
High School Requirements at SST

— A Brief Overview —

Understand that those who work, learn.

Who is working for you to be successful?

- Administration

- Counseling Department

- Teachers

- Support Staff

Are you working for your own success?

Effort

Our teachers work hard to provide you learning opportunities, it is your efforts will determine if you learn.

- ask questions in class
- ask for help if you need it
- give every assignment your best effort

Honesty

It's okay to struggle - this is where real learning happens.

It's NOT okay to cheat.

“Academic dishonesty hurts the entire school community. It denies students the opportunity to learn and practice skills needed in future careers, disrespects peers who have completed their own work, and commits fraud against teachers and faculty who are evaluating the work. In addition, it invites future faculty and employers to question a student's integrity and work performance.”

All ELA courses will have you sign and return an Academic Honesty Policy.

DEAR/Advisory Intervention time

Teacher are able to pull students from DEAR or Advisory for small group tutoring as needed.

Better than having to stay after school, right?

The goal: not let students fall behind.

After school tutoring will still happen as needed. Much of this depends on YOUR efforts.

**If needed, you will be notified to stay for after school tutoring. (core courses & AP courses)*

Grading Scales

A = 90-100% B = 80-89% C = 75-79% D = 70-74%

F = 69% and below

Regular academic course letter grades have the following GPA weights:

A = 4.0 B = 3.0 C = 2.0 D = 1.0 F = 0.0

High School Pre-AP course letter grades have the following GPA weights:

A = 4.5 B = 3.5 C = 2.5 D = 1.5 F = 0.0

AP & Dual Credit course letter grades have the following GPA weights:

A = 5.0 B = 4.0 C = 3.0 D = 2.0 F = 0.0

*Passing is 70 and above

Promotion Requirements

Middle school - Average of 70 or above on all classes AND meet state attendance requirements.

All students must maintain at least 90% attendance. *You will not receive credit for a class if attendance is below 90%, even if you passed the class.*

High school - Earn credits for courses by passing the course AND meeting the state attendance requirements:

Must have at least 6 to promote to 10th Grade

Must have at least 12 to promote to 11th Grade

Must have at least 18 to promote to 12th grade

Other Graduation Requirements

In order for a student to graduate from SST Schools, the student must fulfill:

1. SST High School Credit Requirement
2. Passing Score on Texas State Assessments (STAAR EOCs)
3. Admission by a 4-Year College
4. Minimum 100 Community Service Hours

SST's High School Program

SST's High School Program is designed to ensure acceptance, enrollment, and success in 4-year universities, and requires specific course-by-credit plan for all students, regardless of graduation plan.

SST High School Credit Requirement

English 4.0

Mathematics 4.0

Science 4.0

Social Studies & Economics 4.0

Physical Education 1.0

Languages other than English 3.0

Fine Arts 1.0

Electives 7.0

Endorsements

All students are required to choose an endorsement in order to graduate under the State of Texas Foundation High School Plan. “Foundation High School Plan with Endorsements and Distinguished Level of Achievement” is the default plan all SST students are expected to follow.

Endorsement Options

Students entering 9th grade must choose and complete curriculum requirements from one of the following endorsements:

- ***STEM** (Examples: Engineering, Computer Science)
- ***Business and Industry** (Examples: Business, Finance, Accounting)
- ***Arts and Humanities** (Examples: Literature, Art, Dance, Music)
- ***Public Services** (Examples: Hotel Management, Psychology, Teaching, Health)
- ***Multidisciplinary Studies** (Examples: Business, Sociology, Art)

Free/Reduced Lunch Benefits

Fee Waivers

SAT

ACT

College Applications

Reduced Fees

AP Exams

What Can I Do NOW?

Get organized

Challenge yourself academically

EXTRACURRICULARS

Know what interests you

What Can I Do NOW?

Research colleges/scholarships

Keep your grades up – remember that colleges look at your cumulative high school GPA.

EVERY GRADE COUNTS!!!!