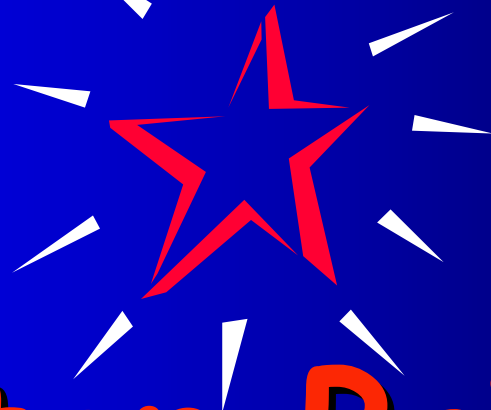


Welcome Titans



Titan Pride
Class of 2014
Parent Night

Recommended Program**

Subject	Credits	Required Courses
English	4	English 1, 2, 3, 4
Math	4	Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, 4 th math
Science	4	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 4 th science
		OR
Social Studies	4	Biology, IPC, Chemistry, Physics World Geography, World History, U.S. History, Government & Economics
Foreign Language	2	Spanish, French, German, ASL* 1&2 *ASL may not meet all college requirements
P.E.	1.5 (?)	P.E., Athletics, Fall Band, Color guard, Drill, Cheer
Health	.5	Health, Health Science
Speech	.5	Communications Applications
Fine Arts	1	Art, Theater Arts, Choir, Band, Dance, Orchestra and Elements of Floral Design (grade 10+)
Technology	1	BIM, CS, Desktop, DGA (grade 10+)
Electives	3.5	
Total	26	

**Changes may be coming!

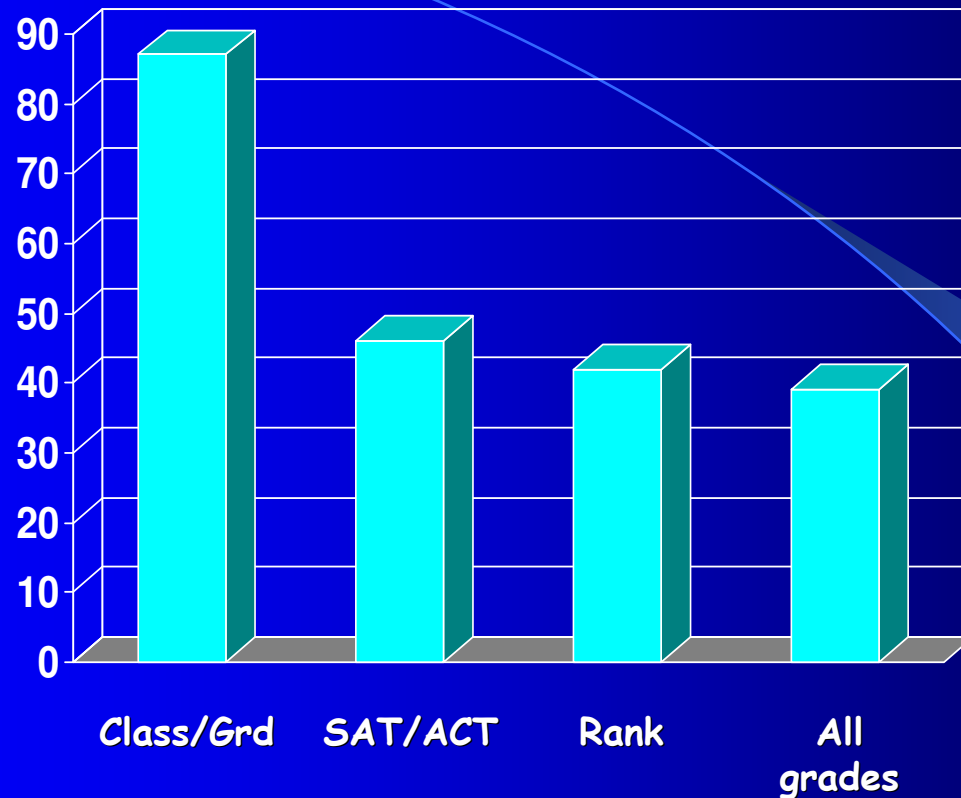
Distinguished Achievement Plan

- Same as the Recommended Plan with a few changes:
- Needs 3rd year of the same foreign language
- Must take Biology, Chemistry, Physics and 4th science (cannot take IPC)
- Complete 4 advanced measures
 - AP exams, college dual credit, PSAT score

High School vs. College

- The graduation plans are high school graduation plans, not college admission requirements.
- Always check with the college of your choice to determine if this plan meets their admissions policy.

What Counts Most in College Admissions?



87% Grades in challenging classes

46% SAT/ACT scores

42% Class rank

39% Grades in all subjects

Rank in Class Policy

Rank in class, honor graduate status, valedictorian and salutatorian determination shall be based on a weighted grade point average (GPA) system.

Grades are weighted according to the level of the course.

Semester grades are used to compute GPA.

<u>AP/PAP</u>	<u>Dual Credit</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Grade Point</u>
95			5.5
94			5.4
93			5.3
92	97		5.2
91	96		5.1
90	95	100	5.0
89	94	99	4.9
88	93	98	4.8
87	92	97	4.7
86	91	96	4.6
85	90	95	4.5
84	89	94	4.4

Top 10% Rule

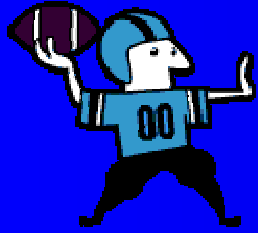
- GPA is used to determine rank-in-class.
- Students who are ranked in the top 10% of their class at the time they apply to college are automatically admitted to any Texas public university.
- UT- Austin is currently admitting the top 8%, not top 10%.
- Junior year-end rank determines top 10% for admission purposes.

Ways to meet your PE credit

- Take PE
- Make an athletic team (football, volleyball, soccer, etc)
- Participate in color guard
- Make the Drill Team
- March in the band- (fall semester counts for PE)
- Make the cheer squad
- Be an athletic trainer (application process)

Correct your card!

- Look on the back of your card in the box in the middle of the page.
- **MARK OUT** dance and dance training as ways to earn PE credit. This is no longer true. Drill Team can count, but not dance.



Athletic Try-Outs



- All students are free to sign up for any athletic class they wish, but they must make the team in order to stay in the class.
- Cuts are typically made the first two weeks of each semester.
- Those not making the team will be moved to PE and to elective class from their schedule card that is STILL OPEN.



Athletics



Students should write “athletics” on their card in two boxes and then circle the sport(s) they wish to play. Only one sport will appear on the schedule- the sport that starts first.

**Boys’ track meets before school and does not go in a box.

- Football
- Basketball
- Swimming
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Golf
- Softball
- Wrestling
- Girls’ Track
- Cross Country
- Trainer
- Baseball



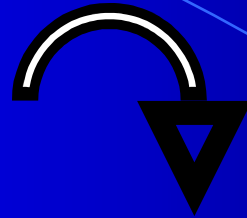
BAND

- Students can choose from alternating day band or everyday band program.
- For everyday band (marching band and instrumental class) write “band” in two boxes
- For alternating day band (no instrumental class), write “band” in one box.

PE Students

- You need to choose 2 semesters worth of PE. You can mix and match. You can choose from the following PE classes:
- Team Sports
- Aerobics
- Individual Sports
- Personal Fitness (healthy living)
- Weightlifting

Block Schedule



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	A Day Periods 1-4	B Day Periods 1-4	A Day Periods 1-4	B Day Periods 1-4	A Day Periods 1-4	
	B Day Periods 1-4	A Day Periods 1-4	B Day Periods 1-4	A Day Periods 1-4	B Day Periods 1-4	

Typical Schedule for a Student in P.E. Class

<u>A Day</u>	<u>B Day</u>
1 st period: Algebra I	1 st period: Biology
2 nd period: English I	2 nd period: Health/Speech
3 rd period: Art I	3 rd period: World Geography
4 th period: PE- Team Sports	4 th period: Spanish I

Typical Schedule for a Student in Everyday Athletics or Band

<u>A Day</u>	<u>B Day</u>
1 st period: Algebra I	1 st period: Biology
2 nd period: English I	2 nd period: Health/Speech
3 rd period: Spanish I	3 rd period: World Geography
4 th period: Athletics or Band	4 th period: Athletics or Band

PreAP and AP

- PreAP course work prepares students for the AP program.
- AP stands for Advanced Placement.
- College level classes.
- College credit is possible.
- Highly selective colleges expect students to be enrolled in the AP and PreAP program.



Is Pre-AP the right choice for you?

- Above grade level
- Enjoys the subject
- Self-manager
- Motivated
- Organized
- Goal Oriented
- Likes to read
- Efficient note taker
- Meets deadlines
- Works independently
- Goes beyond teacher expectation
- Manages time well

What are some differences in PreAP and regular level classes?

- Higher level and more divergent thinking in PreAP coursework and assignments.
- Much more independent work outside of class.
- English requires summer reading.
- More information is available from the teachers following this program.

PAP-Six Weeks Commitment!

- Students who sign up for a PAP class will be required to stay the entire first six weeks. At the close of the first 6 weeks, students who wish to drop will meet with their teacher, parent and counselor to discuss the move.
- Following the close of the first 6 weeks, students will not be allowed to drop the course until second term begins.

What can a Freshman take?

- To find out what courses are open to 9th graders, flip the blue card over. These are the only classes freshmen can take.

You can find course descriptions online at
www.friscoisd.org/centennial

One semester and full year classes

- To find out how long a class meets, turn your card over.
- If the class has a * by it, it meets only for one semester and you have to choose another * class for the same box. So remember...2 classes in the same box for all * classes.

Prerequisites

Prerequisite—required or necessary as a prior condition.

In order to take the classes below, a prerequisite class is required first.

Examples:

Spanish II

Prerequisite: Spanish I

Animation

Prerequisite: Digital Graphics

You find this info in the course guide posted at
www.friscoisd.org/centennial

CTE Center

- The CTE center houses many upper level elective choices in 14 pathways for juniors and seniors.
- Review the CTE pathways to help plan elective choices.
- To take classes at CTE center, you must meet the prerequisites.
- CTE representatives are here tonight to help answer questions.

CTE Pathways

- Agriculture Sciences
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, AV Technology & communication
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Financial Systems
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety & Security
- Marketing, Sales & Service
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

CTE Preview

- If you missed the Open House at the CTE center last Wednesday night, and you are interested in touring the center, email or call Ms. Jennings (counselor at CTE Center).
- Contact information is on the web.

Programs Needing Applications or Teacher Approval

Intermediate Art 1– 2-3 years of middle school art and teacher approval.

Intermediate Theater Art 1– 2-3 years of middle school theater and teacher approval.

Academic Decathlon - Teacher approval

Sports Trainer- Application and limited spots

For teacher approval classes, students just sign up for the class and they will be notified later if they are not approved.

Spanish in Middle School

- Students who have completed the 2 year Spanish program at the middle school have Spanish 1 credit and need to sign up for Spanish 2 or PAP Spanish 2.

Math

- Students who are taking 8th grade math need to sign up for Algebra 1 or PAP Algebra 1.
- Students who complete Algebra 1 in the 8th grade need to sign up for Geometry or PAP Geometry.

TAKS Classes

- Students who fail their 8th grade TAKS test will be placed in a TAKS class during 9th grade. This class will take the place of an elective.

Back up classes

- Complete the alternate electives. These will be used if your first choice does not work.
- We will pick these FOR YOU if you don't! You might not like what we pick AND YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO CHANGE THEM.

Summer School

- These classes are available in summer school for those wanting to get a head start.
- Communications Applications (one term)
- Health (one term)
- Business Information Management (two terms)

- A term lasts about 3.5 weeks and meets from 8:00-2:00 approximately.
- Dates are not yet set. Usually mid June through first week of July for term one. And early July to end of July for term two.
- Check the web.

Approved schedule changes

- Electives- Electives can be changed only until May 14th, final schedule verification.
- PreAP changes- All PAP students **must complete the first 6 weeks grade cycle** before a change to regular level will be considered.
- Program changes- In August, when school starts, the only changes allowed are program changes, (into or out of band, athletics, etc). These changes must take place by the end of the second week of school.



How to help your child..

- Encourage them to do their homework on the day it is given.
- Monitor their grades at Home Access, but don't make it your homepage!
- Help them with organizational skills.
- Begin to shift responsibilities to them. Allow them an opportunity to learn how to manage their own "stuff" and handle difficult situations.
- The most important thing that parents can teach their children is how to get along without them.

Frank Clark ☺

Family Connection

- Family Connection is a web site run by the counseling center. We use this site to keep you informed of deadlines and general counseling information, and to send you email notifications.
- Transcripts, scholarships, career test, personality test, SAT and ACT links, class rank, and other college info..
- Your user code will be mailed home this summer.
- PLEASE sign up! 😊



Dates to Remember

- February 8th – Forms due back to middle school counselor.
- August 2010- All ninth graders will attend “FISH Camp”, a half day orientation program. A letter will be mailed home this summer with details. The tentative date is Friday, August 13th.

Still have questions??

- Counselors are available this evening and will be in the gym following the program.
- Email is the best avenue!
- Email addresses are on your handout.
- [This power point is posted to our website.](#)

Schedule Card

Gym

- Please move to the gym (left as you exit auditorium) to visit with the various coaches, departments, and organizations on hand tonight to answer your questions.
- Band parents should report to the band hall. The band hall is to the right as you exit.
- Counselors are also available in the gym.