

Classification of Students Enrolled in FISD High Schools

- Grade classification is determined at the start of each school year.

Core classes: English I, II, III, and IV

Math: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and 4th Math

Science: Biology, IPC, Chemistry, and 4th Science

Social Studies: World Geog, W. History, US History,
Gov't/Econ.



To Become a sophomore:

- A student who has earned a minimum of 5 credits with 3 of the 5 earned credits coming from core classes will be classified a sophomore.

5 Total Credits

3 credits earned from any of the following courses:

English I

Algebra I (or Geometry if Alg. 1 credit was earned in 8th grade)

Biology*

World Geography*

Biology* (Or other required science if student moved in with that science)

World Geography (Or other required social studies if student moved in with that social studies)



Graduation Plans

- Recommended Program
 - Designed for students who are planning to go to college
- Distinguished Achievement Program
 - enables students to get college course work completed in high school.

Minimum Plan

- A State minimum regular plan is offered for students who do not plan to attend college. You may not take courses under the regular plan unless you have permission from your parent and counselor.
- Students wishing to graduate under the regular plan must have a waiver signed in the counseling center.

Recommended Program

26 Credits

● Subject	Credits	● Required Courses
English	4	English 1, 2, 3 and 4
Math	4	Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, plus 4 th math**
Science	4	Biology, IPC, Chem., plus 4 th science OR Biology, Chem., Physics, plus 4 th science
Social Studies	4	World Geography, World History, US History, Govt. and Economics
Other Language	2	Spanish, French, German, ASL (check with college)
P.E.	1.5	P.E. course, Athletics, Fall Band, Dance, Fall Cheer, Drill Team, or Color Guard, CTE 2/3 hr. course
Health	.5	Health or Health Science
Speech	.5	Speech: Communication Applications
Fine Arts	1	Art, Theater Arts, Choir, Band, Orchestra, Dance, Technical Theater
Technology	1	Approved Computer Technology Course
Electives	3.5	

Distinguished Achievement

Must complete all requirements for the Recommended Program and the following:

- 3rd consecutive year of the same foreign language
- Complete any combination of 4 advanced measures which include:
 - Complete an original research project
 - Test performance on AP Exams
 - Be a Commended Scholar or National Merit Finalist (PSAT score)
 - Earn a grade of 3.0 or higher in courses that count for college credit

Typical Schedule for a 10th Grader

- English 2 or Pre-AP English 2
- Math (Geometry, or Pre-AP Geometry)
- Science (IPC, Chemistry or Pre-AP Chemistry)
- World History or AP History
- Language (French, German, Sign, Spanish)
- P.E./Athletics/Band/Drill
- Elective (possibly Fine Art)
- Elective (possibly Computer Technology)



Don't forget Speech, Health, Fine Arts and Computer Classes are required.

Typical Schedule for a Junior

- English 3 or AP English Language
- Algebra II or Pre-AP Algebra II
- Chemistry or Physics or Pre-AP Chemistry or Pre-AP Physics
- U.S. History or AP U.S. History
- Language (French, German, Sign, Spanish)
- Elective (possibly CTE)
- Elective (possibly Fine Art)
- Elective (possibly Computer Technology)



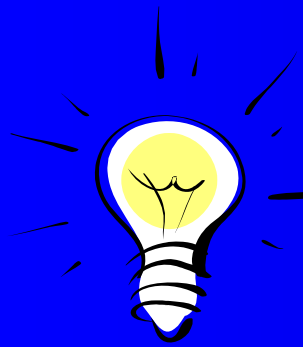
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What counts as PE credit?

- Take PE. This includes 1 semester of personal fitness and two additional semesters of PE's (Team Sports, Individual Sports, or Weight Lifting and Conditioning)
- Play a sport – Football, basketball, soccer, track, swimming, baseball, softball, volleyball, power-lifting, golf, cross-country, wrestling
- Color Guard
- Drill Team (9th-12th)
- Fall Cheerleading
- Dance
- Fall Marching Band
- Trainer
- CTE 2/3 period courses

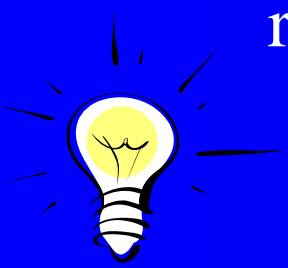
Electives

- The word elective means you **CHOOSE** to take the course, you don't **HAVE** to take the course.
- Any course not required to graduate is an elective. This means **EXTRA** math classes, sciences, technology, etc. are all electives.



Plan Carefully...

- Some classes that may interest students later in high school have prerequisites. Consult the academic catalog and plan the schedule carefully.
- Most of the courses at the CTE Center require prerequisites.
- Pay attention to what must first be taken in order to reach the ultimate goal!!!



Career Clusters Offered at CTE Center

- -Entrepreneurship & Marketing
- -Banking, Finance, and Accounting
- -Computer Animation
- -Administrative and Information Support
- -Computer Technology
- -Media Broadcasting
- -Engineering and Architecture
- -Health Science
- -Animal Science
- -Horticulture and Landscape Design
- -Mechanics
- -Criminal Justice
- -Culinary Arts/Hospitality Services
- -Child Care, Education, and Guidance

Class Rank

- Class rank is used for College Admission purposes.
- Rank is computed by a student's GPA.
- Pre-AP, AP, and college courses receive additional weight.
- No points are earned for failed classes.
- Refer to Academic Catalog. p.5

Is Pre-AP/AP the right choice???

The following traits are linked to success in advanced courses. Are you a student who:

- **Works above** grade level
- Enjoys the subject
- Is a Self-manager
- Is Motivated
- Is Organized
- Is Goal-Oriented
- Likes to read
- Is an efficient note taker
- Meets deadlines
- Works independently
- Goes beyond teacher expectation
- Manages time well

Junior Early Release

- You can only sign up for early release if you pass TAKS this spring and have enough credits.
- Early Release is not looked upon favorably by the colleges.
- You must leave the building immediately if you are taking an early release. This means you need a car or a ride home!

Thinking of Summer School???

- The following courses will be offered for students in summer school for advancement purposes:
 - BCIS (1 credit)
 - Health (.5 credit)
 - Speech (.5 credit)



Be checking the website for more details.

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

Remember- There are only 24 hours in a day! 😊

- Balance your life.
- Try not to overload yourself. We do not recommend that a student take all advanced-level classes, join numerous activities (band, athletics, student council...), and expect to be successful in **EVERYTHING**.
- We all need some down time. Consider your well-being and choose carefully.



Important Dates

- You will need to enter your requests online in the HAC system before March 6 at 7 a.m.
- Your counselor will review your request and send for you if there are any questions.
- If your schedule is not entered by March 6th, your counselor will enter a request for you.
- After March 6th, changes to your request must go through your counselor.



Counselor Help

- Counselors will be available during all lunches on March 2, 4 and 6 in Room C101 to answer questions about your schedule or to help you register online.

