

SENIOR YEAR



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Senior Graduation Plan

In order to better help assist you with the college application process, we need you to complete the Senior Conference/ Graduation Plan google form.

[Senior Conference/Graduation Plan Form](#)

If you would like to speak with your counselor you may email them or fill out the appointment request form.

[Appointment Request Form](#)

Are you ready to graduate?

South Carolina Law requires 24 units for graduation

High School/2 Year College Graduation Requirements

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Mathematics
- 3 credits of Science (1 credit must be biology)
- 3 credits of social studies including US History, and Government and Economics
- PE I or ROTC
- Computer Science Credit
- 1 Foreign Language OR CATE
- 7 Electives

[Click here for Academic
Information](#)

4 Year College/University Graduation Requirements

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Mathematics
- 3 Lab Sciences (1 credit must be biology)
- 3 credits of social studies including US History, and Government and Economics
- PE I or ROTC
- Computer Science Credit
- 2 or 3 credits of the same foreign language
- 7 electives (1 credit must be a fine art)

What are colleges accepting?

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

- Average GPA – 4.3
- Average SAT – 1250
- Average ACT - 28



USC - COLUMBIA

- Average GPA – 3.6
- Average SAT – 1130
- Average ACT – 25



What are colleges accepting?

COASTAL CAROLINA

- Average GPA – 3.5
- Average SAT – 1020
- Average ACT - 22



COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

- Average GPA – A/B
- Average SAT – 1130
- Average ACT – 25



Visiting Colleges

- ▣ Seniors are granted TWO college visit days, if approved, they will count as excused absences. If you have any questions you may contact the attendance office.

College Application Process

- Most college applications are completed online.
- Please give your counselor one week to complete a letter of recommendation/counselor recommendation form. Please fill out the [Senior Brag Sheet](#) if you need a recommendation.
- All transcript requests need to be submitted through [Need My Transcript](#).
- Most College applications have deadlines by December 1st .

College Application Process

EA vs. ED

- ▣ **Early Action**: Students who apply EA receive a decision before the standard response date but ARE NOT required to accept an offer of admission or to make a deposit prior to May 1.
- ▣ **Early Decision**: Students who apply ED commit to enroll at the college if they are admitted and offered a satisfactory financial aid package. Application deadline – mid November; students will have a decision by mid-December

What if you aren't ready for a 4 year college???

2 YEAR COLLEGE

- [SC Technical College System](#)
- [Horry Georgetown Technical College](#)
- [Trident Technical College](#)
- [Florence-Darlington Technical College](#)
- [Miller Motte Technical College](#)

MILITARY

- Should I take the ASVAB? Visit www.asvabprogram.com
- Contact the local recruiter for your branch of the military for more information.

SAT vs ACT

| SAT | ACT |
|--|---|
| www.collegeboard.com | www.act.org |
| Aptitude Test – logic and reasoning | Achievement test – measures what you should know |
| 3 hours and 50 minutes | 2 hours and 55 minutes |
| Math, critical reading, writing (optional) | Math, reading, English and science sections, writing (optional) |
| Success indicated by score on PSAT | |
| Score range: 400-1600; essay score from 2-8 | Score range: 1-36; essay score from 2-12 |

[Click here for SAT & ACT Testing Dates and Online Testing Help](#)

GPA and Rank Information

- Students will receive an official rank on their transcript at the end of junior year to be used for college applications and scholarships
- The total weighted GPA is used for college and scholarship information unless an unweighted GPA is requested.

[Click here for the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy](#)

South Carolina Academic Achievement Award

- Complete 24 credits
- Receive a minimum grade of “B” for each semester course in grades 9-12 through the seventh semester
- Achieve either a score of 710 or higher on the SAT verbal, a score of 690 or higher on the SAT mathematics, a score of 30 or higher on the ACT English, or a score of 33 or higher on the ACT mathematics

OR

- Complete 24 credits
- Be eligible for graduation with a state high school diploma; and
- Have a combined score of 1400 on the SAT verbal and math sections, or an ACT composite of 31

[Click here for Academic Awards](#)

SC Scholarship and Grant Programs

- Palmetto Fellows (Counselors will notify eligible candidates)
- Life (College will notify eligible candidates)
- Hope (College will notify eligible candidates)
- Lottery Tuition Assistance
- www.che.sc.gov , for more information
- These scholarships are for SC students who plan on attending a SC college or university.

[Click here to learn more about
SC Lottery Scholarships](#)

SC Seals of Distinction



DIPLOMA PATHWAYS SEALS OF DISTINCTION OVERVIEW

Students shall meet all requirements for earning a South Carolina high school diploma to be eligible to earn any Seal of Distinction.

One or more Seals may be earned, but are not required for graduation.

Consult District or School Curriculum Guides for more information regarding curriculum choices and requirements.

| Honors Seal of Distinction | College-Ready Seal of Distinction | Career Seal of Distinction | Specialization Seal of Distinction |
|---|---|--|--|
| UGP GPA 3.5 or higher | UGP GPA 3.0 or higher or ACT 20 or higher or SAT 1020 or higher Tests may be superscored | UGP GPA 2.5 or higher | UGP GPA 3.0 or higher |
| <p>English - 4 credits 2 at honors or higher level</p> <p>Math - Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, and a 4th higher level math requiring Algebra 2 as a prerequisite 3 at honors or higher level</p> <p>Lab Science - 3 credits 2 at honors or higher level</p> <p>Social Studies - 3 credits 2 at the honors or higher level</p> <p>World Languages - 2 credits of the same language for students entering 9th grade in 2018–2019 3 credits of the same language for students entering 9th grade in 2019–2020 and beyond</p> <p>Advanced Coursework - 4 additional credits of honors or higher completed during the Junior/Senior years (the last 2 years prior to graduation)</p> | <p>English - 4 credits</p> <p>Math - Algebra 1 (or the equivalent of Algebra 1), Algebra 2, Geometry, and a 4th Higher Level Math</p> <p>Lab Science - 3 credits</p> <p>Social Studies - 3 credits</p> <p>World Language - 2 credits In the same language</p> <p>Fine Arts - 1 credit</p> | <p>English - 4 credits</p> <p>Math - 4 credits</p> <p>Science - 3 credits</p> <p>Social Studies - 3 credits</p> <p>and one of the following: Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) major OR Career and Technical Education (CTE) Completer</p> <p>and one of the following: One industry recognized credential OR Silver or higher on WIN OR Completion of Career Ready Work-Based Learning (WBL) placement</p> | <p>(complete one area to qualify)</p> <p>STEM - 4 credits beyond required courses in math, science, technology, and engineering; at least 2 at honors level or higher; may be in 1 area of STEM or across 4 areas</p> <p>World Language - 4 credits in the same language OR minimum ACTFL Exam score of "Intermediate Low" (or an equated score on STAMP or ASL assessment) OR AP exam score of 3 or higher OR IB exam score of 4 or higher before the senior year; English Learners – all criteria above and Level 5 composite ACCESS test score</p> <p>Military - 4 credits in JROTC and an ASVAB score of 31 or higher</p> <p>Arts - 4 credits in single or multiple areas of the Arts; 2 or more at honors or higher level and *mastery on external exam or performance task. *waived for Class of 2022</p> |

Scholarships

- ▣ Scholarships are posted on the school's website throughout the year as well as emailed, Go to [SJH Scholarships](#)
- ▣ Some scholarships are merit based, some are application based, and sweepstakes scholarships are also available
- ▣ Students must give their counselor one week to complete scholarship recommendation forms and official transcript request
- ▣ Remember: Scholarships have DEADLINES!!

Scholarship Websites

Scholarship Links

There are over 6,000,000 scholarships available. Start planning now for college academically and financially.

www.fastweb.com

www.collegeboard.org

www.che.sc.Nov

www.zinch.com

www.cappex.com

www.scholarships.com

www.studentscholarships.com

www.act.org

www.collegepeas.com

www.scholarshipamerica.org

www.nextstepu.com

Financial Aid

- All students are eligible for some type of financial aid
- Financial aid can be in the form of grants, loans and scholarship (federal, state or institutional money)
- Every student needs to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) starting on October 1st at www.fafsa.ed.gov

NCAA/NAIA Eligibility

- ▣ Student athletes who plan on playing in college need to register with the [NCAA Clearinghouse](#)
- ▣ Student athletes who plan on playing in college need to register with the [NAIA Clearinghouse](#)
- ▣ If you have questions regarding your eligibility, please see your coach or Mrs. Tubbs in the guidance department.

Follow us on Social Media

The image displays social media contact information for St. James High Guidance. It features three social media icons: Facebook (top left), Instagram (center), and Twitter (top right). Below the Facebook icon is a QR code. Below the Instagram icon is a QR code with the text "STJAMESHIGHGUIDANCE" underneath it. Below the Twitter icon is a QR code. At the bottom center, the word "Website" is written in pink, with a QR code to its right. The background is light green with a floral illustration in the bottom left corner. A navigation bar at the bottom shows "Page 1 / 1" and search icons.

SENIOR SHARKS.....

We wish you much success as you move closer and closer to graduation! We are here to help you every step of the way.

Always remember..... sharks only move in one direction....

FORWARD!