



The Sophomore Registration Bulletin

This publication, *The Sophomore Registration Bulletin*, is published each Spring by the SOHO counseling staff to help our sophomores and their parents find their way through the registration process. We hope that potential sophomores will read it carefully, share it with their parents, and save it for future use.

What will I Need to Use for Registration?

This registration bulletin has been designed to help you and your parents plan your schedule for next year. Please read this section carefully and follow instructions.

In order to make registration easier, the additional courses open to sophomores at South Houston High School have been listed on the registration card. A complete course description can be found in the High School Course Selection and Registration Guide.

At the end of this year, students should have earned three and a half credits each semester and should have at least seven credits: one credit in English, one in math, one in science, one from social studies, and at least three credits from a combination of required and additional courses.

PLATO classes will be offered after school this semester to help students earn credit who did not pass a course or did not make up

time. Consider taking a PLATO class or going to summer school to make up any deficiencies you may have. You must meet certain criteria to be eligible for summer school.

When next year begins, you must have **five** credits to be a sophomore.

Use the following items for sophomore registration:
High School Course Selection and Registration Guide—Describes courses and graduation plans.

Registration Form—make selections and return form to your Social Studies teacher.

This Registration Bulletin Transcript—shows all classes taken and credits earned. If you made a 60 or higher, you may be able to take PLATO or summer school.

Graduation Plan—this shows what is still required for graduation. If a column is red, you have NOT completed the requirements for that category.

Planning Ahead: Making a Good Schedule



In order to graduate from high school, students in this class must earn **twenty-six** credits and pass all parts of the exit level TAKS test. The graduation requirements are described in detail in the High School Course Selection and Registration Guide.

Students who graduate with the “Recommended” plan or “Distinguished Achievement” plan will be awarded the Superintendent’s Award of Excellence and will receive a medallion and recognition at graduation.

The state of Texas is currently offering students an opportunity to earn some scholarship money if they complete all graduation requirements within three years instead of the usual four years.

The Early Graduate Scholarship may not always be available, and we cannot guarantee what the future may hold regarding this award.

If you are interested in trying to graduate in three years, you **must receive ALL of your credits this school year and plan to**

attend summer school this summer for initial credit. Eventually, you will also need to go to night school, and we will need to set up a plan at the beginning of the next school year. To complete your registration for next year, you must fill out the registration form and turn it in to your Social Studies teacher by the announced deadline.

You will select the academic courses and the elective courses that you want to take next year.

If you **do not return** a form, or if you turn in an incomplete form, I will write **NO FORM RETURNED** on a blank form, and I will complete the form for you. If this happens, **no schedule changes** will be made on these forms.

If you have questions, you will have an opportunity to discuss these with me any time before the end of the school year. Do your best and good luck!

How Do I Complete My Registration Form?

1. Complete the personal information at the top. Use a pencil and please print.
2. Proceed through each subject areas, circling your choices.
3. Pre-AP courses are indicated by the letter "Q".
4. Students enrolling in programs such as dance, athletics, choir, band, and orchestra should circle the appropriate subject. Their teachers will choose the specific class.
5. If you choose a one-semester course, you must choose another one semester course for 2nd semester to balance your schedule.
6. Be certain to write in your alternate choices because these will be added to your schedule if needed.
7. RETURN this registration form to your social studies teacher by the announced deadline.

How Do I Know What Academic Classes I Will Need for Next Year?

Choose academic courses you think are necessary and elective courses you would like to take. Use these basic guidelines to complete your form. You will register in a computer lab and will use your registration form as your guide.



ENGLISH = English II: Circle Regular or Pre-AP.

MATH = Geometry: Circle Regular or Pre-AP. (If you fail one semester only of Algebra I, then you need to attend summer school to earn that credit. If you fail both semesters of Algebra I, then you will retake Algebra I next year.)

If you are already in Geometry, then **Algebra 2** is the next math class. Circle Regular or Pre-AP.

SOCIAL STUDIES = World History: Circle Regular or Pre-AP.

SCIENCE = Chemistry: Circle your choice of Regular, Conceptual, or Pre-AP.

If you are currently taking Biology, then your next science class is Conceptual Chemistry or Chemistry. If you are an excellent math student, then select Chemistry. If you struggle with math, then Conceptual Chemistry is the best choice. **If you are currently in Conceptual Chemistry or Conceptual Physics and have not had Biology, then you need to select Biology.**

OTHER CHOICES: Circle other classes you plan to take next year.

Refer to your registration card to make your selections. You can choose to take required courses such as a computer class, Health, PE, a required language (Spanish, French), and a fine art course (Choir, Band, Orchestra, Theater, Art, Dance) or you can sign up for electives. The earlier you complete your requirements, the more room you will have for electives your junior and senior years.

You will eventually need a **fine arts class** and two years of the same **required language** as part of your graduation requirement. If you are currently in the **first year of a required language**, you need to finish the second part next year. **Do not skip a year.**

*** Don't forget to write in your alternate choices**

Your counselor advises you about your graduation status throughout your high school years. **But the final responsibility for fulfilling the graduation requirements is yours.**