

Welcome to the 8th Grade Parent Meeting



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Presented by Spring Lake High
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Trimester Schedule

- 3 Trimesters/12 weeks
- 5 Classes per day/72 minutes
- 7:40 – 2:35
 - 1st lunch: 10:11-10:41
 - 2nd lunch: 11:29-11:59
- 15 Classes per year

Class of 2026 Requirements

• English	4.0
• Math	4.0
• Science	3.0
• Social Studies	3.0
• Test Prep	.5
• Fitness/Health	1.0
• Fine Arts	1.0
• Foreign Language	2.0
• Electives	9.0



Total Number of Credits: 27.5

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Completing the Four Year Plan

- Used as educational/career planning guide
- Lists required and elective classes
- Used as an opportunity to plan next four years
- Updated yearly

Transcript Information

- History of student's academic performance
- Course names
- Grades and credits earned
- Test scores
- GPA
- Class Rank

Report Card/Progress Report

- Sample Schedule
- Report cards (transcripts) emailed at the end of every trimester
- Receive updates via email once a week
- Log onto system anytime to check grades
- Go to website to sign up to receive correspondence via email



Schoology

Schoology is a Learning Management System for teachers to use when planning courses, engaging students, and assigning work.

Schoology provides students with resources to connect with teachers from home.

College Admissions

- **Transcript Information**

GPA, class rank, course selection, trends

- **High School Testing**

ACT & SAT

- **Extracurricular Activities**

Community service, theater, student council, athletics, etc.

- **Recommendations**

Counselors, teachers, clergy, supervisors

- **Essays**



Extra Curricular Activities

- Encourage students to participate
- Provide variety of experiences
- Impact college/work application process
- Student contact advisor for more information

Early College

- Eligibility Criteria (must meet one of the three):
 - (1) Low income (free/reduced lunch)
 - (2) First generation college student (parents did not earn a college degree)
 - (3) Minority student
- Earn two years worth of college credits at no cost
- High school and college courses are blended
- Courses are taken during the junior, senior and “13th” year
- The “13th” year consists of mainly college courses
- Students will walk with their class
- Eligible to participate in athletics through grade 12

Careerline Tech Center

- 28 programs offered
<http://www.oaisd.org/ctc/>
- Junior and/or senior Year
- College credit opportunities available
- Open house in fall and winter

"Careerline Tech Center prepares students for tomorrow's workforce by providing career and technical education for employment and post-secondary opportunities while promoting life-long learning and personal success."

College Credit Opportunities

As mentioned....

- Careerline Tech Center
- Early College

College Credit can also be earned through...

- Advanced Placement (“AP”) Courses
- Dual Enrollment - College course(s) part of HS schedule

Set dollar amount allotted toward tuition/books

Typically for the junior/senior year

- See high school website for program details

Enrollment Information

(for students that did not attend Spring Lake Middle School)

Spring Lake Residents

Email Penny Zacek for the enrollment link.
pzacek@springlakeschools.org

Non-Residents

Complete the non-resident application online on the district's website <https://www.springlakeschools.org/>

The enrollment window is May 11 – June 7
Notified by June 22

Upcoming Dates



- **Feb 21st** - Mass Meeting with 8th Graders at Middle School
- **Feb 24th** - In 8th grade classrooms assisting students with entering course selections
- **August 2022** - Smart Start