



# 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. Springwater Trail High School is a 4-year accredited high school with the same standards and graduation requirements as Gresham or Sam Barlow High School. **We are a small high school emphasizing authentic learning, civic engagement, and strong relationships between students and staff. These factors, combined with unique programs such as our middle college partnership with Mount Hood Community College, set us apart from the traditional high school environment.**

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 withdrawing 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 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 guardian.*
- ❖ *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 an academic transcript.**

## Student Selection Process

### Eighth Graders:

- January 7 – Applications for the following school year are available.
- February 10/11 – Recruitment Assemblies in the middle schools
- February 13– Student/Parent Information Night 6:00–7:00PM
- February 24 – Application due to Middle School Counselor to complete counselor portion of application
- **February 28 – Application due to Springwater by 3pm. If you turned application into your counselor they will forward it to STHS.**
- March 2 – March 20 – Student/Parent/STHS Interview
- Week of March 30 – Eligible applications enter into the lottery for available seats.
- April 3 – Applicants and Counselors notified of status of enrollment for the next school year.
- April 10 – New student confirmations due
- April 21 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome Night for new Titans 6:00–7:00PM

A mailing will go out to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the district in mid January. Springwater Trail High School will host an Open House for possible candidates and their families on February 12th. Interested students will fill out an application and return it to their school 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 currently enrolled at Sam Barlow or Gresham High School who wish to enroll at STHS:

- Applications are currently available.
- February 13– Student/Parent Information Night 6:00–7:00 PM
- We have ongoing admission on a first come first serve basis. Usually, there is a wait list. Approved applications will go on the waitlist. 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 then 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.
- 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.
- 7) Annual Waitlist Requirement: Each year, the student or family member must contact the office by September 1st to remain on the waitlist for the current school year.



## 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

### SCHOOL/OFFICE STEPS:

1. Current school year's attendance record (ATP201)
2. Current school year Synergy Incident Report (IDS201 show full history)
3. Current grade transcript
4. Current test scores
5. Current IEP or ELPA data, if applicable. Complete copy of the IEP is required.

***Applications cannot be considered unless all parts are completed!***

<b>Application due to counselor:</b>	<b><i>February 24th</i></b>
Counselor submits to Springwater by:	<b><i>February 28th</i></b>