



9th Grade Orientation

August 9, 2023

Team HAIS

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- Adélisse Gomez, Dean of Instruction 9th and 10th Grade
- Adriana Salinas, Counselor
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Team HAIS

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- Christopher Hernandez, Customer Service Rep
- Jessica Paredes Herrera, Magnet Clerk
- Priscilla Lopez-Garcia, Parent Engagement Rep
- Jessica Alvarez, Sr. Academic Tutor

HAIS Mission Statement

Through **international studies**, a **personalized environment**, and **college preparatory curriculum**, the Houston Academy for International Studies will prepare students for active roles as **global citizens**.

Attendance Matters! (_____)

- Students must turn in their attendance excuse notes when they return to campus.
- Any notes turned in after one week from when the student returns, are not valid.
- The only excuse notes accepted are from doctors, parents stating the student is/was sick, and family emergencies.
 - Vacations, out-of-town/traveling, and weather are not excused absences. Weather absences are only excused when HISD excuses them.
 - Students marked absent or tardy due to HISD transportation are corrected to Present (if the student checks into the Main Office when the bus arrives).
- Students must sign out for ALL HCC classes
 - If students fail to sign out, they must email their Dean for attendance approval

Attendance Matters! (_____)

- Students and parents must monitor their attendance via HISDConnect.
 - If there is an error, please reach out DIRECTLY to the TEACHER. The attendance clerk cannot change a teacher's incorrect entry.
- NGs are generated when students miss more than 10% of the class meetings. **ALL** absences (excused or unexcused) count towards NGs.
- All NGs must be resolved by the end Summer School 2023.
- Communication is KEY
- Students are still responsible for missed lessons/assignments during any absence

HAIS Bell Schedule

Attendance MATTERS!

Being on time to class
is VERY important!!

MON/WED A Day	TUES/THURS B Day	FRIDAY C Day
1 st PERIOD 7:50-9:20	6 th PERIOD 7:50-9:20	1 st PERIOD 7:50 - 8:33
2 nd PERIOD 9:25-10:55	7 th PERIOD 9:25-10:55	2 nd PERIOD 8:35 - 9:18
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4 th PERIOD 12:25-1:55	9 th PERIOD 12:25-1:55	5 th PERIOD 10:55 - 11:38
5 th PERIOD 2:00-3:30	10 th PERIOD 2:00-3:30	LUNCH ALL GRADE LEVELS 11:40 - 12:30
Tutorials Daily 3:40 – 4:30 PM by Grade Level Please see each teacher for Tutorial Times		6 th PERIOD 12:32 – 1:15
		7 th PERIOD 1:17 – 2:00
		9 th PERIOD 2:02 – 2:45
		10 th PERIOD 2:47 – 3:30

***ADA time is 9:45am daily**

HAIS Allowable Dress

1. All students must have a student ID badge worn on a lanyard and visible at all times on HAIS campus.
2. Students must dress in clothing that includes both a shirt with pants, shorts or a skirt or the equivalent (a dress).
3. Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other. Tops must have shoulder straps. Shirts must come to the top of the pants at the waist at minimum and shorts/skirts/dresses should be long enough to cover to approximately the mid-thigh.
4. Clothing must cover undergarments.
5. Shoes must be worn at all times and must be safe for a school environment (pajamas, house shoes, or slippers shall not be worn).
6. Hats and other headwear must allow the face to be visible. Hoodies must allow the student's face and ears to be visible.
7. Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities, including physical education, science labs, and other classes where unique hazards or specialized attire or safety gear is required.

Non-allowable Dress

1. Clothing may not depict, advertise, or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances nor may it display or imply vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images.
2. Clothing may not depict or imply pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
3. Clothing advocating or depicting violence, criminal or gang related activity is prohibited.
4. Clothing may not be see-through.

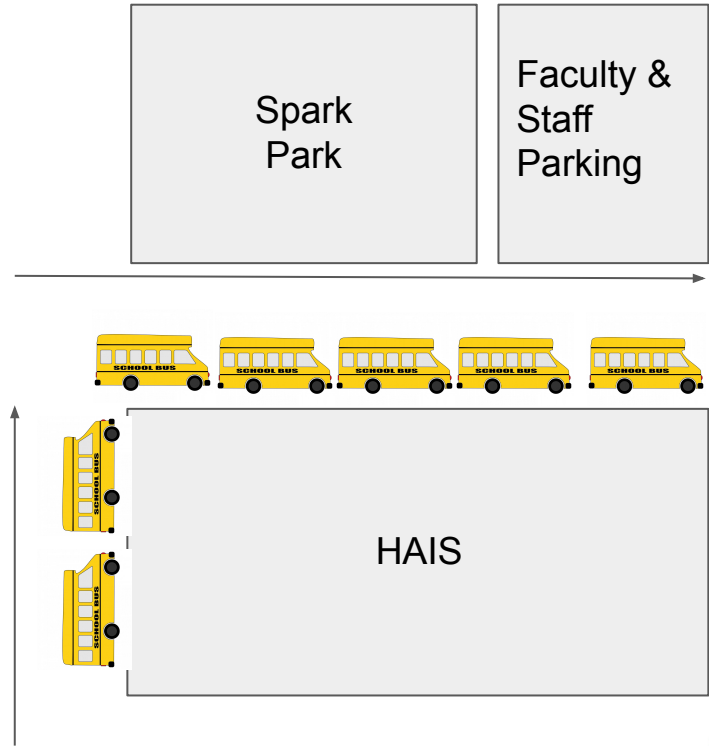
HAIS Drop Off/Pick Up Expectations

For the safety of our students, we ask that parents/guardians please pickup and dropoff on the left side of Stuart St.

The right side is a dedicated HISD bus line.

Busses roll at approximately 3:35/3:40.

Families cannot block the one flowing feeder lane.



9th Grade AVID Teachers -

Vijaya Bobba, Pre-AP Biology / Dual Credit Biology

Ariel Oliver, AP Human Geography

Judy Hoang, Pre-AP Algebra 1 / UT OnRamps Algebra 2

Joseph Morin, Principles of Government / Political Science 1

Christine Yeriazarian, Pre-AP English I

Elizabeth Bolles, Principles of Government

Linda Hopson, POFI / AP Computer Science





Student ID Badges

Monday—Friday, 8am to 5pm (Appointments are NOT required)

Central College

1300 Holman (Harmon Building, 2nd floor 216.1)

Houston Community College Information

Grades at HCC:

Only HCC professors and students have access to HCC grades in real time

FERPA Waiver:

HCC professors cannot share grades with parents

What to Expect - 1st Day of School

7:15 - 7:45 AM	Arrival/Breakfast Find AVID classroom from posted lists
7:50 AM	Report to AVID Pick-up schedule Complete registration paperwork
8:30ish AM	Report to 1st Period Rest of the day follows regular A- Day bell schedule

- Schedules will be given to students MONDAY MORNING
- Schedules will be explained by AVID teachers Monday morning
- Please do not park in parking lot. All parking lots are assigned to faculty and staff

Grade Level Expectations

ALWAYS be in good standing at HCC in order to continue taking courses and remain at HAIS.

Check HISD and HCC emails daily and respond to emails in a timely manner

Be prepared

Be on time - for assignments and class periods

Be COMMUNICATIVE - email, Remind, text, call, smoke signal, pigeons

Be ACTIVE - the more questions you ask, the more you converse with others the better you learn

All teachers will follow HISD re-test policy

Supply List - Update by Grade Level

Fully charged laptop

Laptop charger

Pencils (at least 2 every day)

1 box of Kleenex Tissue for Homeroom

folder

Pens (black, blue, red)

Separate eraser (big, pink rubber)

Highlighters

composition notebook

Pre-AP Algebra 1 UT OnRamps Algebra 2	1 - College Rule or Graph Paper composition notebook
Biology	2" binder, loose leaf paper, Markers
AP Human Geography	2" binder, Folder for handouts
Pre-AP English I	Loose-leaf paper (any size), 2" binders, dry erase markers

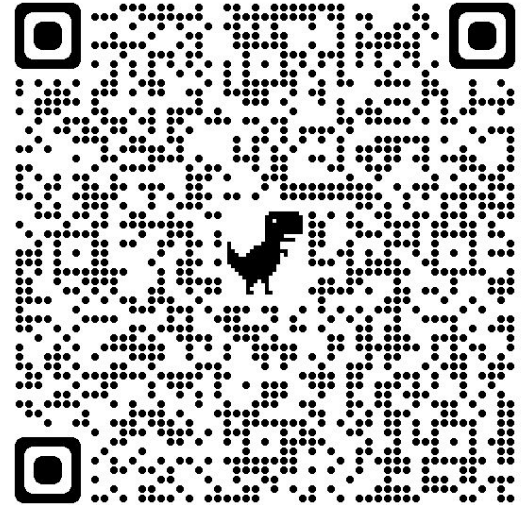
Summer Assignments

All students are expected to complete the summer assignments (these ARE SUMMATIVE GRADES for their courses). Information can be found at HAIS HomePage or scan this QR code:

Due Dates

Algebra I/II - September 15th, 2023 11:59pm

AP Human - September 15th, 2023



AVID This Year

What is AVID?

AVID is a course designed to give the skills that will allow them to be successful in college courses and future careers

How does this look for 9th Grade?

Each cycle we will be focusing on a different skill and working to better ourselves in that area

Cycle 1 - Time Management/Organization

Cycle 2 - Organization/Phoenix Fest

Cycle 3 - Goal Setting/Portfolios

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

This year our freshmen will be participating in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program through AVID. More information will be given later in the year



Grade Level Goals

- TSI completion (Reading and Writing)
- Prepare students to do their best on required assessments (STAAR/AP exams)
- Foster a respectful learning environment

Advice for Success

1. Check grades EVERY WEEK - HISD Connect AND Canvas
2. Keep a planner for all assignments with deadlines
3. HAIS students complete the HCC FERPA form so parents can see HCC grades



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