



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Congratulations and welcome to Kinder HSPVA! We are honored to guide you over the next four years. High school graduation day will be here sooner than you realize and we will be with you every step of the way.

Our art teachers believe you are the perfect fit for our school and their programs. This is an exciting time of transition and growth, moving into High School comes with higher expectations and responsibilities. Over the next four years you will be challenged and given the opportunity to not only transform as artists, but also evolve into who you are supposed to be as a person.

On Saturday, May 6th we will be meeting in our Denney Theatre for Inside Scoop to discuss academic course selection for the 2023 - 2024 school year. On May 6th, you will each be provided a Personalized Course Selection Plan which includes high school credits you may have already earned or high school credit courses in which you are currently enrolled in at your middle school. You will be using this Personalized Course Selection Plan to request courses for next year. These completed plans must be turned in to us on Saturday, May 6th before Inside Scoop ends. If you are not able to attend Inside Scoop, please contact Mr. Klein after May 6th so your course selections can be finalized.

Please note: Any student who did not provide a copy of a current report card or transcript with high school credit earned, will be placed in all prerequisite courses in August. If you forgot to submit these records on April 15, please contact Mr. Klein to get him a copy as soon as possible. This also includes also any transcript or report card from any other school year awarding you high school credit.

Example: Student is currently enrolled in Geometry in 8th grade but also received Algebra 1 credit from 7th grade.

On the back of this paper, we are including the current course selection options for incoming 9th graders. Please use this as a guide to discuss your course selection plans and we will work together to finalize them on May 6th. For the new incoming 10th and 11th grade students, please provide a copy of your high school transcript to Mr. Klein and we will be in touch about your future course selection options. We look forward to meeting you and taking these next steps together!

Sincerely,
Your HSPVA Counselors

Becky Johnson - Creative Writing, Instrumental, & Vocal
Christy Farris - Dance, Theatre, & Visual Arts

HSPVA Class of 2027

Course Request Options

Students are enrolled in 4 academic core classes, 1 LOTE or Elective, and 4 art area magnet courses.

Regular Level Courses = 4.0 GPA Scale
Honors/PreAP/AP Level Courses = 5.0 GPA Scale
All required art area magnet courses are on a 4.0 GPA Scale

English

English 1 PreAP

*PreAP is the only level of English being offered in 23-24 school year

Math

Algebra 1

Geometry Geometry PreAP

*Must have earned Algebra 1 credit in Middle School

Algebra 2 Algebra 2 PreAP

*Must have earned Algebra 1 & Geometry credit in Middle School

Social Studies

World Geography AP Human Geography

Science

Biology Biology PreAP

Chemistry Chemistry PreAP

*Must have earned Biology credit in Middle School

Elective

Study Lab Office Aid

*Neither earn grades or credit

LOTE

Spanish 1

Spanish 2

Spanish 3 PreAP

AP Spanish Language (level 4)

AP Spanish Literature (level 5)

*Must have earned credit for each level before moving to the next

French 1

French 2

*Must have earned credit for French 1 in Middle School to take French 2

Texas Graduation Requirements

Foundation High School Graduation Plan with Distinguished Level of Achievement - with Endorsement
26 Credits Required for Graduation

Health & PE	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Fine Arts
.5 Health	English 1	Algebra 1	Biology	World Geography	Art Area Magnet Courses
1.0 PE	English 2	Geometry	Chemistry	World History	1.0 credit
1.5 credits	English 3	Algebra 2	Physics	US History	LOTE
Electives	English 4	4th math choice	4th science choice	Government & Economics	2 years of same language
Art Area Magnet Courses					
5.5 credits	4.0 credits	4.0 credits	4.0 credits	4.0 credits	2.0 credits

FAQ's

When do we request courses for 23-24 School Year?

Counselors will be evaluating your current reports cards/transcripts and determining what high school courses you have to choose from for 2023-2024 school year. Once you check in at Inside Scoop on May 6th, each student will receive a course selection form which will be completed with the counselors and turned in prior to leaving.

When do we get our schedules?

9th graders will receive a copy of their official schedule during Artist Academy on August 24th.

How do I make a change to my course requests/schedule?

Printed on every student's schedule in August, is a QR code students can scan and submit a change request through the change request portal. Counselors do not take schedule change requests through email. Per HISD policy, students can request changes up to the first 15 days of the semester.

Will my child get all the courses they request?

Counselors make every effort to honor course requests, but as a Fine Art Magnet we are limited by art area conflicts, class availability, and other master schedule limitations. Art area requirements take priority over other schedule issues, this may require changing the level of a requested academic course.

My child is currently served under 504 or SPED, how do I make sure that transfers?

Students who are currently served under 504 or through SPED in HISD are automatically transferred into these programs on our campus and teachers are given their service plans a prior to the first day of school. If you have a student outside of HISD currently being served with an official 504 or SPED plan, please contact Mr. Klein.

May my child take high school courses over the summer to earn high school credit?

As written in the entrance agreement, "Kinder HSPVA does not allow any courses to be taken outside of school that are offered on our campus. Any additional courses MUST be approved by a counselor in advance to be considered for high school credit. Regarding credit earned before beginning school at Kinder HSPVA, only courses that have been previously completed or that a student is currently enrolled in at the time of signing this Entrance Agreement will be accepted for credit."