

Annual Review for 2022-2023 High School Academic Planning Guide



November 14, 2022

Core Beliefs

- Kids come first.
- Continuous learning is essential to prepare for college and career opportunities.
- Each student's success is the shared responsibility of students, families, schools, and communities.
- Learning is influenced by environment.



Vision

Northwest ISD empowers learners and leaders to positively impact the world.

Mission

Northwest ISD, in collaboration with students, families, communities, and global partners, will engage in a culture of learning that prepares all students to confidently navigate their future.




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Secondary Course Guide Review Process

Secondary Academic Planning Guide Review includes an annual review of courses including:

- Course descriptions, prerequisites and grade levels
- Summer enrichment assignments
- Professional certification opportunities
- List of fees/special supplies for the course
- State or Local changes to course requirements
- Review Endorsements, Programs of Study, graduation requirements, etc.



Academic Planning Guide

Northwest ISD offers a variety of coursework at different levels of academic intensity and rigor. Many of the courses listed in the Academic Planning Guide are offered as:

Regular Grade Level

Honors

Gifted and Talented

Dual Credit

Practicums

Online delivery

Inclusion/Applied

Advanced Placement

Sheltered ESL

On-Ramps Dual Credit

Internships

Blended Delivery



Grade Point System for Ranking

Level 1 Skills		Level 2 Regular		Level 3 Gifted & Talented and Advanced Courses		Level 4 AP, Dual Credit and OnRamps Courses	
Grade	Grade Points	Grade	Grade Points	Grade	Grade Points	Grade	Grade Points
100	4.0	100	5.0	100	6.0	100	7.0
99	3.9	99	4.9	99	5.9	99	6.9
98	3.8	98	4.8	98	5.8	98	6.8
97	3.7	97	4.7	97	5.7	97	6.7



Academic Planning Guide Timeline

Early October

Secondary Launch: Intro to Review, Revise & Propose Changes process

October 11-20

Meet with C&I Departments & discuss

October 25

Secondary Principal updates & feedback

November 1

Deadline for proposed changes



Academic Planning Guide Timeline

November 3	Secondary Principal Meeting Final Draft approved by Principals/C&I
November 14	NISD Board Presentation
December 12	NISD Board considers approval



Academic Planning Guide Timeline

Mid January	Course Request & Career Planner available for Grades 9-11
January 30	High School Showcases
March	Course Selections by students Staffing plans for campuses
April-July	Master Schedule Construction





Revisions for High School Academic Planning Guide



Core Courses

DROP	ADD
English Language Development and Acquisition (ELDA)	Sheltered Instruction in ELA offerings
Honors Pre-Calculus	AP Pre-Calculus
	On-Ramps Intro to Microeconomics
	Personal Financial Literacy and Economics*

*This course does not meet NCAA eligibility for student-athletes

Sheltered Instruction

Sheltered courses deliver the grade-appropriate curriculum (English 1-4) in a vocabulary- rich environment that supports emergent bilinguals (EBs) in developing content and English language proficiency.

- English is the language of instruction in sheltered classes.
- Primary language support is allowed to assist students in understanding the content.
- Students must be recommended for sheltered classes by the Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC).



Personal Financial Literacy

The Personal Financial Literacy TEKS are included in a variety of current course and will be included in its entirety with the proposed Economics/Personal Financial Literacy course.

Enrollment: Fall22 is **141** and SPR23 is **125** or **3.08%** of HS students

- This course does not meet NCAA eligibility for student-athletes
- Personal Financial Literacy TEKS are included in the following courses, but not in its entirety:

Personal Financial Literacy

Economics/Free Enterprise



World Languages

DROP	ADD
	French and German Levels 1-4

Fine Arts

DROP	ADD
	PE Credit option to Tech Theater 2

Career & Technical Education

DROP	ADD
Scientific Research and Design Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	Manufacturing Engineering Technology II
Accelerated Livestock Production (Livestock Production remains)	



Career & Technical Education

DROP	ADD
Accounting II (BME Academy)	Financial Analysis
	Reminder of CS Courses: Honors Computer Science 1 Honors Computer Science 2 Honors Computer Science 3



Next Steps

December 2022

Spring 2023

Spring 2023

NISD Board approval

Review & Negotiate MOUs

Review Secondary Grading Guidelines



The University of Texas at Austin
OnRamps



Questions



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