



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, April 27, 2024 from 9-11 am we will be meeting in our Denney Theatre for Inside Scoop to discuss academic course selection for the 2024 - 2025 school year. You may have been asked to select courses at your middle school, but it won't interfere with the courses you request at HSPVA on April 27. When you arrive, 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 - this will be based on the records you provided to us at Signing Day. 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, April 27 before Inside Scoop ends. If you are not able to attend Inside Scoop, please contact Mr. Klein after April 27 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 6th, please contact Mr. Klein to get him a copy as soon as possible. This also includes 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. Records from both years need to be provided to ensure the proper placement.

Attached are 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 April 27. For the new incoming 10th and 11th grade students, please provide a copy of your high school transcript and current report card to Mr. Klein and we will help guide 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

Texas Graduation Requirements

Foundation High School Graduation Plan, 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 24-25 School Year?

Counselors will be evaluating your current reports cards/transcripts and determining what high school courses you must choose from for 2024-2025 school year. Once you check in at Inside Scoop on April 27, 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?

New students will receive a copy of their official schedule during Artist Academy (new student/parent orientation). We will provide that date as soon as the district provides us with that information.

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

A QR code will be printed on every student's schedule. Students can scan and submit a change request through the QR code. 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, and 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 HSPVA 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."



April 6, 2024

Welcome Parents of the Class of 2028!

On behalf of the HSPVA Parent Teacher Organization Executive Board, welcome to the Kinder HSPVA family! We are very excited that you will be joining us in the fall!

2023-2024
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We know that the path to HSPVA has been one full of anticipation, practice, and waiting. Your support and encouragement were important parts in this process. As your child begins their artistic and academic journey at HSPVA, we want to welcome parents to a special community, as well.

The HSPVA PTO plays a critical role in fostering an environment of excellence, supporting our community of teachers and learners, and celebrating our unique community. The PTO provides resources for academic classroom needs, celebrates our faculty and staff, and supports a wide range of programming that enhances learning and builds a positive culture. The PTO also coordinates thousands of volunteer hours throughout the year to support the many things that are always happening at Kinder HSPVA.

Every parent at HSPVA is a member of the PTO. We hope to find ways to engage and connect with every family at HSPVA. In the weeks to come, we will share information about an upcoming PTO Parent Social event (date TBD) where you can meet current and new HSPVA families. We will also reach out with information about future back to school events and how you can be engaged in the PTO.

Congratulations to your student and we look forward to working with you to support all of the amazing things that happen here at Kinder HSPVA!

Please feel free to reach out to me if you need any assistance or want more information about the PTO.

Sincerely,

Rhetta Detrich

President, Kinder HSPVA PTO 2023-24

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