



Souderton Area High School

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2011-2012 Profile

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Samuel A. Varano, Jr., Principal
Matthew T. Haines, Lead Assistant Principal - 11-12
William Coddington, Assistant Principal - 11-12
Kyle Longacre, Assistant Principal - 9-10
Ellen Sykes, Assistant Principal – 9-10
Tom Quintois, Athletic Director
Megan Zweiback, Special Education Supervisor

GUIDANCE OFFICE

Dan Barber, Coordinator of Guidance, 9-10 (P-Z)
Alison Kircher, Counselor 9-10 (A-G)
Nickole Trout, Counselor 9-10 (H-O)
Tom Overberger, Counselor 11-12 (A-G)
Bill Michuda, Counselor 11-12 (H-O)
Anne Grant, Counselor 11-12 (P-Z)
Robin Johnson, Guidance Secretary
Deb Snyder, Guidance Secretary

Located 25 miles north of Philadelphia, just off Rte. 309, the Souderton Area School District can be characterized as a growing semi-rural community of 39,000 residents. The school district encompasses 49 square miles and the entire school district has approximately 6,700 students. In September 2009, the new 9-12 Souderton Area High School opened its doors to students. Situated on 104 acres in Franconia Township, the new building is 445,000 square feet. The high school consists of 22 state-of-the-art science labs, an integrated arts wing, including an auditorium surrounded by art, technology education, and music rooms, as well as a television studio and video editing lab. The academic wing of the building houses two 3-story wings of 78 regular classrooms, which surround a spacious library. The academic wing also has 14 multi-purpose computer labs.

SAHS QUICK FACTS

Grades: 9-12
Graduating Class: 525
Total Population: 2200
Type of School: Public
Length of Marking Period: 9 Weeks, 4x4 Block
Teaching Faculty: 145
Teacher to Student Ratio: 1:15

CHANGE IN ENGLISH/SOCIAL STUDIES HONOR OPTIONS

A change was implemented in English offerings just prior to the 2011-2012 course selection process for current juniors and seniors, whereas in social studies the change was phased in over several years. Souderton offers a two-track system in English and social studies. While students may take Academic or Honors courses in 9th and 10th grade, only Academic and Advanced Placement courses are available in 11th and 12th grade in English and Social Studies.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CLASS OF 2012

24 credits to graduate (Grades 9- 12)

English	4	Social Studies	4
Mathematics*	3	Science*	4
Health	.5	Physical Ed.	2
Business	1	Arts	1
Fam. Cons/Sci	.25	Grad Project	.5
Gen Elective	3.75		

* A fourth credit in Mathematics may be substituted for a fourth credit in Science.

GRADING SYSTEM

A+ = 98-100 (4.33)	C = 73 – 76 (2.0)
A = 93 -97 (4.0)	C- =70 – 72 (1.66)
A- = 90-92 (3.66)	D+ = 67-69 (1.33)
B+ = 88 -89 (3.33)	D = 63-66 (1.0)
B = 83-87 (3.0)	D- = 60-62 (.66)
B- = 80-82 (2.66)	F = 50 - 59
C+ = 77 – 79 (2.33)	F- = 0 - 49

CLASS RANK/GPA CALCULATION

Grade Point Averages are calculated on a 4.0-weighted scale, include all courses taken, and are cumulative starting in ninth grade. Grades are converted to a numeric grade equivalent and the grade equivalent for each course is multiplied by the weight assigned to that course. Advanced Placement, honors and college prep level courses are weighted as follows; AP 1.5, Honors 1.25, and all others 1.0.

Class Rank is based on a weighted quality-points scale and includes all courses taken.

GPA Distribution – Class of 2011

Median GPA – 3.01 (n=475)

4.00 +	15%
3.00- 3.99	43%
2.00 – 2.99	36%
Under 2.0	6%

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Year	Verbal/CR	Math	Writing
2011	512	531	496
2010	518	533	502
2009	510	522	501

2011 AP EXAMS

Total Students	432
Total Exams	765
Scores of 5	154
Scores of 4	220
Scores of 3	230

Equity and Excellence – 28.7%

2011 AP District of the Year Awards

Souderton is one of 388 U.S. public school districts that simultaneously achieved increases in access to AP® courses for a broader number of students and also maintained or improved the rate at which their AP students earned scores of 3 or higher on an AP Exam.

AP COURSES (18)

English Language/Composition
English Language/Literature
United States History
European History
Micro/Macro Economics
US Government/Politics
Human Geography
Calculus AB/BC
Statistics
Biology
Chemistry
Physics C Mechanics
Physics C E/M
Environmental Science
Spanish Language
French Language
German Language

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

	2011	2010	2009
Semifinalists	2	5	1
Commended	4	3	4

COLLEGE PLACEMENT - CLASS OF 2011

- 54% four year college,
- 35% two year college/technical/trade school,
- 1% military service
- 10% of graduates entered the workforce, many in technical/trade careers as a result of training through the Northern Montgomery County Technical Career Center.

SPORTS

Souderton Area High School offers:

- 25 Varsity sports
- 15 JV sports
- 2 Freshman sports

46% of students participate in at least one sport.