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Sprayberry High School

“Excellence Our Tradition, Diversity Our Strength, Success Our Mission”
<https://www.cobbk12.org/sprayberry>

School Profile 2023-2024

At a Glance

Counseling Staff:

A-Da: Lea Ponticelli
De-Ji: Misty Hawk
Jo-O: Crystal Jordan
P-Re: Molly Hanson
Ri-Z: Tammy White

School Staff:

99 Certified Staff
7 Administrators
5 Counselors
2 Academy Leads
1 Media Specialist

Schedule

- 4x4 block with four ninety-minute class periods
- Two 18-week semesters per year
- Students generally enroll in two core courses and two electives per semester

School Enrollment

2023-2024: 1802
Senior Class: 447

2023 HOPE Recipients: 57% of graduating class

Awards & Achievements

Georgia Department of Education Awards

AP Merit School
AP STEM School
AP STEM Achievement School
AP Humanities

Cobb County Schools: A District of Distinction

The Cobb County School District is fully accredited by Cognia. It is the second largest school system in Georgia and the 23rd-largest in the United States.

Continuing a strong tradition of excellence in education, student achievement remains the primary focus. Within the district, there are 7 high school magnet programs of advanced studies, 40 Cobb County STEM Certified schools, 6 Georgia STEM Certified schools, 14 Cognia STEM Certified schools, 5 Cobb County STEAM Certified schools, 2 Georgia STEAM Certified schools, 22 National Blue Ribbon Schools, and 56 Georgia Schools of Excellence.

Sprayberry Academic Academies



Sprayberry students may apply for admission to two competitive academies, our Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) Academy and the International Spanish Language Academy. The purpose of the Sprayberry High School Scholar Academy of Science, Math, and Engineering is to prepare students for the 21st century and post-secondary success. In addition to rigorous mathematics courses, the STEM academy students will follow one of three pathways through engineering, healthcare sciences, or advanced science fields that will culminate in a senior capstone project preparing our graduates for academic success in top-tier colleges in a STEM field. Our ISLA academy is the only one of its kind in the state. The four-year program at Sprayberry is truly an exceptional opportunity in that it is open to both native and non-native speakers. Students who successfully complete the ISLA program earn diplomas from both the United States and Spain; the Spanish International Diploma is the only officially accredited Spanish-language qualification issued by the Ministry of Education, Social Policies, and Sports of Spain. Most commonly referred to as the "DELE", or (Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera), the diploma is internationally recognized by private companies, chambers of commerce, and public and private educational systems and centers.

Advanced Curriculum

Grade point averages are calculated on a 4.0 scale. Due to the difficulty level, some courses receive extra weight in calculating a student's grade point average (GPA). Additional quality points are calculated into the overall GPA and are not reflected in numerical averages.

0.5 bonus quality point awarded for accelerated math or honors courses

courses

9th Literature
 Advanced Composition
 Acc Precalculus
 Advanced Algebra (new this year)
 Algebra
 Algebra II
 American Literature
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Economics
 Geometry
 Human Anatomy
 United States Government
 United States History
 World Geography
 World History
 World language level III (French, Spanish)
 World Literature

1 bonus quality point awarded for AP and world language above level III

AP Biology
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 AP Chemistry
 AP Computer Science A
 AP Computer Science Principles
 AP English Language (American Lit)
 AP English Literature
 AP Environmental Science
 AP Human Geography
 AP Microeconomics
 AP Music Theory
 AP Physics
 AP Precalculus (new)
 AP Psychology
 AP Seminar
 AP Spanish Language
 AP Statistics
 AP Studio Art
 AP United States History
 AP US Government
 AP World History

Math curriculum changes effective 2023-2024 school year:
 Acc Precalculus replaced with AP Precalculus
 Algebra II replaced with Advanced Algebra

Graduation Requirements

Each course receives one unit of credit unless otherwise specified.
 Students must earn a minimum of 23 units to graduate.

Subject	Required Credits	Required Courses in the Subject Area
English	4	9th Lit, American Lit + 2 additional
Mathematics	4	Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II/Advanced Algebra + 1 additional
Science	4	Biology; Physics or Physical Science; Chemistry/Earth/ Environmental/AB/IB; 1 additional science
Social Studies	3	World History, US History, US Government, Economics
Health & Physical Education	1	.5 Health .5 Personal Fitness
Required electives	3	Any combination of Career Technical Education, World Language, and/or Fine Arts
Additional Electives	4	Any area

Grading Scale

A = 90 – 100
 B = 80 – 89
 C = 74 – 79
 D = 70 – 73
 F = 69 & below

Class Rank

Cobb County School District does not rank students effective 2019-2020 school year.

Since Sprayberry's opening in 1952, the school has been a microcosm of Cobb County that serves students from various ethnic groups, religions, socio-economic levels, and academic abilities. The Sprayberry student body is comprised of students and families from more than 55 countries, speaking more than 54 different languages. Our teachers believe that a diverse community is a stronger community, with a greater variety of perspectives, experiences, and opinions. Students leave Sprayberry prepared to live and work in a competitive GLOBAL economy.