
**Welcome Class of
2021!**

Your School Counselor

Mrs. Burke: A-K

Ms. Zueger: L-Z

Meet the counseling office staff

Mrs. Crumpton - Career Development Facilitator

Ms. Simmons - Graduation Coach

Ms. Kirby - Counseling Secretary

Mrs. Miller - PowerSchool Operator

Mrs. Rogers - Special Services

Miss Hartley - School Counseling Intern

Important Dates

Underclassmen Pictures: September 15

Open House: September 18

PreACT: September 20

Club Fair: October 4

PSAT: October 11

Procedures

- ▶ You must sign-in and sign-out everytime you come into the counseling office.
 - Use your ID to sign-in and sign-out
 - A pass will be printed for you when you sign-out.

- ▶ Counselors are available before school, after school, or during lunch and by appointment during the school day. Please stop by the Counseling Office to make an appointment with your counselor. If an emergency arises and you need to see your counselor immediately, please have a pass from your teacher.

Graduation Requirements

To be eligible to receive a South Carolina High School Diploma, students must earn 24 units. Based on state law, requirements to receive a South Carolina High School Diploma (graduation requirements) for students in Grades 9–12 are prescribed as follows:

English	4 Units
U.S. History	1 Unit
Economics	1/2 Unit
Government	1/2 Unit
Other Social Studies	1 Unit
Mathematics	4 Units
Sciences*	3 Units
Computer Science	1 Unit
Physical Education or JROTC	1 Unit
World Language or Career/Technology Elective	1 Unit
Electives	7 Units
<u>Total Required</u>	<u>24 Units</u>

*Biology and two more.

Note: All ninth-grade students in Lexington One are required to take Leadership 21 and Health and Wellness.

Additional Requirements for a 4 year college

- ▶ 4th math above Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry
- ▶ Fine Arts Elective
- ▶ World Language 2 years of the same world language; Some college require 3 years

Review Your Schedule

▶ Review your schedule

- Make sure you are not in a class you have already received credit for.
- Make sure you have met the prerequisite for the classes you are scheduled for. Example: Health Science 2 before Health Science 1

Attendance

Promotion Requirements

Dual Enrollment

- ▶ Earn college credit while in high school
- ▶ Must qualify—GPA and test scores (PSAT, SAT, or ACT)

English 101 and 102

History 111 and 112

Intro to Music

Intro to Athletic Training

Sociology 101

PSAT

- ▶ October 11
- ▶ You will have to sign up in the Counseling Office
- ▶ Will help you qualify for:
 - Scholarships
 - Dual Enrollment

PreACT

- ▶ September 20
- ▶ ALL 10th graders will take this.

Shmoop Test Prep

▶ Test Prep

▶ <https://schools.shmoop.com/>

- Create a username and password (may have created it last year)
- Magic Word: **DENOUEMENT**

▶ PSAT, SAT, ACT, ASVAB, ACCUPLACER

How can I afford college?

LIFE Scholarship

2 year school: up to cost of tuition

4 year school: \$5,000 per year (renewable)

LIFE Scholarship	GPA required	Class Rank	SAT/ACT Scores
2 year	3.0	N/A	N/A
4 year	3.0	Top 30%	1100 SAT or 24 ACT

Palmetto Fellows:

\$6,700 first year
\$7,500 second year (renewable)

Palmetto Fellows	GPA required	Class Rank	SAT/ACT Scores
4 year (with ranking)	3.5	Top 6% (10 th , 11 th , or 12 th grade year)	1200 SAT or 27 ACT
4 year (without ranking)	4.0	N/A	1400 SAT or 32 ACT

Rule #1: Be Decisive

- ▶ Make high school count!
- ▶ What are the important things right now?
 - College planning
 - Career exploration
- ▶ Where do you want to go after high school?

Rule #2: Stay Focused

- ▶ Identify your goals
- ▶ Create an action plan
- ▶ Begin searches

Rule #3: Write Down Your Goals

- ▶ IGP Conference
- ▶ Start picking colleges you want to apply to in the senior year

Rule #4: Plan Thoroughly

- ▶ What are the steps you must take to achieve your goals?
 - Search college options
 - Prepare for college testing
 - Study- do well in your courses
 - Do I want to play sports in college and what do I need to do to make sure I'm eligible?

Rule #5: Involve Others

- ▶ Tell EVERYONE your goals!
- ▶ Your school counselor is a great resource to help you achieve your post secondary goals.
- ▶ Tell your teachers, coaches, parents, or relatives!
- ▶ The more people who know what you want to do the easier it is for them to help you when you need the help.

Rule #6: Accept Challenges

- ▶ Pick colleges that you know you may get accepted to but aren't really sure.
- ▶ Participate in clubs/sports
 - Find a new activity!! There is something for everyone at PHS.
- ▶ Push yourself to constantly improve

Rule #7: Take Purposeful Action

- ▶ You can plan but you need to take action!

Planning	Action Plan
Look at schools online	College Search
Scholarship searches	Scholarship Search
Career choices	SCOIS
SAT/ACT test prep	Shmoop

Rule #8: Stay on Target

- ▶ Double check your checklist
- ▶ Don't miss deadlines
- ▶ Create a system that allows you to see your own progress toward your goals
- ▶ Time management and planning

Rule #9: Reward Yourself

- ▶ Enjoy high school!
- ▶ Stay involved in school activities

Rule #10: Reach Your Goal

- ▶ Be committed to your goals and take ownership of them.
- ▶ Believe in yourself and your goals.

Career Opportunities

How can you get the most out of YOUR experience during High School?

- ▶ Job Shadowing
- ▶ Internships/Co-Ops/Apprenticeships
- ▶ Assessments
- ▶ Online portfolio and/or resume
- ▶ Questions!