

2017 Parent Course Selection Evening

Online parent course requests & the override process



The Course Recommendation Process

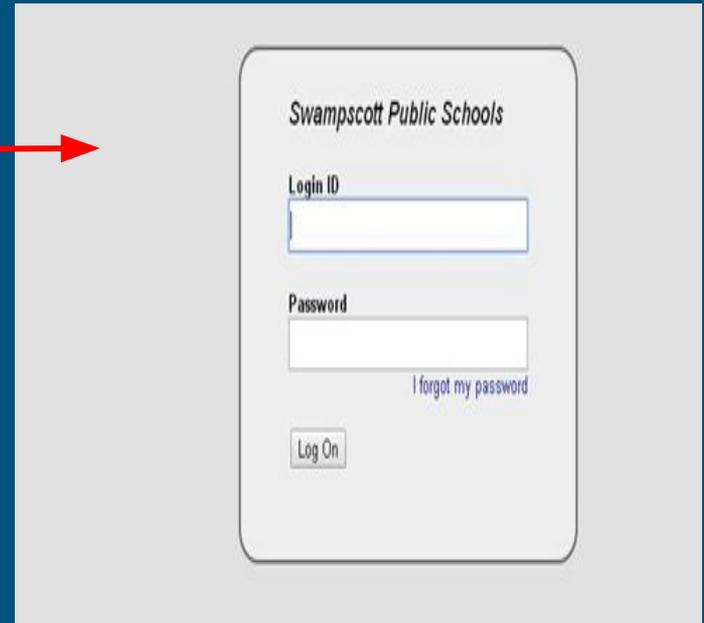
Teachers make online recommendations in **Aspen**.

Parents & students log on and see the recommendations.

Students choose electives from the Program of Studies on the SHS website & enter it online.

Grade 8 students choose one elective and one alternate.

Grades 9-11 students choose up to 35 credits, every student must take at least 30 credits.



<http://highschool.swampscott.k12.ma.us/pages/index>



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Original artwork by SHS students

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 Guidance Dept: 781-596-8876
 Athletics Dept: 781-596-8875

Important Information

Program of studies & course selection information is below in yellow under Course Selection 2016-2017.

If you missed our curriculum night March 23 for students going into grades 11 & 12 next year, the slideshow is available below in the course selection area.

MARCH 2016 at SHS

March 25- No school. Good Friday
 March 31- Curriculum Evening for Parents of students in grade 8 & 9

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**THE SHS WEBSITE
 -WHERE THE INFO IS**

- Guidance
- Calendar
- Swampscott School Building Project
- Swampscott Education Foundation
- Pay Fees Online
- Solar Project
- Mandatory Training

THE SHS WEBSITE -WHERE THE INFO IS

Click here to request high school transcript.

Name, year of graduation, and mailing address must be included in order to receive a response.

All course selection information for the 2017-2018 school year will be posted below as it comes available.

Parent Information (new items are in bold- updated 3/14/17)

SHS 2016 DESE Report Card	Youth Risk Behavior Data
Free lunch application	Free lunch application instructions
Student Withdrawal Form	2016-2017 Academic Calendar
2016-2017 Program of Studies	2016-2017 SHS School Profile
2016-2017 Rotation Calendar	District Forms
Asbestos Letter	Building Usage Form
Swampscott Education Foundation	Yearbook Information
SHS Alumni	2016-2017 Nurse Forms

2017-2018 Course Selection Process (updated as of 3/14/17)

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| * Prospective Student Presentation (1/18/2017) | * Course Selection Timeline for Grades 9-11 |
| * 2017-2018 Program of Studies | * Course Selection Timeline for |

Typical schedule

This block has 3 courses spread out of the year

<p>[Q1] 941.1-07 CONTEMP AD ISS I HARRIS, KENNETH C120</p> <hr/> <p>[Q2] S01.1-04 DIRECTED STUDY - S01 ELLIS, R; KRAVITZ, B C330</p> <hr/> <p>[S2] 800.1-04 STUDIO ART I CP1 BALLIRO, ANITA D106</p>	<p>320.1-02 GEOMETRY H MCLEOD, JAMIE C319</p>	<p>412H.1-02 SPANISH II H PÉREZ, ANGELA C103</p>	
<p>210.1-03 ANCIENT WORLD HISTORY I H BANDER, JULIE C226</p>	<p>110.1-03 ENGLISH I H BLUM, ROSEANN C202</p>	<p>[S1] 951.1-01 FOUNDATION FOR FITNESS I BUSH, P; LAVENDER, C Gym PB</p> <hr/> <p>[S2] 168.1-07 WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM CP1 FLANAGAN, HOLLY C218</p>	<p>500.1-01 PRE AP BIOLOGY HONORS YANOFSKY, MICHELLE C308</p>

Can you see the different classes?

This block has 2 courses spread out of the year

Typical schedule

<p>211.1-05 ANCIENT WORLD HISTORY I CP1 LESNEVER, AMY C217</p>	<p>501.1-05 BIOLOGY CP1 SKELTON, LAUREN C305</p>	<p>312.1-01 ALGEBRA I CP2 MCLEOD, JAMIE C319</p>	<p>Can you see the different classes?</p>
<p>111.1-05 ENGLISH I CP1 RUSSO, COURTNEY C206</p>	<p>[Q3] 941.1-05 CONTEMP AD ISS I HARRIS, KENNETH C120</p> <hr/> <p>[Q4] S07.1-09 DIRECTED STUDY - S07 FRANKLIN, PETER C201</p> <hr/> <p>[S1] 951.1-03 FOUNDATION FOR FITNESS I BUSH, P; LAVENDER, C Gym PB</p>	<p>FULL year Elective</p> <p>834.1-01 MIXED CHORUS PEARSE, JAMES D102</p>	<p>412.1-03 SPANISH II CP1 VAZQUEZ-GONZALEZ, SANTIAGO C101</p>

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Levels for courses

- **Advanced Placement**
- **Honors**
- **Accelerated H or College Preparatory (math only)**
- **Advanced College Preparatory**
- **College Preparatory**

Open & look through the program of studies on the SHS website

How to read the course descriptions

Course name

Course #

Level

- **834.1 Mixed Chorus, Advanced College Preparatory, Grades 9-12, Full Year, 5.00 credits**

Chorus is open to all students who desire to sing regardless of previous experience. Chorus members gain valuable knowledge There will be additional coursework assigned for any student who would like to take chorus at the Honors level.

- **097.1 TV Production I College Preparatory, Grades 9-12, Semester 1, 2.50 Credits**

Students will learn basic concepts of video production and develop their camera and editing skills by planning and producing music videos. They will learn how to produce shows in the SHS TV studio

Swampscott Public Schools

Login ID

Password

[I forgot my password](#)

Log On

**All requests will be
handled in Aspen!**

<https://ma-swampscott.myfollett.com>

Link on High School Website

I forgot my User Name/Password!

- Use the forgot password link on the Aspen sign in screen or Email:
 - aspensupportms@swampscott.k12.ma.us (ms)
 - parentportalhs@swampscott.k12.ma.us (hs)
- We can reset passwords and/or remind you of your user name

How to enter requests

- Click on **family** top tab, Then side tab, schedule, requests

Pages Family Academics Groups Calendar

Options Reports Help Search on CrsNo

<< Exit entry mode

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Instructions

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Course Selection Process

All grade 11 students must be scheduled for a minimum of 30 credits and a maximum of 35 Credits

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Select...	Electives								

Notes for counselor

Post Last posted time: Approved time:

Schedule Requests Details

See Your Recommendations

- Your child's' teachers have recommended students for core classes, exit the entry mode to view them

The screenshot shows a web application interface with a green header bar containing navigation tabs: Pages, Family, Academics, Groups, and Calendar. Below the header is a user profile area with a bell icon and navigation arrows. A sidebar on the left lists various sections: Details, Contacts, Daily Attendance, Conduct, Transcript, Assessments, Schedule, Requests Details, Membership, Documents, and Notification. The main content area features a top navigation bar with buttons for Options, Reports, and Help, along with a search bar and utility icons. A red arrow points to the '<< Exit entry mode' button. Below this is a summary bar for the 2017-2018 school year, followed by an 'Instructions' section with a welcome message and a table of 'Primary requests' with columns for Subject area, SchoolCourse > CrsNo, SchoolCourse > Description, SecType, Alternate?, Priority, Alt 1 > CrsNo, Alt 2 > CrsNo, and Credit. A 'Notes for counselor' section is also present at the bottom.

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All your recommended courses appear as requests!

- **Students can NOT change recommended course level unless they go through the override/underride process.**
- **Paperwork is available during their counselor meetings for High School students or in the Middle School Main Office**
- **Paperwork for override/underride requests due:**
 - **For Incoming 9th graders: April 12th**
 - **For current high school students: May 3rd.**

Select your electives

- Click back into entry mode
- Click on the select box next to the electives area.

The screenshot shows a web interface for course selection. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Pages, Family, Academics, Groups, and Calendar. Below these are utility buttons: Options, Reports, and Help. A search bar labeled 'Search on CrsNo' is also present. A red circle highlights the '<< Exit entry mode' button. Below the navigation is a summary bar: '2017-2018 - Requests: 5 primary, 0 alternate - Scheduled: 71% - Credits: 25.0'. The 'Instructions' section contains the text: 'Welcome to the 2017-2018 Course Selection Process' and 'All grade 11 students must be scheduled for a minimum of 30 credits and a maximum of 35 Credits'. The 'Primary requests' section is a table with the following columns: Subject area, SchoolCourse > CrsNo, SchoolCourse > Description, SecType, Alternate?, Priority, Alt 1 > CrsNo, Alt 2 > CrsNo, and Credit. The first row in the table has a 'Select...' button in the first column and 'Electives' in the second column. A red arrow points to this 'Select...' button. Below the table is the 'Notes for counselor' section, which is currently empty. At the bottom, there is a 'Post' button and fields for 'Last posted time:' and 'Approved time:'.

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POST when done

- When you are finished making your selections, click POST

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Other Information

- Student online course requests begin March 30th and end April 7th
- Be sure to review the Program of Studies on the high school website to get course descriptions
- Not all requests are guaranteed. Remember to select alternatives in case you do not get into your first choice of electives.

Questions???

- Aspen user information:
 - Use forgot password link on Aspen sign in screen or:
 - Email: aspensupportms@swampscott.k12.ma.us (ms)
 - parentportalhs@swampscott.k12.ma.us (hs)
- Disagree with level placement?
 - Fill out placement review form with counselor
- Trouble with requests?
 - Speak to your guidance counselor
- A class that should be there isn't
 - Ask your teacher or department head

Credits are earned only when courses are fully completed. Partial credit will not be assigned when courses are dropped or when students are removed.

If a student is placed in a full-year course anytime after the first quarter, the credits earned for that course will be determined by the principal.

In addition to these requirements, students must earn qualifying scores on the English, Science, and Mathematics MCAS exams to receive a Swampscott High School diploma.

Minimum Graduation Requirements

Students must enroll in thirty (30) credits each year. A minimum of one hundred twenty (120) credits must be completed to qualify for a Swampscott High School diploma. **These credits must include the following:**

English	4 years and one semester of <i>Writing Across the Curriculum</i> in Grade 9 or 10	22.50 credits
Mathematics	3 years, although state colleges in MA require 4 years of mathematics for admission	15 credits
Social Studies	3 years (including <i>United States History</i>)	15 credits
Science	3 years of lab science: <i>Biology, Chemistry, Physics</i>	15 credits
Foreign Language	A sequence of 2 years of the same foreign language	10 credits
Career Technology & Fine Arts	3 courses (one of which must be <i>Computer Applications</i>)	Variable
Wellness Education	Grades 9 & 10 - <i>Foundations for Fitness I, Foundations for Fitness II Contemporary Adolescent Health I</i> Grades 11 & 12- <i>Active and Cooperative Games (or) Adventure and Lifelong Activities & Contemporary Adolescent Health II</i>	10 credits

At the close of grade 9, students must have earned a minimum of twenty-five (25) credits in order to be considered a tenth grade student. At the close of grade 10, students must have earned a minimum of (fifty-five) 55 credits. At the close of grade 11, students must have earned eighty-five (85) credits in order to be a senior.

Guidance and Counseling

Rachel Sturma: A-G

Emily Barnum: H-M

Julie Mazzola: N-Z

April meetings, bring June schedules

Meetings with all students begin April 7- end of the month.

The process:

Graduation requirements

Course recommendations

Electives

Overriding/underriding courses

No add/drop period (unless under enrolled, or missing core course)

The goal:

Student goals-thinking about the future, e.g. a potential college list, and/or program area

Enrichment opportunities- STEM and GCC Certificate

Our goal: challenges and success- develop a balanced list that fits each individual student

Guidance and Counseling

Our mission is to help students develop the most appropriate, challenging, and BALANCED course load

Math:

Sophomore year: Doubling up

Senior year: CALC, 4 year requirement

Science:

Prerequisites

AP BIO/CHEM versus vs AP Enviro/AP

Physics

DO: Talk to Ms. Yanofsky w question

DONT: Take AP US, AP Eng, and AP Bio at same time. Can do AP Physics senior year

English:

Honors and AP: more reading/writing

AP spring (consideration)

Social Studies:

Lisa Green

AP Courses

- Not for everyone, something we offer
- Academic record
- Success
- BALANCE

AP presentation info online on SHS

Guidance website