

SEES High School Preparation

As current SEES students are applying for high school, we feel as though it is important for you, as parents, to know how our courses are leveled based on transfer rigor. This will be helpful for stakeholders to have a clearer understanding of what it means for your child to be enrolled in a respective class going into high school.

Please note, that all of our course levels meet or exceed all the standards set for the by the Consensus Curriculum of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. The Consensus Curriculum may be found at: <https://richmonddiocese.org/office/catholic-schools/>. All Catholic Schools across the Diocese of Richmond uses the same course leveling in Eighth grade. As a diocesan school, we pride ourselves on a rigorous curriculum that properly prepares our students to compete with public school admissions requirements in any county or regional program.

FACTS SIS and/or your child's quarterly report card will list which course(s) your child is taking. Each student will be enrolled in various combinations of coursework listed below. The standard course load for every Eighth grade student is: Math, Science, Social Studies, English-Language Arts, World Language: Spanish 1 or 2, Art, Music, and Religion.

Mathematics

- Algebra I HS (Grade 7 and Grade 8) - *(Both Standard & Honors)*
- Geometry HS (Grade 8) - *(Honors only)*

Science

- Earth Science HS (Grade 8)

Social Studies

- World History HS 1 (Grade 8)

World Languages - Spanish

- Level I - Part I (Grade 7)
- Level I – Part II (Grade 8)

**All state SOL testing is optional and provided by your local School district summer of 2020.*

Honors Courses

The Code of Virginia defines an honors course as “a course offered to academically advanced students to provide opportunities to study and learn with other advanced students and to accelerate their learning in a specific content area. These courses are designed to be more challenging by covering additional topics or some topics in greater depth” (8VAC20-160-10). Providing honors-level course options is a flexible means of introducing increased rigor into middle school programming to better meet student needs. The Office of Catholic Schools has determined the following areas of study that may be offered as an honors course at SEES, Geometry and Algebra 1.

Going forward, a separate letter with this course level delineation will accompany 8th grade transcripts for all high schools so that respective admissions committees are aware of how to interpret our course levels.

Helpful Websites, Resources and Action Steps when applying for High School:

Application Details and Student Records:

- SEES will send all 1st semester grades to the individual specialty centers applied and/or private schools after 2nd quarter.
- **School ID is the ID from your home middle school NOT SEES.**
- Final grades will be sent to the appropriate school at the end of the year by SEES.

Recommendations:

- All recommendations are to be brought to the office to process, NOT the teachers.
- Forms are available online and top portion filled by student prior to dropping with office.
- Students should complete the top section of each recommendation.
- All recommendation forms are **due in the office by November 15th 2019**.
- Mr. Burgess (School Counselor) or Mr. Hamner (Principal) will sign for applications.
- Recommendations will be mailed to your home middle school by SEES.

Chesterfield High School Specialty Center Applications:

- All applications are available online. <http://mychesterfieldschools.com/schools/specialty-centers/>
- Applications are submitted to student's public middle school by the parent along with proof of residence. Public middle school submits Speciality Center Application to respective schools.
- Application deadlines vary by year, but are generally around Thanksgiving. Mr. Burgess will email when information is available from CCPS. Ask your teenager to check website for updates and additional information.

Henrico:

- <https://henricoschools.us/specialty-centers/>

Richmond:

- <https://www.rvaschools.net> (click on Schools, then on Specialty or High)

Governor's Schools (19 total):

- http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/governors_school_programs/academic_year/index.shtml
- Governor's School applications need to have Principal's signature- Please bring application to the school office.

Private Schools: Applications are available directly through the high school upon request.

- **Benedictine Prep** - <https://www.benedictinecollegeprep.org/admissions>
- **St. Gertrude** - <https://www.saintgertrude.org/admissions/>
- **Trinity** - <http://www.trinityes.org/apply> (Click on supplemental forms)
- **Collegiate** - <https://www.collegiate-va.org/admission/how-to-apply>
- **St. Christopher's** - <https://www.stchristophers.com/admissions>
- **St. Catherine's** - <https://www.st.catherines.org/admissions>

**This is a list of the most popular Private Schools selected from SEES Alum. Mr. Burgess has full list by request.*

Mr. Burgess will email pertinent information to 8th grade parents when more information is provided concerning application deadlines from Chesterfield, Henrico and City of Richmond.

Next Steps for Students and Parents:

1. Research Schools online, request information and go to open houses.
2. Provide recommendation letters to office (top filled out) by Nov. 15th 2019.
 - a. Steps include, visit website, print, bring into SEES office. SEES sends to requested institutions.
3. Submit Applications to home Public Schools or Private Schools by listed deadline.

If you have any further questions, please email:

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