

Class of 2021

# Sophomore Meeting

**PGP:  
PERSONAL  
GRADUATION  
PLAN**

# PGP Example

Student ID 

## 2015-2016 Houston ISD Personal Graduation Plan (PGP)

**Student Name**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Initiated:**  **Amended:**

**Counselor/Administrator Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduation Plan: 2015-2016**

Graduation Target: 2019
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Discipline	TEA Foundation Plan (credit requirements)	HISD Foundation Plan (credit requirements)	Distinguished Level of Achievement (credit requirements)
English	4	4	4
Math	3	3	4
Science	3	3	4
Social Studies	3	4	4
Languages Other Than English	2	2	2
Fine Arts	1	1	1
Physical Education	1	1	1
Other Electives	5	3.5	5.5
Health		0.5	0.5
Total Credits	22	22	26

The Four Year Plan is intended to give you and your parent(s) a guide to use as you progress through high school. You will want to review the plan each year to make sure you are taking the required courses for graduation. Make sure that you are taking the academic courses that support your postsecondary plans.

**Endorsement (s):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Arts and Humanities  
\_\_\_\_\_ Business and Industry  
\_\_\_\_\_ Multidisciplinary Studies  
\_\_\_\_\_ Public Services  
\_\_\_\_\_ STEM

My Post High School plans
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will take me to:

(Check as many as apply):

☐ Two Year College

☐ Technical Training

☐ Four Year College

☐ Employment

☐ Military

☐ Other

**My Graduation Plan Type Is:**

           Distinguished Level of Achievement

☐ (see IEP) \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation \_\_\_\_\_ w/ Endorsement

**My Career Interest:**

	Middle Grades	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>English:</b>		English 1 or Eng. SOL 1	English 2 or Eng. SOL 2	English 3	English 4 (or other advanced ELA from TEA list)
<b>Mathematics:</b>		Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Advanced Math from TEA list
<b>Science:</b>		Biology	Chemistry (or other advanced science from TEA list)	Physics (or other advanced science from TEA list)	Advanced Science from TEA list
<b>Social Studies:</b>		World Geography	World History	US History	Government (0.5) Economics (0.5)
<b>Languages other than English:</b>		Language 1 <sup>st</sup> year*	Language 2 <sup>nd</sup> year*		
<b>Fine Arts:</b>		Fine Arts (1.0)*			
<b>Physical Education:</b>		Physical Education (1.0)*			
<b>Other Electives:</b>		Other Electives*			
<b>Health:</b>		Health (0.5)*			
<b>Options for Endorsements:</b> Arts & Humanities Business & Industry Multidisciplinary Studies Public Services STEM		<div></div> (Pathway Course #1)	<div></div> (Pathway Course #2)	<div></div> (Pathway Course #3)	<div></div> (Pathway Course #4)

\*course may be taken at any grade level

# 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Personal Graduation Plans

- ☐ ALL students must have a PGP on file in your dean's office.
- ☐ If your PGP is incomplete, YOUR DEAN will call you in and provide a copy for you to get signed by parent or guardian
- ☐ A parent signature on the PGP must be returned to your dean's office

# At Westside, we offer all 5 Endorsements:

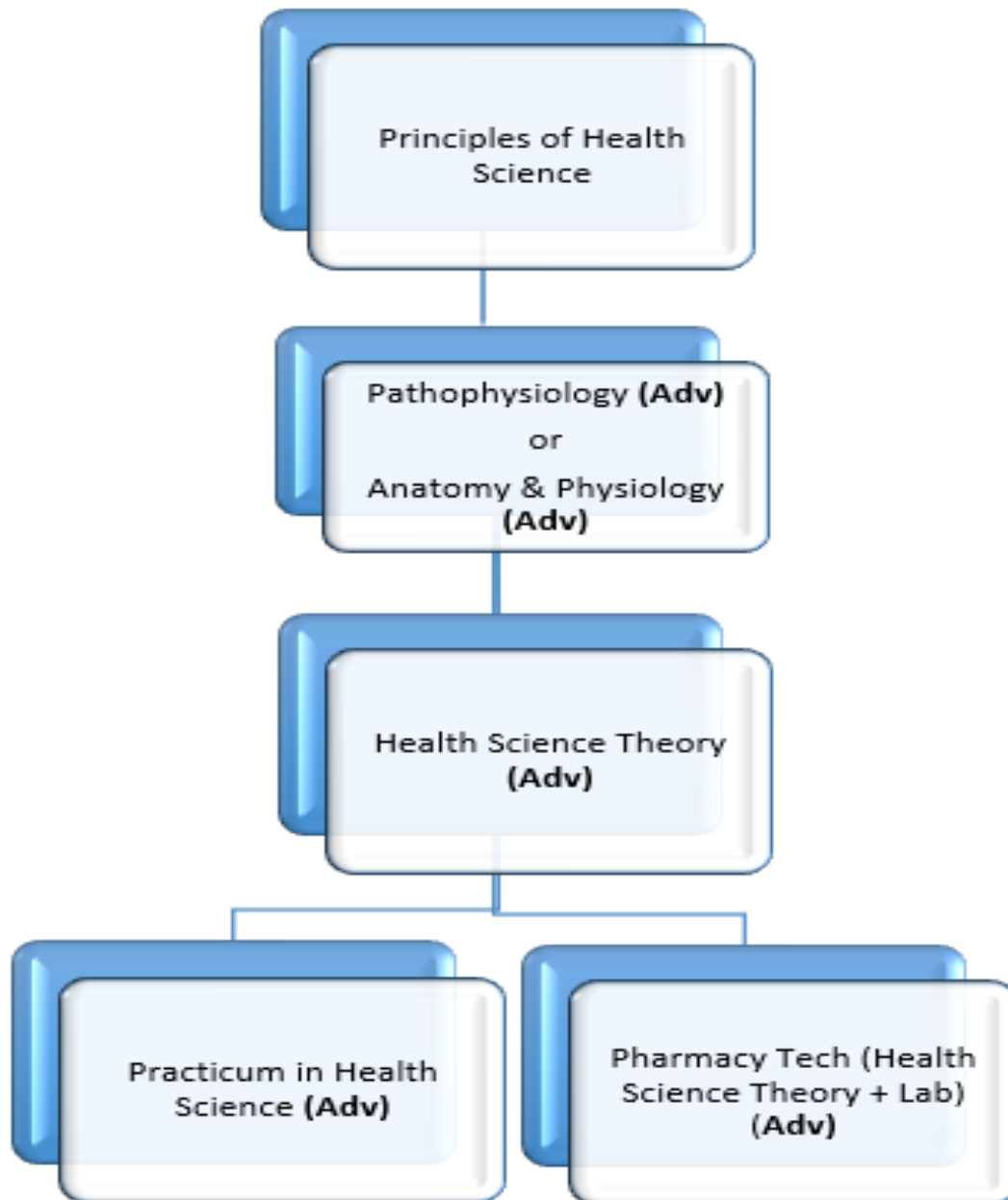


**\*Arts and Humanities and Multi-Disciplinary Endorsements can be earned by completing a set of certain courses.**

**\*Students who complete a pathway at Westside will earn the following endorsements...**

# Health Science: Health Science Pathway

## Course Sequence



**HEALTH SCIENCE PATHWAY**  
ENDORSEMENTS

PUBLIC SERVICE  
STEM

**Business: Business Management  
Pathway  
Course Sequence**

Principles of Business,  
Marketing and Finance

Business Information  
Management DC

Business Management  
(Adv) / DC

Business Law

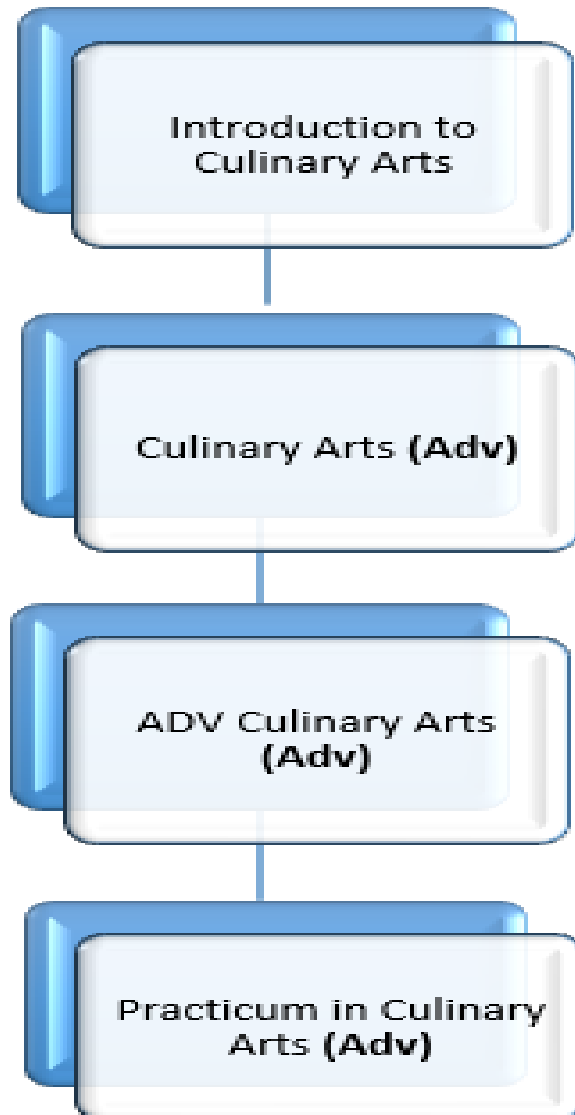
Practicum in Business  
Management (Adv)

Business Management  
(Adv) / DC

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT  
PATHWAY  
ENDORSMENTS**

**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

## Hospitality and Tourism: Culinary Arts Course Sequence



**CULINARY ARTS PATHWAY**  
ENDORSMENTS

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY



**Finance: Accounting Pathway  
Course Sequence**

Principles of  
Business, Marketing  
and Finance

BIM DC  
(Computer Applications  
POFI 1301 1 &  
Spreadsheets POFI 1349)

Financial Math (**Adv**)

Accounting I DC  
(Computerized  
Accounting Applications  
ACNT 1313)

Accounting I

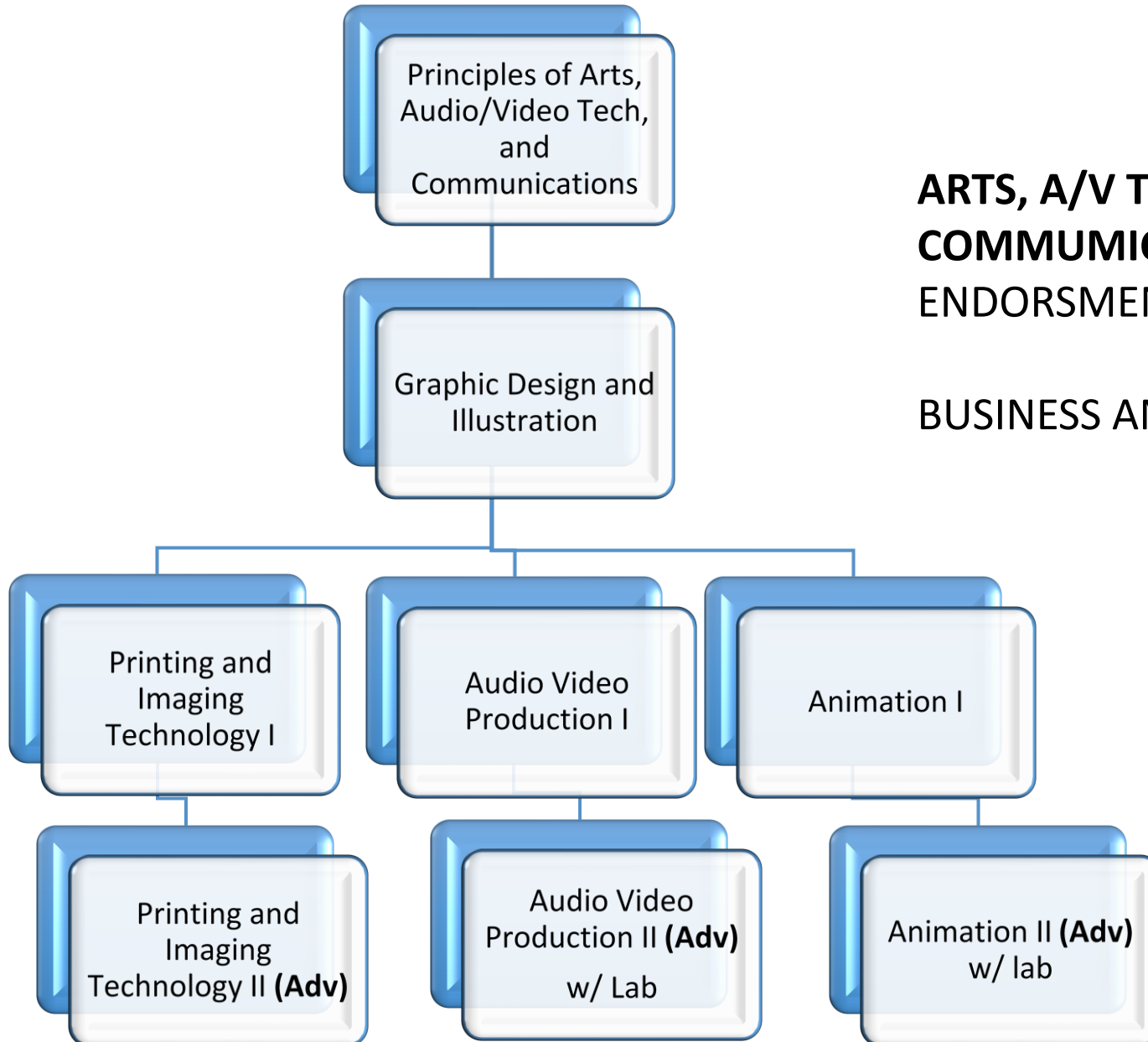
Accounting II DC  
(Payroll and Business Tax  
Accounting ACNT 1329)  
**(Adv)**

Accounting II (**Adv**)

**ACCOUNTING PATHWAY  
ENDORSMENTS**

**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
STEM**

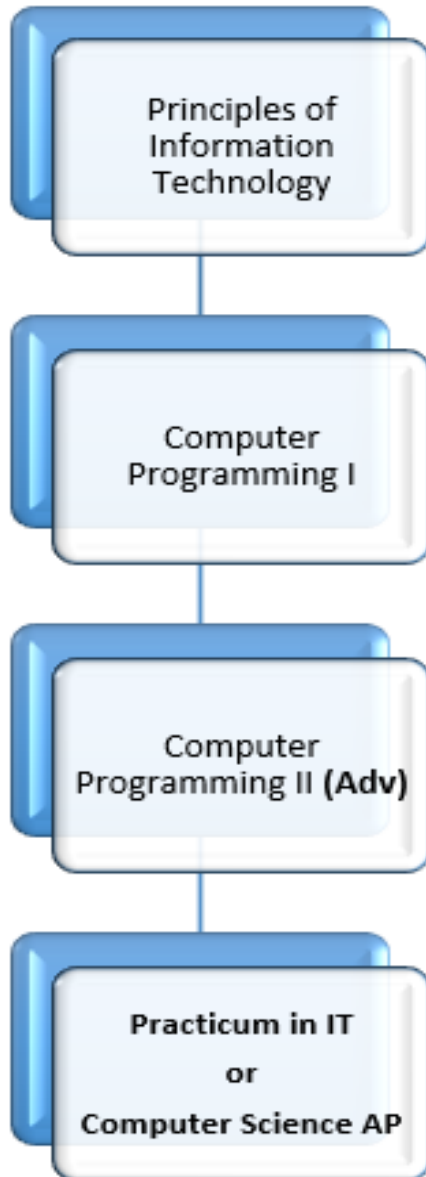
# Arts, A/V Technology & Communications: Film, Graphic Design, Animation



**ARTS, A/V TECH AND  
COMMUNICATIONS  
ENDORSMENTS**

**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

**Information Technology: Computer Programming  
Course Sequence**



**COMPUTER PROGRAMMING  
PATHWAY  
ENDORSEMENTS**

**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

**STEM: Engineering (PLTW)  
Course Sequences**

Principles of Applied  
Engineering

Introduction to Engineering  
Design  
(PLTW)

Engineering Design and  
Problem Solving (**Adv**)  
or  
Engineering Mathematics  
(**Adv**)

Digital Electronics (**Adv**)

**STEM/ ENGINEERING  
PATHWAY  
ENDORSMENTS**

STEM

# WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T RETURN MY PGP?

- ❑ 19-20 COURSE VERIFICATION (draft of 19-20 schedule) WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE FINAL EXAMS
  - ❑ IF YOUR PGP IS INCOMPLETE, YOU WILL NOT GET A COURSE VERIFICATION FOR NEXT YEAR!
  - ❑ OFF-CAMPUS IDS AND PARKING PERMITS MAY NOT BE ISSUED TO A STUDENT WITH A INCOMPLETE OR MISSING PGP.
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- ❑ THIS IS YOUR PATH!

# EVERY PGP MUST CONTAIN

IN SUMMARY...

- Identified Endorsement(s)
  - Course of study that promotes:
    - College and workforce readiness
    - Career placement and advancement
- Date Initiated
- Student Signature
- Counselor/Admin. Signature
- Parent Signature
  - Before the end of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade



# Academics

In order to graduate, one must have

26

credits

# Academics

1 class = 0.5  
credits per  
semester



## Academics

They must be  
specific  
credits...

# Academics

## CORE SUBJECTS (4x4)

- 4 math
- 4 science
- 4 English
- 4 social studies

# Academics

## ELECTIVES

- 2 World Language (same)
- 1 Fine Arts
- 1 P.E. (or equiv)
- .5 Health
- 5.5 other electives

**What is the correct grade classification for number of credits below?**

# of Credits	Grade Classification
5.5	
11	

# Academics

Grade classification is based on a minimum number of credits, as opposed to year(s) in high school

Grade Classification	Minimum Credits
Sophomore (10 <sup>th</sup> )	6.0
Junior (11 <sup>th</sup> )	12.0
Senior (12 <sup>th</sup> )	18.0

# Academics

## Final Exams:

- 2 hour exam...most of you are not accustomed to studying for an exam that covers the whole semester.
- Preparation is different than studying for a unit test!
- **\$1,000,000 question for your teacher:**  
What is the best way to study for my final exam?

# Academics

## Composite Grading

- Semester 1 Grade = 65
- Semester 2 Grade = 75
- Add both semester grades together, divide by two and average = 69.5 or higher
- Or...the total points for both semesters must equal **139** or higher to earn credit for the entire course

# GPA?

**What's that?**

**Does it really matter?**



# Academics

Grade	Pre-AP/AP	Prep
A (90-100)	5	4
B (80-89)	4	3
C (75-79)	3	2
D (70-74)	2	1
F (below 70)	0	0

# Academics

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{points added together}}{\text{number of classes}}$$

1. Add points together
2. Divide by # of classes

# Academics

Class	Grade	Point Value
Prep Biology	90*	0
PAP English	82	4
PAP Alg 1	67	0
PAP World Geo	76	3
PE	80	3
Journalism	92	4
Spanish 2	80	3
	TOTAL	17

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{17}{7} = 2.42$$

# Academics

ypothetically, how does your current GPA compare to previous classes? (not reflective of class of 2022)

Class	Valedictorian	10%	25%	50%	75%
2016	4.91	3.89	3.59	2.98	2.51
2017	4.87	3.94	3.41	2.96	2.38
Average	4.89	3.92	3.50	2.97	2.45

UT – 75% of the freshmen class was in their top 10%, 95% in their top 25%

A&M – 54% of the freshmen class was in their top 10%, 86% in their top 25%

LSU – 53% of the freshmen class was in their top 25%, 84% in their top 50%

UH – 30% of the freshmen class was in their top 25%, 86% in their top 50%

Yale – 97% of the freshmen class was in their top 10%, 100% in their top 25%

# Academics...*required for graduation*

REQUIRED EXAMS STAAR/EOC
ENGLISH I (9 <sup>TH</sup> )
ENGLISH II (10 <sup>TH</sup> )
ALGEBRA I (9 <sup>TH</sup> )
BIOLOGY (9 <sup>TH</sup> -10 <sup>TH</sup> )
US HISTORY (11 <sup>TH</sup> )



STAAR/END OF COURSE EXAM
<i>Did Not Meet Grade Level</i>
<b>Approaches Grade Level</b>
<b>Meets Grade Level</b>
<b>Master's Grade Level</b>

# Academics

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Remember this?  
Credits awarded  
for  
passing grades  
AND  
MINIMUM  
ATTENDANCE  
REQUIREMENT

# Attendance

- More than 10 minutes late= absence
- 6+ absences = no credit

# Attendance link to Academics

Period	Grades			Exam	Avg	Credit Attempted	Credit Earned	Conduct			Excused Absences			Unexcused Absences		
1	96	90	94	92	NG*	0.50	0.00		S	E	0	1	0	1	3	4
10 ADV						0.00					0	1	0	0	0	0
2	87	79	71	82	80	0.50	0.50				0	1	0	0	1	2
3	80	79	90	88	84	0.50	0.50				0	1	0	0	0	0
4	83	78	75	76	78	0.50	0.50				0	1	0	0	1	2
5	70	90	82	90	83	0.50	0.50				0	1	0	0	2	2
6	80	88	80	77	81	0.50	0.50				0	1	0	0	0	1
7	100	100	100	100	100	0.50	0.50				0	1	0	0	0	0
Guidance						0.00					0	0	0	0	0	1
1	92	86	86	75	NG*	0.50	0.00	S			1	0	0	3	9	14
10 ADV						0.00					0	0	0	0	0	0
2	74	83	84	70	78	0.50	0.50				0	0	0	0	1	2
3	79	78	79	75	78	0.50	0.50				1	0	0	0	1	0
4	71	74	69	82	74	0.50	0.50				0	0	0	0	1	2
5	80	75	64	57	69	0.50	0.00	P			0	0	0	0	3	0
6	75	74	71	70	73	0.50	0.50				0	0	0	0	1	1
7	100	100	100	100	100	0.50	0.50				0	0	0	0	0	0
Guidance						0.00					0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Current Credits						7.00	5.50									





# Loss of Credit, Loss of Privileges

*Don't put off what you want most to do what you want right now!*

- ☐ Trust, reliability, and opportunities
- ☐ Athletic eligibility
- ☐ Revoke student transfer
- ☐ Mandatory lunch tutorial
- ☐ Off campus lunch, prom, HOCO, etc...
- ☐ Student leadership; scholarships
- ☐ Driving? No VOE! (verification of enrollment)
- ✓ New procedures for appealing course credit released during the last week of school
- ✓ Appeals are limited to one semester only

# Summer School

- Monday – Thursday; June 5<sup>th</sup> – July 3; 8:00-3:00PM
- Uniform Required
- Up to 4 courses for credit recovery (2 credits)
- Original credit courses must be taken elsewhere
- Registration through dean's office
- STAAR/EOC June 24-27<sup>th</sup> (Re-testing)