

Seniors 2020

HOSPITALITY

Mary Poppins
Oct. 11-13, 18-20
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Upcoming Events

Mrs. Landry-Senior Liaison

Senior Activities

September 11 - Senior Parent Meeting-6:15 pm

September 16 - Schedule change deadline

September 24 - College Interview Discussion with Mr. Landy in Multipurpose Room during lunch

October 1 - FAFSA and CSS Profile available

October 4 - Last Day to Request Senior Fee Reduction (See Counselor for form)

October 8 - HSPVA College Fair during school day & Financial Aid Night-6:30 pm

October 15 - Balfour Class Ring Presentation

October 16 - Balfour Returns for Ring Orders

October 16 - NACAC Performing and Visual Arts College Fair at Rice University

Workshop from 6 pm to 6:45 pm and Fair from 7 pm to 9 pm

October 22 - OPTIONAL Senior Cap and Gown photos taken

November 19 - Balfour Graduation Announcements Presentation

November 22 - Balfour Returns for Announcement Orders

December 21 - Last Day to Pay Senior Dues without \$10 Late Fee

Spring Senior Activities

January 14 – Senior Parent Meeting at 6:30 pm

February 28 – Panoramic picture

February 29 – Panoramic picture delivered – money due

March 6 – Last day to buy Prom ticket without \$10 late fee

March 24 – Balfour Announcement orders delivered

April 3 – Last day to buy Prom ticket

April 17 – Prom at Bell Tower on 34th 8 pm – midnight

April 20 – Parent Graduation Meeting 6:30 pm

May 18 – Senior Awards Assembly 6:00 pm at HSPVA

May 22 – Senior Picnic– 3 pm – 6 pm at Discovery Green

May 22 – Cap and gown distribution

May 23 – Graduation –7 pm Smart Financial Center

Exemptions

Contacts: Mr. Tellez & Mrs. Williams

Seniors may exempt exams in the spring semester if they have no unexcused absences in an ADA period (2nd and 6th) and no more than three total absences in ADA (2nd and 6th) for the spring semester.

For individual classes, all of the following conditions must also be met:

- No more than three total excused absences and no unexcused absences for the semester.
- 85 average or better in the course for the semester.
- S or E conduct average.
- Discretion of the teacher.

College Visits

Contacts: Mrs. Norman

- Students are allowed 2 college visits that do not count towards their exemption status (this number is set by the state and is not negotiable).
- Students must bring documentation (within 3 days of returning) from the college visited.

Other Items

Be careful!!

- Watch Grades and Homework...No Surprises!
- Attendance-Credit Can Be Lost!
- **Did you complete Socio-Economic Form?**
- Talk to your Teachers Early and Often if you have Concerns.
- COMMUNICATE!!!

College & Career Readiness Advisor

Mr. Darnell Edwards

How can he help?

- Assist with Creating Apply Texas or Common Application Accounts.
- Review Student Essays.
- Assist with Completion of College Applications if you are Confused about a Step or Section.
- Work with Students and Parents to Complete CSS Profile or the FAFSA.
- Provide Guidance in Selection of Right Fit Colleges.
- Test Registration and Score Report Issues.

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Co-Pilot Platform

<http://bit.ly/hisdTEXTING>

Financial Aid Apps Available Oct 1st

CSS Profile

<http://css.collegeboard.org/>

FAFSA

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>



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- **PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FINANCIAL AID FRAUD**

You should never pay a fee to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or to have someone fill out the FAFSA for you.

The College Board collects a fee to process the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® (PROFILE). You should only submit a PROFILE if your college or scholarship program instructs you to do so.

The College Board provides free assistance should you have questions about the process, the application, or the questions found on the application. You should never pay a fee to receive this assistance.

**College admissions starts
with the student and the
application process.**

Who's driving?

Apply

Order transcripts

**Teacher and Counselor letters of
recommendation**

Send scores

FAFSA & Scholarships



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Common Application
Apply Texas
Coalition Application
Others

What's the Difference?



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Early Decision/Early Action

October & November

Regular College Decision

**December, January, February
& March**

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Transcripts

Contact: Mrs. Hines

- Transcripts will be requested and tracked through Naviance. It is a good rule of thumb that all transcript and letters of recommendation requests be made at least 15 working days before a deadline.
- Status of transcripts can be checked on Naviance at your convenience.



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District and Community

Houston ISD, with more than 209,000 students and encompassing 301 square miles within greater Houston, is the seventh-largest public-school system in the nation and the largest in Texas. HISD is among the largest employers in Houston, with approximately 27,395 full and part-time employees. Most HISD personnel are assigned to schools and deliver services directly to students on a day-to-day basis. Its schools are dedicated to giving every student the best possible education through an intensive core curriculum and specialized, challenging instructional and career programs. The district is extremely diverse with the following ethnic student breakdown: 62% Hispanic, 24% African American, 9% White, 4% Asian and 75% economically-disadvantaged.

The School

HSPVA evolved in 1971 from a realization that gifted young artists need highly specialized and rigorous training in the arts to be prepared for the intense competition they will meet in colleges, conservatories, and the professional arts world. The creation of HSPVA represented the first attempt by any public high school in the nation to correlate an academic program with concentrated training in the arts. Also, it was one of only three public schools in the nation to offer programs in both the visual and performing arts, and the first such institution in the southwest. For Houston ISD, the formation of HSPVA represented a dramatic departure from traditional comprehensive programs. In 2019, the school transitioned to our new building in downtown Houston and was renamed Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Kinder HSPVA is fully accredited and offers the same academic curriculum and graduation requirements as all HISD high schools; the major difference in the academic program is that we offer the added ingredient of correlating the arts with academics, rather than treating either as isolated disciplines. The school schedule is an alternating A/B block schedule with classes meeting for 1.5 hours every other day with the exception of first period which meets every day for 45 minutes. Students spend three hours every day in rigorous focused study in one art discipline with the balance of the day's study in academics. **All students must audition for placement at Kinder HSPVA and are accepted to a single art area of focus.**

Grading Scale		
Range	Weighted	Regular
A=90-100	5.0	4.0
B=80-89	4.0	3.0
C=75-79	3.0	2.0
D=70-74	2.0	1.0
F=0-69	0	0

TRANSCRIPT SYMBOLS
Q-Pre-AP/Honors (honors pts)
P-AP (honors pts)

Current Enrollment-797
Seniors-186

GPA and Rank

Kinder HSPVA only reports rank by student request. GPA is weighted on a 4.0 scale and is cumulative including all courses taken for high school credit. All HSPVA art area courses, which includes 16 credits over four years, are out of 4 points (there are no AP/honors options for art area courses).

Highest GPA: 4.51
Lowest GPA: 2.11
Median GPA: 3.83

School Profile 2019-2020

School Administration

Dr. R. Scott Allen, Principal
Sean Tellez, Assistant Principal
Alexandrea Williams, Assistant Principal
Christy Farris, Counselor
Becky Johnson, Counselor
Kim Hines, Registrar
Jonathan Klein, Magnet Coordinator

School Recognition

Nationally Recognized Blue-Ribbon School
2019 Niche Rankings
Top 5 Best Public High Schools in Houston Area
A+ Overall Grade
US News and World Report Best High Schools 2019
2012-2019 Exemplary School -Arts Schools Network
Rockefeller Award for Excellence in Arts Education
Coca-Cola Foundation Distinguished Arts School
Grammy Award Winning Music Department
Texas Education Agency Exemplary School
2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012
A Washington Post Top High School
4th in the Greater Houston Area for Highest SAT Scores
One of the most recognized High Schools
For Presidential Scholars in the Arts in the Nation

Class of 2019--Achievements (176 Graduates)

National Merit Scholars-6
National Merit Finalists-3
National Merit Commended Students-8
National Hispanic Recognition Program-13
AP Scholars-54
AP Scholars with Honor-38
AP Scholars with Distinction-58
National AP Scholars-15
AP International Diplome-1

2019 Scholarships Offered Over \$21,676,000

Honors (Pre-AP) and Advanced Placement Courses

Kinder HSPVA offers ten Honors courses (Pre-AP) and sixteen Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Enrollment is open to all students; however, required campus arts programming **only allows five academic courses to be taken annually**. In addition, scheduling conflicts often exist due to fine art area requirements which may prevent a student from taking a desired Pre-AP or AP course. Students taking AP are required to take the exam in May & AP test fees are paid by Houston ISD.

Pre-AP Courses Offered

English I English II
Geometry Algebra II
Pre-calculus Biology
Chemistry World Geography
Spanish III French III

Advanced Placement Courses Offered (2018-2019)

English Literature
Calculus AB
Biology
US History
Spanish Language
English Literature
Physics C-Mech & EM
World History
US Government
Chemistry
Macroeconomics
Statistics
Music Theory
Psychology
European History

Campus Demographics

White 44%
Hispanic or Latino 27%
African-American 17%
Asian/Pac. Islander 9%
Multiple 4%
Economically Disadvantaged 18%

Class of 2019 Post Graduation Plans Class Size-176

Acceptance Rate	99%	174
4 Year College	95%	159
2 Year College	4.7%	8
Pursuing Higher Education	95%	167
Gap Year	5%	9
Out of State	50%	88

Kinder HSPVA students are accepted to a wide array of competitive academic and artistic programs across the United States and abroad. Please contact the Kinder HSPVA Counseling Department for a comprehensive list of these institutions.

SAT Score Summary - (Middle 50%)

2019 Mean Score-1228	Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
# of Seniors Taking Test	166	189	175
Critical Reading/ERW	590-700	590-705	590-700
Math	550-670	550-670	550-670
Writing	30-35	30-35	30-35

Advanced Placement Summary Score Report

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total AP Students	355	326	307	282	265
Number of Exams	852	809	785	689	579
Exams with 3+	733	671	655	557	480
% of Total AP	82%	82.9	83.4	80.9	83.0

Detailed 2019 Advanced Placement Results

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	ALL
Music Theory	18	3	2	0	0	21
English Lang	28	28	30	12	0	98
English Lit	18	24	37	17	3	99
Macro Eco	11	16	19	11	14	71
US Government	17	13	26	15	3	74
US History	39	34	24	9	3	109
World History	26	28	16	6	0	76
Euro History	6	3	3	0	0	11
Calculus AB	4	14	6	7	3	34
Biology	4	15	11	1	0	31
Physics C: EM	3	7	3	1	3	17
Physics C: Mec	9	3	1	2	2	17
Psychology	15	27	15	8	2	67
Chemistry	4	9	15	11	2	41
Statistics	3	9	10	12	14	48
LOTE	17	11	8	2	0	38
Number of	222	244	223	114	49	852
% of Total	26	29	26	13	6	100

2019 Mean ACT Score- 28.3

Average PSAT Scores
2015-1177 Total (ERW-M)
2016-1174 Total (ERW-M)
2017-1169 Total (ERW-M)
2018-1188 Total (ERW-M)



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Kinder HSPVA Rank Policy

We do not report rank unless requested by completing a Rank Request Form. Completing the form is a request to report rank for ALL colleges. It is an all or none option.

We will automatically report rank for top 10% students to Texas public schools to meet automatic admissions criteria.

HISD GPA is calculated on a 4.0 Weighted Scale.

Do not manually report your rank!

Teacher Rec Reminders

- Students will request all Kinder HSPVA teachers recs through Naviance AFTER having a personal conversation to ask for the rec (should have asked last May).
- ***Non-HSPVA staff** will be requested directly through Common App, an institutional online process or will be sent by mail.
- Students should select “all current and future schools” unless they need specific teachers to submit for specific schools.
- Students may still invite teachers to submit directly to colleges if that is the preferred process for the institution (UT Austin for example).

September

- Finalize College List: Include at least one “safe” school
- Find a school that fits you.... prefer small, medium, large, public, private, community, in-state, out of state college/university
- Market yourself-College Fairs, visits, emails, local events, lunchtime visits
- Senior Conferences beginning soon
- Review transcripts for accuracy
- Continue work on college essays
 - Ask a teacher you respect or Mr. Edwards to review essays

SHOWCASE YOUR VOICE AND PERSONALITY!

Send Your Own Scores

www.collegeboard.org

www.act.org



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October

- Send off ACT/SAT scores to colleges
- Visit NACAC Arts College Fair on Oct. 16, 2019 at Rice University (7:00-9PM)
- Check ALL applications for accuracy
- Pay Application Fees
- Complete and submit applications
- FAFSA and CSS Profile available-complete financial aid applications
- Follow up with teacher recommendations

November

- Early Decision/Action applications due
- Monitor transcript requests
- Visit colleges – check websites for College Days and events
- Schedule auditions and interviews for spring
- Maintain contact with College Admission Representatives
- Continue to seek out scholarships:
 - Fastweb: www.fastweb.com
 - Cappex: www.cappex.com
 - Unigo: www.unigo.com
- Article...Best Scholarship Databases:
<https://www.reviews.com/best-scholarship-search-platforms/>
- We will talk about tracking scholarships in the January

December

- Early Decision acceptance - notify other colleges of your decision
- Complete all applications by the end of the semester
- Plan auditions
- Monitor online college portals
- Finish FAFSA/CSS Profile by the end of the semester

Homework

Before Your Conference...

Think about the following:

- Do you have any specific questions or concerns about the senior presentation?
- Do you have any specific questions/concerns about applying to colleges?
- Do you have questions about auditions?
- Do you know how to search for scholarships?
- Do you know how to request a transcript, add a college, etc.

Complete Your Senior Recommendation Survey in Naviance by Sept. 14th

Questions?



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