

# PREPARING FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND!

**DISCOVERING YOUR PASSION.**

**MAKING IT PERSONAL.**

**CREATING YOUR PATH.**

In MISD, we believe that every child has unlimited potential when they are inspired to excel each and every school day. With our vision, *"inspire excellence today to change the world tomorrow,"* we offer more opportunities than most school districts, charter and private schools.

By discovering your child's passion, we make learning personal by creating a path for high school and beyond.

## DID YOU KNOW



### COURSES

MISD offers 279 courses:

73 are Pre-Advanced Placement, Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses

87 are career and technical courses that can lead to industry certification



### COLLEGE

MISD provides:

5 endorsements as outlined by the Texas Education Agency

14 career pathways giving students a boost in college admissions and entry into their chosen careers



### GRADUATION

MISD excels:

\$5.3 million in scholarships earned

82% of MISD seniors graduate with a distinguished level of achievement

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## PHASE 1

### Campus Counselor Conversations

Throughout November, our MISD middle school counselors met with students to talk about the limitless opportunities in high school.

**During these meetings, counselors will discuss:**

- **Personal graduation plan (PGP):** Every MISD student will have a personalized graduation plan outlining high school goals.
- **Credits for graduation:** Different plans have specific requirements to meet your longterm goals.
- **Graduating with an endorsement and/or distinguished achievement:** With five endorsements, there is a match to meet every student's interest. These endorsements can boost knowledge and skills in specific areas of interest that colleges, universities, the military and career fields covet.

## PHASE 2

### Parent University

By bringing 8th-grade parents together, we value our partnership between school and home.

**During this Parent U, below are the resources provided:**

- **Texas Education Agency Graduation Toolkit:** Can be found at [www.tea.gov](http://www.tea.gov).
- **GPA process:** Learn about your child's grade point average (GPA), class rank and graduation requirements.
- **College & Career Readiness:**
  - Review of Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, Career and Technical courses, and Collegiate Scholar opportunities.
- **Course catalog:** Outline of all courses provided by MISD.

## PHASE 3

### Elective Course Fair

During this course fair, students and parents will learn first-hand about the many programs, courses, endorsements, pathways and opportunities available in MISD.

**This fair is essential in helping your student determine the right courses to meet their needs by:**

- **Showcasing courses:** With 287 courses offered, selecting the right course is part of the PGP process. Meet the teachers who teach the courses to learn more!
- **Highlighting programs:** Participating in specialized programs can make learning more personable with the possibility of earning a license or certification. Hear from other students who participate in these programs.
- **Participating in clubs:** Connecting to others makes high school meaningful and with many co-curricular, extra-curricular clubs and programs available, there is a place for every student.

## PHASE 4

### Course Selection Advising

In February, students and parents will **meet with your high school school counselor to:**

- **Provide one-on-one support:** With your school counselor, parents and students will have an opportunity to ask questions and develop your PGP.
- **Finalize courses:** Students and parents will make the final course selection for their freshman year.
- **Review overall Personal Graduation Plan:** As the freshmen year courses are selected, students and parents will have a clear roadmap of what the sophomore through senior years will look like when it comes to courses to meet your PGP.
- **Class schedule pickup:** In August, students and parents will receive your course schedule prior to the first day of school. To get connected to your high school, follow them on Facebook or Twitter.