



## Innovation & Postsecondary Programming

**Innovation & Postsecondary Programming** is a new HISD Department, committed to providing the highest quality access and opportunity to all HISD students. Priorities include:

- Increasing the number of students graduating college-ready.
- Making all coursework options for earning college credit in high school more accessible.
- Adopting new student-focused district projects.

## What does Innovation & Postsecondary Programming support?

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### Postsecondary Programming

The **AP Program** allows students to take college-level courses and the related AP exams, to potentially earn college credit while still in high school.

For students aged 3-19, **IB Programmes (Diploma and Career-related)** allow students to take college-level courses and the related IB exams to potentially earn college credit while still in high school.

**Dual Credit** allows students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by successfully completing college coursework.

**Dual Enrollment** allows students to earn high school credit and potentially earn college credit while still in high school.

The **Confucius Institute (CI)** at HISD works to promote Chinese language and culture through partnerships, exchange programs, and effective classroom instruction.

### EMERGE

**EMERGE-HISD** empowers and prepares high-performing students from underserved communities to attend and graduate from selective colleges and universities across the nation. Students in the EMERGE-HISD program benefit from extensive programming, individualized support, and tailored resources from 10th to 12th grade.

### Project Explore

**Project Explore** connects middle school students to high-impact college and career opportunities through: school-day explorations, after-school expeditions, weekend excursions, summer experiences, one-on-one advising, and more.