



Springwater Trail High School

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Springwater Trail High School is one of three high schools in the Gresham-Barlow School District and is offered as an option to students who are not interested in attending a large high school. They are willing to sacrifice a broad selection of electives, athletics, and activities in order to benefit from a smaller, more personalized environment. Springwater Trail High School is a 4-year accredited high school with the same standards and graduation requirements as either Gresham or Sam Barlow High School. **However, we are a proficiency-based teaching, learning and grading system school,** which makes us unique and is a contributing factor to our high achievement results.

Students who are accepted for enrollment at Springwater Trail do so having made a commitment to attend regularly and graduate from this campus. If the student fails to attend at least 80% of the time, or has 2 or more incomplete and/or failing grades the school, after a review of individual needs, may take appropriate action up to and including dropping the student from Springwater Trail and enrolling him/her in the neighborhood high school.

Who is Springwater Trail for?

Students who:

- ❖ *LIVE IN THE GRESHAM/BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT!*
- ❖ *Are at or near grade level but wish a different social setting in which to pursue their education.*
- ❖ *Know they are smart and want to go to college or other schooling after high school.*
- ❖ *Express a desire and commitment to be at Springwater Trail High School.*
- ❖ *Want to earn a high school diploma but would benefit from more support and encouragement in a personal setting with smaller class sizes.*
- ❖ *Feel that they don't "fit in" at a large high school and might get lost in a larger setting.*
- ❖ *Have few connections to their home school but a desire to earn a high school diploma.*
- ❖ *May have struggled with some social or academic part of school in the past but are willing to make a commitment to attend regularly and graduate from high school.*
- ❖ *May be slightly behind in credits but still within reach of graduating on time.*
- ❖ *Have special needs that are not beyond Springwater Trail 's capacity to help and do not need significant modified coursework as identified by the IEP team.*
- ❖ *Need and want a closer connection with teachers in order to succeed.*

Who is NOT an appropriate candidate for Springwater Trail High School?

- ❖ *Someone who LIVES OUTSIDE THE GRESHAM/BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT.*
- ❖ *Someone being forced to attend by his/her parent or guardians.*
- ❖ *A student in need of a temporary placement.*
- ❖ *Students with a history of discipline or non-attendance issues unrelated to a handicapping condition.*
- ❖ *Students in need of an extensive in-school counseling or therapy program.*
- ❖ *Students who want an "easy way out" of high school by attending a credit factory or a place where credits can be gained more easily than the larger high schools.*
- ❖ *Students in need of significant amounts of specially-designed instruction.*
- ❖ *Students who need significant modifications in coursework and/or who have benefited from modified courses.*

Only complete application packets will be considered. A complete packet includes an application, three essays, a copy of the current year's attendance record, behavior record and a grade transcript.

Student Selection Process

Eighth Graders:

- January 6 – Applications for the following school year are available.
- February 9/10 – Recruitment Assemblies in the middle schools
- February 15– Student/Parent Information Night 6:00-7:00PM
- March 3 – Application Deadline
- March 6 - March 24 – Student/Parent/STHS Interview
- April 3 – Eligible applications enter in lottery for available seats.
- April 5 – Applicants and Counselors notified of status of enrollment for the next school year.
- April 12 – New student confirmations due
- April 26 – 8th Grade Welcome Night for new Titans 6:00-7:00PM

A mailing will go out to all 8th grade students in the district in mid January. Springwater Trail High School will host a open house for possible candidates and their families on February 15th.. Interested students will fill out an application and return it to their counselor. Springwater Trail High School will review applications and students will be called for an interview. All eligible students will be entered in a lottery for available openings.

Students already enrolled in either Sam Barlow or Gresham High School who wish to enroll for the next school year (2017-2018):

- Applications are currently available.
- February 15– Student/Parent Information Night 6:00 PM
- Admission is a rolling admission on a first come first serve basis. Usually, there is a wait list. Approved applications will go on the wait-list. Once the student's name comes up, STHS will call the student for an interview.

Application Process:

- 1) Pick up an application from your counselor
- 2) Complete application and essays, return to your counselor for the transcript, behavior summary and attendance summary.
- 3) Applications will be reviewed by the counseling department at your home school and recommended students will be forwarded to Springwater Trail High School for further consideration.
- 4) An interview will be scheduled with the student, parent and STHS principal or counselor.
- 5) Finalists will be entered into the lottery for available slots. Transferring High School students will be reviewed for placement depending on credit requirements and classroom availability. If necessary, a lottery will be used.
- 6) STHS will notify student/parent/home school of acceptance. If the number of eligible students is more than the number of available slots, the remaining students will be placed on a waiting list in the order determined by the lottery. As of October 1st the lottery waitlist is null and void and you **MUST** call the office at 503-261-4600 if you want your application to remain active for the current school year.

Springwater Trail High School 2017-2018 Application

Date:	Need a Translator? Yes or No	Language:
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Student Name:	Gender: Male or Female
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Student Address:

City/State/Zip:

Student ID#	Date of Birth:	Age:
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Current School:	Grade:	Counselor:
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Parent Name(s):

Cell/Home Phone#:	Email:
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Once we have your application, you will be contacted by **email** notifying you that we have received it.

<i>I am interested in attending STHS. By enrolling in Springwater, I make the commitment to attend school every day, to be on time, be prepared for classes, to complete my assigned work and fulfill the district requirements necessary to graduate.</i> Student Signature:

- **Parents: Please attach any additional information that you would like to include with your student's application.**

<i>I understand that my child is applying for admission to STHS. I'm aware of the school's philosophy, and I will make a commitment to do all I can to insure that my student comes to school ready to learn and I will attend Parent/Teacher Conferences.</i> Parent/Guardian Signature:

MANDATORY! TO BE FILLED OUT BY STUDENT'S COUNSELOR:

Most Recent State Test Scores: (SBA scores)	Reading:	Writing:	Math:	Science:
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- Attach Most recent Synergy Incident Summary Report, Attendance Report and Grade Transcript!

FOR STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS OR SUPPORTS WE MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Is student on a current IEP or 504 Plan? If YES, attach current, entire IEP with eligibility summary & placement page.	IEP	504
Is student currently enrolled (or forecasted to enroll) in modified courses? If yes, which content areas are modified?_____	YES	NO
Is student eligible for ELL services? If YES, attach ELPA data.	YES	NO

Counselor: Your signature indicates that you have reviewed this candidate's academic and behavior file, discussed the potential placement of this student at STHS with the student and parent/guardian. Counselor Signature:

Comments:

Directions for Completing the Essays

As part of the application process, the student must include three half-page essays. If accommodations are needed to write the essays, please notify your school counselor and/or the special education department at your school. The directions for each essay are listed below:

- Essay 1: A half page autobiography to include:
 1. Places you have lived
 2. Important people and events that have shaped your values and attitudes
 3. A description of your best/worst personality traits

- Essay 2: A half page description of your school experiences to include:
 1. Schools you have attended
 2. Your favorite subject/teachers
 3. Skills you most want to improve
 4. Why you want to attend Springwater Trail High School.

- Essay 3: A half page statement about your future plans after high school, to include:
 1. Where you would like to be living
 2. The kind of education/training you would like to have
 3. The kind of work you want to be doing.

Student: Give the application form and completed essays to your counselor when completed!

Application Checklist

1. Completed Application Form
2. Autobiography
3. School Experiences Essay
4. Future Plans Essay
5. Current school year's attendance record
6. Current school year Synergy Incident Report
7. Current grade transcript
8. Current test scores
9. Current IEP or ELPA data, if applicable. Complete copy of the IEP is required. Service summary pages only will be rejected.

Applications cannot be considered unless all parts are completed!

Middle School Due Date:	
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