

WELCOME PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2027

**"The mission of Clarkstown
High School South is to Prepare
today's students to conquer
tomorrow's challenges."**

February 7, 2023



How does the Clarkstown High School South PTSA support our school?

- Advocacy for the entire school body. We work together closely, in cooperative ways with the administration, and we update parents on events and activities within our school and district.
- Awards 11 Scholarships to graduating Seniors.
- Provides 4 grants for teachers to use for educational activities in their classrooms.
- The Grad Night Committee fundraises and organizes a late night, drug-, tobacco-, alcohol-free chaperoned celebration for the graduating class, that allows seniors to celebrate together one last time after graduation.
- Class of 2022 gifted a Senior Lounge to the school. A relaxing space where Seniors can go during lunch or any free period to study, relax and recharge themselves and their devices, or socialize with friends.





Why should I join the PTSA?

- PTSA is a great way to continue being involved in supporting your child and the whole school community and if you haven't been involved before, this is a perfect opportunity to associate your family with this amazing association.
- Become a member today and start receiving news from the PTSA.
- Students who wish to apply for a South PTSA scholarship their Senior year, must be a paid Student PTSA member, their Junior and Senior year.

CAN'T WAIT TILL YOU GET HOME...

• Follow us on Facebook....

@CHSSPTSA

• Check the PTSA website for announcements and important updates:

www.clarkstownsouthptsa.org

• Become a member today. Use the QR code to be directed to our membership store.

• Questions about Membership?
Email Ptsacorrespondence@gmail.com



SCAN ME



Where is the best place to go to get information about courses and academic programs available at Clarkstown South?

CHSS 2023-24
COURSE GUIDE

SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE



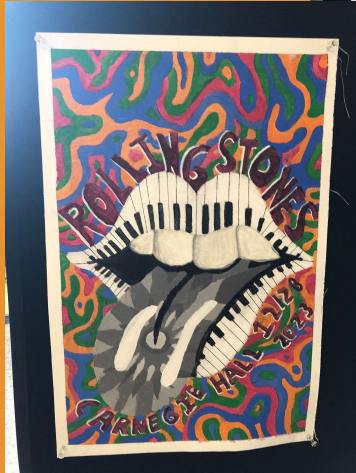
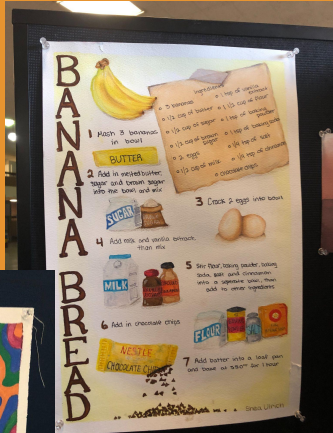
The School Counseling Office has seven experienced and knowledgeable counselors who are available to assist all students in their pursuit of a successful high school experience.

The School Counselors monitor academic progress and graduation requirements. They also provide college counseling, social and emotional counseling and opportunities for career exploration.

All ninth grade students are assigned a counselor who will remain with that student until the student graduates from high school.

The Counseling Office - First Floor - (845) 624-3413
[Counseling Office Website](#)

ART



Students have the opportunity to take any art class in order to satisfy the New York State Fine Arts credit. Those freshmen who are currently enrolled in Studio Art in 8th Grade have satisfied that requirement. Courses available include but are not limited to:

- Design and Illustration
- Painting and Drawing
- Animation and Gaming Design
- Digital Photography 1 and 2
- Computer Graphics 1 and 2
- Digital Animation for Beginners
- Photography 1 and 2
- College/Advanced Art 4H
- AP Art History
- AP Studio Art
- IB Visual Art

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Freshmen can take the following courses to satisfy the Fine Arts credit required for graduation:

- Fashion Design (semester class)
- Interior Design (semester class)
- Drawing and Design for Production (full year class)

Students at South are invited to take electives in subsequent years in the areas of:

- Business
- Family and Consumer Science
- Television and Radio Production
- Technology



**Students can
receive more than
24 college credits if
they choose to take
college courses in
the CTE
Department.**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

English class is both an opportunity for students to think critically about what they read and view as well as a challenge for them to defend those thoughts through written and oral expression. Students are required to take **4 years** of English (either Regents or Honors) with a Regents exam held in 11th grade.



EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Eidolon (yearbook)
***Arcadia* (literary magazine)**
***Viking Voice* (school paper)**
Centerstage (theatre program)



ELECTIVE CLASSES FOR STUDENTS

Public Speaking
Media Studies
Film and Writing
Creative Writing
Mythic Journeys
Struggles of Humanity
Wise English (seniors only)
A.P. Literature
A.P. Language

MATHEMATICS

Students who are currently enrolled in Math 8 should enroll in Algebra 1R or 1L. These students will take the Algebra Regents in June. Students who are currently enrolled in Algebra 1H will take Geometry R or Geometry H.

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

MATH ELECTIVES

A.P. Statistics
A.P. Computer Programming
A.P.
Computer Programming Honors

(SUNY Albany credit Available for computer programming and calculus.)

MATH CONTESTS/ACTIVITIES

NYS Math League
American Scholastic Math Association
International Mathematical Modeling
AMC 10/12
Pi Day
NYS Math Teachers Association Poster Contest
American Statistical Association
Moody's Math Challenge

Mu Alpha Theta (National Math Honor Society)
Greater New York Math Fair
Mu Alpha Theta Tutoring Program
Math Department Magazine - "Eureka"
Mu Alpha Theta Newsletter - "Mad About Mu"



SPECIAL EDUCATION

Clarkstown South offers a full continuum of special education and academic intervention services.

The school is committed to providing high quality instruction for all students in an inclusive learning environment. Students who have been identified with a disability are provided an Individualized Education Program (IEP) which is designed to provide specially designed instruction (SDI) and special education supports and services. Goals are developed to support meaningful access, participation and progress in the general curriculum.

Services include integrated co-teaching, resource room services, consultant teacher services, special class services and the related services of speech, physical therapy, occupational therapy and counseling. We also have a full time behavior intervention specialist.



**Department Chairperson
Ms. Jacqueline Hurley
(jhurley@ccsd.edu)
Special Education Office: Third
floor- Room 310 Telephone:
845-624-3478**



504 AND AIS SERVICES

Clarkstown South offers support services and academic intervention services for students with a 504 Accommodation Plan.

504 Coordinator - Ms. Danielle Sweeney
(dsweeney@ccsd.edu)

Phone - 845-624-3425 too.

Clarkstown South also provides a Homework Center after school from 2-4 p.m. (with a late bus available for those who need a ride home).



The Achievement Center is an academic intervention service which is provided to students identified as in need of academic support. In the Achievement Center, students are assigned to work in small groups with a teaching assistant who is available to assist with organization skills, test preparation, homework compilation and content support.

In addition, many of our students participate in the Castle Learning program which is an online instructional tool specifically used to prepare our students for Regents exams and to provide instructional support in targeted content areas.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH

- **There is no specific uniform. Wear athletic attire and dress to go outside.**
- **Elective based format: Students choose what activities they want to participate in.**
- **The grade earned is not in the student's GPA. The grade is based on the following criteria: Preparation and Attendance (30 %), Participation (30%), Knowledge of Material (20%) and Knowledge of Skill (20%).**
- **Activities include team sports, lifetime leisure activities and fitness based activities.**
- **All students are required to take a semester of Health at some point during high school. Most students take it in 10th grade.**



MUSIC

Students have the opportunity to receive their Fine Arts credit by enrolling in the following courses:

- Band
- Chorus
- Guitar
- Orchestra

Other courses available in the Music Department include A.P. Music Theory, I.B. Music and I.B. Theatre.



Students who participate in NYSSMA receive honors ranking for their class.

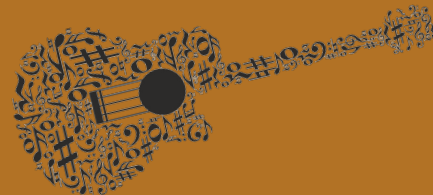
EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Troubadours

Ambassadors

Marching Band

Jazz Band



WORLD LANGUAGE

Students entering 9th grade have the opportunity to enroll in the following languages:

- Spanish
- Italian
- French
- Latin
- Japanese
- American Sign Language

Most students will enter level 2 or 3.

A.P., I.B. and College courses are available in World Language Department!

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Cultural Club
ASL Club
Hispanic Club
Italian Club
French Club
World Language Honor Society



SCIENCE

Freshmen will be taking a **Biology course**, which ends with the **Living Environment Regents exam**. South offers **Regents and Honors level courses**.

Each student must complete the required amount of **laboratory work** to be eligible for the **Regents exam**.



EXTRACURRICULAR OFFERINGS

- Academic League
- H.O.S.A. - Health Occupations of America Club
- Robotics Club
- New Jersey Science League
- Science Olympiad

ADVANCED COURSE OFFERED

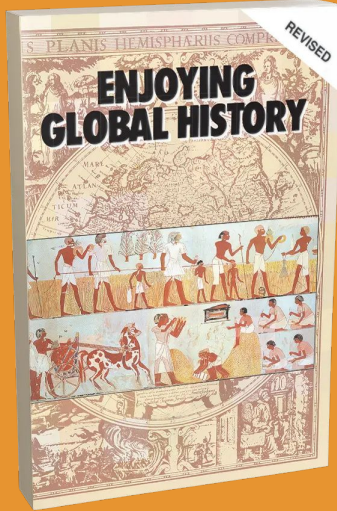
- A.P. BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS
- I.B. LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND SPORTS EXERCISE HEALTH SCIENCE
- COLLEGE ASTRONOMY, FORENSICS, MARINE SCIENCE



SOCIAL STUDIES

All students are required to take four years of social studies. Students entering 9th grade will be enrolled in Global History R, Advanced Global History 9H or A.P. World History.

All students are required to take and pass two Regents exams before they graduate. These exams are Global History at the end of 10th grade and U.S. History at the end of 11th grade.



EXTRACURRICULAR OFFERINGS

- Junior States of America
- National History Day Competition
- Current Events Club
- U.S.O. Club
- Seal of Civic Readiness

ADVANCED COURSE OFFERED

- A.P. World, U.S. History, European History, Microeconomics, Government
- I.B. History of the Americas
- U.S. History, College Public Policy, Government, Economics

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)

I.B. starts in eleventh grade, but please remember that eleventh grade is closer than it seems:

Upperclassmen who might want an extra accolade called the I.B. Diploma would meet to discuss this with the I.B. Coordinator during tenth grade. The I.B. program gives students the experience of the liberal arts transdisciplinary approach of a college's freshman year. When our young people arrive in college, freshman academic coursework in all areas seem much more manageable.

We know this is true because this is what students who have gone through the full I.B. Diploma program experience have reported to us when they come back and chat with us after graduating from South.



I.B. COURSES AT SOUTH

Group 1

English
Literature A HL
(2yr.)



Group 2

Italian B SL &
HL (2yr.)
Japanese B SL &
HL (2yr.)
French B SL &
HL (2yr.)
French *ab initio* SL
(2yr.)
Spanish B SL &
HL (2yr.)
Latin SL



Group 3

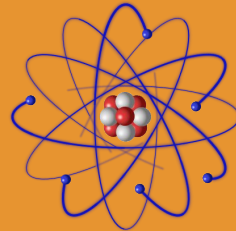
History of the
Americas HL
(2yr.)



Group 4

Envtl Systems
& Societies SL

Sports,
Exercise,
and Health
Science SL



Group 5

Mathematics
Applications &
Interpretation
SL & HL



Group 6

Visual Arts SL &
HL (2yr.)

Theatre Arts SL
& HL (2yr.)

Music SL & HL
(2yr.)



A.P. CLASSES AT CLARKSTOWN SOUTH

Art History

Music Theory

Studio Art

English Language and Comp.

English Literature and Comp.

European History

Microeconomics

U.S. Government and Politics

U.S. History

World History: Modern

Calculus AB

Calculus BC

Biology

Statistics

Computer Science Principles

Computer Science A

Chemistry

Environmental Science

Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism

Physics C: Mechanics

Japanese Lang. and Culture

Spanish Lang. and Culture



COLLEGE COURSES AT CLARKSTOWN SOUTH

Beginning in 11th grade students have the opportunity to take courses through SUNY Albany, Syracuse University and St. Thomas Aquinas College and receive both high school and college credit. These courses include:

Marine Science

Astronomy

Forensics

U.S. History

Sociology

Economics

Government/Public Policy

Calculus

Spanish

Italian

French

Studio & Digital TV

Advance Art 4

Accounting

Business Law

Marketing

Finance and Investing

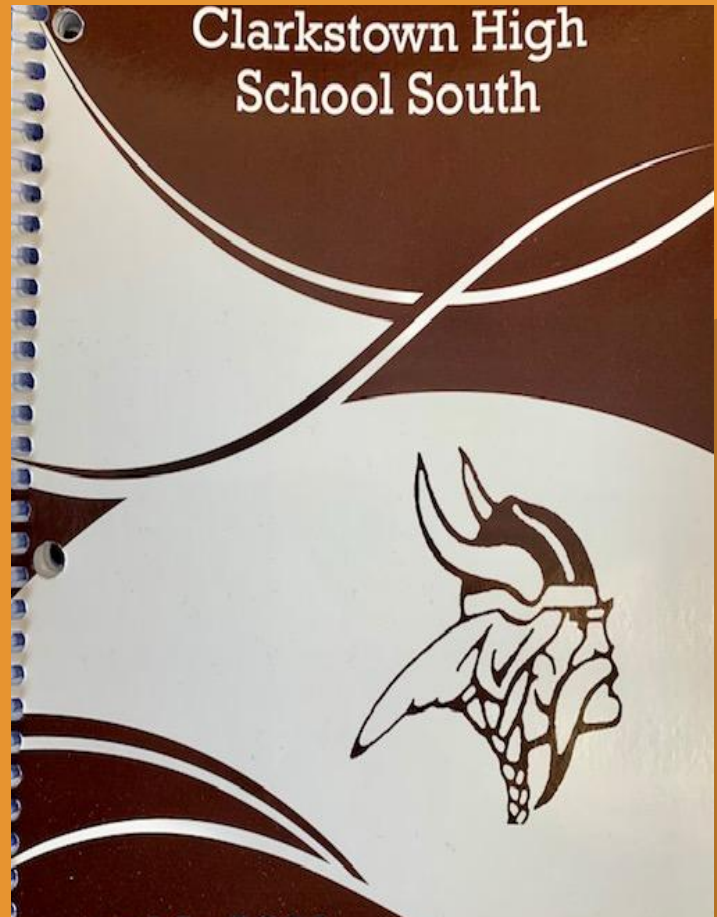
Business Administration



CODE OF CONDUCT

Where can I find a copy of the code of conduct and other important information?

SOUTH'S AGENDA - Students are given a copy of the agenda during the first week of school.



CHSS ATHLETICS - FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE - AUGUST 21, 2023

Fall Athletics

- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys and Girls Volleyball
- Field Hockey
- Football
- Dance
- Cheerleading
- Girls Swimming and Diving
- Girls Tennis
- Boys and Girls Cross Country

Winter Athletics

- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Boys and Girls Bowling
- Boys Swimming and Diving
- Boys and Girls Skiing
- Dance
- Cheerleading
- Boys and Girls Fencing
- Gymnastics
- Ice Hockey
- Boys and Girls Track
- Wrestling

Spring Athletics

- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys and Girls Lacrosse
- Crew
- Boys and Girls Golf
- Boys and Girls Track
- Boys Tennis
- Girls Flag Football
- Unified Basketball

WAIVER FORM!

What do I do if I disagree with the teachers recommendation?

Period	Start	End	Time
1	7:22	8:09	47
2	8:12	8:59	47
3	9:02	9:49	47
4	9:52	10:39	47
5	10:42	11:29	47
6	11:32	12:19	47
7	12:22	1:09	47
8	1:12	2:00	48

What is the daily schedule for students?

QUESTIONS....

IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT CLARKSTOWN SOUTH OR CURRICULUM OFFERINGS, PLEASE EMAIL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **Mrs. Tarantino - Principal - dtarantino@ccsd.edu**
- **Ms. Baka - Assistant Principal - abaka@ccsd.edu**
- **Ms. Dahl-Jacobs - Assistant Principal - jdahl-jacobs@ccsd.edu**
- **Ms. Zekus - Athletic Coordinator - lzekus@ccsd.edu**
- **Ms. McKenna - Counseling Chair - cmckenna@ccsd.edu**
- **Ms. Hurley - Special Education Chair - jhurley@ccsd.edu**

**Freshmen
Orientation in
August is
scheduled for
August 29, 2023.**