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ACADEMIC PLANNING PRESENTATION

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Samohi's Structure/House System

- 4 Houses of about 600 students (S, A, M, O)
- Each House has 1 House Principal, 2 Advisors (S House has 3), 1 House Assistant
- You stay in the same house all four years, which helps make the school feel smaller and for you to be known.



GRADES AND REQUIREMENTS

Grades

Graduation

Must pass classes with
Ds or better

College

Must pass classes with
Cs or better. Most
colleges want to see As
and Bs.

English Requirement

Graduation- 4 years

- English 9
- English 10
- English 11
- English 12

College- 4 years

- English 9 P
- English 10 P
- English 11 P/AP
- English 12 P/AP

Social Studies Requirement

Graduation-3 years

- World History
- US History
- Economics (1 semester) and Government (1 semester) OR a year of AP Economics or a year of AP Government

College-2 years

- World History P/AP
- US History P/AP
- OR a semester of US History and a semester of US Government

Math Requirement

Graduation-3 years

- In any math level

College -3 years

- 4 years are recommended
- At minimum a student should have Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II listed on their transcript

Samohi's Math Pathways

All pathways fulfill math requirements for graduation and 4 year colleges/universities

Grade	Pathway A	Pathway B	Pathway C	Pathway D
9th	Algebra P	Geometry P	Geometry P	Algebra II HP
10th	Geometry P	Algebra II P	Algebra II HP	Pre-Calculus/Calc AHP
11th	Algebra II P	Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry P	Pre-Calculus/Calc AHP	Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP
12th	Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry P Statistics AP Introduction to Data Science P	Calculus AB AP Statistics AP	Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP	Multivariable Calc Statistics AP

Science Requirement

Graduation-2 years

- 1 year of a Physical Science (Physics or Chemistry)
- 1 year of a Life Science (Biology)

College-2 years

- 3 years recommended, 4 years if you will be a science major
 - Physics
 - Chemistry
 - Biology

Science Course Prerequisites

Course	Science Prerequisites	Recommended Math Prerequisite/Co-requisite
Physics in Universe P	None	Concurrent enrollment in Algebra P
Chemistry in Earth P/HP	None	Chemistry in Earth P: Concurrent enrollment Geometry P Chemistry in Earth HP: Concurrent enrollment in Algebra II P/HP
Biology in Living Earth P	None	None
Biology AP	Biology in Living P and/or Chemistry in Earth P/HP	None
Chemistry AP	Chemistry in Earth P/HP	Completion of Algebra II P/HP
Marine Biology P	Biology in Living Earth P	None
Physiology P	Biology in Living Earth P	None
Environmental Science AP	Biology in Living Earth P, Chemistry in Earth P/HP	None

Science Courses- Physics Options

Course	Science Prerequisites	Recommended Math Prerequisite/Co-requisite
Physics in the Universe P	None	Concurrent enrollment in Algebra I
Physics AP	None	Concurrent enrollment in Precalculus (with a strong Algebra II foundation)
AP Physics C: Mechanics	None	Calculus AB, Calculus BC, or Multivariable Calculus
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	AP Physics C: Mechanics	Calculus AB, Calculus BC, or Multivariable Calculus

Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Requirement

Graduation- 1 year

- 1 year of VAPA (arts)
OR 1 year of Foreign
Language is required

College- 1 year

1 year of VAPA (arts)

Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Electives

- Acting 1 (no audition) and 2 (with audition)
- AP Art Studio Art- Application required
- Band
- Ceramics 1 and 2
- Choir
- Drawing 1 and 2
- Film and Video Production 1 and 2
- Graphic Design (Beginning and Advanced)
- Orchestra
- Painting 1 and 2
- Photo (Beginning and Advanced)
- Piano
- Yearbook 2

***Subject to change without notice**

Foreign Language Requirement

Graduation-1 year

- 1 year of VAPA (arts)
OR 1 year of foreign language is required

College-2 years

- 3-4 years recommended
- Must be in the same language

Foreign Language Options

- French
- Japanese
- Latin
- Spanish

Additional Electives

- Marching Band
 - Color Guard
 - Weight Training, Yoga or General PE
 - Journalism 1 and 2-Application required
 - Academic Decathlon-by teacher approval
 - Yearbook 1 and 2-Application required
 - ASB-Application required
 - AVID-Application required
 - Psychology P (11th and 12th only) and AP (12th grade only)
 - Ethnic Studies
 - AP Human Geography
 - ITC (Infant Toddler Center)-Daycare Support
- *Subject to change without notice**

Additional Electives

SMC Dual Enrollment Options

Business:

Business 1-Intro to Business (Semester 1)

Business 63-Principals of Entrepreneurship (Semester 2)

Sociology:

Sociology 1-Introduction to Sociology (Semester 1)

Sociology 2-Social Problems (Semester 2)

Music:

Music 44-Beginning Mariachi (No experience needed)

Music 78-Jazz Band (Audition Needed)

***More SMC Courses TBD**

CTE

- Sports Medicine-Intro (Year 1)
- Sports Medicine-Advanced (Year 2)
- Intro to Law and Public Policy (11th and 12th graders only)
- Auto Tech 1, 2, and 3
- Photo
- Graphic Design

Project Lead the Way-10th -12th Grade

- Digital Electronics HP and Aerospace
- AP Comp Sci (Python) and PLTW AP Comp Sci (Java)
- Senior Level Course-PLTW Academy Capstone:
Engineering Design and Development (plus English and Physics)-only for students who have taken two of the above class

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Sample Samohi Course Selections

Grade	9th Grade:	10th Grade:	11th Grade:	12th Grade:
English	English 9 P	English 10 P	English 11P/AP	ERWC/Senior English Elective P/ English 12 AP
Math	Algebra P Geometry P Alg. II P/HP	Geometry P Algebra II P/HP Pre-Calculus/ Trigonometry P Pre-Calculus/Calc A HP	Algebra II P/HP Pre-Calculus/ Trigonometry P Pre-Calculus/ Calc A HP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP	Intro to Data Science Pre-Calc/ Trigonometry P Statistics AP Calc AB AP Calc BC AP Multi Variable Calculus
History	Freshman Seminar P	World History P/AP	US History Aces P/AP	Economics P/Government P Economics AP Government AP
Science	Physics in the Universe P	Chem in Earth P/HP Biology P/AP	Chem in Earth P/HP Physics AP Marine Biology P Biology P/AP Chemistry AP Physiology P Environmental Science AP	Chem Earth P/HP Physics AP Marine Biology P Biology P/AP Chemistry AP Physiology P Environmental Science AP
PE	Physical Education/Sport	Physical Education/Sport		
Elective	Elective (Foreign Language or Visual/Performing Art)	Elective (Foreign Language or Visual/Performing Art)	Elective Elective	Elective Elective

P= College Preparatory (UC/CSU approved) **HP**= Honors Placement (UC/CSU approved) **AP**= Advanced Placement (UC/CSU approved)

Other Requirements

Graduation

- 1 year of Freshman Seminar or 1 semester of Health (transfer students)
- 2 years of Physical Education/Sport
- 60 additional elective credits
- 220 credits
- Under 120 unexcused period class absences

College

- 1 additional year of a core class
- Involvement in activities in and outside of school (Highly Recommended)
 - Clubs
 - Community Service
 - Sports
 - Work
 - Specific Elective Classes (ASB, Yearbook, etc.)
 - Hobbies
- Other requirements specific to the college

Succeeding at Samohi



How to be Successful in an AP Course

- Understand the expectations
- Be prepared to put in the effort
- Complete the work every day
- Ask for help when you need it
- Study for all tests
- Prepare for the AP Exam
- Consider using a test prep book to support class content
- Choose wisely and play to your strengths





POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS & THE COLLEGE PROCESS

Presented by College and Career Counselors

Samohi Graduate Paths

taking
a
gap year



OTHER
PROJECTS

College Admissions Process

- Academic preparation & performance
 - Rigor and grades (through Senior year)
- Engagement & involvement (outside of the classroom)
- Letter(s) of recommendation
- Artistic supplement
- Testing - **IT DEPENDS; MANY CHANGES:** check college's admission website for up to date details
- Interview

9th & 10th To Keep On Radar

Focus on:

- Your best academic performance (possibly Honors, AP, CC courses)
- Be involved in area(s) of interest (sports, arts, volunteer service, clubs, work, etc.)
- Build relationships with teachers and House Advisor
- Be proactive and productive during summer

11th To Keep On Radar

Start and/or continue:

- Doing well within the classroom
- Being involved: Pursue hobbies, interests, future endeavors
- Connecting and building a rapport with your teachers and House Advisor

Naviance:

- Brag Sheet-Start the end of your junior year
- SuperMatch: research & start building college list based on FIT
- Strengths Explorer: I like everything!
- Enrichment Programs

11th To Keep On Radar cont...

Research summer opportunities that excite you

Visual & Performing Artists

- Talent-based admissions: pre-screening, portfolio, audition

If college costs and finances are a factor in decision, now is a good time to begin researching options that meet family's needs

- Net Price Calculator
- Early Decision (ED)? Early Action (EA)?
- In-state, Out-of-state, Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Virtual tours, campus visits, Rep Visits

- Take lots of notes

Student-Athletes

Create a college list

- 5 – 10: all types (JC, Division I, II, III)

Contact coaches

- Go to clinics/showcases, pursue in-person exposure (if available)

Create an Athletic Resume

- List team(s) you have played for
- Contact info
- Notable achievements

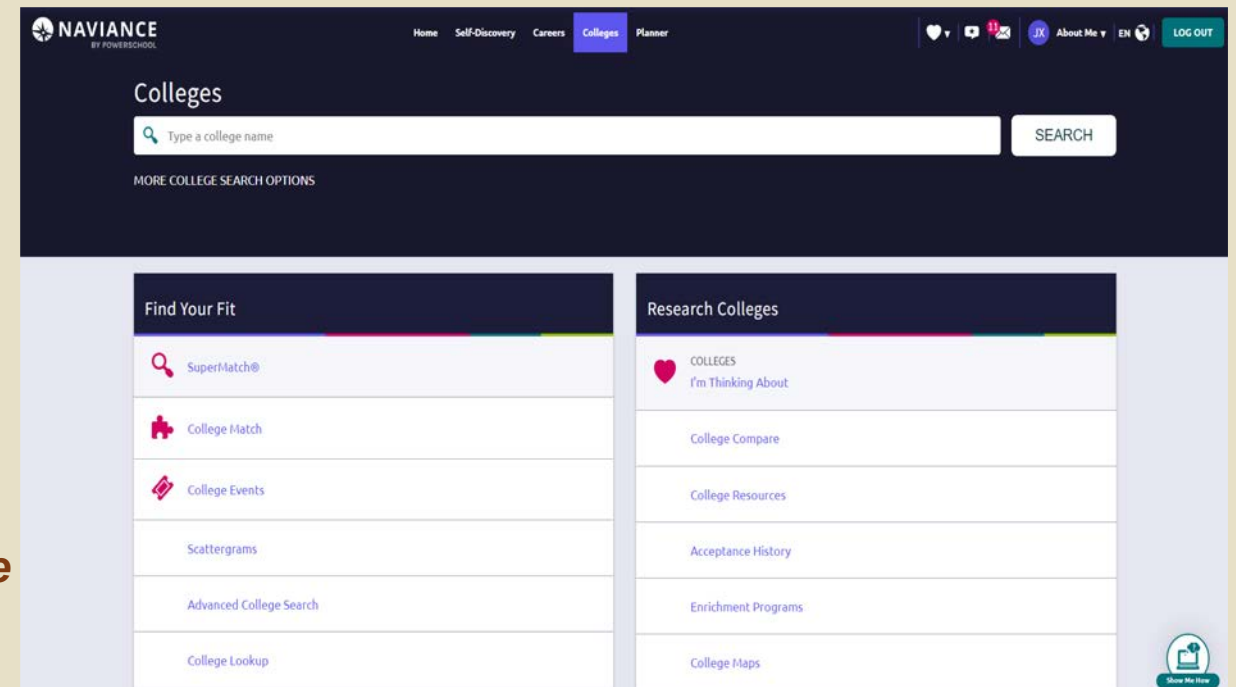
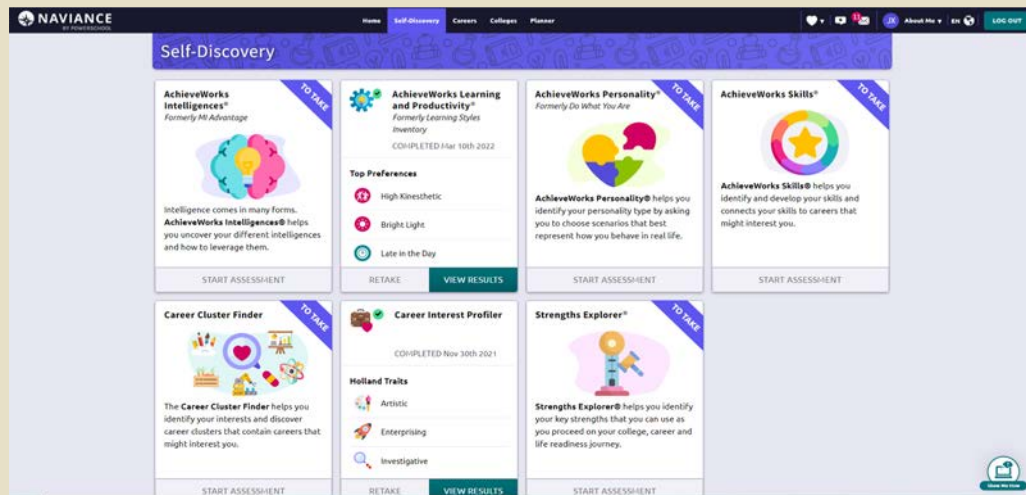
Register with NCAA Eligibility Center

Are We Ready? You Got This!

What are **YOUR** priorities? Likes? Dislikes? Interests? Must Haves? Maybes?

No, Thanks!

Research = YOUR Priorities = College List



Open your account on CLEVER-Samohi front page
Login: Student's smmk12 email
Password: Student ID #

Testing Timeline

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Fall	PSAT 8/9	PSAT	PSAT/NMSQT (may qualify for National Merit)	SAT ACT
Spring		AP Exams*	AP Exams* SAT ACT	AP Exams*

***AP- Refers to advanced placement courses**





STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORTS

Get Involved

Impact, **quality participation** and **commitment** in one or more activities is the key:

- Service to the community – volunteering, internships
- Involvement in a club/organization
- Participation in an athletic team
- Employment (Permits available through College Career Center)
- Hobbies

Volunteer Opportunities Website: volunteermatch.com



Summer Options

Scholastic Opportunities

- SAMOHI Get Ahead / Credit Recovery
- Outside Public and Private School
- Community Colleges
- University Summer Programs
- Online Course Options

***NOTE: All must be approved by Advisor IN ADVANCE**



Extracurricular Opportunities

- Internships
- Community Service
- Jobs
- Study Abroad

Resources

Aeries

- Check student grades/missing assignments
- <https://santamonicamalibu.aeries.net/>-Located under parent tab
- Google Classroom

Career/Interest Exploration Websites

- Naviance-Located in CLEVER
- www.cacareerzone.org
- www.roadtripnation.com

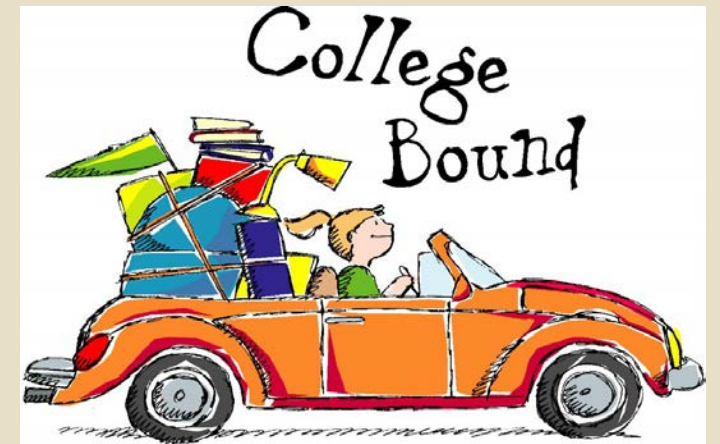
College Entrance Exams

- www.collegeboard.org/
- <https://www.act.org/>

Funding College Education (Understanding the process)

Information available in Spanish

- www.collegedata.com



Mental Health Resources

Wellness Services Center

General Mental Health Counseling

- Onsite Counseling (limited): Individual and Group Counseling
- Private Insurance MAY cover counseling off campus
- Margaret's Place (Drop in counseling) in E117 (Lunch and FLEX)
- Drop In Counseling AD513 (All Day)

Additional Services:

- Medical Clinic/Nurse's Office
- Parent Presentations
- Flex-Time Wellness Workshops
- Virtual Calming Room

*For more information, please visit the SAMOHI's Wellness Services Center under student tab: <https://sites.google.com/view/wellness-services-center/home>



Flex Time

(Wednesdays and Thursdays)

What is the goal of Flex-Time?

Samohi Flex-Time provides targeted educational opportunities during the school day for intervention and enrichment to best meet student individual needs. It is our goal that Flex-Time will help all students to be more successful. Students will engage in their own learning by building metacognitive and advocacy skills to promote emotional health, explore passions and grow in a focused, academic, and productive environment.

Three main areas of offerings:

- Academic Support
- Enrichment Opportunities
- Social Emotional Support

TUTORING SERVICES 2024-2025

Program	Description	Location	Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
Teacher Office Hours	Approaching your instructor should always be the first step when seeking extra help. All Samohi teachers offer individualized tutoring for their current students.	Varies	Check with your teacher if not listed	X	X	X	X	X
SAMO Library Tutoring	A teacher or peer tutors are available in the library for support. Spanish (Mon.); Science (Tues. and Wed.); General assistance and Math (Monday-Friday)	SAMOH I Library	MTW 3:30 – 5:00 Th. 3-5	X	X	X	X	
Boys & Girls Club College Bound	Individual & group tutoring, individual & family counseling, dinner, and college counseling. <i>REQUIRES \$20/year Membership</i>	1238 Lincoln Blvd.	4:15pm - 7:00pm	X	X	X	X	
Police Activities League	Homework assistance. The site includes computer access. For members only.	1401 Olympic Blvd.	2:30pm-7:30pm	X	X	X	X	X
Santa Monica Library Brainfuse HelpNow	Online live tutoring, as well as homework help, test prep, and skills-building services for students grades 3-College level in math, science, English, & social studies. Spanish-speaking tutors are available.	SMPL Brainfuse	1pm – 10pm	X	X	X	X	X
Virginia Park Teen Center	A quiet place for working on assignments & receiving help. There is a library of school textbooks available in the homework room, computer lab & homework help. There is no fee but youth must enroll to participate.	2200 Virginia Ave.	2:45pm – 7:00pm	X	X	X	X	X
Pico Youth & Family Center	Academic tutoring for all subjects is available.	715 Pico Blvd.	11am-7pm	X	X	X	X	X
AP Writing Center	The Writing Center is staffed by 2 retired AP English teachers and focuses on 11th/12th graders who need help in English or with college applications	D205A	Flex Time			X	X	

Academic Planning Next Steps:

Information on the following will be emailed out:

9th grade:

- Soon to be Sophomore Night Event (In Person): **February 4th, 5:30pm**
- Spring Semester: Individual meetings with students only to finalize their schedule

10th grade:

- Spring Semester: Individual meetings with students and families

11th grade:

- Spring Semester: Individual Meetings with students only
- Spring Semester: College and Career Counselors will meet with students and families

Highlights

***Tutoring**

***Use Naviance to explore post-secondary interests**

***Join a club or extra curricular activity**

***Utilize Samohi resources**

***Office Hours**

***Use Naviance for College search & applications**

***Plan course selections**

Samohi Advisors, College & Career Counselors

S House

9th and 12th Grade: Lisa DeMirjian: ldemirjian@smmusd.org

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10th and 12th Grade: Rachel Bereny: rbereny@smmusd.org

A House

9th and 11th Grade: Jessica Garrido: jgarrido@smmusd.org

10th and 12th Grade: Yumi Valencia: yvalencia@smmusd.org

M House

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O House

9th and 11th Grade: Maricela Gonzalez: mgonzalez@smmusd.org

10th and 12th Grade: Mele LeVeaux: mleveaux@smmusd.org

College & Career Counselors

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Last Names O-Z: Rosa Mejia: rmejia@smmusd.org

Office Hours
Drop in or by
appointment

Important Dates to Come:

- **January- March:** Individual Planning Meetings with House Advisors-More information to come soon through email
- **PBL Program:** Nicole Nicodemus will be meeting with families for academic planning meetings from January-March
- **Coffee with the Principal (10am-11am) in D100:**
 - November 22nd: Getting Involved
 - January 24th: Scheduling
 - February 28th: Summer Options
 - March 28th: Transcripts
 - April 25th: College and Career Center Information
- **January 30th-SaMo Experience/Open House:** To learn all about the different class opportunities for students next year
- **February 4th, 5:30pm:** Soon-To-Be Sophomore Evening Event (For current 9th graders)
- **Spring Semester:** College and Career Counselors will meet with Juniors