

FOR THE 2021–2022 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR, **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN ENROLL** IN THE FOLLOWING ETHNIC STUDIES COURSES:

## AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

In Ethnic Studies: African American Studies, an elective course, students learn about the history and cultural contributions of African Americans. This course is designed to assist students in understanding issues and events from multiple perspectives. This course develops an understanding of the historical roots of African American culture, especially as it pertains to social, economic, and political interactions within the broader context of United States history. It requires an analysis of important ideas, social and cultural values, beliefs, and traditions. Knowledge of past achievements provides citizens of the 21st century with a broader context within which to address the many issues facing the United States.

- + *Students earn one credit*
- + *Available as an elective to high school students*
- + *HISD Course #: **SST3714***

## MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

In Ethnic Studies: Mexican American Studies, an elective course, students learn about the history and cultural contributions of Mexican Americans. Students explore history and culture from an interdisciplinary perspective. The course emphasizes events in the 20th and 21st centuries, but students will also engage with events prior to the 20th century.

- + *Students earn one credit*
- + *Available as an elective to high school students*
- + *HISD Course #: **SST3510***

Ethnic Studies curriculum can lead to an increase in GPA, attendance, and credit earned according to a **2016 study from Stanford University**.