

Heritage High School

Welcome

Class of 2013!

Your students now have...

- Schedule Cards
- Academic Catalogs
- 4 year Plans

What is a credit?

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.

All 9th and 10th grade students must be enrolled in eight class periods.



Classification Changes

- Sophomore=5 credits (3 must be from core classes)
- Junior=10 credits (6 must be from core classes)
- Senior=15 credits (9 must be from core classes)

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

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<u>Subject</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Required Courses</u>
English	4	English 1, 2, 3, 4
Math	4	Algebra 1, Algebra II, Geometry. TBD
Science	4	Biology, IPC, Chemistry. TBD Biology, Chemistry, Physics, TBD
Social Studies	4	W. Geo, W. Hist, U.S. History, Government & Economics
Foreign Language	2	Spanish, French, German 1&2 Sign Language (doesn't meet all college admission requirements)
P.E.	1.5	P.E., Athletics, Fall Band, Colorguard, Dance, Drill, Cheer
Health	.5	Health, Health Science
Speech	.5	Communications Applications
Fine Arts	1	Art, Theater Arts, Choir, Band, Dance, Orchestra
Computer Science	1	BCIS,CS, Desktop
Electives	<u>3.5</u>	
Total	26	

Other Plans

Minimum plan

- Requires 25 credits
- No foreign language
- One less math, one less science, must have parent/principal/counselor approval during junior year

Distinguished plan

- Requires 3 consecutive years of the same language
- Completion of any 4 measures from any combination of the three advanced measures listed below:
- Original research project (ISM)
- Test performance on AP exams or PSAT
- College course work in which a grade of B or higher is earned

Prerequisites

Prerequisite—required or necessary as a prior condition.

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

Examples:

Debate

Prerequisite: Communication Applications

Spanish II

Prerequisite: Spanish I

TV-Broadcast - Intermediate

Prerequisite: Middle School Video Production

Course Pathways at CTE Center

- Administrative and Information Support
- Ag Sciences (Horticulture and Landscape Design, Mechanics, Vet Tech)
- Banking, Finance, and Accounting
- Business
- Computer Technology
- Computer Animation

Course Pathways at CTE Center (Cont'd)

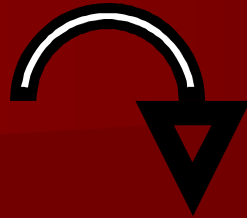
- Health science
- Media Broadcast
- Engineering and Architecture
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Entrepreneurship/Marketing

On page 26 of your Academic Catalog, there is specific information regarding each pathway.

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.

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 1A-4A	B Day Periods 1B-4B	A Day Periods 1A-4A	B Day Periods 1B-4B	A Day Periods 1A-4A	
	B Day Periods 1B-4B	A Day Periods 1A-4A	B Day Periods 1B-4B	A Day Periods 1A-4A	B Day Periods 1B-4B	

PE

- All freshman must take some type of physical education class during freshman year.
- Here's what you need to know...





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 classes that are STILL OPEN.

Ways to meet PE credit

- Take PE class-
Personal Fitness in the fall semester and Team, Individual or Weights in the spring.
- Make an athletic team (football, volleyball, soccer, etc)
- Make colorguard
- Take dance class
- Make the Dance Team
- March in the band- (fall semester counts for PE)
- Make the cheer squad
- Be an athletic trainer (application process)



BAND

- Band is a double blocked class. If your student wants to single block band, you must gain approval from the band director.
- If students enroll in Band in the fall, they have to be in marching band!
- It is recommended that students do not attempt to participate in band and these sports: football, volleyball, swimming, and tennis.

Typical Schedule for a Student in P.E. Class

<u>A Day</u>	<u>B Day</u>
Period 1A: Algebra I	Period 1B: Biology
Period 2A: English I	Period 2B: Health/Speech
Period 3A: Art I	Period 3B: World Geography
Period 4A: Team Sports	Period 4B: Spanish 1

Typical Schedule for a Student in Double Blocked Athletics

<u>A Day</u>	<u>B Day</u>
Period 1A: Algebra I	Period 1B: Biology
Period 2A: English I	Period 2B: Health/Speech
Period 3A: Art I	Period 3B: World Geography
Period 4A: Football	Period 4B: Football

Athletics

- A student who plans to participate in athletics needs to pay close attention to credits!
- Freshman year - 7 credits
- Sophomore year - 7 credits
- Junior year - 6 credits
- Senior year - 6 credits
- This totals 26, which is required! This leaves no room for failed courses!

Pre AP or Advanced Placement

What is the Pre AP/AP program?

- ▶ Allows students to participate in college preparatory courses and college level courses while still in high school

Who can enroll in a Pre AP/AP course?

- ▶ Any student can enroll
- ▶ Students are committed to completing the course they sign up to take
- ▶ No changes will be allowed until the 3rd week of school and at the beginning of 2nd semester.

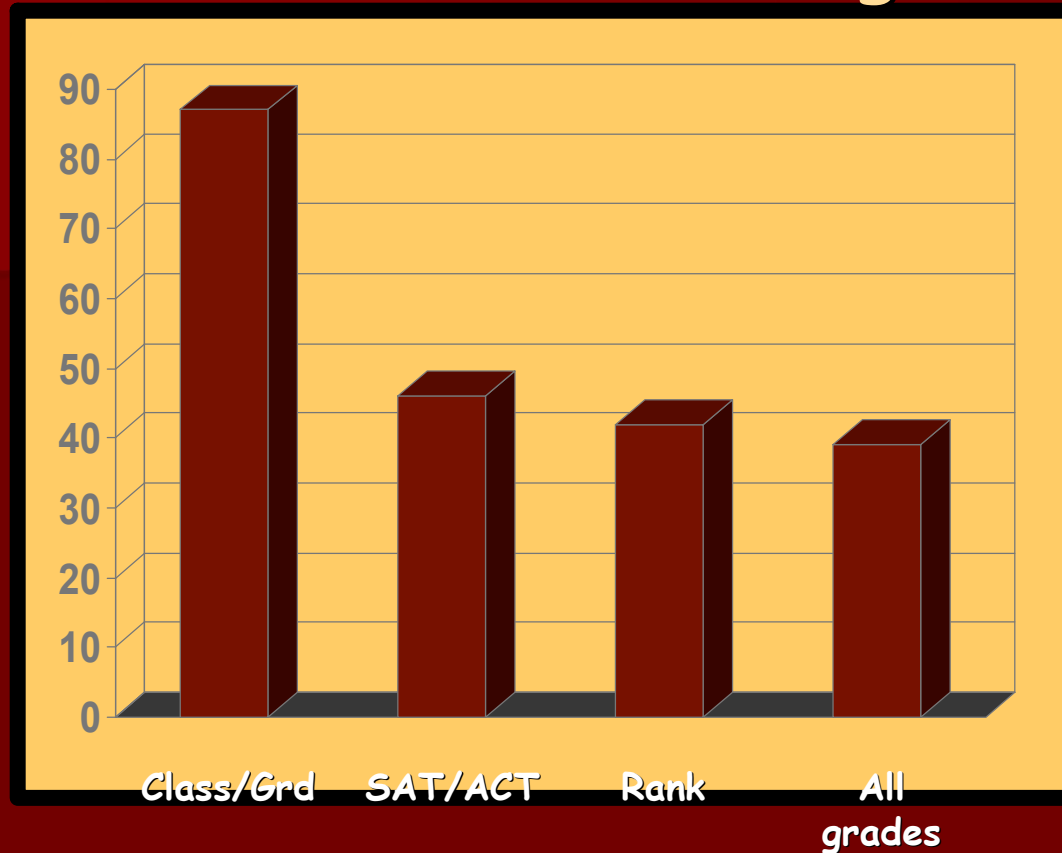
What are the advantages of Pre AP/AP courses?

- ▶ Better preparation for college
- ▶ Students may receive college credit in high school, saving both time and money
- ▶ Colleges and universities look favorably on students who have completed this course work

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.
- Freshman grades count! Students need to start strong and do their best from the first day of high school. For admissions purposes, rank at the close of junior year dictates the top 10% of the class.

What Counts Most in College Admissions?



87% Grades in challenging classes

46% SAT/ACT scores

42% Class rank

39% Grades in all subjects

Community Service

- Community service is not a must, but it looks awesome on college applications.
- The student is responsible for finding and keeping up with all hours earned.
- We have forms available in the counseling center. Students turn in a copy each time hours are earned and they also keep a copy for their records.
- Students will receive a community service award and earn an extra cording on their graduation gown if they complete 100 hours or more.

Summer School

Frisco ISD offers the following courses for advancement:

BCIS (1 credit)

Health (.5 credit)

Speech (.5 credit)

All other course offered are for course failures only.

No more than one credit may be earned per summer.

No Schedule Changes

- There will be no schedule changes after April 1st 2009.
- The only exceptions will be Athletic changes, Pre AP/AP changes, and administrative decisions.

Reminder!

- Elective choices that are ON THE CARD may be the only options if students need to change their schedule later. Be sure the backup choices are things your student wants!
- Students must take 8 classes.
- The exception is Pre-AP and AP, for which students will remain for the 1st 6 weeks and then have the option to drop.



Dates to Remember

- February 8th - Forms due back to middle school counselors.
- Week of February 9th - Counselors will sit with students and enter course requests.
- March 2009- Course request verifications will be mailed home.
- April 1st 2008 - Schedule change deadline.
- August 2009- Heritage Orientation - date and time to be announced.