

**Seniors**

**2021**

HOSPITALITY

# **Upcoming Events**

## **Mrs. Landry-Senior Liaison**

# **HSPVA.org Senior Page**

Please see Senior Capstone Page  
Click Resources – Click Students

# Fall Senior Activities

**Check website for dates**

- Senior Parent Meeting 6:15pm
- Schedule change deadline
- College Interview Discussion with Mr. Landry
- FAFSA and CSS Profile available
- Request Senior Fee Reduction (See Counselor for form)
- Financial Aid Night with Mr. Edwards
- HSPVA Virtual College Fair hosted by TACRAO 1pm-3pm
- Senior SAT at HSPVA
- Senior fees due before Winter Break

# Spring Senior Activities

**Check website for dates**

- Panoramic picture
- Prom at Bell Tower on 34<sup>th</sup> 8pm - midnight
- Parent Graduation Meeting 6:30pm
- Senior Awards Assembly 6:00pm at HSPVA
- Senior Picnic 3pm - 6pm at Discovery Green
- Graduation 7pm The Hobby Center (location and date tentative due to COVID)

# 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.

[Darnell.Edwards@houstonisd.org](mailto:Darnell.Edwards@houstonisd.org)

# Co-Pilot Platform

<http://bit.ly/hisdTEXTING>

# **Financial Aid Applications Open Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Financial Aid Information Night October 13**

**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.**



# Important Reminders

- Watch grades and homework
  - Best to have no surprises on the transcripts
- Talk to your teachers early and often if you have concerns
  - Communication is key
- Attendance
  - Credit can be lost! - **NG**
- Complete Socio-Economic Form
  - Must complete it and qualify to receive fee waivers

# 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.

# How can Parents Help?

## ❑ **Make sure student is driving the college application process to be fully invested**

- Have students contact college reps with questions
- Have students email counselors/teachers with questions

## ❑ **Help organize spreadsheets or to do lists**

- Organize by deadline
- Help confirm when something has been completed
- Keep master list of user names and passwords for University Application Portals

## ❑ **Look up and keep list of each college representative and email for schools student is applying**

## ❑ **Direct student to the University website when they have a question**

- Most questions can be answered just by looking up information
- Try not to have them email college rep with a question without looking it up first
- Don't assume your counselor and Mrs. Landry know all the answers



# Who is responsible for submission?

## Student is responsible for submitting

- ✓ Application
- ✓ ACT/SAT Scores
- ✓ Optional resume
- ✓ Optional portfolio /audition
- ✓ Optional AP scores
- ✓ FAFSA
- ✓ CSS Profile
- ✓ Scholarship applications
- ✓ Load transcript & letter requests into Naviance or email
- ✓ Submit scholarship award amounts to school

# Who is responsible for submission?

## HSPVA will submit

- ✓ Transcripts
  - ❖ Initial, midyear, final
- ✓ Counselor/teacher letters of rec
- ✓ School Profile
- ✓ Supplemental forms
  - ❖ School Reports
  - ❖ Current schedule
- ✓ Mrs. Hines sends scholarship transcripts

# Types of Applications

- ❑ Common Application
- ❑ Apply Texas
- ❑ Coalition Application
- ❑ University website application
- ❑ Others

Colleges require only one application

# Types of Deadlines

## Early Decision 1 & Early Decision 2

- Requires parent and counselor acknowledgement
- \*MUST CONTACT COUNSELOR\*
- \*BINDING COMMITMENT\*
- Usually due in November/December
- Could find out in Dec/Jan

## Early Action / Priority

- Usually due in November/December
- Could find out in Jan/Feb

## Regular Decision

- Usually due in January/February/March or later
- May not find out until April (or later)

## Rolling Deadline

- Colleges respond as they receive applications and don't wait until the Spring

Most common early deadline is NOVEMBER 1



# **Kinder HSPVA Rank Policy**

**We do not report rank unless requested student completes the OPT OUT OF NO RANK 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!**

# Transcripts

**For any questions about transcripts, please contact Mrs. Kim Hines**

- Updated transcripts with GPA and updated rank were emailed out by Mrs. Hines on Monday
- Opportunity to OPT OUT OF THE NO RANK policy is open until October 1st
- Students learned how to request college transcripts through Naviance and can track the process
- If Mrs. Hines has to mail a transcript, Naviance tracking will not be updated – always says pending
- Status of transcripts can be checked on Naviance at your convenience
- Students will be updated in the future how to order transcripts for scholarships through Mrs. Hines

# What is Included in School Profile?

The School Profile is automatically sent with every Common App transcript request. It provides context of our school.

1. List of AP classes we offer
2. Information about our GPA scale and breakdown of grades
3. Information about our four required art area courses per year on the 4.0 scale
4. Awards HSPVA has earned
5. AP exam statistics from the building
6. Campus demographics
7. Highest, medium, and lowest GPA in the current senior class
8. SAT summary of the last 3 years
9. Previous graduating class scholarship and colleges acceptance %'s
10. Previous graduating class achievements



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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

4<sup>th</sup> 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 English Literature  
Calculus AB Physics C-Mech & EM  
Biology World History  
US History US Government  
Spanish Language Chemistry 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	365	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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# 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
- 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!*

# October

- Send off ACT/SAT scores to colleges
- 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 Virtual 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](http://www.fastweb.com)
  - Cappex: [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
  - Unigo: [www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com)
- Article...Best Scholarship Databases:  
<https://www.reviews.com/best-scholarship-search-platforms/>
- We will talk about submitting scholarships in Capstone

# December

- Early Decision acceptance
- 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
  - ❖ Completing it sooner DOES make a difference



# Questions?