

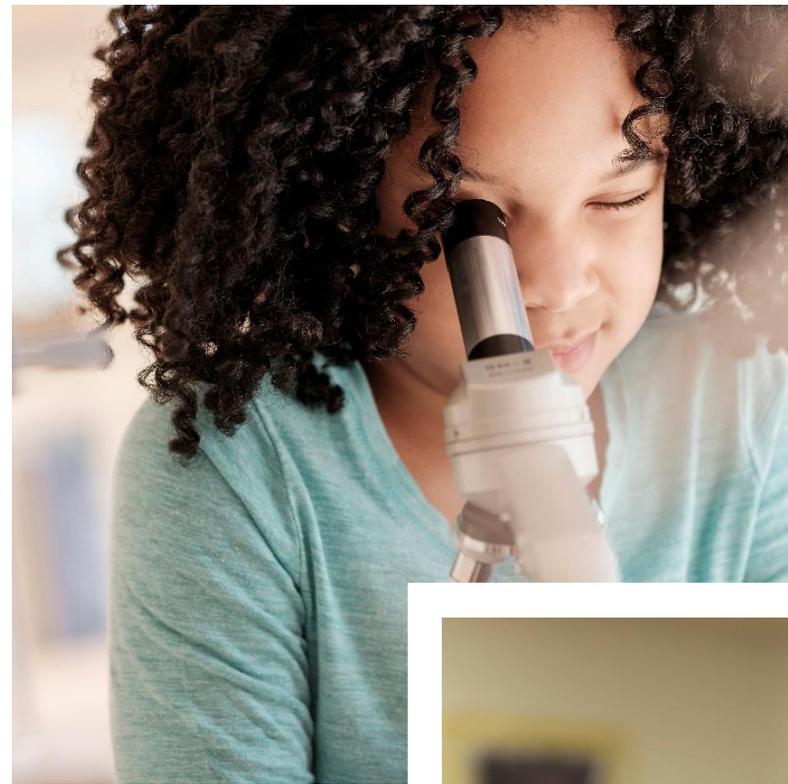
INCOMING FRESHMEN
**COURSE
SELECTION
GUIDE**

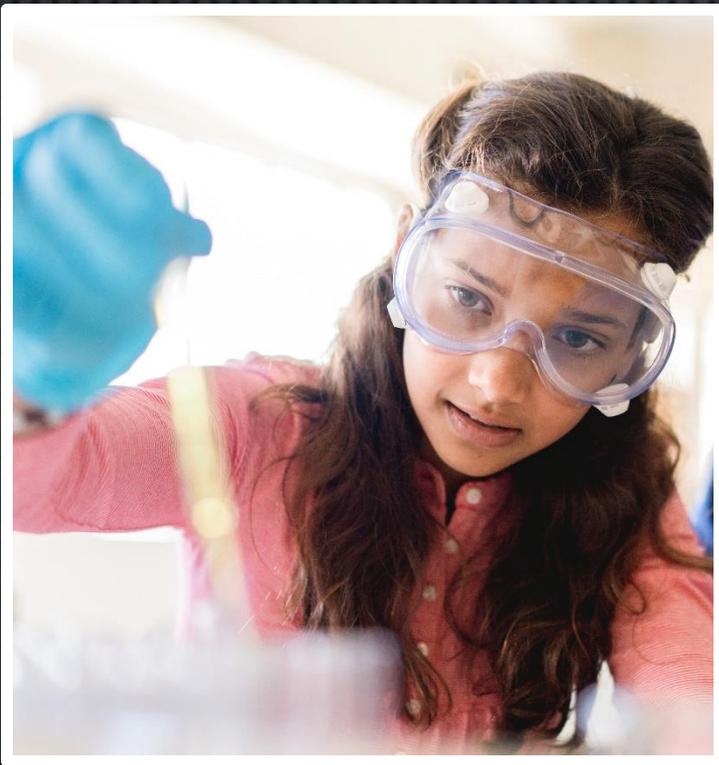
2020-2021



AGENDA

- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- CLASSES NEXT YEAR
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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English (4 credits):
I, II, III & IV

Science (4 credits):
Biology, Integrated Physics and
Chemistry, Chemistry, Physics,
Environmental Systems, Earth Space,
Anatomy and Physiology, Adv.
Science

Math (4 credits):
Alg 1, Geometry, Alg 2, Pre
Cal, Statistics, Adv. Math

Social Studies (4 credits):
W Geo, W History, US History,
Govt/Economics

Foreign Language (2 credits):
(Spanish, German, French, Mandarin)

Physical Ed (1 credit):
(Athletics, ROTC, PE, Marching Band)

Fine Art (1 credit):
(Art, Band, Choir, Dance, Piano, Theatre,
Technical Theatre)

Health (1/2 credit)

Electives (1 ½ credits)

CATE (4 credits):

- Business Management
- Business Accounting
- Adv. Manufacturing (Engineering)
- Transportation
- Health Science
- Design and Multimedia Arts
- Digital Communications (AV)*
- Web Development*

**reserved for magnet students*

26 Credits

CLASSES NEXT YEAR

FRESHMEN SCHEDULE

- ENGLISH 1/ PRE-IB ENGLISH 1
- ALGEBRA 1/ PRE-IB ALGEBRA 1, GEOMETRY/ PRE-IB GEOMETRY OR ALGEBRA 2/ HONORS ALGEBRA 2
- BIOLOGY/ PRE-IB BIOLOGY, INTEGRATED PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY (IPC)/ PRE-IB IPC OR CHEMISTRY/ PRE-IB CHEMISTRY
- WORLD GEOGRAPHY/ PRE-IB WORLD GEOGRAPHY OR AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
- CATE/CAREER PATHWAY
- FOREIGN LANGUAGE
- ELECTIVE (FINE ART OR PE)
- ADVOCACY





ELECTIVE COURSES

FINE ARTS

- ART
- BAND/PIANO/CHOIR
- DANCE
- THEATRE
- TECHNICAL THEATRE



PHYSICAL ED

SPORTS TEAMS

- FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, BASKETBALL, TRACK SOCCER, BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, WRESTLING, SWIMMING
- STUDENTS CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS THROUGH AFTERSCHOOL PRACTICES

- MARCHING BAND (FALL)
- RED COATS DANCE TEAM
- CHEER TEAM ATHLETICS
- JROTC (I-IV)
- PHYSICAL ED CLASS





AP/IB COURSEWORK

- AP/PRE-IB COURSES OFFERED IN ALL CORE AREAS
- AP TESTING MAY LEAD TO COLLEGE CREDIT
- STUDENTS CAN EARN EXTRA POINT FOR GPA
- GOOD CANDIDATES POSSESS THESE QUALITIES:
 - SELF MOTIVATED
 - GOOD STUDY SKILLS
 - GOOD TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS
 - ABLE TO HANDLE FASTER PACE
 - ABLE TO RETAIN INFORMATION WELL
 - GOOD GRADES AND ATTENDANCE HABITS

AP/IB COURSE DESCRIPTIONS ARE FOUND UNDER ACADEMICS ON HEIGHTS HS WEBSITE

ADVANCED ACADEMICS

DUAL CREDIT CLASSES

STUDENTS CAN EARN BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CREDIT IN THE FOLLOWING COURSES*(OFFERED SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEAR):

- PHYSICS
- GOVERNMENT
- DIGITAL MEDIA
- PROJECT BASED RESEARCH
- GRAPHIC DESIGN

*THIS LIST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

IB DIPLOMA/CAREER —RELATED PROGRAM CERTIFICATE

ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING CURRICULUM THAT ADDRESSES STUDENTS' INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SUCCESS

CAREER RELATED STUDIES HELP STUDENT DEVELOP COMMUNICATION, PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC SKILLS

CORE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE PRE-REQUISITES

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS



- STUDENTS AND PARENTS WILL COMPLETE THE COURSE SELECTION FORM LOCATED ON THE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE
- STUDENTS WILL CONFIRM COURSE SELECTIONS
- COUNSELOR WILL BEGIN SCHEDULING PROCESS BY ENTERING SELECTED COURSES IN POWERSCHOOL
- 8TH GRADE REPORT CARD INFORMATION WILL BE REVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF CHANGES TO COURSE SELECTIONS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED
- STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR SCHEDULE FOR THE FALL SEMESTER AT THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST

SCHEDULE CHANGE POLICY

- COUNSELORS/ADMINISTRATORS MAY OVERRIDE STUDENT REQUESTS IF IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ENSURING THAT THE STUDENT REMAIN ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION
- ALL CHANGE OF SCHEDULE REQUESTS WILL BE REVIEWED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS TO DETERMINE IF THE CHANGE IS WARRANTED AND/OR POSSIBLE
- SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR BAND/ATHLETICS WILL ONLY BE MADE ONCE APPROVED BY SPONSORS OR COACHES
- CHANGES IN CATE/CAREER PATHWAY CLASSES* WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION/SIGNATURES TO COMPLY WITH DISTRICT POLICIES. REQUESTS WILL BE REVIEWED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND BASED ON SPACE AVAILABILITY

*CHANGES IN CAREER PATHWAY COULD AFFECT THE ABILITY TO EARN CATE ENDORSEMENT

PUP CAMP

DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

- PUP CAMP AGENDA
 - NAVIGATING THE HUB
 - NAVIGATING MICROSOFT TEAMS
 - OFFICE 365/GOOGLE DRIVE
 - RUNNING WITH THE PACK (CLUB INVOLVEMENT AND OPTIONS)
 - SCHOOL TOUR
 - 4 YEAR PLANS



REGISTRATION

- ZONED STUDENTS CURRENTLY ATTENDING AN HISD SCHOOL WILL NOT NEED TO REGISTER.
- THEY WILL NEED TO COMPLETE YEARLY UPDATES IN THE FORMS SECTION OF HISD CONNECT
- FOR ZONED STUDENTS NOT CURRENTLY IN HISD, YOU CAN DO YOUR REGISTRATION ONLINE



QUESTIONS

THANK

YOU!

