



Wren Middle School PATHS Session

PLAN OF ACTION TOWARD HIGH SCHOOL



PATHS

- Middle school is the time for students to prepare for high school.
- Developing good habits is important for high school success.
- Challenging courses will help prepare students for high school and beyond.
- It is important to perform well on tests such as MAP, SC Ready, and SC PASS. Results from these tests are part of the recommendation process.
- Elective classes such as band, strings, and chorus are offered for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students and can be continued into high school.
- Students will be able to choose the electives they would like to take.

College and Career Ready

- **Prioritize your child's education**
- **Celebrate achievements**
- **Be involved**
- **Encourage good work habits**
- **Build confidence and independence**
- **Talk to your child about college and career goals**
- **Seek resources**

Profile of the South Carolina Graduate



World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences

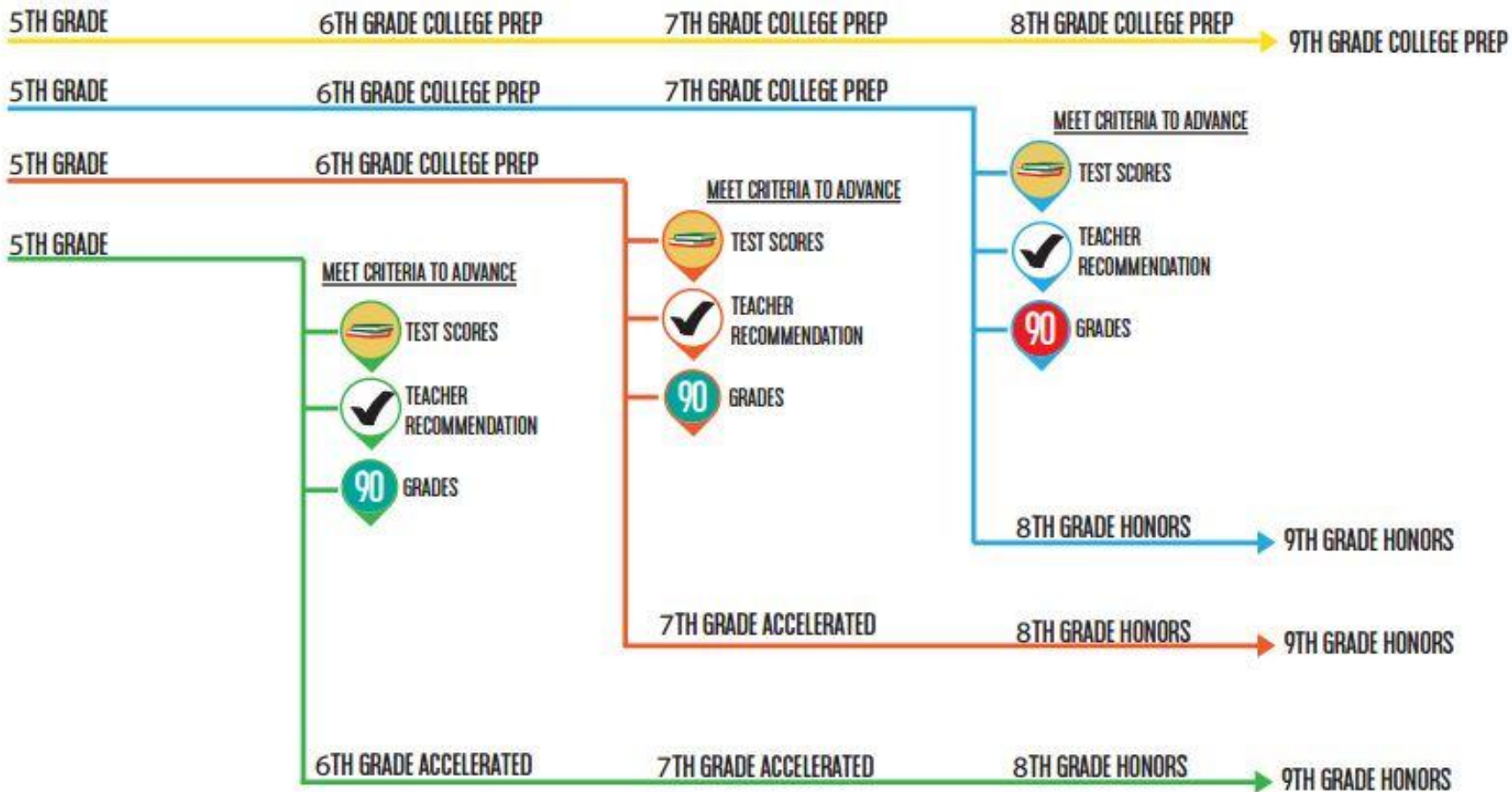
World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

Approved by SCASA Superintendents' Roundtable, SC Chamber of Commerce, and State Board of Education.



Academic Offerings for Rising Seventh Graders

College Prep Coursework

- Social Studies
- Science
- English Language Arts
- Math

Accelerated Coursework

- Accelerated English
- Accelerated Math

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Honors Coursework

- Honors Algebra I
- Honors English I

If students complete the course with a grade of 85 or higher, they earn a high school credit. Students are required to repeat the class if their grade is lower than an 85 and/or they have more than 10 unlawful absences.

High School Honors Classes - Things to Remember

- Higher in rigor and requirements
- Summer reading requirement in English I
- Counts toward overall GPA
- Can retake in high school to override grade earned
- Required to repeat the class if their grade is lower than an 85 and/or they have more than 10 unlawful absences
- End of Course (EOC) counts as 20% of final grade

Changes for 2018-2019 School Year

Spanish

- Spanish will be offered for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades students.
- Sixth and seventh grade Spanish will have semester long classes and will be exploratory for students.
- Eighth grade Spanish will be year long and students will be awarded high school credit with successful completion.
- Space is limited and will be determined through a lottery system.

Changes for 2018-2019 School Year

- No ELA and Math Lab classes.
- Forty five minute Academic Enrichment time for students in all grade levels.
- Students in seventh and eighth grade will choose their activities.
 - Class size is limited, so student choice will be accommodated as much as possible.
- Increased opportunities for STEM related classes

SC Virtual School

- Free for South Carolina students
- Offers classes for students beginning in 7th grade
- Students would receive high school credit for classes
- Students would need to register for classes through SC Virtual School and notify their counselor of their interest
- Students would be responsible for completing work at home via the internet
- Students would have to take a final exam worth 20% of their grade
- Classes fill quickly and upperclassman are allowed to register first

Scholarships

- It is never too early to begin planning for your student's college education.
- If your child is planning to attend college after high school, there are many scholarship opportunities.
- Please visit the Wren High School Guidance page for important scholarship information.

[Wren High School Scholarship Page](#)

Career Assessments and Job Shadowing

- Students will take a Career Interest Inventory each year during middle school.
- These give the students information on careers they might enjoy based on their interests.
- Eighth grade students will visit the Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Career Showcase in which they will have the opportunity to speak with companies in South Carolina.
- Students will also have the opportunity to job shadow in February, either in person or virtually.

Career and Technology Center

- Eighth grade students will visit the Anderson 1 and 2 Career and Technology Center in December.

<http://www.andersonctc.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=1>

- There are many wonderful courses offered at the Career Center.
- Students must meet strict attendance and program requirements.

Individual Graduation Plan

- During the spring of their eighth grade year, students will chose an Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) in which to major.
- It is a tool to guide course selection and career-oriented learning opportunities.
- Wren High School offers a choice of 26 different majors.



Individual Graduation Plan (IGP)

Cluster: Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

MAJOR: AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION



Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Desire Only Intend to Complete Career Goal: _____

Postsecondary Plans: Workforce/Apprenticeship Two-Year College/Technical Training Four-Year College Military

	9	10	11	12
English* (select one each year) Four Units Required	English I or English II or Honors	English II or CP English III or Honors	English III or CP English IV or Honors	English IV or CP English V or Honors
Math* (select one each year) Four Units Required Consider Five Units	Math I or II Math III or Honors Geometry II or Honors	Math I or II Math III or Honors Geometry II or Honors Algebra II or Honors	Applied Geometry or CP Algebra II or Honors Pre-Cal or Honors Math I or II	Math I or II Pre-Cal or Honors Calculus AP Calculus/ Lab Probability and Statistics Statistics for the Technologies Math III or Honors
Science* Three Units Required (3 yr. college) Four Units Three Labs Required (4 yr. college) Consider Five Units	Physical Science CP or Honors	Biology or Honors	Chemistry for the Technologies Chemistry CP or Honors AP Biology/ Lab Astronomy and Meteorology Physics for the Technologies	Physics for the Technologies for II Physics CP or Honors AP Biology/ Lab AP Chemistry/ Lab Astronomy/ Meteorology Geography and Meteorology
Social Studies Three Units Required Consider Five Units	World Studies for Honors	World History AP World History/ Lab	US History AP US History/ Lab AP World History/ Lab Psychology Sociology Psychology II Sociology III History II, AP History III, AP	Government/ Economics of Honors Psychology Sociology Psychology III Sociology III Government III Economics III
Requirements	Computer Technology I or Honors	Computer Technology II or Honors		
Requirements	Physical Education or P.E.C.			
Electives	Grade into Enhancement (2* Grade Requirement)		20* P.E.C.	
Electives		Spanish I (4 yr. College Bound Students)	Spanish II/III (4 yr. College Bound Students)	Spanish IV/V (4 yr. College Bound Students)

* Course selection will depend on satisfying prerequisites

Required Courses for Completion of WHS Major (Four Units Required at CTC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Auto Collision (1 unit)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Collision 1 (2 units) **	<input type="checkbox"/> Auto Collision 3 (2 units) **
		<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Collision 2 (2 units) **	<input type="checkbox"/> Auto Collision 4 (2 units) **
Complementary Course Work		Extended Learning Opportunity Options Related to Major	
<input type="checkbox"/> Physics for the Technologies I/II <input type="checkbox"/> I or II Foundations, Careers, Elements I, II, Drawing I, II, Painting & Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Technology I/II <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Finance <input type="checkbox"/> CP I/II Manufacturing Applications <input type="checkbox"/> CP I/II Lab-based Honors Computer Applications		<input type="checkbox"/> Service Learning (available to 11 th and 12 th grade only)	

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Representative Signature _____ Date _____

Advisor Signature _____ Date _____

Ⓢ Dual Enrollment course which may also be offered online through Tri-County Technical College

Ⓜ College credit articulated by Tri-County Technical College (TAP)

Ⓝ College credit articulated by Greenville Technical College

Ⓜ College credit by AP Exam available

Ⓜ Salisbury University Transfer Agreement (Public Institutions)

+ College credit articulated with Perry-Georgetown, Spartanburg and/or Piedmont Technical College

Ⓜ Dual Credit offered through Greenville Technical College

Ⓜ Dual Credit offered through Southern Wesleyan College

Ⓜ Dual Credit offered through Anderson University

STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

All students in South Carolina must earn the specified 24 units of High School Credit in addition to passing the Exit Exam. These 24 units also meet the requirements for entrance into a two-year college. However, students entering a two-year college are required to take the ACCESS to determine their English and mathematics placement at the two-year college.

Twenty-four units are required and are distributed as follows:

English	4 units
Mathematics	4 units
Science	3 units (Note: One unit must be biology)
Social Studies	1 unit
Government	1/2 unit
Economics	1/2 unit
U.S. History	1 unit
Physical Education	1 unit (Note: 1 unit of ROTC may be substituted)
Computer Science	1 unit (Note: may include 0.5 unit of keyboarding)
Electives	7 units (Note: Acceptable electives include any WHS or CTC course beyond the requirements for graduation.)
Students in 4- year college prep	1 unit of foreign language (colleges require 2 or 3 units)
Students in 2-year college prep	1 additional vocational unit from any CTC course or WHS course listed under Family and Consumer Sciences and/or Business.

To be eligible to participate in graduation exercises, seniors must have completed all requirements for a South Carolina high school diploma/certificate and be within one unit of the required twenty-four needed.

Students are responsible for ensuring they have met all diploma requirements and/or college entrance requirements.

SPECIFIC FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

English	4 units college prep or above
Mathematics	4 units or more <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Algebra 1 CP <u>(or equivalent)</u>(2) Geometry (CP or H)(3) Algebra 2 (CP or H)(4) 4th unit in math must be taken from: Pre-Calculus (CP or H); Calculus (CP or AP); Probability and Statistics (CP) or a dual-credit math course (MAT 120 or above).
Science	3 units of Laboratory Science that must be selected from: <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Biology (CP, H, AP)(2) Chemistry (CP, H, AP)(3) Physics (CP, H, AP)(4) Other Science in which Biology is a prerequisite
Social Studies	1 unit
Government	1/2 unit
Economics	1/2 unit
US History	1 unit
Foreign Language	2 units of the same foreign language for most colleges (Note: Clemson, College of Charleston, Furman and some out of state colleges require 3 units)
Physical Education	1 unit (Note: 1 unit of ROTC may be substituted)
Computer Science	1 unit
Electives: (specific)	
Fine Arts	1 Fine Arts unit (Theater 1 and 2, Chorus (all levels), Band (all levels), Orchestra, Art Foundations, Drawing 1 and 2, Painting 1 and 2, Art Honors)
Academic	1 Academic unit must be taken as an elective. (Note: Acceptable electives include: English, fine arts, foreign language, social science, humanities, laboratory science, or higher level math.)

Success in the New Economy

<https://vimeo.com/67277269>

What's next???

- Recommendation letters for rising seventh and eighth grade students will be sent home on Thursday, April 12 with the third nine weeks report card.
- Please sign and return the letter by Thursday, April 26, 2018.
- If you would like to request a course change, please contact your grade level counselor at (864) 850-5930 or by email by Thursday, April 26, 2018.
- Changes cannot be made after this time due to scheduling constraints.

What's Next????

August 2018

- Registration for all sixth, seventh, eighth, and new students - Parents will complete through PowerSchool. Parents will be sent an email to update information and complete forms.
- Requests for transportation and financial assistance can also be made at this time.
- Grade level informational meetings will be held and schedules will be available.