

# Eastwood Academy High School

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## EASTWOOD ACADEMY MISSION AND VISION

Eastwood Academy High School was chartered as a relief site for Austin High School. The school provides a multidisciplinary, fully integrated high school curriculum enrolling approximately 370 students in grades 9 through 12. Eastwood Academy provides an accelerated, challenging, college-preparatory curriculum. The school is accredited by the Texas Education Agency. Our big goal is to have all of our students enroll in a 4-year higher education institution of their choice. We celebrate and have great pride in our 100% graduation rate, our 100% acceptance into higher education, and our family-oriented culture. Eastwood Academy is one of only eleven high schools in the district that has received an Exemplary TEA Accountability Campus Rating. In 2011 and again in 2017, we became a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

### **STUDENT BODY**

Eastwood Academy is a school of choice within the Houston Independent School District. Monikored "the gem of the EastEnd," students and families choose Eastwood for its reputation of academic excellence in a family-like atmosphere. Many of our students come from the historically Hispanic East End community of Downtown Houston, though we also serve students from all over HISD. Eastwood Academy is not a zoned school, so families must provide students their own transportation.

Eastwood Academy's overall federal race and ethnicity demographic breakdown is as follows:

• Black or African American 1% • Asian 1% • White 1% • Hispanic or Latino 96% • Unspecified 1%

During the 2024-2025 school year, about 83% of students at Eastwood Academy will be eligible for free/reduced lunch programs.

#### **COLLEGE PLACEMENT**

- 52% matriculate at 4-year colleges or universities
- 45% matriculate at 2-year colleges (honors programs)
- 2% selected work, military service, or technical institutions

## NATIONAL RANKINGS

• US News and World Report\*: #195 in National; #32 in Texas High Schools; #6 in Houston Metro Area and Houston ISD \*Consistently ranked since 2017 to present.

# AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence: 2011, 2017
- •Texas Education Agency: Met standard with 7/7 distinctions
- •Houston Chronicle's list of schools serving At-Risk Children: Ranked #3 in the city
- •Texas list of schools serving At-Risk Children: Ranked #8 in the state, #4 in the city
- •TBEC Honor Roll
- •Washington Post Rated High School: #4 in Houston,

## **GRADING SYSTEM AND STUDENT RANKING**

All students have a rank published on their final senior transcript. A student's grade point average is computed on a 4.0 weighted scale.

The theoretical maximum GPA is above 4.9 on a 4.0 weighted scale, reflecting the number of required unweighted regular courses as well as HISD Advanced, AP, Honors, and Dual Credit courses, which carry an additional grade point.

The cumulative GPA includes all courses except high school courses taken in middle school. For the class of 2024, the highest GPA score was xx4.94 on a 4.0 weighted scale and the mean GPA score was 4.09 on a 4.0 weighted scale. Letter grades and grade points are assigned as shown below:

### **GRADE-POINT ASSIGNMENT**

Letter Grade	Grading Scale	AP, Honors, and HISD Advanced Courses	On-Level and Regular Courses
А	90 - 100	5	4
В	80 – 89	4	3
С	75 – 79	3	2
D	70 – 74	2	1
F	Below 70	0	0

## **CURRICULUM**

Eastwood Academy offers HISD Advanced (HADV), Pre-AP, and Advanced Placement (AP) courses in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies as well as AP elective courses in core subject areas. The academic program is organized on an alternating block schedule. The student course load is 8 half-credit courses per semester to earn up to 8 credits per year. Students take eight 90-minute classes with block classes meeting every other day. Advanced Placement courses are offered in African American Studies, Calculus (AB), Computer Science (Principles and Comp Sci A), English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, Government and Politics, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Physics (1 and 2), Psychology, Seminar, Statistics, Studio Art, 2D-Art, U.S. History, and World History. AP is an open-enrollment program. In addition to a strong AP program, we offer our upperclassmen the opportunity for Dual Credit courses in the following subjects: Composition 1301, Composition 1302, College Algebra, and Mathematics for Business & Social Sciences.

## **PATHWAYS**

Students at Eastwood Academy choose one of two pathways to pursue: Programming & Software Development (Computer Science) or Engineering. Our Computer Science students graduate high school with several industry certifications and our Engineering students graduate with an AutoCAD certificate.

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

A minimum of 26 credits are required for graduation under the Distinguished Level of Achievement plan. Required credits include:

- 4 credits of English that include AP English Language and AP English Literature
- 4 credits of social studies that include 5 AP courses
- 4 credits of science that include Biology, Chemistry,
- AP Physics 1, and another advanced science
- 4 credits of mathematics that include Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and either AP Pre-Calculus or AP Statistics
- 2 credits or more of one foreign language
- 1 credit of fine arts
- 1.5 credits of physical and health education
- 5 credits or more of electives

## ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Because of our constrained urban location, budget limit, newness of the school, and small size, Eastwood Academy is able to offer only limited athletic opportunities to our students. Current athletic offerings include club volleyball and soccer. Students who can provide their own transportation to their zoned campus can participate in sports for that school. Ultimately, lack of athletic resources puts a constraint on our students' athletic pursuits, and our students have to work much harder than their peers at other high schools to pursue their athletic passions.

#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT DATA (2023 - 2024 academic year)

Students at Eastwood Academy High School take the following courses and tests:

- Freshmen take AP Human Geography.
- Sophomores take AP World History.
- Juniors take AP English Language and AP US History.
- Seniors take AP English Literature, AP US Government, AP Macroeconomics, and any others they elect to take. The information in the following table is for the entire school, NOT just juniors and seniors.

AP Subject	Total Exams	Average Scores	% of 3, 4, 5
AP 2D Art and Design	5	2.60	60%
AP African American Studies	15	3.33	80%
AP Art History	10	3.10	70%
AP Biology	10	2.20	30%
AP Calculus AB	16	3.19	62.5%
AP Computer Science A	8	3.13	62.5%
AP Computer Science Principles	34	2.09	35.3%
AP Drawing	8	2.38	37.5%
AP English Language	50	2.08	22%
AP English Literature	54	2.57	53.7%
AP Environmental Science	26	1.96	26.9%
AP European History	4	3.25	75%
AP Human Geography	48	2.00	29.2%
AP Macroeconomics	31	2.03	38.7%
AP Physics C: Mechanics	32	1.25	3.1%
AP Physics 1	39	1.62	15.4%
AP Physics 2	33	1.27	3.0%
AP Precalculus	21	3.19	76.2%
AP Psychology	14	2.14	35.7%
AP Seminar	19	2.58	57.9%
AP Spanish Language and Culture	48	2.79	62.5%
AP Statistics	27	2.41	40.7%
AP US Government and Politics	30	2.53	43.3%
AP US History	42	2.50	50%
AP World History	37	2.51	43.2%
Total Exams	659	2.3	41%