

# Classification of Students Enrolled in FISD High Schools

- Grade classification is determined at the start of each school year. Classification is for the complete school year and will not be changed at semester.

Core classes:

English I, II, III, and IV

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and 4<sup>th</sup> math

Biology, IPC, Chemistry, and 4<sup>th</sup> Science

World Geog, W. History, US History,  
Government/Economics



# To Become a Senior:

- A student who has earned a minimum of 15 credits with 9 of the 15 earned credits coming from core classes will be classified a senior.

## 15 Total Credits

9 credits from any of the following courses: 

English I, II, III

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or other required math course

Biology, IPC, Chemistry, Physics or other required science course

World Geography, World History, U.S. History or other required 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

## 25 Credits

● Subject	Credits	● Required Courses
English	4	English 1, 2, 3 and 4
Math	3*	Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry*
Science	3	Biology, IPC, Chem. or Biology, Chem., Physics
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	4.5	

\*3 credits of math during high school enrollment.

# Distinguished Achievement

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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Senior

- English IV, College English or AP Eng. Literature
- Pre Calculus, Foundations of College, or AP Math
- Government, Economics or College or AP
- Elective (Consider Science)
- Elective (Consider more Foreign Language)
- Elective (Consider CTE courses)
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# 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 Early Release and Office/Teacher Aide positions or for failed classes.
- Refer to Academic Catalog. p.5

# AP vs. College Classes – What is the difference??

- College classes cost money, AP is free but the AP exam costs money. You are reimbursed for the exam if you score a 3 or better.
- College classes are taught by college professors, AP by high school staff.
- College classes differ by professor (some harder than others), AP classes have standardized curriculum.
- College classes give you college credit if you pass. AP gives you college credit only if you pass the AP exam.
- College class go with you to college are on your official college transcripts/GPA.

# AP Program or College Dual Credit Classes?

- Highly selective schools expect to see AP course work on your schedule if you hope to gain admission to these top universities.
- Private universities prefer AP over Dual credit.
- AP English students should not move to college classes as your credit will already be earned through junior AP exam.
- State universities and junior colleges accept both Dual credit work and AP exam credit.

# Early Release

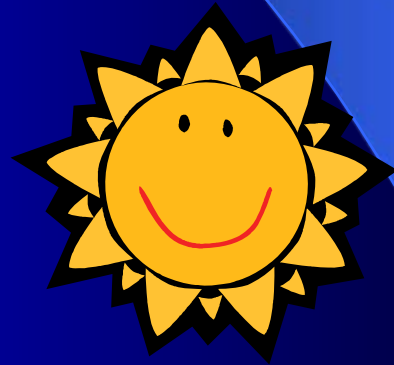
- You can only sign up for early release if you pass TAKS this spring and have enough credits.
- Early Release is not looked upon favorably by the colleges.
- You must leave the building immediately if you are taking an early release. This means you need a car or a ride home!

# Extra Information

- Co-Op is a course that gives you credit for having a job. If you will be employed in the fall, you are eligible for a co-op class.
- The CTE center is located at the corner of Wade and Ohio. There will be a shuttle bus from FHS to the CTE center.
- Remember that if you took math in middle school you need 3 additional maths at the high school level.
- Any student who fails one or more parts of the TAKS test will be enrolled in a mandatory TAKS lab.

# 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)
  - English IV (1 credit)
  - U.S. Government (.5 credit)
  - Economics (.5 credit)



Be checking the website for more details.

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



# Important Dates

- Rising Seniors will individually meet with counselors during the week of February 23. Your English class has an assigned time for registration. Please spend some time filling in your request worksheet so that you may maximize your time with the counselor discussing your graduation requirements and your future plans.

