniques and recipes. This course includes hand skills, sanitation, kitchen safety, nutrition and basic cooking. This is the first course in the high school culinary pathway.

Title: FOOD AND NUTRITION 2

HH730 Length: One Semester

Fee: \$30

Fee: \$30

Fee: \$30

Prerequisite: Foods and Nutrition 1

This is a continuation of Foods 1 and the second course in the high school Culinary Pathway. This course prepares individuals to understand and apply the relationship of nutrition and food to health and well-being. Students will be involved and learn about the selection, preparation, and care of food to meet individual and family food needs. The course includes more advanced food preparation techniques and recipes. This course includes a review of hand skills, sanitation, kitchen safety. nutrition and more advanced cooking. Additionally, students will explore batch cooking, food storage, and more advanced recipe techniques. Career and entrepreneurship opportunities in the Food Industry will be explored.

Title: CULINARY ARTS 1 **HH735** Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Foods and Nutrition

This is a follow-up course to Foods 1 and 2 and the third course in the high school Culinary Pathway. This course is designed to introduce students to occupational food service. Emphasis is placed on learning and practicing job and work place skills in a safe and sanitary, professional work environment. This course covers advanced culinary techniques, standardized recipe, portioning, food costs, profit and loss statements, menu development, and front of the house quest service and food presentation.

Title: CULINARY ARTS 2 HH740 Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Foods and Nutrition

This is a follow-up course to Foods 1 & 2, and Culinary 1 and is the fourth course in the high school Culinary Pathway. This course is designed for students to advance their food service skills and knowledge through planning, supervising, and producing projects. Students will be expected to gain advanced cooking techniques and skills. This course is designed to focus on catering and working knowledge of the customer service industry.

PRACTICAL ARTS Career & Technical Education

Title: CAD/CAM 1 and 2 11950/11951 Length: One Semester

Fee: \$30

This course introduces the theory and application of computer programs that provide the automatic generation of CNC machine tool codes from the entry of part geometry. Operator designs and runs tool path for CNC machines in 2-1/2D. This technology eliminates the need for the CNC programmer to master the traditional M and G codes and dramatically shortens CNC programming time.

* Introduction to basic drafting/machining tools/techniques

* Measurement and scales

* Views and planes

* Dimension techniques * Pictorial view

* Careers in drafting and machining

* Understanding a 2D model

Title: CONSTRUCTION 1 11725 Length: One Semester Fee: Project Fees

This course is a beginning construction class. Designed to teach students the basic information and techniques that apply to the building trades industry. Safe equipment use and processes will be covered. Tools can be hazardous if used improperly; self-discipline is necessary. A safety test must be passed before hazardous tools or materials may be used.

Title: CONSTRUCTION 2 11730 Length: One Semester Fee: Project Fees **Prerequisite: Construction 1**

Construction 2 is a semester course designed to provide students the opportunity to build on the skills learned in Construction 1, while at the same time learning advanced construction techniques and processes.

Title: CONSTRUCTION 3

11735

Length: One Semester Fee: Project Fees

Prerequisite: Construction 2/Sophomore standing

This course is an advanced level construction class designed to build on skills learned in the previous Construction classes.

Title: CONSTRUCTION 4

11955

Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Construction 3/Sophomore + standing

Fee: Project Fees

This course is an advanced level construction class designed to build on skills learned in the previous Construction classes and to develop leadership and management skills that apply to the building trades industry. This upper class is repeatable for additional credit and experience.

Title: WELDING 1 11775 Length: One Semester Fee: \$40 + project fees

Welding 1 will give the student a beginning level of exposure to oxy-acetylene welding and cutting operations, grinding operations and arc welding. At the end of this course, students will be able to perform 1G and 2G operations using 6011. Safe equipment use and processes will be covered.

Title: WELDING 2

11780

Length: One Semester Fee: \$40 + project fees

Prerequisite: Welding1/Sophomore Standing

Welding 2 is designed to give students an in depth study in advanced arc welding processes. Metallurgy properties and gas shielded welding techniques will be taught. At the end of this course, students will be able to perform 1G, 2G, 3G, 4G, 1F, 2F, 3F and 4F operations using deep-penetration and low-hydrogen based rod. Safe equipment use and processes will be covered.

Title: WELDING 3

11960

Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Welding2/Sophomore Standing

Fee: \$40 + project fees

Welding 3 will give the student a beginning level of exposure to aluminum welding operations and introduction to project fabrication. Students will mentor and supervise the demonstration of inexperienced/beginning Welding students. The NCCER "Basic Safety" Core will be taught in this class. Safe equipment use and processes will be covered.

Title: WELDING 4

11965

Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Welding3/Sophomore Standing

Fee: \$40 + project fees

Welding 4 will give the student an advanced level of exposure to steel and aluminum welding operations through project fabrication. Students will learn to mentor and supervise the demonstration of inexperienced/beginning welding students. Safe equipment use and processes will be covered. 2 hr. block WFDC

WORLD LANGUAGE

Title: SPANISH 1

WL765

Length: Two Semesters

Spanish I introduces students to the language and culture of Spanish speaking countries in Central America, South America, and Spain. In this course, students will learn to read, write, speak, and listen in Spanish. They will also have the opportunity to participate in customs from numerous regions and broaden their cultural understanding and world perspective. Suggested that students enrolling in this course have received a passing grade in the previous year's Language Arts class.

Title: **SPANISH 2** WL 770 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Spanish 1 w/grade of C or better

Spanish II is an intermediate level course. In this class, students will expand on their ability to read, write, speak, and listen in Spanish. During this course, they will learn the two forms of the past tense in Spanish and continue to develop their vocabulary. Students will also continue to broaden their worldview and cultural understanding by participating in a number of cultural activities from Central America, South America, and Spain.

ENGLISH

Title: LANGUAGE ARTS 9

LL705 Length: Two Semesters

Students will continue to develop their reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. Emphasis will be placed on analysis and interpretation from a wide range of authors, which will lead to a wide range of writing assignments based upon class readings and discussions. Several novels will also be read and studied in detail. Special projects will supplement the in-depth study of the novels selected for study.

Title: LANGUAGE ARTS 9 - HONORS

LL706 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Based on writing assessments, standardized test scores, grades, and teacher recommendation.

Honors 9 is an academically challenging course for highly motivated students who have a solid grasp of grammar and mechanics and who exhibit excellence in written and oral expression, and reading comprehension. In order for students to meet the challenges of the honors program, an emphasis is placed upon higher order thinking skills. Students will read literature from a variety of world authors, in addition to reading selected supplementary novels from which discussions, essays and projects are derived. **Extensive reading outside of class is required.** By experiencing a rich variety of reading and writing activities, Honors 9 prepares students for Honors 10, 11, and Advanced Placement English.

Title: LANGUAGE ARTS 10

LL710

Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Language Arts 9

Poetry, drama, mythology, short stories, novels, and nonfiction forms will be studied from a wide range of world authors. Composition will include a review of 7-9 grade grammar and composition skills, spelling and grammar at the 10th grade level, and the development of paragraphs and the multi-paragraph form, including correct MLA formatting and citation.

Title: LANGUAGE ARTS 10 – HONORS

LL711

Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Based on writing assessments, standardized test scores, and grades. Previous honors enrollment is recommended but not required.

Students without prior high school Honors English experience are encouraged to consult with previous English teachers and the sophomore honors teacher regarding expectations. Honors English 10 is for students who have demonstrated continued proficiency and an appreciation for literature and writing. New modes of research, technology, and communications prepare students for the academic demands of research and analytical reading and writing. Special projects tailored to individual interests and needs coupled with a rigorous reading and writing program enable students to investigate language to enrich comprehension and to develop self-expression.

Students are expected to begin applying analytical concepts of a more challenging curriculum of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama from a wide range of world authors. Essays will focus on broad and supported interpretations of texts and demonstrate a clear understanding of advanced vocabulary and grammatical structures, as well as proper MLA formatting and citation. Students are expected to be able to read and write on an independent basis.

Extensive reading outside of class is required. This course provides the academic background necessary for entering into Advanced Placement English.

Title: LANGUAGE ARTS 11

LL715 Length: Two Semesters

Language Arts 11 will provide an analysis of a wide range of American Literature, from the native oral tradition to modernism texts. Composition will provide a review of 7-10 grade composition and grammar skills. This course will include spelling, grammar, and usage at the 11th grade level, as well as proper MLA formatting and citation.

Title: AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION

LL795

Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Honors Language Arts 10 highly recommended

Course & Test fees apply: \$99

This is an introductory or stand-alone college-level composition course. The course is intended for juniors or seniors seeking to elevate and cultivate writing skills by increasing their understanding of rhetorical arguments through reading, analyzing, and writing as they explore the rhetorical situation, claims and evidence, reasoning and organization, and style through topics such as advertisements, speeches, personal essays, music, poetry, and other non-fiction sources. Additionally, students benefit from exposure to MLA formatting, develop a better understanding of marketing and advertising, learn how to strengthen speeches, and create more persuasive communications, helping them achieve their professional goals in many business-related fields.

Students attempting AP courses earn a GPA bump and, regardless of course performance, have the potential to earn college credits by passing the AP examination in May.

This class helps establish many writing and more profound analysis skills necessary for success in AP Literature and Composition.

Title: LANGUAGE ARTS 12

LL790

Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Language Arts 11

This full-year course focuses on British literature. It will examine significant literary movements, from Anglo-Saxon poetry to post-modernism. There will be an emphasis upon writing analysis based essays, rhetoric, grammar and vocabulary at the 12th grade level, as well as proper MLA formatting and citation.

Title: AP ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION LL760

0 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Only available to Seniors or Early-Grad Students

**Students must have completed an Honors English class, the AP Language & Composition course, or may be enrolled upon teacher recommendation.

Students are encouraged to consult with previous English teachers and the AP English teacher regarding expectations.

AP English is a senior-level course designed to engage college-bound seniors in the careful reading and critical analysis of classic and contemporary British, American, and European literature. Through the active reading of a rigorous selection of texts, students will deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers. Writing assignments focus on the critical analysis of literature, including expository, analytical, and argumentative essays. Toward that end, writing instruction focuses on developing coherence, unity, precision, structure, and stylistic maturity. Additionally, students prepare and practice for the Advanced Placement English Exam. It is expected that by the end of this course, students will be able to employ a variety of test-taking skills and techniques that will enable them to satisfactorily complete both the multiple-choice and essay portions of the exam. AP is a college-level course. Depending on individual institutional policies, students who successfully complete the Advanced Placement Exam may earn college credit.

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Title: FILM AS LITERATURE

LL735

Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Open only to Junior or Seniors

This course expands analysis, reasoning, and writing skills using film as a basis for study. Students learn the origin and background of film, as well as the stylistic implications behind new technological elements developed. Students then examine different film movements and the unique ways in which style creates meaning for audiences. Students will understand the elements of film analysis and criticism, and their role in evaluating the narrative, artistic, symbolic, and cultural and entertainment value of film. Because the course does include critical reading, writing, and speaking, any student in grades 11 or 12 will receive a full English language arts credit for taking it. **Dependent on student requests and staffing.

Title: **JOURNALISM** LL740 Length: One Semester

(Offered Semester 1 followed by TECHNICAL WRITING Semester 2)

Prerequisite: Open only to Juniors or Seniors

The course will focus on journalism in modern society, concerning the types of journalism, the process, and the business itself. Students will examine forms ranging from basic reporting to photojournalism, and creating individual portfolios and a teen-oriented newspaper to distribute to the school. Because the course does include critical reading, writing, and speaking, any student in grades 11 or 12 should get a ½ English language arts credit for taking it. This course is not open to 9th or 10th graders. **Dependent on student requests and staffing.

Title: **TECHNICAL WRITING** LL800 Length: One Semester

(Offered Semester 2 preceded by JOURNALISM Semester1)

Prerequisite: Language Arts 9

This course will establish a toolbox of practical writing skills for common professional applications and will explore the importance of clear and precise written communication to the achievement of a student's goals in all academic and professional pursuits.

HEALTH

Title: **Health** JJ705 Length: One Semester

The focus of this course is to provide accurate knowledge and information to students so they will be able to make informed and responsible decisions. Ten topic areas are covered: mental and emotional health, family living, growth and development, nutrition, personal health, tobacco and other drugs, communicable and chronic diseases, injury prevention and safety, consumer and community health, and environmental health.

MATHEMATICS

Title: FOUNDATIONS OF ALGEBRA/GEOMETRY MM706 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Teacher Recommendation

This course focuses on mastery of computational skills and teaches the fundamentals necessary for algebra.

Title: **ALGEBRA** MM725 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Pass Algebra Readiness (Pre-Algebra) or Teacher Recommendation

This course uses real-life situations to teach algebraic issues including the addition, multiplication, and factoring of algebraic expressions; solving and graphing linear and quadratic equations; systems of equations; and probability. A scientific calculator is required.

Title: **GEOMETRY** MM730 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Algebra

This course integrates coordinate and transformational approaches with real-world applications while developing deductive proof. Two-dimensional geometry focuses on similarity and congruence, perimeter and area, circles, and scatter and linear graphs. Uses algebraic skills such as linear and quadratic equation solving, factoring, and graphing. Explores solid geometry topics including nets, surface area, and volume. A scientific calculator is required.

Title: ADVANCED ALGEBRA MM735 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Passed Geometry with C's or better or Teacher Recommendation

This course uses real-world applications to teach algebraic expressions, solving, linear and quadratic equation functions, powers, roots, logarithms, and polynomial and trigonometric functions. Rational expressions, scatterplots, and linear programming are also covered. A graphing calculator is required, preferably a TI-83.

Title: PRE-CALCULUS AND TRIGONOMETRY MM740 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Passed Advanced Algebra with C's or better or Teacher Recommendation

Explores function families: polynomial, trigonometric, circular, and logarithmic. This course also covers conic sections, polar coordinates, complex numbers, and series. A graphing calculator is recommended.

Title: AP CALCULUS MM755 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry

Calculus is a study of four main topics: limits, derivatives, definite integral, and indefinite integral. Students will *know* the definitions, *understand* the concepts, be able to *do* the operations, and then *apply* them to real world problems. AP is a college-level course. Depending on individual institutional policies, students who successfully complete the AP exam may earn college credit. When students take this course, it is assumed that they will take the AP test at the end of the year. A graphing calculator is recommended, preferably a TI-84 or equivalent.

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Title: PERSONAL FINANCE - 1st Semester MM726 Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Junior/Senior Standing: Passed Algebra

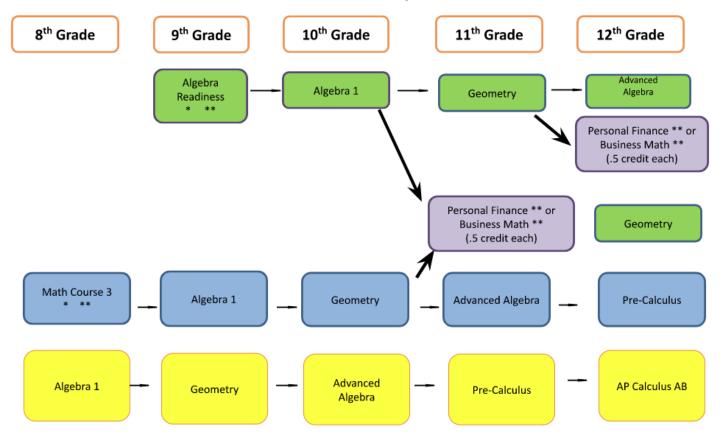
This course places an emphasis on personal finance, which includes math-related topics such as budgeting income, income tax, loans, investments, credit cards, saving, cash purchasing and others.

Title: **BUSINESS MATH - 2nd Semester** MM727 Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Junior/Senior Standing; Passed Algebra

This course places an emphasis on application of mathematical concepts in the business world. Topics include small business, taxes, payroll, investing, capital, loss, assets, liabilities, basic accounting, licensing, government agencies and others.

Math Flow Chart by Grade



^{*}Course not approved for APS by KPBSD **Not NCAA Approved

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Title: LIFE ACTIVITIES PP705 Length: One Semester

This is an introductory PE class, and is a prerequisite to all other Physical Education classes

This course will provide a variety of well-rounded movement experiences designed to increase student knowledge and skills about their physical well-being. Students will be introduced to the basics of weight training, mobility, and aerobic conditioning, which will be expanded upon in all subsequent physical education courses at Soldotna High School. The course also includes an introduction to dance, swimming, and several other individual and team sports. The Life Activities curriculum is designed to give students the confidence and motivation to improve and maintain an active, healthy body, mind and lifestyle, and to pursue the challenges of new physical activities throughout their lives.

Title: MOVEMENT & ACTIVITIES - Yoga PP720 Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Life Activities Fee: \$10

This course is designed to expand upon the lifetime fitness skills previously introduced in the Life Activities course through weight training, mobility, metabolic conditioning, and body weight movements. The curriculum is focused on keeping the body moving through walking, yoga, game play, swimming, and other aerobic activities.

Title: PHYSICAL TRAINING PP715 Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Life Activities Fee: \$10

The goals of Speed Strength Training (Physical Training) will be to improve flexibility, speed, agility, jump ability, lifting technique, strength, power, stability and core strength. These areas must be improved through training to improve performance, reduce injury potential and optimize athletic ability. Quarterly fitness tests will be given to test physical and athletic improvements.

Title: **TEAM SPORTS REFERRING** HH865 Length: One Semester

Fee: \$10

This course is designed to train and prepare students for a future in sports officiating, providing both the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to pursue paid referee positions. The course addresses the nationwide shortage of referees, equipping students with the skills to step into the role confidently. By the end of the course, students will be prepared to obtain certification and start officiating local games. Students will receive training in Football, Volleyball, Wrestling, Soccer, Baseball/Softball and Basketball.

SCIENCE Life Science

Title: **BIOLOGY 1** SS710 Length: Two Semesters

Fee: \$10 for the year

Recommended for freshmen. This course will study plants and animals, followed by a more intensive investigation of the genetics, anatomy, and ecology of both plants and animals. Learning experiences will include laboratory work, projects, activities, and lectures. Biology is the prerequisite for Marine Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, and Advanced Placement Biology.

Title: AP BIOLOGY SS735 Length: Two Semesters

Fee: \$10

Prerequisite: Biology 1 with a "B" or better/Chemistry Recommended. Junior or senior only

Advanced Placement Biology course is designed to be the equivalent of a college-level introductory Biology course, usually taken by biology majors during the first college year. It is also recommended that students successfully complete one year of high school Chemistry or Human Anatomy prior to enrolling in this course. AP is a college-level course. Depending on individual institutional policies, students who successfully complete the AP exam may earn college credit** Having met or exceeded the expectations for Advanced Placement coursework by colleges and universities, this course is authorized by The College Board to use the AP® designation. This course is offered every year with sufficient numbers of students.

Title: ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY SS725 Length: Two Semesters

Fee: \$10

Prerequisite: Completion of Biology 1 with a grade of B or better or teacher recommendation

This course is designed to provide students the opportunities to investigate all systems of the human body. In-depth study will take place through lab activities including fetal pig dissections and various tests (reflex, eye exams, and heart and respiration rates) on the students' bodies. Learning experiences will include lecture, group projects, and independent research including term papers & brain, eye & heart dissections.

Title: MARINE BIOLOGY SS730 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Biology 1/Sophomore standing

Marine Biology is designed to provide students with opportunities to investigate the physical and biological aspects of the marine and aquatic environments. Emphasis will be placed on physical dynamics such as currents, tides, and salinity, along with how they affect the animal and plant life as well as the dynamics and interrelationship of the ecosystems.

Title: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SS740 Length:Two Semesters

Fee: \$20

Fee: \$10

Environmental Science is a Junior/Senior level elective life science course. In this course the focus will be on studying Ecology with a very strong emphasis on Alaska ecology. The students will engage in the Alaska outdoor lifestyle, and also explore how humans play a vital role in the overall ecology on the landscapes throughout Alaska. Student's will get an in-depth look at jobs within wildlife management, and population ecology in Alaska.

SCIENCE Physical Science

Title: **EARTH SCIENCE** SS750 Length: Two Semesters

Fee: \$10

This course covers the study of geologic time and is designed to provide students opportunities to investigate the structure and composition of the earth and how it changes over time. In-depth study through lab activities, group projects, and independent research will concentrate on topics of special interest to Alaskans: volcanoes, earthquakes, and oil-related topics (minerals and rocks). Astronomy basics will also be covered.

Title: PHYSICAL SCIENCE SS755 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Algebra (previously or concurrently) Fee: \$10

This course is divided into major areas: chemistry, electricity, energy, force and motion, and technology. Students will explore the scientific principles and application of technology through investigations. This course is a preparation for Earth Science, Chemistry and Physics courses.

Title: CHEMISTRY SS775 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Advanced Algebra (previously or concurrently)

Fee: \$10

Chemistry is presented as a hands-on, laboratory-based course. The topics covered are designed to prepare students for basic college chemistry. Coursework is integrated with other academic disciplines.

Title: AP CHEMISTRY SS776 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Chemistry with a "B" or better, enrollment or Fee: \$10

completion of Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry and junior or senior standing.

The Advanced Placement Chemistry course is designed to be the equivalent of a college-level introductory Chemistry course. Science majors usually take this course during their first college year. Depending on individual institutional policies, students who successfully complete the AP exam may earn college credit. ** Having met or exceeded the expectations for Advanced Placement coursework by colleges and universities, this course is authorized by The College Board to use the AP® designation. **Depending on student requests, will be offered every other year.

Title: **PHYSICS** SS780 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Advanced Algebra (previously or concurrently)

An introduction to physics, involving motion, energy, gravity, waves and relativity. This course is designed as advanced science for students who are interested in the sciences or would like a head start for further college science courses. Physics will involve mathematical applications, with the primary focus being conceptual understanding.

Fee: \$10

** Dependent on request numbers during registration.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Title: WORLD HISTORY TT705 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

This tenth-grade program focuses on the history of the major cultures and societies of the world. Historical perspective is provided on major world events, movements, and conditions. This course enables the student to understand the world through exploration of the histories and cultures of past and present societies. Emphasis is on the acquisition and application of social studies skills within the context of world history. Students will apply concepts and knowledge from social studies disciplines such as geography, government, and economics, in addition to other disciplines such as world literature and science. Current events will help students see the link between past and present. Supplies: A box of colored pencils and a ruler.

Title: AP WORLD HISTORY: MODERN TT706 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: There are no prerequisites for AP World History: Modern. Students should be able to read a college-level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences. However, this is a difficult course; students should consult with previous social studies teachers and the teacher of this course regarding expectations.

In AP World History: Modern, students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes from 1200 to the present after a survey of events starting from 8000 B.C.E. Students develop and use the same skills, practices, and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical connections; and utilizing reasoning about comparison, causation, and continuity and change over time. The course provides six themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: humans and the environment, cultural developments and interactions, governance, economic systems, social interactions and organization, and technology and innovation. AP World History: Modern is designed to be the equivalent of an introductory college or university survey of modern world history. Depending on individual institutional policies, students who successfully complete the AP exam may earn college credit. Units are established by the Advanced Placement system. ** Having met or exceeded the expectations for Advanced Placement coursework by colleges and universities, this course is authorized by The College Board to use the AP® designation.

Title: **U.S. HISTORY**TT710
Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: Junior standing

The eleventh-grade program is a comprehensive, integrated course in United States history from the Civil-War Era to the present. This course is organized chronologically but may be taught thematically, and is intended to serve as a capstone for U.S. History studies in the elementary and secondary schools. In-depth, student-centered exploration of issues relevant to historical inquiry and methodology will be emphasized. Integration with the 11th grade language arts curriculum through American literature will emphasize reading, writing, listening, speaking, research, critical thinking, and technical skills within a historical context.

Title: AP U.S. HISTORY TT715 Length: Two Semesters

Prerequisite: There are no prerequisites for AP U.S. History. Students should be able to read a college-level textbook and write grammatically correct, complete sentences. However, this is a difficult course; students should consult with previous social studies teachers and the teacher of this course regarding expectations.

In AP U.S. History, students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in nine historical periods from approximately 1491 to the present. Students develop and use the same skills and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; developing historical arguments; making historical connections; and utilizing reasoning about comparison, causation, and continuity and change. The course also provides eight themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: American and national identity; work, exchange, and technology; geography and the environment; migration and settlement; politics and power; America in the world; American and regional culture; and social structures. Depending on individual institutional policies, students who successfully complete the AP exam may earn college credit. Units are established by the Advanced Placement system. ** Having met or exceeded the expectations for Advanced Placement coursework by colleges and universities, this course is authorized by The College Board to use the AP® designation.

Title: GOVERNMENT

Prerequisite: Senior standing

The twelfth-grade social studies program focuses on the American political system and preparation of students for effective and productive citizenship. Government provides an in-depth, content-specific study of the Constitution, comparative political and economic systems, federal, state and local governments, International relations, and rights and responsibilities of the individual. The American legal system, legislative processes, and the Bill of Rights will be critically examined in order to invite student activism and involvement in democracy. Exposure and participation to real life experiences is a major focus in this course. Identification of issues crucial to the maintenance of democratic institutions is emphasized with a view toward resolution.

TT720

Title: **ALASKA HISTORY** TT730 Length: One Semester

The Alaska History course gives students the opportunity to learn about Alaska, and to learn why active Alaskan citizenship is important. The course emphasizes Alaska's distinctive physical and human geography. It examines historical events, economic resource development, and the challenging political structures of Alaska. The major federal laws that govern Alaska's lands and waters are studied, as well as Alaska's changing geopolitical significance. Public ownership dominates Alaska's land and water resources, a situation requiring informed citizen-owners who will need to continue managing the state for a sustainable future.

Title: **GEOGRAPHY** TT745 Length: One Semester

Course keeps geography relevant and up-to-date through country-by-country coverage and helps students understand how geography affects their lives.

Title: **PSYCHOLOGY (ELECTIVE CREDIT ONLY)** TT758

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

Psyche – the mind, soul, or spirit; logos – the study of. This class is an introduction to the study of the behavior and thinking of organisms. We will examine the history of psychology and theories of differing psychologists over time. The class curriculum will include most of the following: the study of sensation and perception, motivation and emotion, stress and health, principles of learning, psychological testing, theories of personality, and psychological disorders. Each quarter students will either conduct experiments or choose a topic for a more in depth study. This course can be used to count towards APS for Social Studies track.

Title: SOCIOLOGY (ELECTIVE CREDIT ONLY) TT765 Length: One Semester

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing

Sociology is an elective course that studies human society and social behavior. The way that we view the world comes from what we learn in our everyday activities. This course deals with the social atmosphere that helps to make us who we are and how we behave. Sociology will cover topics such as culture, violence, deviance, social control, socialization and personality, group behavior, social class and social institutions. The key component of this course is the study of ourselves and the society that influences our behavior. This course can be used to count towards APS for Social Studies track.

Length: One Semester

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PUPIL SERVICES

The Pupil Services Department at Soldotna High School develops and implements individualized education programs (IEPs) designed to meet the unique learning needs of specifically identified students, as those students earn high school diplomas and plan for their futures. Special Services staff works closely with parents and students to develop these individualized education programs. In a very broad sense, the focus of these individual programs falls into three categories:

- The least restrictive individual program is highly inclusive; students with special needs take all or most of their classes within the general education program. Students are usually enrolled in a study skills course facilitated by a Special Services teacher to support their general education courses.
- A slightly more restrictive individual program provides direct instruction to the student with special needs within the
 area of his/her disability, such as mathematics or reading. This program may include a more structured vocational
 program offering supplemental career exploration and more intensive on-the-job training opportunities than are
 available through the general education program.
- The most restrictive individual program offers the student a competency-based curriculum designed to focus on the
 acquisition of life skills. (LIFE LIVING SKILLS) within the academic areas. The development of a student's vocational
 work habits and job-specific skills are also included as priorities

Title: LIFE LIVING SKILLS

YY705

Length: One Semester

Students will learn independent living skills, which may include vocational and community skills; managing personal finances; caring for personal needs; buying, preparing, and consuming food; and buying and caring for clothing. This course may be substituted for math, practical arts, social studies, and biological science credit. Students may repeat this course for credit in one or more of these substitution areas until competencies are met.

Title: STUDY SKILLS

XX710

Length: One Semester

Study Skills is designed for the student who is enrolled in one or more general education courses for which he/she may need additional assistance or time to do the work required. This course also provides an alternate location for test taking and other projects. In addition to assistance with general education courses, students will be given individualized assistance in the skill areas of organization, time and task management, self-regulation, note taking, testing, listening, studying, behavior, and areas as needed. **Note**: it is recommended that students have a binder to aid in organization

CAREER-BASED LEARNING (CBL)

Title: COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE

Prerequisite: Juniors or Seniors Only

WW705

Length: One - Four Semester

Cooperative Work Experience

- Is a Junior/Senior level class that allows students to be employed through a paid work setting that offers work experience in the student's career pathway/cluster.
- Employer, parent and student must complete the Work Co-Op paperwork.
- 60 hours required for ½ high school practical art credit.
- Work must all take place in one semester

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COURSES AFTER-SCHOOL ACADEMIES

**See the One Stop portal on the KPBSD website to check for updates and more information on academies offered through the Workforce Development Center, throughout the school year.

PRACTICAL ARTS Health and Human Services Career Pathway

Title: **AVIATION I** II870/SS870 Length: One Semester

Fee: \$20

Designed as an exploratory class, this course prepares students for an entry level position in the air transportation industry, by introducing them to a wide variety of available career options. This course is designed to be "hands-on", covering the basic elements of Piloting, Air Traffic Control, and Aviation Administration. This class will also prepare students to pass the FAA Private Pilot Ground School knowledge test.

Title: COSMETOLOGY HH700 Length: One Semester

Fee: \$20

This course provides an introduction to the basics of cosmetology. Students will explore career options in the field, learn about the common equipment and technologies used by cosmetologists. We will examine the skills and characteristics that make someone a good cosmetologist. Students will also learn more about some of the common techniques used in caring for hair, nails, and skin in salons, spas, and other cosmetology related businesses.

Title: **FORENSIC SCIENCE** HH825 Length: One Semester

Fee: \$10

This course focuses on crime scenes, identifying and collecting different types of evidence, and how to analyze that evidence to solve crimes. Some course topics include handwriting analysis, toxicology, impressions (such as firearms, tool marks etc.), fingerprinting, and more.

Title: **SOFTWARE DESIGN I** BB880 Length: One Semester

Students will explore careers and opportunities in technology. There is a dual focus in regards to game development. Game mechanics and theory will be examined through creation of tabletop games that students will then adapt for online play. E-sports components and cooperation will be developed to understand the consumer side of software. The class uses Unity to begin to learn a higher level of coding through either tutorials or independent creation.

The Distance Learning Program plans to offer the following classes during the 2024/2025 school year. Appropriately, highly qualified KPBSD instructors teach all classes. Classes are delivered via the Internet (some classes require a textbook) and can be taken at any time of the day. These courses may change depending on teacher availability and course numbers.

Advanced Placement

- AP Calculus (MM755) (Stephanie Cronin)
- AP Computer Science Principles (BB920) (Beth Swaby)

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

- Employability Skills* (II930) (Jeff Moore)
- Computer Apps 1* (BB765) (Billeen Carlson)
- Computer Apps 2* (BB770) (Billeen Carlson)
- Computer Apps 3* (BB775) (Billeen Carlson)
- Computer Science Principles (BB725) (Beth Swaby)
- AP Computer Science Principles (BB920) (Beth Swaby)
- <u>Introduction to Education* (HH840)</u> (Emanuela Pokryfki)
- <u>Education Development and Psychology* (HH845)</u>
 (Emanuela Pokryfki)

Electives

- Introduction to Art* (AA705) (Billeen Carlson)
- <u>Art- Independent Study* (AA755)</u> (Billeen Carlson)
- Health* (JJ705) (Jen Johnson)
- Keyboarding* (BB705) (Jen Johnson)
- Music Appreciation* (UU755) (Jeff Moore)
- Music Theory* (UU760) (Jeff Moore)
- Movement/Activity* (PP720) (Andy Rothenberger)

Language Arts

- <u>Language Arts 9 A (LL705A)</u> (Jonathan Crocker)
- Language Arts 9 B (LL705B) (Jonathan Crocker)
- Language Arts 10 A (LL710A) (Jonathan Crocker)
- Language Arts 10 B (LL710B) (Jonathan Crocker)
- Language Arts 11 A (LL715A) (Joe Waarvik)
- Language Arts 11 B (LL715B) (Joe Waarvik)
- Language Arts 12 A (LL790A) (Joe Waarvik)
- Language Arts 12 B (LL790B) (Joe Waarvik)
- <u>Creative Writing (LL750 A & B)</u> (Jonathan Crocker) -Not available to 9th grade

*Indicates One Semester Course

Math

- Algebra I A (MM725A) (Andy Rothenberger)
- Algebra I B (MM725B) (Andy Rothenberger)
- Geometry A (MM730A) (Andy Rothenberger)
- Geometry B (MM730B) (Andy Rothenberger)
- Advanced Algebra A (MM735A) (Stephanie Cronin)
- Advanced Algebra B (MM735B) (Stephanie Cronin)
- <u>Personal Finance* (MM760)</u> (Jeff Moore)
- Business Math* (MM727) (Jeff Moore)
- Pre-Calculus A (MM745A) (Stephanie Cronin)
- Pre-Calculus B (MM745B) (Stephanie Cronin)
- <u>Calculus A (MM750A)</u> (Stephanie Cronin)
- AP Calculus (MM755) Stephanie Cronin)

Science

- Biology A (SS710A) (Kim Leslie)
- Earth Science A (SS750A) (Kim Leslie)
- Earth Science B (SS750B) (Kim Leslie)
- Physical Science A (SS755A) (Kim Leslie)
- Physical Science B (SS755B) (Kim Leslie)
- Physics A (SS780A) (Andy Rothenberger)
- Physics B (SS780B) (Andy Rothenberger)
- <u>Environmental Studies A (SS740A)</u> (Andy Rothenberger)
- Environmental Studies B (SS740B) (Andy Rothenberger)

Social Studies

- AK History* (TT730) (Steve Cothran)
- Government* (TT720) (Steve Cothran)
- U.S. History A (TT710A) (Jonathan Crocker)
- <u>U.S. History B (TT710B)</u> (Jonathan Crocker)
- World History A (TT705A) (Steve Cothran)
- World History B (TT705B) (Steve Cothran)
- Geography A (TT745A) (Joe Waarvik)
- Geography B (TT745B) (Joe Waarvik)

World Languages (Emanuela Pokryfki)

- French 1A (WL705B)
- French 1B (WL705B)
- French 2 B (WL710B)
- Advanced French (3/4) B (WL715B)
- Italian 1 B (WL795B)
- Spanish 1B (WL 765B)
- Spanish 2B (WL770B)
- Advanced Spanish (3/4) B (WL775B)