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| Advanced Academics - 2023 | |

South San Antonio Independent School District offers innovative courses to enable students to master knowledge, skills, and competencies in a wide variety of programs. They are developed to enhance the goals and objectives included in the essential knowledge and skills of the required curriculum.

An overview of the **Advanced Academics** is as follows:

A district may operate a magnet program, academy, or other innovative program to serve student populations with specialized interests and aptitudes.

Mission to prepare students to enroll, attend, and successfully complete a postsecondary education

Vision to become the district of choice for advanced academics services

Goals 2022-2023

* Identify student aptitudes and interests to modify program options to meet student needs
* Address student strengths and weaknesses with effective enrichments and interventions
* Align participation in advanced coursework with overall student demographics
* Raise expectations for students, teachers, staff, and our community to increase student success

Foundational Beliefs

* Standards are at the center of advanced academics programs
* Data must be used to drive all decisions

Pillars of Advanced Academics

* Curriculum must be based on TEKS, College Board Student Learning Objectives, and college syllabi
* Assessment must be formative and drive decisions
* Instruction must be rigorous to prepare students for their postsecondary goals
* Service learning deepens engagement and brings value to the curriculum
* Pathways must serve student’s long-term college and career goals

Outcomes

Students can enroll, attend, and successfully complete their postsecondary education of choice, attain their desired career, and find high levels of success

The following programs are offered in Advanced Academics:

* Honors Courses
* Pre-Advanced Placement
* Advanced Placement
* SAT Assessments
* Talented and Gifted (GT)