

SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021 – Scheduling Handout

Thank you for attending this evening. As you know, we are moving quickly through the current school year which means we are busy planning for next year and as the parent of an 8th grader, “next year” means having a student in high school. We hope to give you some good information this evening and answer any questions you might have about Seymour High School. In addition, we want to talk about how we plan to schedule classes for our 8th graders. This handout and tonight’s PowerPoint presentation are both available on our school website. (<http://shs.scsc.k12.in.us>). Click on Student Services then 8th Graders to access the handout and PowerPoint presentation.

If you have any questions regarding the scheduling process please feel free to contact us:

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Seymour High School operates on an alternating block schedule which allows for 8 periods of scheduled courses – 4 classes on a White Day and 4 classes on a Purple Day. All incoming freshman must be enrolled in the following 5 courses:

1. English
2. Math
3. Science
4. Career Info & Exploration (Semester 1) / Digital Applications (Semester 2)
5. Study Hall or Algebra Lab

Middle school counselors will work with SMS teachers and high school counselors to schedule the appropriate English, math, and science courses for each student based on standardized test scores such as Istep, student grades, and teacher or counselor recommendations. Students and parents will choose an additional 3 elective courses (6 semesters) from page 2 to complete their schedule.

The majority of incoming 9th graders will be enrolled in:

1. English 9
2. Algebra I
3. Integrated Chemistry/Physics

Each of the above courses meets the requirements of a Core 40 diploma, Technical Honors Diploma, and an Indiana Academic Honors Diploma. Some students may be enrolled in 1 or more accelerated courses such as:

1. Accelerated English 9 in place of English 9
2. Integrated Math or Accelerated Geometry in place of Algebra I
3. Accelerated Biology in place of Integrated Chemistry/Physics

Please refer to page 2 for elective courses. You will need to choose 6 semesters worth of courses for next year. If you are selecting a course for an entire year such as geography, world language, band, manufacturing, or introduction to engineering, you will need to select the course for both semester 1 and semester 2.

Students should choose 6 semesters of electives from the following areas:

- **Social Studies** – Two semesters are required during grade 9 or 10. If a student selects Social Studies as an elective in grade 9, the course will be **Geography/History of the World**. Students wanting to take an advanced course in social studies should wait until grade 10 and take AP World History. Students who do not have room for social studies in grade 9 will be required to take social studies during grade 10. Social studies should be scheduled as a year-long course (2 semesters).
- **Physical Education** – Students may take 1 or 2 semesters during their freshman year. Two semesters are required for graduation. Participation in athletics, band, or cheerleading during high school can count as PE credit under the guidelines of Alternative Supervised PE (ASPE). Students choosing to meet the **PE** requirement through ASPE will not need to enroll in the traditional PE class but instead may choose to enroll in **Elective PE Fitness** (Weight Training) for 1 or 2 semesters. Elective PE Fitness does not meet the state requirement for PE. Both semesters of PE credit must be earned by the end of grade 10.
- **Fine Arts** – Students can choose from **Art, Band, Choir, Theatre Arts, and Music Appreciation**. Fine arts classes are available for 2 semesters with the exception of Music Appreciation which is only a 1 semester course. Fine arts courses are not required for graduation but are required (2 semesters) for an Indiana Academic Honors Diploma. Yearbook and Newspaper also meet the fine arts requirement and can be taken in grades 10-12.
- **Agriculture** – Freshman may choose 1 or 2 semesters of **Introduction to Agriculture**. Topics to be covered include: animal science, plant and soil science, food science, horticultural science, agricultural business management, landscape management, natural resources. Students who took Intro to Agriculture in 8th grade may choose one of the following dual credit electives: **Horticulture** – plant basics, greenhouse mgmt., fruit & veg. production, gardening. **Plant & Soil** - plant anatomy/physiology, crop growth, disease, soil composition, nutrient mgmt. **Animal Science** - anatomy/physiology, disease, nutrition, care. **Food Science** - composition of food, reaction to cooking/processing, product development, marketing. **Natural Resource Mgmt.** - wildlife, hunting, soil, water, & forestry conservation.
- **World Languages** – Students may choose from **French, Latin, and Spanish**. World Language credit is not required for graduation but is required for an Indiana Academic Honors Diploma. In addition, some colleges require 2 years of world language for admission. World Language courses are to be scheduled as a year-long course (2 semesters). Students who do not earn a passing score on their English Istep may be asked to wait until grade 10 to take a World Language.
- **Engineering & Technology** – Electives include **Intro to Adv Manufacturing & Logistics** and **Introduction to Engineering** (Project Lead the Way). Intro to Adv. Mfg. explores a variety of manufacturing processes including hydraulics, pneumatics, electronics, and CNC machines. Intro to Engineering uses 3-D software to teach students problem solving skills in regards to conceptualizing and designing 3-D models. The PLTW engineering course is a dual credit course worth 3 college credits. Each of these electives is considered a year-long (2 semester) course.
- **Family & Consumer Sciences** – Electives include **Nutrition & Wellness, Fashion & Textiles, and Interpersonal Relations**. Interpersonal Relations (1 semester) lets students work on their interpersonal skills such as listening, verbal and non-verbal communication, decision making, and group dynamics. Textiles is a beginning sewing and clothing class which may be taken either 1 or 2 semesters and the nutrition & wellness course is a one semester course designed to expose students to the areas of food preparation and nutrition.
- **Business** – Freshman students may choose 1 or 2 semesters of **Introduction to Business**. This course covers business management, entrepreneurship, marketing fundamentals, and business ethics and law.

COURSE	NUMBER(S)	SEMESTER	NOTES
Geography World History	157091 & 157092	Both Semesters	
French I	20201 & 20202	Both Semesters	(Passing ELA Istep Scores and Counselor Approval Needed)
Latin I	20801 & 20802	Both Semesters	(Passing ELA Istep Scores and Counselor Approval Needed)
Spanish I	21201 & 21202	Both Semesters	(Passing ELA Istep Scores and Counselor Approval Needed)
Phys Ed I	35420	Semester 1	2 PE credits must be earned before grade 11
Phys Ed II	35440	Semester 2	
Elective PE Fitness 1 (Weight Training)	3560390	Semester 1	Does not count as PE for graduation requirement
Elective PE Fitness 2 (Weight Training)	3560490	Semester 2	
Intro 2D Art	40001	Semester 1	
Adv 2D Art I	40020	Semester 2	Must take Intro 2D Art to enroll in Adv 2D Art I
Beginning Concert Band	41601 & 41602	Both Semesters	(Band can count as PE credit for graduation)
Beginning Chorus 1 (Females)	41821	Semester 1	
Beginning Chorus 2 (Females)	41822	Semester 2	
Beginning Chorus 1 (Males)	41823	Semester 1	
Beginning Chorus 2 (Males)	41824	Semester 2	
Music History (Appreciation)	42060	Semester 1 or 2	
Theater Arts 1	42421	Semester 1	
Theater Arts 2	42422	Semester 2	
Introduction to Business	45181	Semester 1	
Introduction to Business	45182	Semester 2	
Intro to Adv Manufacturing & Logistics	47961 & 47962	Both Semesters	Students should choose both 47961 and 47962
Introduction to Engineering (PLTW) *	48121 & 48122	Both Semesters	Students should choose both 48121 and 48122
Introduction to Agriculture	50561 & 50562	Both Semesters	
Horticulture *	51321 & 51322	Both Semesters	Only if student took 8th Grade Agriculture for credit
Animal Science *	50081 & 50082	Both Semesters	Only if student took 8th Grade Agriculture for credit
Plant & Soil Science *	51701 & 51702	Both Semesters	Only if student took 8th Grade Agriculture for credit
Food Science *	51021 & 51022	Both Semesters	Only if student took 8th Grade Agriculture for credit
Natural Resource Management *	51801 & 51802	Both Semesters	Only if student took 8th Grade Agriculture for credit
Nutrition & Wellness	53420	Semester 1 or 2	
Interpersonal Relations	53640	Semester 1 or 2	
Introduction to Fashion & Textiles	53801	Semester 1	Must take 53801 before taking 53802
Introduction to Fashion & Textiles	53802	Semester 2	

* Indicates course is dual credit

Choose from the **courses in bold** on page 2 to complete the elective portion below. Course numbers are located on page 3.

Student's Name _____

Current School _____ Phone Number _____

REQUIRED COURSES

Semester 1

Semester 2

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| 1 | ENGLISH (to be selected by counselor) | ENGLISH (to be selected by counselor) |
| 2 | MATH (to be selected by counselor) | MATH (to be selected by counselor) |
| 3 | SCIENCE (to be selected by counselor) | SCIENCE (to be selected by counselor) |
| 4 | CAREER INFO & EXPLORATION | DIGITAL APPLICATIONS 1 |
| 5 | STUDY HALL or ALGEBRA LAB | STUDY HALL or ALGEBRA LAB |

ELECTIVES

Semester 1

Semester 2

Course Name and Number

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1. _____ / _____
2. _____ / _____
3. _____ / _____

If you attend SMS, please turn this sheet into your PRIDE teacher by Wednesday, February 8th.

If you do not attend Seymour Middle School, please turn this sheet into the main office at your school by Wednesday, February 8th.