

*Welcome to the Houston Academy for International Studies!*



**Class of 2025**



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## An Early College High School

Earn up to 60 hours of college  
credit/Associate Degree

## Academy for International Studies





Learn more about the world, cultures,  
perspectives, and people

## *We are... Early College*

- 🌐 As a small high school, we are designed so that students can earn both a high school diploma **AND** an Associate degree or up to two years of credit toward a Bachelor's degree.
- 🌐 Early college high schools engage all students in a rigorous, college preparatory curriculum and compress the number of years to a college degree.
- 🌐 As an early college high school student, you may need to attend classes outside of the HISD schedule.



## *We are... Early College*

-  The first step for our incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders entering the Early College experience, is taking the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) test at HCC.
-  Students will schedule TSI testing with Mr. Martinez, school counselor, prior to Phoenix Camp.
-  Join the CounSELing Support/Testing breakout session to learn more about TSI testing and alternative assessment options (like PSAT8).
-  Our students take 1 to 3 classes at HCC during their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.



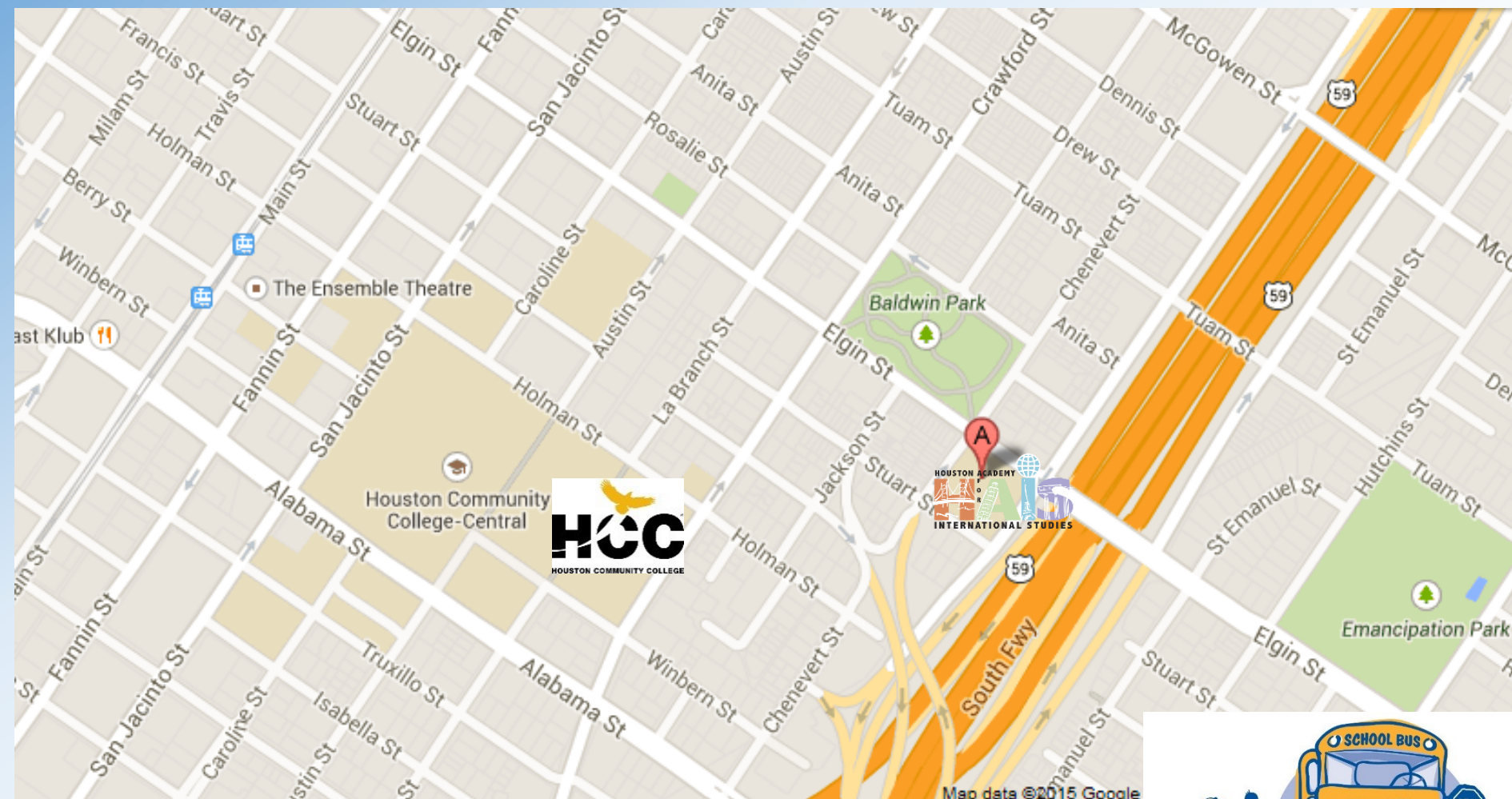
## *HCC is a HAIS Educational Partner*

- Eventually, our students earn the privilege of taking half of their courses (or more) at HCC.
- Part of the daily life of a HAIS student is taking the shuttle bus. The shuttle picks up and drops off students at a designated area at HCC.
- HAIS students are treated as HCC students. They attend HCC classes unsupervised and must complete all coursework and communicate with college professors just as all other college students.





Our school is three (3) blocks away from the HCC Central campus. The shuttle picks up HAIS students at our Stuart Street entrance and proceeds to Elgin Street.



Students are dropped off at HCC at the corner of San Jacinto & Holman Streets.





*Earning up to 60 hours of College Credit =  
PRICELESS!*

## Average Cost of Texas Public Universities

Tuition & Fees	Books & Supplies	Room & Board	Transportation	Other Costs	Total
\$9,844	\$1,242	\$9,862	\$2,322	\$2,356	\$25,626



SOURCE: [www.CollegeForAllTexans.com](http://www.CollegeForAllTexans.com) ; part of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board ([www.thecb.state.tx.us](http://www.thecb.state.tx.us))

**Total Cost includes:** tuition and fees; books; other = supplies, transportation, and personal expenses PER YEAR.

Formula based on Texas residency and combined household income of \$40k and 4 members of the household.

## *Class of 2025 Expectations*

- 🌐 Our graduates, since 2010, are attending colleges and universities all across the United States.
- 🌐 The Senior Class of 2019 earned over \$11 million in scholarships for higher education!
- 🌐 Approximately 70 students in the Senior Class of 2021 will graduate with an Associate degree.





## School Overview

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# Typical 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses

- Pre-AP Algebra I or Pre-AP Algebra II
- Pre-AP Biology
- Pre-AP English I
- AP Human Geography
- AVID
- Dual Credit Chinese/Spanish or Regular Chinese
- PE
- POFI/BIMS
- Principles of Government (Model UN)



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		7 <sup>th</sup> PERIOD 1:11-1:56
		9 <sup>th</sup> PERIOD 1:58-2:43
		10 <sup>th</sup> PERIOD 2:45- 3:30

# 2020-2021 Bell Schedule





## *We are... Internships*

**HAIS has an extensive  
network of business  
and community  
partners from  
Downtown Houston to  
the Texas Medical  
Center**

Tre Magazine

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Asia Society

Amigos de las  
Americas

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WIC

Catholic Charities of the  
Archdiocese Galveston-  
Houston

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Center for Healing Racism

Children-At-Risk

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MMI Agency

Contemporary Arts  
Museum Houston

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Office of  
Congresswoman Lee

Boulevard Realty

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Mayor's Office of  
Innovation

Houston Area Urban  
League

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Local Universities,  
Clinics, and Hospitals

Ensemble Theater

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Carrabba's  
Corporate Office

Montrose Center

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Moore Archeological  
Consulting

Computer Hospital

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Dinerstein  
Companies

Houston Area  
Women's Center

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Local Law Firms

Houston Health  
Department

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Houston Public Library

Houston Chronicle

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Houston City  
Council

45 Art Center

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HISD Schools

# *We are... Travel Opportunities*





Our campus is committed to the idea of educating our students as global citizens.







# We are... Travel Opportunities

-  We help our students find travel opportunities on full OR partial scholarship(s).
-  Join the study abroad breakout session with Maria Thompson from DiscoverU!



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*Impact India Study Abroad Program*

REKHA & SUDHIR

Puranik Foundation



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*We are... Model United Nations*



# NHSMUN

National High School Model United Nations





# *We are... Debate*



# *We are... Student Organizations*



**HAIS has over 20  
active and vibrant  
clubs and organizations**





## *We are... Sports*

We offer competitive clubs sports in dance, cheerleading, basketball, soccer, and volleyball.

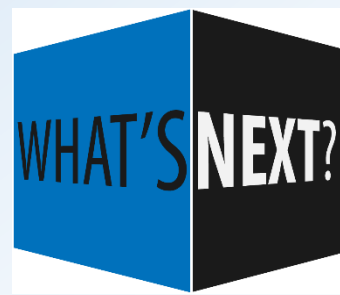


We compete against other small Houston ISD magnet schools.





# *After today, what's next?*



**JUNE**

## **Phoenix Camp:**

June 21- July 1, 2021, Monday-Thursday

ALL incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders are expected to attend.

More details will be forwarded to families early June!

**AUGUST**

## **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation:**

Students pick up books, schedules, and laptops (Date TBD)

**AUGUST**

## **First Day of School:**

Monday, August 23, 2021

**SEPTEMBER**

## **Open House:**

Early September (Date TBD)







HAIS/HCC Enrollment Process



<https://tinyurl.com/HAISenroll>

# HAIS/HCC Magnet Enrollment Process

## 1. Complete the New HAIS Student Information Form.

- a. If your student is **not currently enrolled in Houston ISD**, you will need to complete an additional form that will ask you to upload student birth certificate, parent/guardian photo ID, and student social security card.

## 2. Apply to Houston Community College (HCC) **TODAY**.

## 3. Complete required HCC enrollment forms and submit student immunization record/exemption **by June 15**.

- a. Bacterial Meningitis Verification Form
- b. Dual Credit Waiver Approval Form
- c. Student Commitment Statement



Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)



# HAIS PTO

- **Membership**

- All HAIS staff, parents, and guardians are welcome. There is no membership fee to join; simply fill out the **2021-2022 PTO Membership Form:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/HAISPTOmember>

- **Elections**

- Interested in serving as a PTO Board Member? Be sure to indicate that on your membership form!

- **HAIS Gear:** <https://tinyurl.com/HAISPTOgear>

- **T-Shirts:** \$15.00 each
- **Hoodies:** \$30.00 each



Big Brothers Big Sisters of America





# Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

- HAIS is a Big Brothers Big Sisters mentor 2.0 school, a nationwide mentoring program.
- It is an e-mentoring program for high schoolers that helps them develop skills to graduate from high school on time, enroll in college on-time, and persist and graduate on time.
- Each student is paired with a positive caring adult (vetted and background checked), and the mentorship begins virtually via a secure online platform.
- All incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the program. **You will receive an email next week about completing required forms.**



STARTALK Chinese Summer Camp



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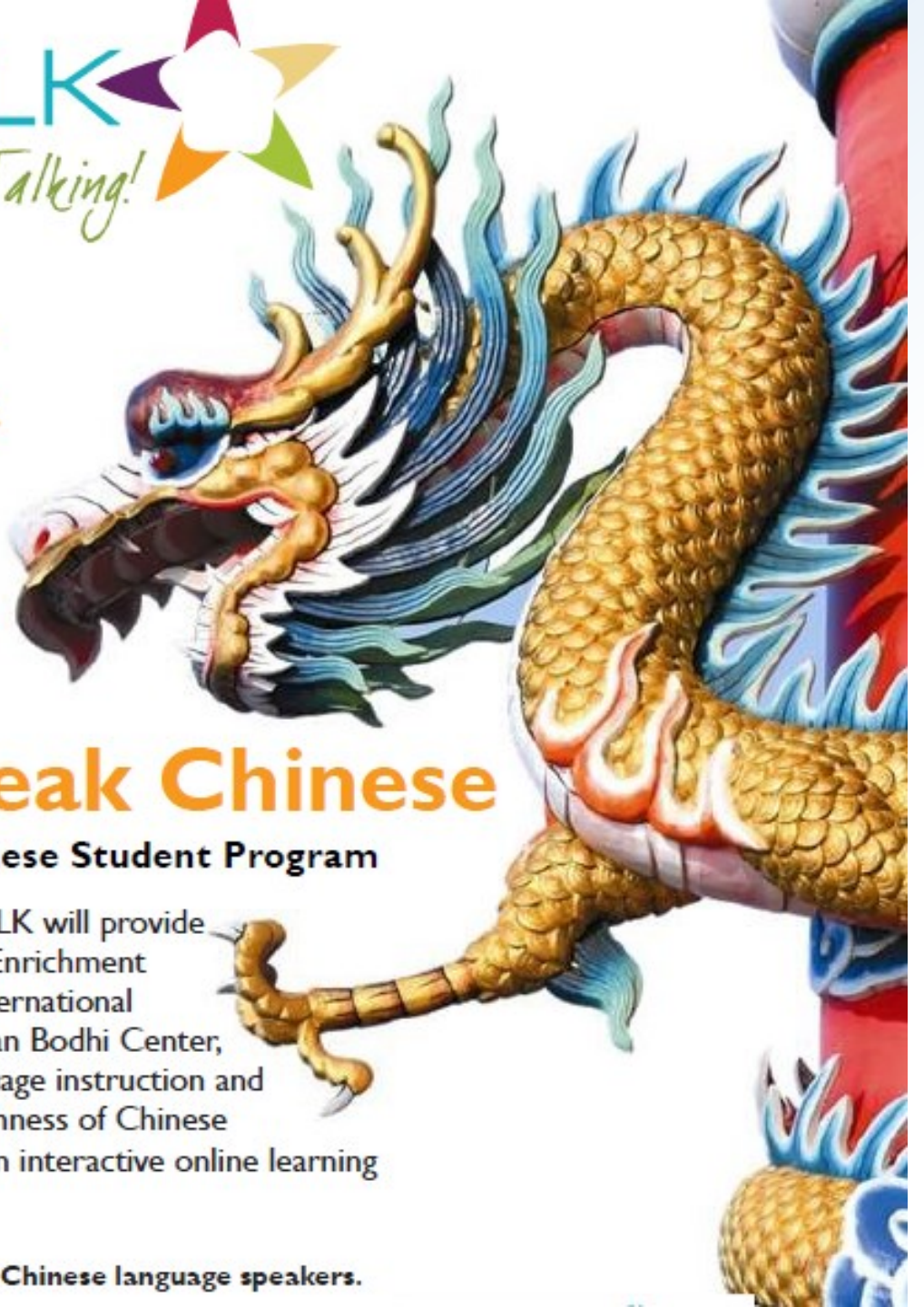
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## Learn to Speak Chinese

### 2021 Online STARTALK Chinese Student Program

During the summer of 2021, STARTALK will provide A rigorous and fun Chinese Student Enrichment Program at Houston Academy for International Studies. Administered by the American Bodhi Center, the classes offered will focus on language instruction and will allow students to explore the richness of Chinese culture through various activities in an interactive online learning environment.

**This program is not open to heritage Chinese language speakers.**



**Location:** HAIS Online

**Dates:** June 14—July 9, 2021 (see full schedule below)

**Times:** Coordinates with HAIS Fish Camp!

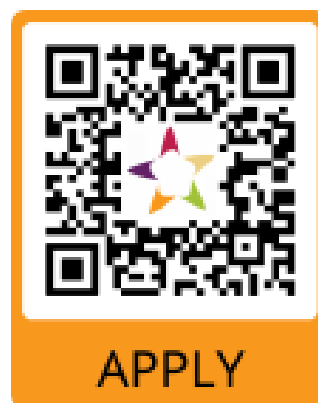
**Who's eligible:** Incoming 9th grade students

**Tuition:** FREE

**Registration:** Register by filling out and submitting an online application. Spaces are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Accepted students are expected to adhere to summer school attendance policy and must commit to attending the program in its entirety.

**Deadline:** May 15, 2021

For more information, contact us  
**[abcstartalk@gmail.com](mailto:abcstartalk@gmail.com)**





Breakout Sessions





# Breakout Session Etiquette

- **When entering the meeting room, please ensure your microphone is muted and remains muted while others are speaking.**
- **Use the chat or “Raise Hand” function in Teams to ask a question and wait to be called upon.**
- **Do not share personal student information! These sessions will be recorded and posted to our website.**
- **Should you have a student-specific question, please email one of our staff members directly.**
- **Plan to spend approximately 15 minutes in each breakout session so you have time to visit them all!**





# Breakout Sessions

**Chinese Summer Camp**

<https://tinyurl.com/HAISchinese>

**CounSEling Support/Testing**

<https://tinyurl.com/HAIScounseling>

**HAIS/HCC Academic Planning**

<https://tinyurl.com/HAISacademics>

**HCC Application Workshop**

<https://tinyurl.com/HCCapplications>

**Parent-Student Panel**

<https://tinyurl.com/HAISpanel>

**Study Abroad**

<https://tinyurl.com/HAISstudyabroad>



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