

# **Heritage High School Home of the Coyotes**



**Class of 2013**

**Registration for Sophomore  
Classes**

# Academic Catalog

- The Academic Catalog has gone paperless! You can find the complete 2010-2011 Academic Guide and Course Catalog online at [www.friscoisd.org/heritage](http://www.friscoisd.org/heritage).
- Graduation plans on page 12 in the online Academic Guide.
- The state is considering changes to the current programs; however, we will remain the same until we hear otherwise. If changes take place, you will be notified.

# 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.

Sophomores must take 8 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

# Recommended Plan

Subject	Credits	Required Courses
English	4	English 1, 2, 3, 4
Math	4 (3 at HS Level)	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, 4 <sup>th</sup> math
Science	4	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 4 <sup>th</sup> science OR Biology, IPC, Chemistry, 4 <sup>th</sup> Science
Social Studies	4	World Geo, World History, U.S. History, Government & Economics
Foreign Language	2	Spanish, French, German, ASL* 1&2
P.E.	1.5	P.E., Athletics, Fall Band, Color Guard, Drill Team, Cheer
Health	.5	Health, Health Science
Speech	.5	Communication Applications
Fine Arts	1	Art, Theater Arts, Choir, Band, Dance, Orchestra, Elements of Floral Design (grade 10+)
Technology	1	Business Information Mgmt, CS, Desktop
Electives	3.5	
Total	26	

\*ASL does not meet all college admissions requirements.

# Distinguished Achievement Plan

- Take all classes on the Recommended Plan
- Take a 3<sup>rd</sup> year of same Foreign Language
- Complete 4 Advanced Measures – any combination of the following:
  - 3 or higher on an AP Exam, B or higher in a Dual Credit Class @ Collin College, Commended on the PSAT junior year, B or higher in a Tech Prep course, participate in the ISM program
- Note—IPC will not count on Distinguished Plan

# Electives

- All courses listed in the chart on page 12 of the course guide are required. Any course taken, that is not listed in the chart as required, is an elective. This includes extra math, science, technology, etc. courses.

# **Credit Check Worksheet on Page 15 in Academic Guide**

Tonight, check the graduation plans on page 12 and use the worksheet on page 15 to see what you need.

**Read the Course Catalog!**

# 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 = College for FREE!

## **Should I Sign Up for On-Level or Pre-AP/AP in a Subject?**

- Pre-AP/AP provides additional weight points and colleges like to see these on your transcript if you do well.
- Consult with your teachers in that subject area; they know your abilities and study habits best.
- Talk with your counselor and your parents.
- Pre-AP/AP schedule changes only allowed after first six-weeks grading cycle and at semester.

# Class Rank

- Class Rank is used for College Admission purposes
- Rank is computed by Grade Point Average
- Junior rank determines college admissions
- Pre-AP, AP and college courses receive additional grade points
- No points earned for failed classes
- Refer to the Academic Guide for GPA guidelines
- Class rank will be posted to Family Connection in March—make sure that your email address is current in Family Connection

# 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.

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

# Rank Example

## Use Your Semester Average

On-level English – 89 = 3.9 grade points

Pre-AP W. Geog – 88 = 4.8 grade points

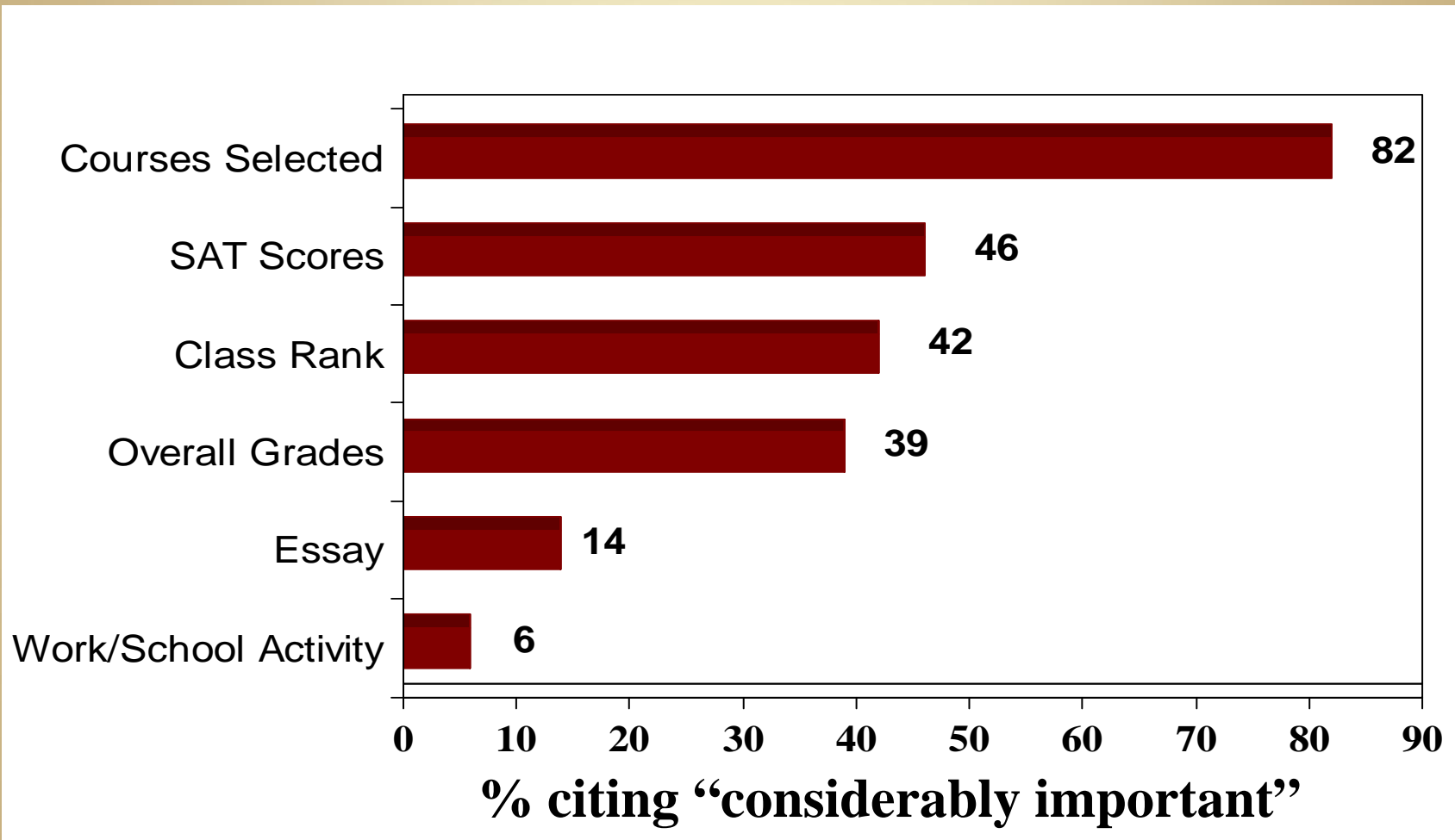
Algebra 1 – 68 = 0 grade points

On-level Biology – 79 = 2.9 grade points

Add the grade points:  $3.9 + 4.8 + 0 + 2.9 = 11.6$

Divide 11.6 by 4 = 2.9 GPA

# What Counts in College Admissions



1992 NACAC Survey  
College Admissions Officials

# 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 now top 8%)
- For admissions purposes, rank at the close of junior year dictates the top 10% of the class.

# Course Pathways at CTE Center

- Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources (Horticulture, Ag Mech, Animal Science & Vet Medicine)
- Architecture and Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance

# Course Pathways at CTE Center

- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)

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

[www.friscoisd.org/schools/cte](http://www.friscoisd.org/schools/cte).

# Promotion to 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

- See page 4 in Academic Guide.
- To become a sophomore, you must have at least 5 total credits at the end of this year with **3 of the 5** earned in core classes.
- This means that if you fail 2 core classes, you will be retained in 9<sup>th</sup> grade!

# 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 what courses you can take as a 10<sup>th</sup> grader 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. So remember..... 2 classes in the same box for all \* classes.

# Plan Carefully

- Some classes have prerequisites. Consult the course catalog and plan your schedule carefully.
- Example of a prerequisite:
  - You must take Desktop Publishing or DGA before you can take Web Mastering.
- Pay attention to what you must **first take** in order to get to your ultimate goal.
- This is very important for CTE classes!

# Programs Needing Applications

- All CTE Center Classes (electronic application-submit online at [www.friscoisd.org/cte](http://www.friscoisd.org/cte))
- Newspaper
- Yearbook
- Academic Decathlon
- Broadcast 2 & 3
- Student Congress
- Trainer/Sports Medicine
- Off-Campus PE – Contact Sally Turner

# Courses Requiring Teacher Signature on Card

- Teen Leadership 2
- Intermediate Art, Theater, Technical Theater
- Theater Productions
- Oral Interpretation, Advanced Public Speaking
- Music Theory
- Rock School

# TAKS Classes

- Students who score 2150 or below on 10<sup>th</sup> grade TAKS will be placed in a TAKS class during 11th grade. This class will take the place of an elective.

# Schedule Changes

- No elective changes, including alternates, will be made after May 14, 2010.
- Only approved program changes (in or out of athletics, band, etc) can be made the first two weeks of the new semester.
- PAP and AP students must complete the first six-weeks grade cycle before a change to on-level will be considered.

# Initial Your Card Now!

- Please locate the box that talks about the policy regarding no elective changes.
- Please read that statement and initial that box now.

# Typical Schedule of Core Classes for College Bound Students

- Sophomore Year
- English 2
- World History
- IPC or Chemistry
- Geometry
- Foreign language –year one or two
- Fine art or technology
- Complete PE requirement
- Junior Year
- English 3
- US History
- Chemistry or Physics
- Algebra 2
- Foreign language- year two or three
- Fine art if needed
- Technology credit if not yet earned

# Sophomore English

Sign up for:

- English 2 OR
- Pre-AP English 2 (summer reading required)

# Sophomore Math

- All students in Algebra 1 this year will take Geometry or PAP Geometry.
- If you are in Geometry now, sign up for Algebra 2 or PAP Algebra 2.

# Sophomore Science

- Your next science is either IPC or Chemistry.
- Students who are strong in math (took Algebra 1 in middle school) may choose to skip IPC and take Chemistry instead.
- If you choose to skip IPC, you will also need to take Physics for graduation.
- Your choices are Biology, IPC, Chemistry, 4<sup>th</sup> Science OR Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 4<sup>th</sup> Science
- Physics is a 9-12 course for students pursuing engineering CTE pathway

# Sophomore History

Sign up for:

- World History or
- AP World History - This is not PAP, this is a college level course!

# Athletics

- All sports (football, volleyball, etc.) take up two boxes on your card.
- Circle either a 1 or 2 to identify the number of years in athletics. If next year is your second year in athletics, choose a 2.

# Band

- Band students may choose to single-block or double-block band.
- Write band in one box for single-blocked (marching band only).
- Write band in two boxes for double-blocked (marching band and instrumental ensemble).

# Have You Finished These Courses?

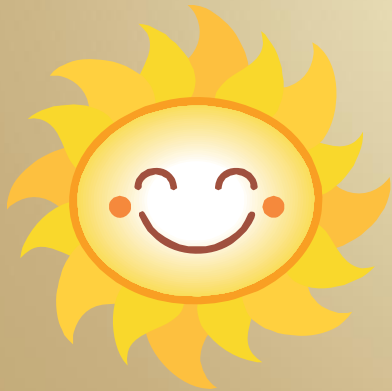
- Foreign language- 2-3 years
- PE- 3 semesters
- Health and Speech
- One Technology class (Business Information Mgmt, Desktop, Computer Science)
- One Fine Art class (Art, Theater, Choir, Band, Orchestra, Dance, Elements of Floral Design)

# 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!

# ***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)



**Be checking the website for more details.**

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



# Dates to Remember

- **February 18<sup>th</sup>** – Next Thursday, all 9<sup>th</sup> grade schedule cards due to Counseling Center
- If you do not turn in a schedule card, we will choose classes for you.
- Complete the backup classes or we choose those for you!

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