

South Brunswick High School Pathways to Graduation

OPTION II: AT-A-GLANCE



PROCESS: Students register for their courses in the traditional manner following SBHS process and timeline. A student interested in Option II then applies for this using the online application and following the Option II due dates. If approved for Option II, a student's schedule of courses is then adjusted.

SBHS SUMMER INSTITUTE: Students registering for courses for advancement are automatically eligible for Option II.

Option II Opportunities (an alphabetical listing)	Grade Levels	Grading Policy	Applicable Fees	Assessment and Proof
<p>A. Advancing a Course Level in an Accredited School or Institute (NOT online) Students may advance a course level in a given sequence of courses such as mathematics by taking courses outside SBHS (e.g. Learning Center) or during the SBHS Summer Institute. Course content must equate to that of the high school course that is being bypassed. Note: Algebra I may NOT be bypassed.</p>	9, 10, 11	Grade/course recorded on transcript, not included in GPA	Fees and transport are family responsibility	Must achieve an 85% or better as a final grade. Mastery score on SBHS final exam or assessment.
<p>B. College Course Work for H.S. Credit High school students may choose to enroll in college level work at an accredited college or university for both college and high school credit (called dual credit). This option includes dual credit courses offered during the SBHS Summer Institute.</p>	11, 12	Grade/course recorded on transcript, not included in GPA	Fees and transport are family responsibility	End-of-Course Assessment as required by the college/university.
<p>C. HS Course Work Taken Outside SBHS for Credit (NOT online) Students may complete high school course work in an academic setting other than SBHS or during the SBHS Summer Institute. The provider of this off-site coursework must be accredited. This enables students to take courses that are not currently offered at SBHS. Students may also recover credits.</p>	10, 11, 12	Grade/course recorded on transcript, not included in GPA	Fees and transport are family responsibility	End-of-Course Assessment as required by accredited provider/school.
<p>D. Independent Study at SBHS The Independent Study Program is available for those students who are looking to do in-depth study beyond the SBHS course offerings or have a desire to fulfill a course need that is not available in the current SBHS curriculum. An Independent Study may be content-or theme-based.</p>	11, 12	Graded, not weighted, recorded on transcript, included in GPA.	N/A	As outlined in Independent Study application.
<p>E. Music HAP Students who take Music HAP in lieu of regular Help and Access Period may apply for 5 Option II credits. This option is a Directed Study as students work under the "direct" supervision of a music teacher.</p>	9	Graded, not weighted, recorded on transcript, included in GPA.	Instrument and supply fees as applicable.	As determined by the Music HAP teacher and Department Supervisor.
<p>F. Private Music Study in Instruments NOT Offered in SBHS (at an accredited institution only) Students who are engaged in advanced private music study in an instrument not currently offered at the high school may apply for course credit on a semester (2.5 credit) or full year (5 credit) basis. This option may replace elective or fine arts credits.</p>	10, 11, 12	Pass/Fail, listed on transcript, not included in GPA.	Instrument, lesson, and supply fees as applicable.	Transcript, Activity/Time Log, and Post-jury Assessment with the Music Supervisor and written reflections (pre/post).

Eligibility (with NO exceptions)

Option II opportunities only apply to the specified grade levels.

Option II only occurs after 8th grade. Summer experiences following the completion of 8th grade qualify.

Option II applicants must meet all published dates and deadlines.

Option II opportunities must be pre-approved.

Applications must have required signatures.

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<p>G. James Kimple Center Directed Study Similar to an independent study, this option is available for students enrolled in JKC who need a concentrated study in areas that <u>are</u> offered in SBHS. The study may be completed on-site, off-site, or online. A SBHS teacher provides direct supervision.</p>	10, 11, 12	Graded or Pass/Fail, listed in transcript, included in GPA	N/A	As determined by Supervisor/Chair in the student’s Individualized Program Plan (IPP).
<p>H. Online or Distance Learning Online courses may be taken from an accredited institution. Taking online courses enables a student to take courses that are not currently offered at the high school, to recover credits, or to advance a course level.</p>	10, 11, 12	Grade and course recorded on transcript, not included in GPA	Course fees and proctor fees are family responsibility	End-of-Course Assessment as required by accredited provider/school. If for advancement, see Option A above.
<p>I. Physical Education Athletic Participation Student-athletes may earn marking period credits toward their PE requirement by participating in South Brunswick varsity athletic programs as recognized by the NJSIAA as well as the Competitive Cheerleading Team, Dance Team, Winter Guard and Marching Band. This is a “directed study” as student-athletes participate in athletics at the advanced level (learning, practicing, preparing and competing) under the direction of their coaches. Students may earn 1.25 credits per athletic program and can earn up to a total of 3.75 credits per year.</p>	11, 12 Health Ed may not be bypassed	Pass/Fail, listed on transcript, not included in GPA	Participation fees are family responsibility	Verification of season completion by head coach or advisor.
<p>J. Study Abroad Students may study abroad and earn credits by participating in an approved and accredited exchange program of study. The counselor and supervisor/chairperson determine the total number of credits that may be earned. This determination will be based on course correlation with the SBHS Program of Studies.</p>	11, 12	Counselor determination based on Middle States accreditation.	Fees and transport are family responsibility	The student must achieve the course mastery scores as established by the school in which the student has “exchanged” courses.
<p>K. World Language Demonstration of Proficiency for Heritage Speakers A student who is a native or heritage speaker of a language can meet the one-year State requirement for world language through “demonstration of proficiency.” The supervisor determines proficiency through testing, interview and/or other assessments.</p>	9, 10, 11, 12 Student must take 2 nd year of same language on site.	Pass/Fail, listed on transcript, not included in GPA	Proficiency assessment fees are family responsibility	The student must pass a written and oral, state approved proficiency assessment administered by state assessor.
<p>L. World Language Program NOT Taught in SBHS Students may receive instruction in, and graduation credit for, a world language not taught in the high school. The languages currently being taught in SBHS are French, Spanish and Latin. Learning another language provides the opportunity for one to experience the heritage and context of another culture from within.</p>	9, 10, 11, 12 Student must take 2 years of same language.	Pass/Fail, listed on transcript, not included in GPA	All fees associated with the course and the proficiency assessment are family responsibility	The student must pass a written and oral, state approved proficiency assessment.

SEE OPTION II GUIDEBOOK FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS FOR MORE DETAILS AND FURTHER INFORMATION.