

9th Grade - School Counselor Information

What are the most common things students talk to their School Counselor about?

- ☐ Academics & Scheduling
- ☐ Personal/Social Concerns
- ☐ Post High School Planning

Confidentiality

What you say in our office, stays in our office, EXCEPT:

- ☐ If you give me permission to share
- ☐ If someone is hurting you
- ☐ If you want to hurt someone
- ☐ If you want to hurt yourself

How do I ask my School Counselor a question?

- ☐ Email us-- see our email addresses below
- ☐ Make an appointment. Two options.

#1: Students can go to the "Simley High School" website, click on "Counseling Department", click on "Appointments", and click on their school counselor's name.

#2: Scan the QR Code for your School Counselor, each code is counselor specific. The QR code will take you directly to our calendars where you can see open appointment times.

Ms. Powers Johnson (A-G)

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Ms. DeVries (H-N)

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**** IMPORTANT: Please schedule your appointment at an appropriate time. Either during a study hall or during a class when you know you will have work time or won't miss critical content.**

Please note: Your teacher can override your appointment time and ask you not to leave if there is something important going on in class that you shouldn't miss. If this happens, just schedule a new appointment.

Do I need a pass to leave class for an appointment with my School Counselor? YES

Please utilize the following options as your "Pass" from class:

- ☐ Utilize the calendar invite you received via email after you made your appointment
- ☐ Show your teacher the scheduled appointment on your Google calendar
- ☐ You should always check in with your classroom teacher first for attendance purposes.
- ☐ You will always be sent back to class with a pass from your counselor

Graduation Requirements

You need 65 credits to graduate from Simley High School.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>English: 12 credits</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Health: 1 credits</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Math: 9 credits</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Physical Education: 1 credits</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Social Studies: 11 credits</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Art: 3 credits</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Science: 9 credits</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Electives: 19 credits</i> |

Credit Checks

You are ultimately responsible for keeping track of your credits. Each class you pass during the trimester counts as 1 credit. Passing a year-long class would = 3 credits. Counselors will return T2 to show you how to start keeping track of your credits and progress towards graduation.

** If you take more than you need in any subject area, those extra credits would count towards elective credits. For example: You take 4 years of math and pass each class. You would earn 9 math credits and 3 elective credits.

How does a student make up a failed credit that is a required credit?

- ☐ Summer school takes place for 4 weeks from mid-June through mid-July. A student can typically make up 2 credits in summer school.
- ☐ Odysseyware - asynchronous online program which is ongoing. Meets every Wednesday after school at 3:30.
- ☐ Failing classes can lead to ineligibility in athletics.

How do I make a schedule change?

- ☐ One week prior to the start of a new trimester, students will be asked to review current schedules. This is the time to speak with your counselor about possible changes.
- ☐ You can ONLY have one Study Hall as a 9th grader. If you have more than one, it is an error and you need to notify your school counselor.
- ☐ Once a new trimester begins, we will not honor any schedule changes except for the drop of an elective or non-required course for a study hall.
- ☐ After the 3rd day of a new trimester, dropping any course will result in an F on your transcript.
- ☐ Absolutely no schedule changes will be made to request a specific teacher, hour or lunch.
- ☐ Rely on Infinite Campus- your schedule in Infinite Campus is always the correct, most up-to-date version. The arrangement of your schedule will likely change before each trimester due to balancing of class sizes.

Important things to help you be successful

- ☐ Use your planner!
- ☐ Good attendance is vital to success in high school. Be IN class ON TIME.
- ☐ Ask questions when you don't understand something.
- ☐ Keep your cell phone out of sight during class. Cell phones are a distraction to learning.
- ☐ Make sure you are checking your SCHOOL issued email at least daily.
- ☐ Make sure you are checking your GRADE LEVEL Schoology page on a regular basis for information and updates.
- ☐ Turn on notifications in Schoology to help you customize your education.
- ☐ Turn on notifications in Infinite Campus to stay on top of your attendance.