Spring semester

Class begins

August

Student orientation

Student registration and scheduling

June-July

Student orientation and selection

May

Student counseling/transition interviews

Information Night for students, parents/guardians

April

Application deadline

Information meetings on high school campuses

Fall application materials

March

Timeline for Fall Enrollment

Broader attendance and academic achievement

Participation in multimedia and broadcasting

Work experience and exploration of career options

Coding skills

Increased math, science, and engineering participation

Communication skills and media literacy

Application for college admission

Accumulation of college credits and early preparation

Career planning

Increased motivation and engagement in project

Identification with a community of learners

High school graduation

Expected Student Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students are expected to have achieved the following:
**Mission**

**MISSION OF SAN MATEO MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**

SAN MATEO MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL provides a supportive, flexible and academically enriched environment for students whose needs are not being met by the larger, traditional educational system. It is designed to promote academic achievement, completion of high school and success in college.

**Goals**

**GOALS OF SAN MATEO MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**

- To unite a community of learners, intent on pursuing academic and career aspirations.
- To give students a solid foundation for college studies.
- To help students prepare for a career.
- To expose students to a variety of career opportunities and courses typically not available in high schools.
- To provide students the support services needed to be successful in high school and college courses.
- To assist students to become self-directed and to become responsible for their education.
- To help students understand the connection between school, work and career choices.

**Who?**

**WHO IS THE MIDDLE COLLEGE STUDENT?**

Potential Middle College students may be characterized by any of the following:

- Disconnected from the typical high school environment, but have a sincere interest in completing high school;
- Shows a discrepancy between standardized test scores and actual grades;
- Demonstrates the potential maturity to cope with the challenges and relative freedom of a college environment;
- Gifted in an area such as music, art or computers but generally is not succeeding in other academic areas;
- Is a creative, independent thinker;
- Is “at risk” of dropping out;
- Eager to “get on with life.”

**Curriculum**

**MIDDLE COLLEGE CURRICULUM**

Students are required to take three high school courses each semester which adhere to the SMUHSD-approved curriculum and satisfy high school graduation requirements. Juniors take American Literature and United States History. Seniors take English and semester-length courses in Economics and American Government. All students take a daily high school study skills course.

Students round out their schedules with a variety of college courses for which they can earn high school and college credit.

**Staff**

**MIDDLE COLLEGE STAFF**

The required high school courses are taught by San Mateo Union High School District teachers who collaborate in developing an integrated curriculum. The teachers also monitor student progress and advise students both in academic courses and career preparation.

**Support**

**SUPPORT SERVICES & RESOURCES**

Middle College students have access to CSM's comprehensive student services program and the instructional resources on campus including:

- College counseling and advising
- Tutorial and mentoring programs
- Instructional labs
- College library
- Career Development Center
- Transfer Center
- Psychological and health services
- Student clubs

**Requirements**

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

During their first semester in Middle College, all students take two college introduction classes, “Planning for Student Success” and “Strategies for Educational Success.” Juniors must fulfill a community service requirement during the spring semester. Seniors are required to work as volunteers or interns in a career-related field. This requirement must be completed in the fall semester. CSM’s Cooperative Education program helps juniors and seniors find appropriate community service or internship opportunities.