

Heritage High School Home of the Coyotes



**Class of 2013
Registration for Senior Classes**



Graduation Plans

- Recommended Program – designed for students who plan to go to college
- Distinguished Program – additional year of foreign language and completion of advanced measures
- Minimum Program – requires permission from a parent/guardian, counselor, and administrator

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 the plan meets their admissions policy.

Academic Catalog

Time does not permit us to explain each class to you today.

You can find the complete 2012-2013 Academic Guide and Course Catalog online at www.friscoisd.org/heritage

The descriptions also tell you if there is a fee for the course... not reading the description is not a legitimate reason to change your schedule next year!

How Many Credits are Required to Graduate?

A student needs 26 credits in order to graduate. A half-credit is earned each semester for each class passed with a 70 or above average.

Seniors must take 6 classes. Students are encouraged to take a full schedule of classes to be most competitive in the college admission process.



Recommended Program

Subject	Credits	Required Courses
English	4	English 1, 2, 3, 4
Math	4	Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II, 4 th math
Science	4	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 4 th Science OR Biology, IPC, Chemistry, Physics
Social Studies	4	World Geo, World History, U.S. History, Government & Economics
Foreign Language	2	Spanish, French, ASL* 1&2
P.E.	1.5	P.E., Athletics, Fall Band, Fall Color Guard, Drill Team, Cheer, Dance
Health	.5	Health, Health Science
Speech	.5	Communication Applications
Fine Arts	1	Art, Theater Arts, Choir, Band, Dance, Orchestra, Elements of Floral Design, DGA
Technology	1	BIM, DIM, DGA, Computer Science, Web Technologies
Electives	3.5	
Total	26	

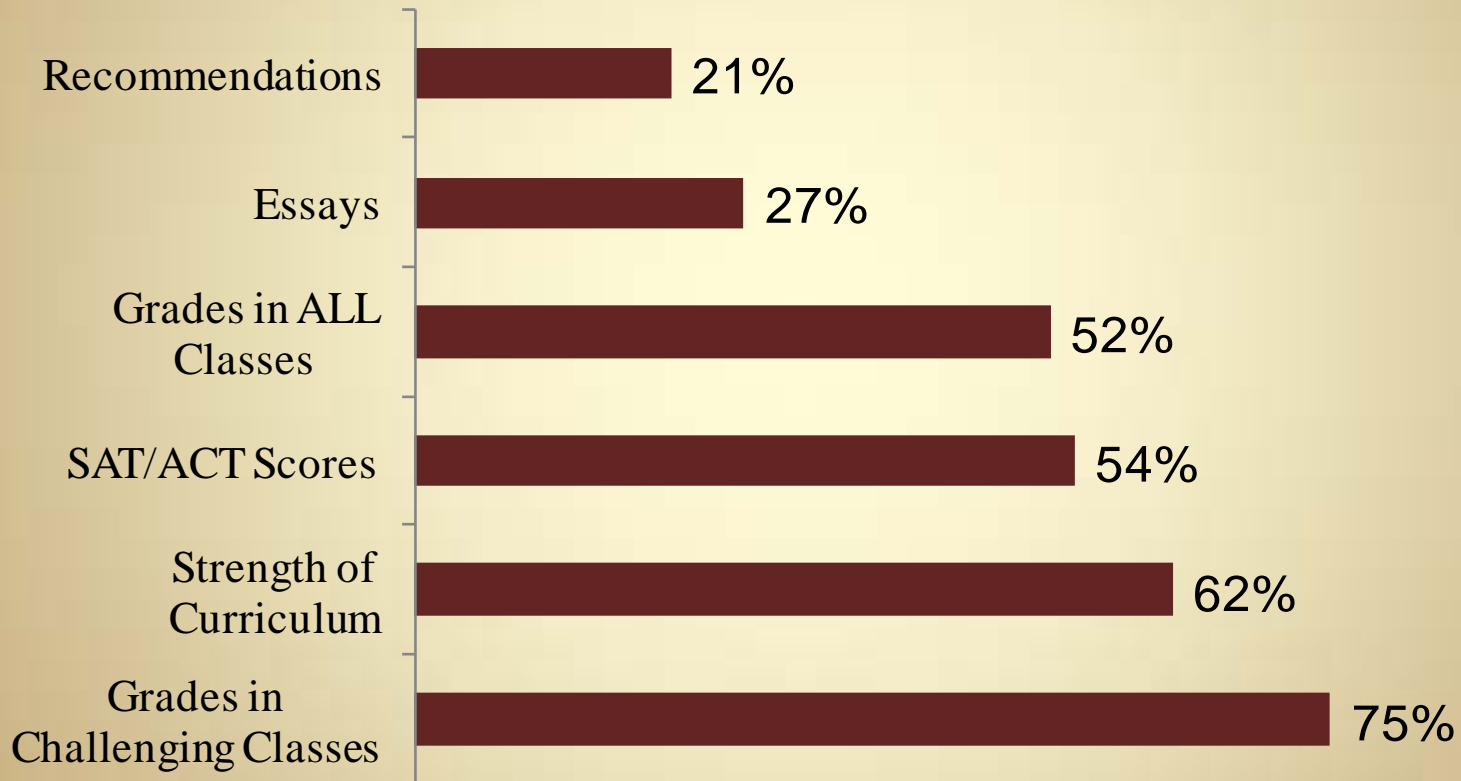
*ASL does not meet all college admissions requirements.

Distinguished Achievement Plan

- Same as Recommended Plan with a few additions:
 - ✓ Need 3rd year of the same foreign language
 - ✓ May not count IPC as one of your 4 Sciences
 - ✓ Complete 4 Advanced Measures – any combination of the following:
 - Receive a 3 or higher on an AP Exam
 - Receive a B or higher in a Dual Credit Class @ Collin College
 - Achieve Commended on the PSAT
 - Receive a B or higher in an articulated course
 - Participate in the mentorship program (ISM)

What Counts Most in College?

NACAC 2008



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 will be weighted according to the level of the course.

<u>AP/PAP</u>	<u>Dual Credit</u>	<u>On-Level</u>	<u>Grade Point</u>
95	100		5.5
94	99		5.4
93	98		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

- Class Rank and GPA are used to determine if you are in the “Top 10%” of your class.
- Students who are in the top 10% of their class are automatically accepted into Texas public colleges. (UT Austin is top 8% for those entering college Fall 2013)
- For admissions purposes, rank at the close of junior year dictates the top 10% of the class.

What's Different About AP Courses?

- AP courses provide COLLEGE-LEVEL curriculum.
- Requires more independent work outside of class
- Take the same 3-hour AP exam at the same specified time in May as other students across the nation
- AP Exam scores range from 1 - 5
- Students scoring a 3, 4, or 5 may be eligible for college credit
- FISD Reimbursement Policy* = Up to \$50 of the fee paid by student!

Dual Credit

- Requires that you attend Dual Credit Night at HHS on Wednesday, May 16th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Requires that you meet Collin College's admissions criteria
- Requires that you complete the admission process with Collin College
- Students will attend class at Collin College
- FISD will not provide transportation
- Students must pay for class and textbook(s)
- Students must currently have an overall average of a "B" or higher in the curriculum area for which dual credit is being requested

Course Pathways at CTE Center

- Agriculture Sciences
(Horticulture/Landscape, Mechanics,
Animal Science/Vet Tech)
- Architecture and Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Financial Systems

Course Pathways at CTE Center

- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Marketing, Sales, & Service
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)

More information regarding Career & Technology pathways can be found online at

www.friscoisd.org/schools/cte.

CTE Online Application

- Deadline for submitting online application for Health Science and Pharmacology is:

February 24th!

Visit the CTE website for application instructions:

<http://www.friscoisd.org/1y/schools/cte/>

Individual Meeting With Counselor

- Credit Check/Graduation Requirements
- Dual Credit
- College Admissions
- NCAA
- Family Connection

Grade Classifications

- See page 5 in Academic Guide.
- To become a senior, you must have at least 15 total credits with 9 of the 15 earned in core classes.
- This means that if you fail more than 3 classes in the core areas over the last three years, you are not promoted as a senior!

What Courses are Offered at HHS?

- Not all classes in the course guide will be taught.
- Check the back of the schedule card to see if the class will be offered here at HHS.

One Semester and Full Year Classes

- To find out how long a class meets, look on the back of the course request card.
- If the class has an * by it, it meets only for one semester and you must choose another * class for the same box.

Athletics

- All sports (football, volleyball, etc.) take up two boxes on your card.

Band

- Band students may choose to single-block or double-block band.
- Write band in one box for single-blocked. Requires approval.
- Write band in two boxes for double-blocked.

Double-Blocked Classes Taught at CTE Center

- Adv Practicum Educational Practice
- Child Guidance & Management
- Practicum Child Guidance & Mgmt
- Practicum in Educational Practices
- Practicum in Law Enforcement
- Practicum in Architect Design
- Adv Practicum Ag Facilities Des. Fab.
- Adv Practicum in Vet Med Apps
- Practicum in Ag Facilities Des. Fab.
- Practicum in Vet Med Apps
- Marketing Dynamics
- Practicum in Marketing Dynamics
- Graphic Design and Illustration
- Advanced Animation
- Advanced Audio/Video Production
- Graphic Design and Illustration
- Advanced Graphic Design & Illust.
- Animation
- Audio & Video Production
- Practicum Graphic Design & Illust.
- Advanced Fashion Design
- Culinary Arts
- Hospitality Services
- Practicum in Culinary Arts
- Instructional Practice Health Science
- Practicum Health Science
Specialization

**These classes meet
for 2 periods; write
course name in two
boxes on your card.**

Programs Needing Applications or Teacher Approval

Teacher Approval:

Band

Orchestra

Intermediate & Mixed Choir

Debate

AP Music Theory

Teacher Aide/Office Aide

Off Campus PE – Contact

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Applications:

Music Theory

Academic Decathlon

Athletic Trainer

Teen Leadership 2

Independent Study

Mentorship Program

Student Congress

Broadcast 2 & 3

Technical Theater

Theater Productions

Partner's PE

Special Programs

- Coop gives you credit for having a job. If you are employed, or will be in the fall, you might qualify.
 - You must work 15-25 hours per week with 10 hrs M-F. Application required.
- ISM is a research-based class that allows students who are sure of their future career goals a chance to research the career and work with a mentor in the field. Application and interview required.

Special Programs

- Practicum in Educational Practices allows students the chance to work in a school setting. You plan and teach lessons at your assigned school, much like a student teacher. Application and interview required.
- Child Guidance & Mgmt allows you the chance to work with infants and toddlers at the FISD daycare center. Application required.
- Inst Practice in Health Science (2 and beyond) is designed for students interested in nursing or the medical field. Application and interview required.

Late Arrival/Early Release

- You can sign up for early release or late arrival if you pass TAKS this spring and have enough credits.
- Not looked upon favorably by colleges.
- No rank points or credit earned.
- Write LA or ER one time (every other day) or two times (every day) on card.
- Must be off campus during scheduled time for late arrival or early release.
- Therefore, must have transportation.

Aide Positions

- Office Aide and Teacher Aide positions are limited.
- Write “Office Aide” or “Teacher Aide” on your card. Then, you must find a teacher or staff member who needs an aide to sign your card.
- Not looked upon favorably by colleges.
- No rank points or credit earned.

Exit Level TAKS

- Students must pass all sections of Exit Level TAKS to receive a Texas high school diploma
- Students who do not pass a section of Exit Level TAKS this spring will be:
 - required to attend mandatory tutorials and retesting this summer
 - assigned a TAKS class (local credit only) that will replace an elective choice unless student passes summer retesting

Making a Schedule Change

- Your last opportunity to change an elective is at schedule verification:

May 11, 2012.

- Only approved program changes (in or out of athletics, band, etc) can be made the first two weeks of the new semester.
- PAP students must complete the first six-weeks grade cycle before a change to on-level will be considered.

Plan Carefully

- Some classes have prerequisites. Consult the course catalog and plan your schedule carefully.
- Example of a prerequisite:
 - You must take Broadcast Journalism II before taking Audio & Video Production
- This is very important for CTE classes!

Senior English

Sign up for:

- English 4 **OR**
- AP English Literature (summer reading required) **OR**
- Dual Credit English

Senior Math

If you took Geometry last year and you are in Algebra 2 now, sign up for:

- Pre-Calculus **OR**
- PAP Pre-Calculus **OR**
- Advanced Qualitative Reasoning

If you took Geometry last year and you are in Math Models now, sign up for:

- Algebra 2

Senior Science

- Biology, IPC, Chemistry, Physics
- OR**
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 4th Science

Remember that IPC does not count on Distinguished Plan as one of your Sciences!

Senior Social Studies

Sign up for:

- Government **OR** AP Government **OR** Dual Credit Government (.5 Credit)
- Economics **OR** AP Economics **OR** Dual Credit Economics (.5 Credit)

Have You Finished These Courses?

- Foreign language- 2-3 years
- PE- 3 semesters
- Health and Speech
- One Technology class (Business Information Mgmt, Computer Science, Digital & Interactive Media-DTP, DGA)
- One Fine Art class (Art, Theater, Choir, Band, Orchestra, Dance, Elements of Floral Design, DGA)

Back Up Classes

- Complete the alternate electives. These will be used if the student's first choice does not work.
- We will pick these FOR YOU if you don't!

Family Connection

- Keep informed of upcoming events and deadlines including college rep visits.
- College information, scholarship opportunities, summer internship possibilities, career and personality tests, SAT/ACT links, transcript requests, class rank.
- Submit community service hours.
- Link is on HHS website under Counselor Corner.
- Log in is Student ID and Date of Birth.



Thinking of Summer School???

- The following courses will be offered in summer school for advancement:
 - Business Information Mgmt (1 credit)
 - Health (.5 credit)
 - Communication Applications (.5 credit)
 - IPC (1 credit)
 - English 4 (1 credit)
 - Government (.5 credit)
 - Economics (.5 credit)

Be checking the website for more details.

****Can take up to 1 full credit in summer school.****



Dates to Remember

- February 29th – Cards due back to HHS
Counseling Center
- April 2012 – Verifications will be mailed home
- May 11, 2012 – Last day for elective changes
- August 2012- Schedule Pick-Up. You will receive a summer mailing with dates and times.

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