

SOUTH BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION AND PLANNING PROGRAMS

9TH GRADE SEMINAR

First-year students will gain valuable academic and life skills through a course specifically designed to address issues important to ninth graders. This year-long course includes a variety of components to help students build on previous knowledge and set a solid base for future successes.

CURRICULUM COMPONENTS

- ❑ Academic planning
- ❑ Study skills (note-taking, test-taking, organization, time management, reading skills).
- ❑ Goal setting
- ❑ Library research skills
- ❑ Introduction to careers
- ❑ Individualized career research
- ❑ Current events/topics relative to ninth grade students.
- ❑ Individual academic and personal support.
- ❑ Exam preparation and support
- ❑ The creation of a basic Personal Learning Plan and Portfolio for use throughout a student's high school experience.

Students will apply concepts learned through the Ninth Grade Seminar to their daily lives and to core academic courses.

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JUNIOR & SENIOR SEMINARS

The Junior and Senior Seminars focus on identifying the skills and information needed to be successful after high school. Topics covered in this course are as follows:

- ❑ College, university, technical programs, and employment opportunities
- ❑ The college application process
- ❑ Job and college interviewing
- ❑ Resume and cover letter writing
- ❑ Personal finances and college financial planning
- ❑ Tips for independent living
- ❑ Fieldtrips to local colleges, universities, and the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation.
- ❑ Networking opportunities with local business leaders and higher education partners
- ❑ The ability to explore one's own future pathway
- ❑ The creation of a college/career portfolio to showcase skills, abilities, and knowledge

PERSONAL LEARNING PLANS - PLP

Beginning with the Class of 2006, all SBHS students will create an electronic Personal Learning Plan and Portfolio (PLP). The PLP will allow students to track their progress both academically, personally, and in relation to college and career exploration.

The PLP will also allow students to demonstrate that they have met the SBHS Expectations for Learning.