

# *Sunrise Beach High School*

## Why Select Sunrise Beach High School?

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### Why Select SBHS for Your International High School Experience?

#### 1. Sunrise Beach High School offers a one-of-a-kind, individualized program for the international student.

- A low student/teacher ratio (typically averaging 8-12 students to one teacher) allows SBHS instructors to tailor the curriculum to the needs of each individual high school student enrolled.
  - The SBSH program allows for excellence in scholastic achievement.
    - Students are allowed to work at their own rate, within specific course requirements, and may move forward if they are academically capable of the rigors of an accelerated course, while maintaining high standards in all other academic classes.
    - A student enrolled in a pre-calculus class may complete both pre-calculus as well as calculus within the same school year, if he or she has the aptitude to successfully accomplish both courses.
  - High school students have the opportunity to have one-to-one assistance from their instructors and counselors with tutorial assistance provided whenever needed.
  - The SBHS program promotes a high degree of success in high school, an excellent rate of college acceptance, and sound readiness for advanced university studies.

#### 2. Sunrise Beach High School (SBHS) offers an honors level College Preparatory High School Experience on-campus.

##### “UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON IN THE HIGH SCHOOL” Program

- SBHS offers University of Washington college courses, providing an opportunity for Sunrise Beach High School students to earn both college and Honors HS credit simultaneously while studying on-campus at SBHS.
- SBHS students complete University of Washington in the High School (UWHS) courses and earn Univ. of WA credit while studying at Sunrise Beach High School with SBHS highly trained, certificated instructors.
- All SBHS instructors of university courses have received extensive training at the University of Washington; SBHS teachers then receive mentoring by U of W instructors at SBHS throughout the college course.
- Grades earned through the prestigious University of WA program readily transfer throughout most of the world.

- Fully accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP), the UWHS program provides an opportunity for high school students to take UW courses, earn college credits, and establish a college transcript with a transferable UW student record.
  - SBHS students do not need to travel from their high school to take these courses; college courses are taught right on-campus at Sunrise Beach HS.
  - The University of WA states 93% of students enrolled in UWHS to date have earned a high enough grade to apply their credits toward a UW degree.
  - Unlike AP, where students need to take an exam at the end and may or may not receive college credit for their work, UWHS courses provide a highly respected transcript and college credit.
  - One of the greatest benefits, the rigor of these college courses assists high school students to fully prepare for the demands of college study within the United States while completing their high school course of study.
    - One SBHS student stated, “English 131 is defiantly the most difficult course I have taken at high school. The course was intense but rewarding.”
    - Teachers agree the challenging lessons presented in the UWHS classes help student acquire highly advanced study skills and a degree of self-confidence to prepare students to take on the demands and rewards of fulltime college or university study.
  - Finally, Sunrise Beach High School has years of experience. SBHS instructors have successfully taught UWHS courses at SBHS since 2003. To date, 100% of Sunrise Beach High School’s international students enrolled in a UWHS course have “successfully” passed each UWHS class at SBHS.
- **The following University of Washington courses are offered at SBHS:**
    - UW English Composition: Literature (ENG 111)
    - UW English Composition: Exposition (ENG 131)
    - UW Spanish (SPAN 103) - (Includes material for Spanish 101 and 102)
    - UW History (HIS 235)
    - UW Oceanography of the Pacific Northwest – (OCEAN 101)
  - **Additional Univ. of WA courses available include the following:**
    - Writing in Comparative Literature (C LIT 240)
    - Computer Science Principles (CSE 120)
    - Computer Programming I (CSE 142)
    - Computer Programming II (CSE 143)

- Precalculus (MATH 120)
- Calculus with Analytic Geometry I (MATH 124)
- Calculus with Analytic Geometry II (Math 125)
- Calculus with Analytic Geometry III (MATH 126)
- Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 101)
- Introduction to Global Health: Disparities, Determinants, Policies and Outcomes (G H 101)
- Astronomy (ASTR 101)
- The Planets (ASTR 150)
- Climate and Climate Change (ATM S 211)
- Introductory Biology: Addiction and the Brain (BIOL 100)
- Introduction to General Chemistry (CHEM 110)
- Introduction to Geological Sciences (ESS 101)
- Elementary French (FRENCH 103)
- Elementary German (GERMAN 101)
- Second Year German (GERMAN 201)
- First Year Japanese (JAPAN 113)
- First Year Korean No-Heritage (KOREAN 101)
- Elementary Latin (LATIN 103)
- Intermediate Spanish (SPAN 201)
- Intermediate Spanish (SPAN 202)
- Introduction to Hispanic Cultural Studies (SPAN 322)

**3. SBHS offers “all” of the AP English classes available through the College Board.**

- AP (Advanced Placement) English Language and Composition
- AP (Advanced Placement) English Literature and Composition

**4. Sunrise Beach High School offers highly trained Master Teachers for our students.**

**5. Success is built into the Sunrise Beach High School program.**

- High School classrooms average an approximate 8-12/1 student/teacher ratio.
- Teachers provide tutorials after school each Monday and Wednesday, and other days are available by appointment.
- International students and their host families receive immediate assistance whenever needed by members of the SBHS SEVIS team.
- A safety net is in place for international students for the introductory three months and more if needed, providing support for students while they perfect their language skills in subjects such as honors courses, AP classes and college courses.
- Counseling is available from English speaking counselors as well as international speakers, including counselors, teachers, staff, and others who fluently speak Mandarin, Korean, French, Spanish and more.

6. **Sunrise Beach High School takes great care in Homestay placement of our international students.**

- SBHS strives to carefully place students with highly caring US host “parents” who will provide a safe, loving environment for their student.
- Background checks of potential host “parents” are done both at the state level and internationally.
- Parent meetings are held to assist parents in understanding cultural differences and help and support each child as he or she adjusts to life away from home.
- Group activities and field trips are planned to make certain the students have opportunities to see the sites of their new hometown.
- Students are encouraged to come to school officials to discuss any issues they may be experiencing or suggestions they might have, all leading to the goal of a cohesive, positive homestay experience with fabulous memories to last a lifetime.

