

College Night
Grades 8-12

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College Game Student Volunteers

College Planning

Welcome and Introductions

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Goals for the Evening

To provide information about planning for and applying to college.

To provide information to help students and parents better plan and prepare for high school course selection.

To inform of the process/stages of college planning by grade level.

Turn and Talk

- Student to Parent
 - When you were my age, what goals did you have for the future?
- Parent to Student
 - What are your goals for the future?
- Student to Parent
 - What did you do to prepare to achieve those goals?
- Parent to Student
 - What do you need to do to achieve your goals?

What do College Admissions Look at?

- GPA
 - Course Rigor
 - Course Offerings by High School
- Extracurricular activities
- Volunteerism/Leadership/Employment
- College Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- ACT score

Grade Level Breakdown

8th Grade Year

- Do a 4-year plan
- Try different clubs and organizations to determine what you are passionate about
- Begin volunteering/leadership opportunities
- Take the most rigorous choices within your classes
- Set short and long term goals
- Work on time management

Where are you at?

Take a moment and fill out the “Where am I at?” document for your 8th grade year. (no matter what grade you are at)

- Did you do the action
- Fill in any notes about 8th grade year

Freshman Year

- Do a 4-year plan
- Start a college file
- Get involved (volunteering, clubs, etc.)
- Set academic goals including focus on GPA
- Start thinking about possible dream schools and looking up their requirements
- Look for scholarships

Where are you at?

Take a moment and fill out the “Where am I at?” document for your Freshman year. (no matter what grade you are at)

- Did you do the action
- Fill in any notes about Freshman year
- If you are an 8th - look ahead - what do you need to plan for?

Sophomore Year

- Consider taking the PSAT
- Narrow down your activities, include community and leadership opportunities
- Review and revise your goals
- Think about possible careers
- Focus on your GPA and rigorous course choices
- Plan your summer-Summer School registration Jan. 2018
- Start touring schools
- Look for scholarships

Where are you at? - CHECK IN

Take a moment and fill out the “Where am I at?” document for your Sophomore year.

- Did you do the action
- Fill in any notes about Sophomore year
- If you are an 8th or 9th grader - look ahead - what do you need to plan for?

Junior Year

- Concentrate on your GPA and rigorous courses
- Visit colleges
- Register for the PSAT (this year it counts for National Merit)
- Prep work for the ACT
- Investigate financial aid programs
- Apply for scholarships
- Narrow down which schools you're applying to
- Get a summer job/internship
- Ask for letters of recommendation
- Summer: Start your applications--Talk to your teachers for help with your essays and/or sign up for College Essay Workshop

Where are you at? - CHECK IN

Take a moment and fill out the “Where am I at?” document for your Junior year.

- Did you do the action
- Fill in any notes about Junior year
- If you are a current 8th, 9th or 10th grader- look ahead - what do you need to plan for?

Senior Year

- Create a list of master deadlines
- Letters of recommendation are complete
- Last chance to take the ACT/SAT
- Attend college fairs (junior year too)
- Apply to school!
- Apply for scholarships
- Complete the FAFSA (Financial Aid)--done in the Fall
- Choose a school
 - Send a deposit

Where are you at? - CHECK IN

Take a moment and fill out the “Where am I at?” document for your Senior Year.

- Did you do the action
- Fill in any notes about Senior year - make sure you have a plan
- If you are not a senior- look ahead - what do you need to plan for?

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4 Year Planning

Everyone has access to Career Cruising tool

Students needs to consider:

- Graduation Requirements
- Timing of Courses
 - Summer School
- Prerequisites
- Balance

The screenshot displays a 4-year course planning tool. The main grid is organized by year (Year 9 to Year 12) and lists various courses with their credit values. A sidebar on the right provides graduation tracking and cluster possibilities.

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
English 9 1375ENG 0.5	Algebraic Concepts 3486MTH 0.5	English 11 1352ENG 0.5	English Elective 1368ENG 0.5
English 9 1374ENG 0.5	Algebraic Concepts 3485MTH 0.5	English 11 1351ENG 0.5	English Elective 1365ENG 0.5
Life Science 4222SCI 0.5	English 10 1221ENG 0.5	FRENCH III A 6135FOR 0.5	CONCERT CHOIR A 7155MUS 0.5
Life Science 4122SCI 0.5	English 10 1220ENG 0.5	FRENCH III B 6136FOR 0.5	CONCERT CHOIR B 7156MUS 0.5
PE 9 5102PED 0.25	CHEMISTRY A 4335SCI 0.5	CHAMBER STRINGS A 7105MUS 0.5	CHAMBER STRINGS A 7105MUS 0.5
PE 9 5101PED 0.25	CHEMISTRY B 4435SCI 0.5	CHAMBER STRINGS B 7106MUS 0.5	CHAMBER STRINGS B 7106MUS 0.5
FRENCH I A 6131FOR 0.5	ADVANCED PLACEME... 2451SOC 0.5	BELLISSIMA A 7157MUS 0.5	ECONOMICS 2600SOC 0.5
FRENCH I B 6132FOR 0.5	ADVANCED PLACEME... 2452SOC 0.5	BELLISSIMA B 7158MUS 0.5	ADVANCED PLACEME... 3596MTH 0.5
CARDINAL ORCHEST... 7107MUS 0.5	FRENCH II A 6133FOR 0.5	PRE-CALCULUS A 3588MTH 0.5	ADVANCED PLACEME... 3597MTH 0.5
CARDINAL ORCHEST...	FRENCH II B	PRE-CALCULUS B	FITNESS FOR LIFE

Graduation Tracking
24 / 25 Credits
Learn More

Cluster Possibilities

Saved Clusters

- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security 0
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math 0

Recommended Clusters

- Architecture & Construction 0
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communications 0

More »

GPA

- GPA
 - Course Rigor
 - 8th Grade: rigorous course options within classroom
 - 9th Grade: Honors, AP, Dual Credit
 - 10-12 Grade: AP, Dual Credit, Youth Options
 - Rigor vs. GPA
 - Course Options

What courses do we offer?

Art History

Art (2D, Drawing)

Biology

Calculus AB

Calculus BC

Chemistry

Computer Science Principles

English Language

English Literature

Environmental Science

European History

French Language

German Language

Human Geography*

Macroeconomics

Microeconomics

Music Theory

Physics 1

Physics C: Mechanics

Psychology

Spanish Language

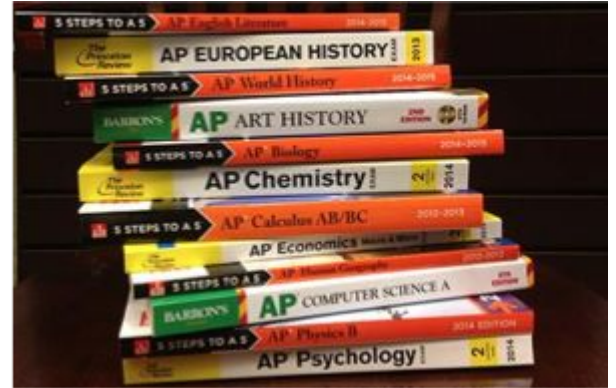
Statistics

U.S. Government & Politics

U.S. History

*available to 9th grade

** Computer Science A is anticipated as an option for the 2017-2018 school year



Extracurriculars, Volunteerism, Leadership, Employment

Examples

- Sports
- Clubs
- Performing Arts
- Sunshine Place
- Community Involvement

Examples of Leadership

- Committee Chair
- Captain
- Officer of Club
- Presenting on behalf of a group

College Essays and Letters of Recommendation

Essays

- Did you edit?
 - Self-edit
 - Peer-edit
 - Teacher-edit
- Tell your story (talent that is meaningful, lessons/challenges that you have grown from, accomplishments)
- [Common Application Prompts](#)

Letters of Recommendation

- College and Scholarships
- Determine best people to write for you
- Ask in advance (end of Junior year)

Packet-Pick up on the way out

Things included for college planning:

- Comparing Colleges
- College Visit Checklist
- College Application Checklist
- The Common Application Writing Prompts
- Checklists
 - Yearly, Money, Scholarships, Admissions Tests

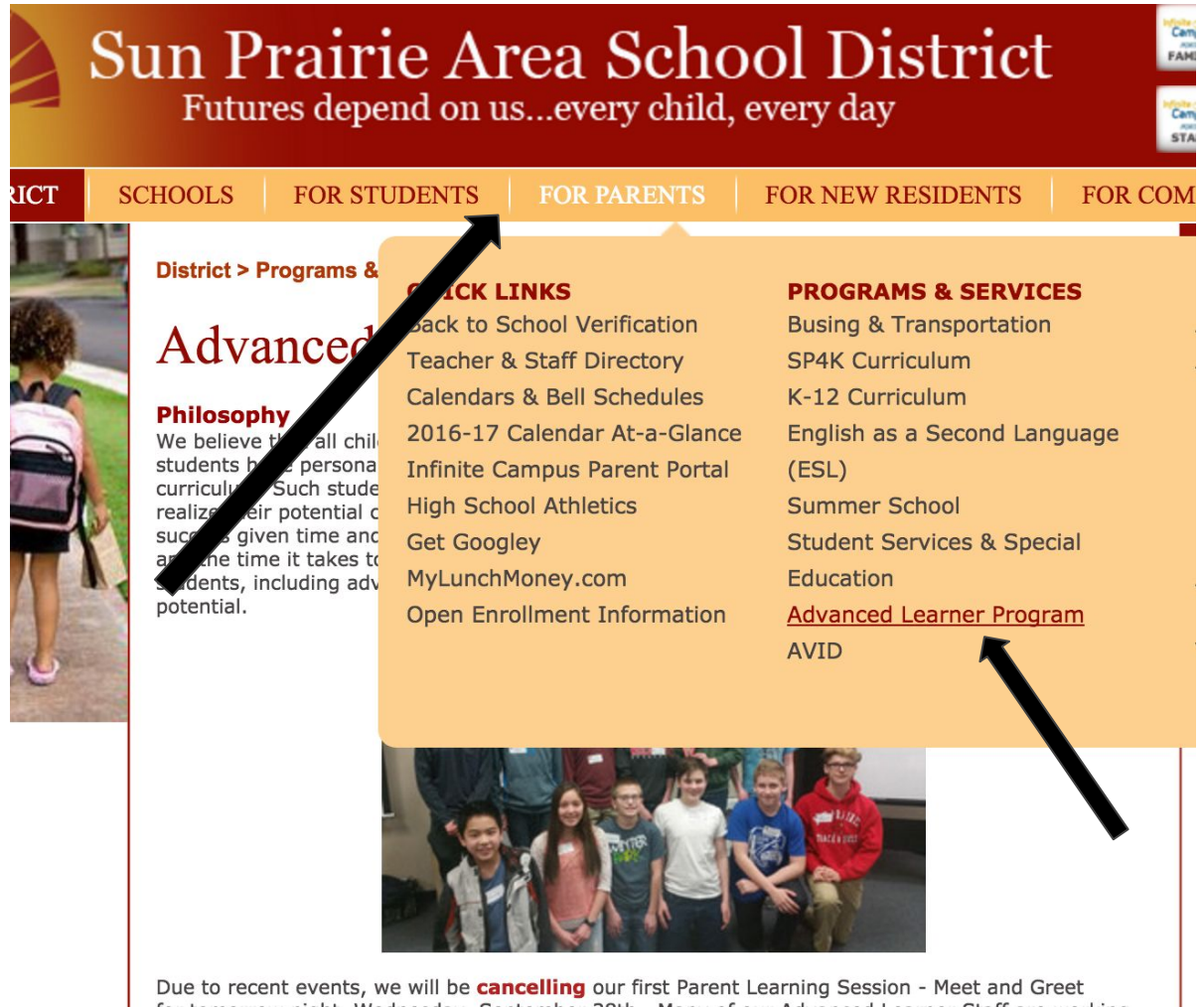
Additional Resources

Available on the Advanced Learner Website, including:

- Personal Information Sheet
- Career Planning
- Resume Planning and Example
- College Comparison and Information Sheet
- College Admission Vocabulary Cheat Sheet
- Letter of Recommendation Info

Advanced Learner Website

Here you can find the extra resources and the information from tonight.



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Advanced Learner

Philosophy
We believe that all children have unique gifts and talents. Our curriculum is designed to challenge and engage all students, including advanced learners, to reach their full potential.

QUICK LINKS

- Back to School Verification
- Teacher & Staff Directory
- Calendars & Bell Schedules
- 2016-17 Calendar At-a-Glance
- Infinite Campus Parent Portal
- High School Athletics
- Get Googley
- MyLunchMoney.com
- Open Enrollment Information

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Busing & Transportation
- SP4K Curriculum
- K-12 Curriculum
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Summer School
- Student Services & Special Education
- [Advanced Learner Program](#)
- AVID

Due to recent events, we will be **cancelling** our first Parent Learning Session - Meet and Greet on Wednesday, September 28th. Meetings for Advanced Learner Staff and Parents will be held on Thursday, September 29th.

Questions - Thank you

General questions for entire group?

If you have questions specific to your student, please email one of us after the meeting.

THANK YOU!