

Welcome Parents/Guardians and Members of the Class of 2025

High School Counseling Staff

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CHALLENGES

Higher Expectations
Time Management
Peer Pressure
Distractions

RESPONSIBILITIES

Come to school prepared to work
Homework
Focus on the learning process
Time Management
Take Responsibility

Information about SHS

- Length of school day: 7:28 AM - 2:04 PM
- After school extra help and after school activities: 2:10 PM - 2:45 PM
- 9 periods
- Homeroom is a part of 1st period
- Odd and even day schedule
- Parent and student portals provide timely feedback on student progress

Important Terms

Credit
Full year and semester courses offered
Required Courses
Electives

Course Levels

Regents

Honors

Advanced Placement

Extended Course

Diploma Types

Regents Diploma

- Earn 22 credits
- 5 Regents exams
- One HS credit in Foreign Language

Advanced Designation Diploma

- Earn 22 credits
- 3 Additional exams
- 3 credits in Foreign Language *or*
- 5 credits in Art or Technology

Regents Diploma

English	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Foreign Language	1 credit
Physical Education	2 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Health	½ credit
Computer Literacy	½ credit
Electives	3 credits
TOTAL	22 credits

Advanced Designation

English	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Foreign Language	3 credits*
Physical Education	2 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Health	½ credit
Computer Literacy	½ credit
Electives	1 credit
TOTAL	22 credits

*May be replaced with 5 credits in Art or Technology

Regents Diploma Testing

Algebra I Common Core Regents exam	Grade 9/10
Living Environment (Biology) Regents exam	Grade 9/10
Global History Regents exam*	Grade 10
United States History Regents exam	Grade 11
English Common Core Regents exam	Grade 11

* As per the 4+1 graduation requirements, this exam may be replaced by a state approved alternate exam. All state approved exams can be found on the high school website.

Advanced Designation Testing

Algebra I Common Core Regents exam	Grade 9
Living Environment (Biology) Regents exam	Grade 9
Global History Regents exam*	Grade 10
United States History Regents exam	Grade 11
English Common Core Regents exam	Grade 11
Geometry Regents exam	Grade 10/11
Algebra II Regents exam	Grade 11/12
Second Science Regents exam	Grade 10/11

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9TH Grade Required Courses

- English 9 Regents or Honors
- Global History 9 Regents
- Algebra I R or XT1 or
Geometry R or H
- Biology R or H
- Physical Education
- Lunch

Other Courses Required for Graduation

Foreign Language - most students will receive one credit upon passing the eighth grade language course in June

Computer Studies or Programming I 1/2 credit

Health 1/2 credit

Fine Arts 1 credit

Fine Arts Requirement

Studio Art
or
Design & Drawing for Production

Music Performance
Band, Chorus, Orchestra or
Music Theory

SHS Course Directory

Please visit the high school website at <https://hs.spackenkillschools.org/> to view the 2021 - 2022 Course Directory

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sports

- Offered three seasons

Co-Curricular

- Activities related to academics and non-sports
- Activity Fair in the Fall

Providing a Smooth Transition

- ❖ 9th graders adjust amazingly well
- ❖ Students should...
 - ❖ Get involved and connected right away
 - ❖ Prepare for increased responsibility
 - ❖ Build strong study habits
- ❖ Time management is the key to success

