



Smithtown Central School District

26 New York Avenue, Smithtown, New York 11787

<https://www.smithtown.k12.ny.us/Departments/Guidance>

9TH Grade Information Session

“MAKING THE MOST OF HIGH SCHOOL”

October 22, 2026

* Links to resources are in red. This document can
be found on the Guidance Page at the link above .

AGENDA

What do you need to know for your next four years?

1. Graduation requirements
2. Transcript/Grading
3. Scheduling
4. Honor Societies
5. Extra-curricular/volunteer activities
6. College Testing

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS 2026-2027

NEW YORK STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (through June 2027)

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Advanced Regents Diploma</u>	<u>Regents Diploma & Local Diploma</u>
English	4	4
Social Studies	4	4
Mathematics	3	3
Science	3	3
Health	.5	.5
Art/Music	1	1
World Languages	3	1
Physical Education	2	2
Electives	1.5	3.5

Advanced Regents Diploma : 22 credits and score of 65 or above on 8 Regents exams and passing grade of a 65 on FLACS – Checkpoint B.

Regents Diploma: 22 credits and score of 65 or above on 5 Regents exams.*

Local Diploma: Available for students with disabilities only. 22 credits and score of 55 or above on 5 Regents exams.*

* (As of March 2016) New Graduation Pathways (“4 + 1” option)- An assessment in the Arts, Languages other than English/ Biliteracy, Career & Technical Education, STEM, or meeting all the requirements for CDOS Commencement Credential may be used to meet graduation assessment requirements in place of Global History Regents or US History Regents.

STUDENT TRANSCRIPT
Smithtown High School - East Campus
 10 School Street
 St James, NY 11780-1180
 HSE Code: 335-001



Grade: [Redacted]
 Birthdate: [Redacted]
 Cumulative Credit: 30.50
 GPA: 4.03
 Diploma Awarded: Advanced Regents
 Date of Graduation: June 26, [Redacted]

NYS Seals:

High School Courses

24-25 Smithtown HS - East Campus

	Final Grade	Credit Earned
English 12	A-	1.00
Participation in Government/Leadership	A-	0.50
Economics	A	0.50
PLTW Principles of Biomedical Science	C+	1.00
College Spanish 5	A+	1.00
DDP/Architecture	A+	0.50
Lifetime Sports	A+	0.50

23-24 Smithtown HS - East Campus

English 11	A-	1.00
AP U.S. History	B+	1.00
Criminal Justice	A+	0.50
Introduction to Calculus	B-	1.00
AP Environmental Science	A-	1.00
College Spanish 4	A+	1.00
Wall Street: Introduction to Investments	A+	0.50
PLTW Principles of Engineering	A	1.00
Team Sports	A+	0.50

22-23 Smithtown HS - East Campus

English 10	A-	1.00
AP European History	B+	1.00
Algebra 2	B	1.00
AP Biology	A-	1.00
College Spanish 3	A+	1.00
Health A/D	A	0.50
PLTW Computer Integrated Manufacturing	A	1.00
Personal Fitness	A+	0.50

21-22 Smithtown HS - East Campus

English 9	B	1.00
Global History 1	A+	1.00
Geometry	A-	1.00
Earth Science Honors	A	1.00
Spanish 2	A+	1.00
Construction Materials/Wood 1	A+	0.50
PLTW Intro to Engineering Design: DDP	A	1.00
Concert Band	A	1.00
Physical Education 9	A+	0.50

20-21 Great Hollow Middle School

Algebra 1	B	1.00
Biology	B	1.00
Spanish 1	A+	1.00

High School Courses (continued)

Final Grade
Credit Earned

New York State Assessments

August
January
June

23-24 Smithtown HS - East Campus

Regents Common Core ELA	91
Regents US History&Gov't (Framework)	86

22-23 Smithtown HS - East Campus

FLACS Checkpoint B Exam: Spanish	95
Regents Common Core Algebra II	81
Regents Global History New Framework	90

21-22 Smithtown HS - East Campus

Regents Common Core Geometry	81
Regents Physical Setting/Earth Science	88

20-21 Great Hollow Middle School

FLACS Checkpoint A Exam: Spanish	E
Regents Common Core Algebra I	E
Regents Living Environment	E

GPA calculation includes all credit courses. All failures are included. Quality Points: A+=4.4, A=4.0, A-=3.6, B+=3.3, B=3.0, B-=2.6, C+=2.3, C=2.0, C-=1.6, D+=1.3, D=1.0, F=0. Students in AP/PLTW Courses that sit for the exam receive +1 Quality Point for GPA. Under Assessments, E=Exempt and SA=Special Appeal. Beginning with the Class of 2026, after six semesters, students who achieve a weighted GPA of at least 4.0 are candidates for the Gold Cord Honor. Students achieving a weighted GPA of 4.4 and above are candidates for the Gold Cord with Distinction Honor. "College" and "PLTW" courses are eligible for Dual Enrollment credit.

Counselor

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

NYS Regents Graduation Requirements Update

Key Points for the Class of 2028 & Beyond

- **NYS Board of Regents Action:** The Board voted to approve NYSED's plan to decouple Regents examinations from high school graduation requirements, starting with the Class of 2028 (current 11th graders).
- **Awaiting Official Guidance:** NYSED has not yet released the formal memo, timeline, or FAQs detailing how this policy change will directly affect students.
- **Next Steps:** Once official state guidance is received and reviewed by district administration, detailed updates and guidance will be shared directly with the school community.

GRADING POLICY

• A+	97 and above	4.4
• A	93 to 96	4.0
• A-	90 to 92	3.6
• B+	87 to 89	3.3
• B	83 to 86	3.0
• B-	80 to 82	2.6
• C+	77 to 79	2.3
• C	73 to 76	2.0
• C-	70 to 72	1.6
• D+	67 to 69	1.3
• D	65 to 66	1.0
• F	64 or below	0.0

*Advanced Placement courses and PLTW classes add a weighting factor of +1 When AP Exams are taken

Students who achieve a weighted GPA of at least 4.0 are candidates for the Gold Cord Honor. Students achieving a weighted GPA of 4.4 and above are candidates for the Gold Cord with Distinction Honor.

GRADE REPORTING DATES

Quarter 1 - Ends 11/6/26

Quarter 2 - Ends 1/29/27

Quarter 3 - Ends 4/9/27

Quarter 4 - Ends 6/25/27

HS RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Academics Support:

1. Extra help with subject area teacher
2. Math Lab open every period and before school
3. Extended classes
4. AIS in all subjects
5. Peer Tutors
6. Writing Center Appointments (see English teacher for information)

HS RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Social Emotional and Guidance

1. School Counselors Counselor Caseloads
2. School Social Workers
3. Psychologists
4. Mental Health Resources

Counseling Center Google Classroom

We have created a Google Classroom for every grade level.
We will be routinely updating with helpful resources
throughout the year. Please login and take a look:

High School West classroom code: **gzvdxil**

High School East classroom code: **obmsibt**

PARENT PORTAL

- All parents have access to the Parent Portal.
- Parents can access daily bulletin, daily attendance, historical grades, scheduling information, unofficial transcripts, electronic grade book and teacher contact information.
- Please review the [Parent Portal FAQ](#) for assistance or contact the following
 - Main Office 382-2905 at HSW.
 - Main Office 382-2701 at HSE.

SCHEDULING

- The Scheduling process for the next school year begins as early as December of the present school year.
- Counselors will advise students on how to begin inputting course requests. Students discuss and plan their course selection at home first. Counselors will then meet with each student to discuss and input selections.
- We encourage parents to read the [Program Guide](#) and ask any questions about the course selection process during this time. *An updated version will be available at a later date
- There will be time to review, discuss and make alterations to selections, and then you will be asked to review the final receipt of course selections before the system locks
- Once courses selections are reviewed, there will be no changes permitted to elective requests or P.E. [Course Change Policy](#).

CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS AND SPORTS

- Why encourage students to join clubs or play a sport?
 - Meet new people and explore new areas.
 - Include on a job application.
 - Include on a college application.
 - Improve time management skills.
 - Productive use of free time.
 - Maintain connection to the high school community

Co-Curricular Lists are available to students in the Counseling Center, as well as on the individual high school website. The Club & Activity Guide will offer a full description of all clubs and the Quick Look will provide meeting days/times and advisor names.

WILSON TECH

- Available for our Juniors and Seniors
- Wilson Tech is a Vocational Program which involves ½ day at a WT Campus and a ½ day Academic program at the high school. Some popular programs are: Auto Tech, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Nurse Assisting, Vet Asst.
- [Take a Virtual Tour](#)

NCAA

- National Collegiate Athletics Association
- Clearinghouse for DIV I & II College Sports
- Academic requirements (16 core courses)
- Approved NCAA courses indicated in the [Program Guide](#) and on the NCAA website
- [NCAA GUIDE FOR THE COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETE](#)
- CoreCourseGPA Provided by Smithtown Booster Club
 - [HSE Athlete](#)
 - [HSW Athlete](#)
- [SCSD Student Athlete Handbook](#)

WORKING PAPERS

- Pick up application in offices below:

HSW: Health Office / HSE: Main Office or Health Office

- Bring completed application to health office for nurse's signature on '*physical fitness certification section*'
- Bring home for parents signature
- Card will be handed to student immediately when returned with parent's signature. Make a copy of card to give to employer and keep original.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

WWW.LONGISLANDVOLUNTEERCENTER.ORG

- Opportunities begin at local organizations such as hospitals, religious affiliations, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, town hall, nursing homes.
- Begin commitment in 9th grade and stay with the organization for 4 years. Each year, take on new responsibilities within the organization to show growth and leadership skills.
- Devote volunteer time to one or two organizations rather than multiple organizations. It's the "quality" of work, not "quantity."
- Keep a list of all extracurricular/volunteer activities beginning in grade 9.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

11th grade students who meet the criteria will be invited to apply (this typically takes place in the month of January).

- Current criteria is: 3.75 GPA and above.
- School Involvement (Clubs, Sports, etc.)
- Community Service Hours
- Personal Statement
- HS West - Anthony Limoli alimoli@smithtown.k12.ny.us
Catherine Abbott cabbott@smithtown.k12.ny.us
- HS East – Maria Zeitlin: mzeitlin@smithtown.k12.ny.us

OTHER HONOR SOCIETIES

- Math, Foreign Language, English, Social Studies, Science, Art, Business, Technology & Music (Tri-M).
- Contact Department directly about requirements and deadline dates.
- Advisors listed on the Co-curricular List

Honor Society Opportunities [2026-2027 Honor Society Handbook](#)

PLAN AHEAD – COLLEGE TESTING

- AP exams are scheduled in May
- PSAT is taken in October of junior and/or sophomore year
- SAT Reasoning Test and ACT are typically taken in the spring semester of the junior year
- Retake SAT/ACT, if necessary.
- [College Testing Calendar](#) available on website

**Please note, these are private companies and there are additional costs attached to all of the above mentioned examinations.*

COLLEGE TESTING: STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (CLASSIFIED, DECLASSIFIED AND 504 STUDENTS:)

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- Students who are approved for IEPs or 504 Plans in school do not automatically receive accommodations on College Board (SAT, PSAT, AP) or ACT tests. Requests must be reviewed and approved by College Board and ACT prior to the test dates. **Accommodations are not guaranteed and are not immediate.**
 - The review process can take up to 7 weeks so it is important to be aware of the submission deadlines which can be found on their website.
 - By submitting this [Google Form](#) you are allowing Smithtown Central School District to initiate a request for accommodation on your behalf. Additional documentation may be requested prior to submission.
 - ACT application is completed when the student registers for the ACT test in their junior year.

2026-2027 Smithtown HS Career Center



OPEN FOR BUSINESS



Room A 131

Room B 123

Our Services
www.smithtowniab.org



- Assists in Student Career Research & Assessments
- Assists in Student Resume Writing
- Assists in Students Interview Preparation
- Assists in Student Internships/PT Employment Placement
- Supervises the CEIP (Career Exploration & Internship Programs)
- Collaborates with Counseling Center with Union Trade Fair
- Resources Through Our Smithtown Industry Advisory Board
- Assists in Providing Students with Work Experience Needs.

**Join Our Career Center Google Classroom for Event/Job
Notifications and Additional Career Resources**

Building Availability



HSW Monday / Tuesday
HSE Wednesday / Thursday
Alternating Fridays

(subject to change due to industry meetings)

HSW 631 382-2977



HSE 631 382-5210

HSE Business Office 631 382-5212



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