

Special Services of the Counseling Department

Career Planning: All students have special skills, interests, and aptitudes that can be channeled and developed into a career field. The counselors will work with students in the classroom on completing various on-line career and college searches as well as personality and interest inventories on an annual basis. The counseling office has a wide variety of planning resources that can be checked out. Several internet-based programs are utilized.

Counseling: Everyone, from time to time, encounters problems that interfere with their daily lives. When students find themselves in this situation, they may find it helpful to discuss the problem with a school counselor. Frequently, just talking about a problem will enable students to resolve it themselves. In other instances, the counselor may be able to suggest alternative solutions or to act as an intermediary in resolving the problem. Every effort will be made to maintain confidentiality within the limits of the law.

Credit Checks: Counselors maintain a record of students' credits and alert both students and parents of deficiencies. During study hall time, students are encouraged to have conferences with their counselor to plan for the future.

Group Guidance: From time to time, when students have problems of a similar nature, the counselors may form a group to help solve the problem.

College Credit Plus (Post-Secondary) Information: The counseling office will assist in the transition from high school to college and has many available resources.

Scheduling: School counselors will assist students, teachers, and administrators in scheduling. Teachers are asked to recommend course levels. Parents are asked to approve any academic changes in the student's schedule.

Scholarships and Financial Aid: The Springfield community has made continuous donations to the Springfield High School Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are offered to Springfield High School seniors with funds coming from civic and social organizations and associations, memorials, local businesses and individuals and families involved with the Springfield Local Schools. Seniors planning to pursue post-secondary education are encouraged to apply in the spring when the application becomes available. A scholarship committee reviews all applications and announces the winners on the Academic Awards and Scholarship Ceremony that is held in May.

Testing: Students are better equipped to make intelligent decisions when they have an understanding of themselves. Competency testing, proficiency testing, career planning, and pre-college testing are conducted at Springfield High School. Individual psychological referrals may be made after appropriate classroom steps have been taken.

College Planning and Entrance Testing: While the high school record of courses and grades are the most important factors in the admissions decision for college, most post secondary institutions require test scores from one or more nationally standardized tests. Therefore, it is recommended that students participate in a complete program of pre-college testing if they are considering continuing their education in college or some other post secondary institution.

Transcripts: These are available upon request. Official transcripts are sent to the school or employers that students designate.