YOU ARE HOUSTON



A STUDENT GUIDE TO UNLEASHING YOUR INNER HORSEPOWER!

MUSTANG FAMILY,

Welcome to Houston High School! As the principal, I'm thrilled to present this guide, designed to help new students navigate and thrive in our vibrant school community. At HHS, we pride ourselves on offering a diverse array of academic and extracurricular opportunities, allowing each student to explore their passions and unlock their potential. Whether you're drawn to the arts, athletics, or academic pursuits, you'll find a place here to connect, grow, and succeed. Embrace this journey of discovery and let's make your high school experience unforgettable. Go Mustangs!

Hallie Ross

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Principal of HHS




WELCOME!
WE'RE EXCITED
TO MEET YOU.

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GET READY
FOR WHAT
COMES NEXT!

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To meet state and local requirements for graduation, all students shall have received the specified 22 units of credit, completed the ACT, SAT or other 11th grade assessment as determined by the Commissioner of Education, and have satisfactory record of attendance and discipline.

REQUIRED COURSE	REQUIRED CREDITS	DESCRIPTION
Math	4	Including Algebra I, II, Geometry and a fourth higher-level math course
English	4	
Science	3	Including Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and a third lab course
Social Studies	3	World History & Geography (9th or 10th Grade), U.S. History (11th Grade), Government and Economics (12th Grade)
Physical Education & Wellness	1.5	Lifetime Wellness 1 credit Lifetime Sports .5 credit
Personal Finance	.5	
Foreign Language*	2	*May be waived for students not going to a university in order to expand and enhance the elective focus. Must be two courses of the same language.
Fine Arts	1	
Elective Focus	3	Career & Technical Education (CTE) or Liberal Arts

COURSE SELECTION

Course selection will take place through a number of stages beginning with counselor visits to your classes, the scheduling of one on one discussions with counselors, completing planning documents, and finally, by entering course selections in Skyward.

1 CHOOSE YOUR AREA OF FOCUS

At HHS, students can choose between a

- Career & Technical Focus
- Liberal Arts Focus
- Fine Arts Focus.

MAP OUT YOUR FOUR YEAR PLAN 2

Our four year plan sheet is designed to help students plan their pathway during their time at Houston. This helps to ensure that each student is meeting requirements for graduation within their area of focus.

3 SELECT YOUR COURSES

After completing your four year plan, you are ready to begin selecting your courses! On pages [page numbers] you can see the courses offered by grade level.



FOUR YEAR PLAN

Minimum 22 Credits Required for Graduation

English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Personal Finance	Wellness	World Languages	Fine Arts	Focus Area
(4 credits) Must include: English 9 English 10 English 11 English 12	(4 credits) Must include: Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Addtnl Math	(3 credits) Must include: Biology Chemistry or Physics 3rd Lab Science	(3 credits) Must include: World History US History US Govt Economics	(0.5 credits)	(1.5 credits) Must include: Lifetime Wellness Phys. Education	(2 credits in the same language)	(1 credit)	(3 credits) Computer Science (C/O 2028 and beyond)

NINTH GRADE	TENTH GRADE
English _____	English _____
Math _____	Math _____
Science _____	Science _____
Wellness _____	Other _____
Other _____	Other _____
Other _____	Other _____
Other _____	Other _____

ELEVENTH GRADE	TWELFTH GRADE
English _____	English _____
Math _____	Math _____
Science _____	Social Studies _____
Social Studies _____	Other _____
Other _____	Other _____
Other _____	Other _____
Other _____	Other _____

Focus Area (Circle One)	Ready Graduate
○ Adv. Manufacturing ○ Advanced Placement ○ Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources ○ Arts, Audio/Visual Tech, & Communications ○ Business Management ○ Fine Arts ○ Health Science ○ Human Service ○ Humanities ○ Information Technology ○ Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security ○ Marketing, Distribution, & Logistics ○ Math & Science ○ STEM	Students can earn Ready Graduate status by scoring a 21 or higher on the ACT or earning 2 to 4 EPSOs. As you build your plan, list your EPSOs below. 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Your signature certifies that you have received a copy of the Germantown Municipal School District's credit requirements for graduation and that you approve of your child's Four-Year Plan.

DEVELOP YOUR 4YR AND BEYOND PLAN

The first step in planning your high school courses and choosing various academic pathways is to reflect on your ambitions for life after high school. For some students, this may mean joining the workforce immediately upon graduation, while for others, it may mean pursuing advanced degrees.

The document encourages students to use available information from aptitude and interest inventories, as well as personal experiences such as career fairs, to make informed decisions about career goals prior to developing a four-year
plan and selecting courses.

STEP 1: CAREER GOALS

It's a classic question: "What do you want to be when you grow up?" In the table provided, gather some data and do your best to make an informed decision on what type of career you're most interested in pursuing.

Naviance Career Key Results		Personal Experiences	
What are your most dominant personality types?	• • •	Favorite subject in school?	
		Best subject in school?	
What are some occupations that interest me in those personality types?	• • • • •	Other experiences such as Career Fairs, Field Trips, or Guest Speakers that might inform my decision?	
Career I'm Most Interested in:			

STEP 2: POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS

There are undoubtedly many pathways to fulfill your chosen career dreams. From the list below, evaluate and mark pathways that could help you reach your desired outcomes.

Degree/Training		Matching Institutions	
• Industry Credential or Certificate • Military Training • High School Diploma	• 2-Year Degree • 4-Year Degree • Advanced Degree (Master, Specialist, etc.)	• Military • Work Force • TCAT (TN College of Applied Technology)	• Community • College 4-Year • University Other: _____
Postsecondary Training I'm Most Interested In:			

STEP 3: REFLECT AND ADVANCE

We understand this is no small task. One of the best things that can come from this planning are questions! Questions like "does this University offer a degree related to my dream career" or "does this career meet other quality of life goals I've set for myself" are certainly relevant. It's important that you either begin a journal or similar way to log these questions as you find answers. Your first step in the next part of this plan will be to choose an elective focus. We encourage you to begin reviewing those options as we transition to the next phase of planning.

RISING 12TH GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS - CLASS OF 2024

English (Required)
English 12
AP English 12
English 12 Dual Enrollment
Journalism Yearbook
Literary Journal & Creative Writing
Etymology Honors (.5 Cr.)
African American Lit

Social Studies
US Government (.5 Cr.)
AP US Government (.5 Cr.)
Economics (.5 Cr.)
AP Macro Economics (.5 Cr.)
AP Micro Economics (.5 Cr.)
Facing History Honors (.5 Cr.)
Sociology (.5 Cr.)
Psychology (.5 Cr.)
AP Psychology
AP European History
Humanities Honors

Mathematics (Required)
Mathematical Reasoning for Decision Making
Pre-Calculus
AP Pre-Calculus
College Alg/Trig Dual Enrollment
Statistics
Statistics Dual Enrollment
AP Statistics
Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC

Science
Environmental Science
AP Environmental Science
Human Anatomy & Physiology
DE Anatomy & Physiology
Biology II Dual Enrollment
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
DE Chemistry
Physics
AP Physics I
AP Physics II

World Languages
French II
French II Honors
French III Honors
AP French
German II
German II Honors
German III Honors
AP German
Latin II
Latin II Honors
Latin III Honors
AP Latin
Spanish II
Spanish II Honors
Spanish III Honors
AP Spanish

Personal Finance
Personal Finance (.5 Cr.)
Personal Finance Dual Enrollment

Health and P.E.
Lifetime Sports (.5 Cr.)

Work-Based Learning
Work-Based Learning
Work-Based Learning Dual Enrollment

AP Capstone
AP Research

Fine Arts
General Music
Color Guard Honors
Percussion Battery Honors
Percussion Mallet Honors
Varsity Band Honors
Jazz Band Honors
Orchestra
Orchestra Honors
Symphony Orchestra Honors
Concert Choir Honors
Treble Choir Honors
A cappella Choir I Honors
AP Music Theory
Intro to Theatre
Advanced Theatre Honors
Production Workshop Honors
Oral Communication DE* (.5 Cr)
Art I
Adv Mixed Media Studio Honors
Adv Painting & Drawing Honors
Illustration & Narrative Art Honors
AP Art Studio

Study Hall
Semester 1
Semester 2

General
General Computer Science
Preparing for the ACT (.5 Cr.)
- Semester 1 only by counselor recommendation

Service Learning (.5 Cr.)

Marketing Management
Advertising & Public Relations
SDC Marketing Principles

Therapeutic Services
Medical Therapeutics
Clinical Internship*

Dietetics & Nutrition
Nutrition Science & Diet Therapy

Horticulture Science
Greenhouse Management
Landscaping & Turf Management

Human & Social Services
DE Human Services

Audio/Visual Production
A/V Production III
DE A/V Production

Digital Arts & Design
Digital Arts III

Business Management
SDC Principles of Business

Coding
Coding II
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles

Cybersecurity
Cybersecurity II
AP Computer Science Principles

Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice III
Criminal Justice Dual Enrollment

Mechatronics
Mechatronics I Dual Enrollment
Mechatronics II Dual Enrollment

STEM
STEM III Honors
STEM IV Dual Enrollment

*Students wishing to enroll in Clinical Internships must meet minimal requirements for final placement. Interested students will be contacted by teacher or counselor to discuss.

RISING 11TH GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS - CLASS OF 2025

English (Required)
English 11
AP English Language & Composition
Journalism Yearbook
Literary Journal & Creative Writing
Etymology Honors (.5 Cr.)
African American Lit

Social Studies
SDC American History
US History Dual Enrollment
AP US History
Facing History Honors (.5 Cr.)
Sociology (.5 Cr.)
Psychology (.5 Cr.)
AP Psychology
AP European History
Humanities Honors

Health and P.E.
Lifetime Sports (.5 Cr.)

Study Hall
Study Hall Semester 1
Study Hall Semester 2

Mathematics (Required)
Algebra II
Algebra II Honors
Mathematical Reasoning for Decision Making
Pre-Calculus
AP Pre-Calculus
Calculus
College Alg/Trig Dual Enrollment
Statistics
Statistics Dual Enrollment
AP Statistics

Science (Required)
Environmental Science
AP Environmental Science
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
DE Chemistry
AP Chemistry
Human Anatomy & Physiology
DE Anatomy & Physiology
Biology II Dual Enrollment
AP Biology
Physics
AP Physics I

World Languages
French I
French I Honors
French II
French II Honors
French III Honors
German I
German I Honors
German II
German II Honors
German III Honors
Latin I
Latin I Honors
Latin II
Latin II Honors
Latin III Honors
Spanish I
Spanish I Honors
Spanish II
Spanish II Honors
Spanish III Honors

Work-Based Learning
Work-Based Learning
Work-Based Learning Dual Enrollment

AP Capstone
AP Seminar

Fine Arts
General Music
Color Guard Honors
Percussion Battery Honors
Percussion Mallet Honors
Varsity Band Honors
Jazz Band Honors
Orchestra
Orchestra Honors
Symphony Orchestra Honors
Concert Choir Honors
Treble Choir Honors
A cappella Choir I Honors
AP Music Theory
Intro to Theatre
Intermediate Theatre Honors
Advanced Theatre Honors
Oral Communication DE* (.5 Cr)
Art I
Art II Honors
Illustration & Narrative Art Honors
Adv Mixed Media Studio Honors
Adv Painting & Drawing Honors

Personal Finance
Personal Finance (.5 Cr.)
Personal Finance Dual Enrollment

Therapeutic Services
Medical Therapeutics
Anatomy & Physiology of the Health Sciences

Dietetics & Nutrition
Nutrition Across the Lifespan
Nutrition Science & Diet Therapy

Horticulture Science
Principles of Plant Science
Greenhouse Management

Human & Social Services
Lifespan Development
DE Human Services

Audio/Visual Production
A/V Production II
A/V Production III
DE A/V Production

Digital Arts & Design
Digital Arts II
Digital Arts III
A/V Production DE

Business Management
Business Communications
SDC Principles of Business

Marketing Management
Marketing & Management I
SDC Principles of Marketing

Coding
Coding I
Coding II
AP Computer Science Principles

Cybersecurity
Cybersecurity I
Cybersecurity II
AP Computer Science Principles

Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice II
Criminal Justice III
DE Criminal Justice

Mechatronics
Robotics and Automated Systems
DE Mechatronics I

Advanced Stem Applications
STEM II Honors
STEM III Honors

General
General Computer Science
Preparing for the ACT (.5 Cr.)
Service Learning (.5 Cr.)

Requesting students must meet minimum enrollment requirements for any Honors, AP, or DE course

RISING 10TH GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS - CLASS OF 2026

English (Required)
English 10
English 10 Honors
Etymology Honors (.5 Cr.)

Social Studies
World History & Geography
AP World History & Geography
AP Human Geography
AP European History
Humanities Honors
Facing History Honors (.5 Cr.)
Personal Finance (.5 Cr.)

Health and P.E.
Lifetime Sports (.5 Cr.)

Study Hall
Semester 1
Semester 2

Mathematics (Required)
Unified Geometry
Unified Geometry Honors
Algebra II
Algebra II Honors

Science (Required)
Biology
Biology Honors
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
Physics
AP Physics

World Languages
French I
French I Honors
French II
French II Honors
German I
German I Honors
German II
German II Honors
Latin I
Latin I Honors
Latin II
Latin II Honors
Spanish I
Spanish I Honors
Spanish II
Spanish II Honors

Fine Arts
General Music
Color Guard Honors
Percussion Battery Honors
Percussion Mallet Honors
Varsity Band Honors
Jazz Band Honors
Orchestra
Orchestra Honors
Symphony Orchestra Honors
Treble Choir Honors
Concert Choir Honors
A cappella Choir I Honors
AP Music Theory
Intro to Theatre
Intro to Theatre I Honors
Intermediate Theatre Arts Honors
Digital Arts I
Art I
Art I Honors
Art II Honors

Personal Finance
Personal Finance (.5 Cr.)

Therapeutic Services
Health Science Education
Anatomy & Physiology of the Health Sciences

Dietetics & Nutrition
Intro to Human Studies
Nutrition Across the Lifespan

Horticulture Science
Agriscience
Principles of Plant Science

Human & Social Services
Intro to Human Studies
Lifespan Development
Nutrition Across the Lifespan

Audio/Visual Production
A/V Production I
A/V Production II

Digital Arts & Design
Digital Arts I
Digital Arts II

Business Management
Introduction to Business
Business Communications

Marketing Management
Introduction to Business
Marketing & Management I

Coding
Computer Science Foundations
Coding I

Cybersecurity
Computer Science Foundations
Cybersecurity I

Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice I
Criminal Justice II

Mechatronics
Principles of Manufacturing
Robotics and Automated Systems

Advanced STEM Applications
STEM I Honors
STEM II Honors

General
General Computer Science
Preparing for the ACT (.5 Cr.)
Service Learning (.5 Cr.)

Requesting students must meet minimum enrollment requirements for any Honors, AP, or DE course

RISING 9TH GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS - CLASS OF 2027

English (Required)
English 9
English 9 Honors
Etymology Honors (.5 Cr.)

Social Studies
World History & Geography
AP World History & Geography
AP Human Geography

Health and P.E. (Required)
Lifetime Wellness

Study Hall
Study Hall Semester 1
Study Hall Semester 2

Mathematics (Required)
Algebra I
Algebra I Honors
Unified Geometry
Unified Geometry Honors

Science (Required)
Biology
Biology Honors

World Languages
French I
French I Honors
German I
German I Honors
Latin I
Latin I Honors
Spanish I
Spanish I Honors

Fine Arts
General Music
Color Guard Honors
Percussion Battery Honors
Percussion Mallet Honors
Varsity Band Honors
Jazz Band Honors
Orchestra
Orchestra Honors
Symphony Orchestra Honors
Beginning Treble Choir
Concert Choir Honors
A cappella Choir I Honors - Mixed
Intro to Theatre
Intro to Theatre Honors
Art I
Art I Honors

Therapeutic Services
Health Science Education

Dietetics & Nutrition
Intro to Human Studies

Horticulture Science
Agriscience

Human & Social Services
Intro to Human Studies

Audio/Visual Production
A/V Production I

Digital Arts & Design
Digital Arts I

Business Management
Introduction to Business

Marketing Management
Introduction to Business

Coding
Computer Science Foundations

Cybersecurity
Computer Science Foundations

Computer Science
AP Computer Science Principles

Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice I

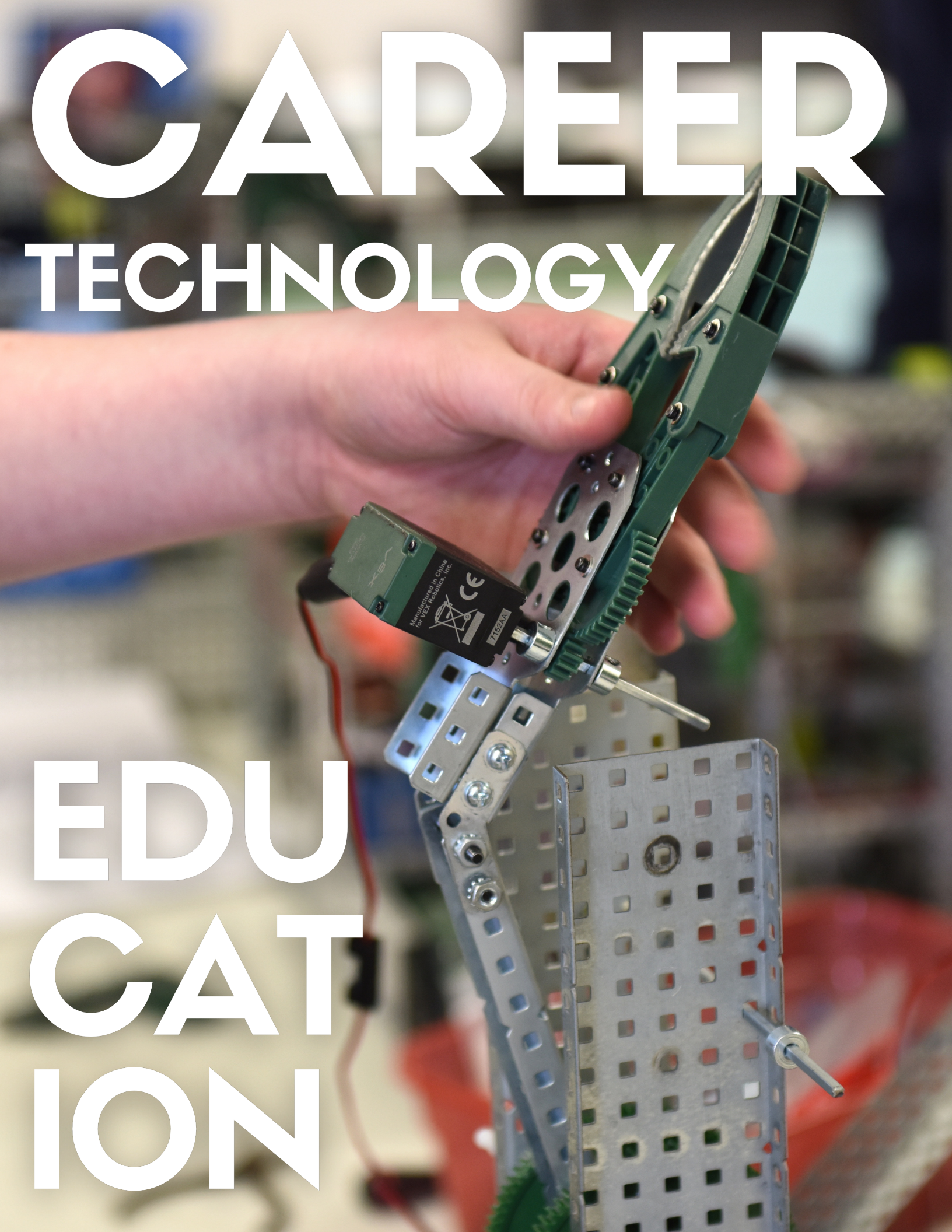
Mechatronics
Principles of Manufacturing

Advance STEM Applications
STEM I Honors

General
General Computer Science
Service Learning (.5 Cr.)

Requesting students must meet minimum enrollment requirements for any Honors, AP, or DE course

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION



AREAS OF FOCUS

CTE courses are more than just electives; they are the lifeblood of a well-rounded education. They offer students a chance to explore their passions, develop critical skills, and prepare for the dynamic job market awaiting them after graduation.
At Houston High School, the importance of CTE courses is deeply ingrained in the educational philosophy. These courses are not only about imparting technical knowledge but also about fostering essential soft skills. From teamwork and creative thinking to communication and problem-solving, CTE courses emphasize the skills that employers value most. Students at HHS can pursue a CTE pathway in Health, Human, and Life Sciences, Applied Technology, Applied Business Marketing and Finance, or Digital Arts & Design.

NURTURING FUTURE HEALTHCARE HEROES

A pathway pursuing a Health Science Education and its specialized courses will help prepare students for careers in healthcare. From understanding medical terminology to hands-on experience in diagnostics and therapeutics, these courses instill the knowledge and compassion needed in the medical field.



APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

The Applied Technology Cluster includes courses in Mechatronics, STEM, Coding, Cybersecurity, and Networking. This path encompasses a diverse range of courses designed to equip students with practical skills and knowledge in various technological fields incorporating mechatronics, STEM, Coding, Cybersecurity, and Networking.

APPLIED BUSINESS, MARKETING, & FINANCE

For aspiring entrepreneurs and business leaders, Houston High School offers courses that include computer applications, business communications, and accounting. Students on this pathway will learn about personal finance and pursing their entrepreneurial passion.



DIGITAL ARTS & DESIGN

Digital Arts & Design courses offer students the chance to tap into their creative sides. These courses focus on design principals, illustration, typography, and photography. They not only open doors to artistic expression but also provide insights into the history and legal aspects of design.

FOCUS AREAS

Advanced Manufacturing

Mechatronics
Principles of Manufacturing
Dual Enrollment Mechatronics I
Dual Enrollment Mechatronics II

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP English Language & Composition
AP Music Theory
AP Pre-Calculus
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics I
AP Physics II
AP World History
AP Human Geography
AP European History
AP US History
AP US Government & Politics
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
AP Psychology
AP French Language
AP German Language
AP Latin Language
AP Spanish Language
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science A

Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources

Horticulture Science
Agriscience
Principles of Plant Science & Hydroculture
Greenhouse Management
Landscaping & Turf Science

Arts, Audio/Visual Technology, & Communications

Audio/Visual Production
A/V Production I
A/V Production II
Dual Enrollment A/V Production

Digital Arts & Design
~~Digital Arts & Design I~~
Digital Arts & Design II
Digital Arts & Design III

Business Management & Administration

Business Management
Introduction to Business & Marketing
Business Communications
Introduction to Business SDC

Fine Arts

Varsity Band Honors
Battery Percussion Honors
Mallet Percussion Honors
Jazz Band Honors
Color Guard Honors
Art I
Art I Honors
Art II Honors
Adv. Mixed Media Studio
Adv. Painting & Drawing Studio
Illustration & Narr. Art
AP Studio Art: Drawing
Orchestra
Orchestra Accelerated
Symphony Orchestra Accelerated
Beginning Treble Choir
Treble Choir Honors
Concert Choir Honors
Fifth Measure: A Cappela Choir Honors
Intro to Theatre Arts
Introto Theatre Arts Honors
Intermediate Theatre Arts Honors
Adv. Theatre Arts Accelerated
Adv. Production Workshop Honors
General Music
AP Music Theory

Health Science

Therapeutic Services
Health Science Education
Anatomy & Physiology for Health Sciences
Medical Therapeutics
Clinical Internship

Humanities

ACT Prep
African American Literature
AP European History
AP Human Geography
AP Psychology
AP World History
Dual Enrollment Oral Communications
Etymology Honors
Facing History & Ourselves Honors
Humanities Honors
Journalism Yearbook
Journalism Literary Mag
Psychology
Sociology
Humanities Honors
Journalism Yearbook
Journalism Literary Mag
Psychology
Sociology

*World Languages above graduation requirements

Human Service

Dietetics & Nutrition
Introduction to Human Studies
Nutrition Across the Lifespan
Nutrition Science & Diet Therapy

Human & Social Sciences
Introduction to Human Studies
Lifespan Development
Dual Enrollment Human Services I

Information Technology

Coding
Computer Science Foundations
Coding I
Coding II
AP Computer Science A

Cybersecurity
~~Computer Science~~ Foundations
Cybersecurity I
Cybersecurity II
AP Computer Science Principles

Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security

Criminal Justice & Correction Services
Criminal Justice I
Criminal Justice II
Dual Enrollment Criminal Justice

Marketing, Distribution, & Logistics

Marketing
Introduction to Business & Marketing
Marketing & Management I: Principles
SDC Principles of Marketing
Advertising & Public Relations

Math & Science

AP Pre-Calculus
Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Dual Enrollment Statistics
Dual Enrollment Biology II
AP Biology
Dual Enrollment Chemistry
AP Chemistry
Dual Enrollment Anatomy & Phys.
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics I
AP Physics II

STEM

Advanced STEM Applications
STEM I: Foundation Honors
STEM II: Applications Honors
STEM III: STEM in Context Honors
Dual Enrollment STEM


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HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES

Houston High School offers the Honors Academy and the Leadership Academy, open to both residents of Germantown and non-residents. The advantage of being part of one of these academies is that they offer a focused educational experience tailored to your interests and goals. Joining an academy offers an exclusive opportunity to engage deeply in your areas of interest alongside fellow students who share your same passion and drive, fostering a unique environment for specialized learning and personal growth.

HONORS ACADEMY

The Honors Academy provides rigorous academic challenges and opportunities to earn college credits, as well as fostering community engagement. The Houston High Honors Academy consists of over 450 students in grades 9-12. Through the Honors Academy experience, these students cultivate life skills such as leadership, cooperation, organization, and responsibility.





LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Leadership Academy emphasizes developing leadership skills, fostering community impact, and enhancing personal growth within a small cohort of students with similar goals. The HHS Leadership Academy consists of over 100 students from all over Shelby County, Tennessee. Through the Leadership Academy experience, students cultivate character, personal responsibility, organization, community service, and networking skills.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ACADEMIES!



At HHS, every student can find a home for their unique interests! Whether your child loves building robots, creating art, excelling in AP classes, or exploring leadership through community involvement, we've got a place for them. HHS Mustangs are encouraged to join clubs and activities as studies show that active involvement leads to better academic performance, well-rounded individuals, and increased opportunities for jobs, internships, and university admission. On average, our students participate in two clubs or activities, creating a vibrant community that caters to diverse interests. There's a spot for everyone at Houston!

- American Chemistry Society
- Anime
- AP Physics with Calculus
- Archery Club
- Asian American & Pacific Islanders Association
- Aviation
- Badminton Club
- Beautifully Unique
- Beta Club
- Board/Table Top Games
- Book Club
- Cartoonist Club
- Chess Club
- Computer Science
- Cosmetology Club
- Crocheting & Knitting
- Cyber Patriots
- D.R.I.P. (Dear Random Important Person)
- Debate & Speech Club
- DECA
- Dr. Pepper Club
- Drama Club
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Facing History and Ourselves
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- Fashion Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Fine Arts Academy
- French Club
- Future Farmers of America
- Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- German Club
- German Folk Dancing (Wednesdays)
- GMSD Ambassadors
- Guitar Club
- HEAL for Health Tennessee
- HHS Community Service
- HHS Interscholastic Climbing League



- Hindu Student Association
- Hispanic and Latino Student Association
- Honors Academy
- Horizons
- HOSA-Future Health Professionals.
- Houston Hearts
- Houston Horsepower Wrestling Club
- International Club
- International Student Outreach
- Investment Club
- Jewish Student Association
- Junior Classical League/Latin
- Key Club
- Knowledge Bowl
- Leadership Academy
- Mahjong
- Math Club
- Medical Club
- Melanated Student Union (MSU)
- Mock Trial Club
- Model United Nations
- Mu Alpha Theta
- Muslim Student Association
- Muslim Student Association
- National Honor Society
- National Honors Art Society
- National Spanish Honor Society
- National Technical Honor Society
- Pickleball
- Poetry
- PRIDE
- Rescue Paws
- Rho Kappa
- Roller Coaster Enthusiast
- Science Club
- Skills USA
- Soccer
- Social Media
- South Asian Student Association (SASA)
- Spanish Club
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Student Health Advisory Council
- Student Impact Club
- Students Against Climate Change
- SWEnext : Society of Women Engineers
- Technology Student Association (TSA)
- TEDxYouth
- Test Prep Club
- Trap Team
- Tri-M Music Honor Society

Don’t see a club that you are interested in? Starting your own club is an easy process. Gather some friends, create a rationale, find a staff sponsor, and then email Shannon.Blackburn@gmsdk12.org to request a Club Form.



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FINE ARTS

At Houston, there is a wide variety of fine arts for students to be a part of. In the **theatre** department, students can explore writing, stage design, dance, directing, and acting. In 2023, the spring musical Chicago: Teen Edition, under the direction of theater teacher Kell Christie, won six different awards from the High School Musical Theater awards, including 2022-2023 HSMTA Best Overall Production.







Our **visual arts** program has provided students with multiple opportunities to travel and study art across the country. Their pieces can be found in various places throughout Germantown and the city of Memphis.

Students interested in **choir** can participate in multiple different sections of choir, including our a cappella group, Fifth Measure, and other large ensembles including Concert Choir and Women's Choir. Along with seasonal concerts and invitationals, each group gets the opportunity to travel nationally or internationally each year.

Our **orchestra** program has traveled all over the world to showcase their unique talents, and they are led by Juilliard graduate Dr. Long Long Kang. The **Houston band** is known for its tradition of excellence, and they have won multiple awards and program recognitions throughout the state. This season, their marching show, Western Sky Sketches, was a fan favorite at each of the football games.





SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAMS!

ATHLETICS

THE HOME OF THE MUSTANGS AND MANY, MANY CHAMPIONS

Houston is home to some of the most competitive athletic programs in the state of Tennessee. At Houston, student athletes are just that - student first, athletes second. Our coaching staff is trained to teach students to always work to the best of their ability and have a good attitude in the face of adversity or in the light of victory. These Mustangs have a reputation for academic excellence, sportsmanship, determination, and discipline. **With 99 state championships across 21 TSSAA sports,** Houston has a history of making champions. Many Mustangs go on to pursue their sports at the collegiate or professional level, and Houston is there to support them throughout the entire process.

SPORTS OFFERED

HHS offers 21 TSSAA sports, with National and State recognitions in multiple sports.

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Pom
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling



For the 23-24 season, our Varsity Football program won the State Championship, completing their season with a record of 13-2. This marked the 100th State Champion for Houston High School, and the first HHS football State Championship.

ATHLETICS SAFETY

Safety for our athletes is a top priority at HHS. Our athletics program received a Gold Star through the Tennessee Safe Star Program, meaning that Houston provides the highest level of safety for student athletes and fans. All of our athletic staff are trained and certified in CPR and AED use, and as students, our athletes are also trained and certified in grades 7, 9, and 11. At each sporting event we have trained medical staff to provide care as well.



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December 2023-January 16, 2024: GMSD Early Action Academy Applications Open

January 8, 2024 -February 5, 2024: Open Enrollment

January 22-February 5, 2024: GMSD Discovery Days

January 25, 2024: 9th-10th Grade Preview Night

February 1, 2024: 11th-12th Grade Preview Night

January 29, 2024: Course Selection

February 5, 2024: Houston Academy Applications Close

February 9, 2024: Course Selection Submissions due for Current Students

February 29, 2024: Houston Academy Acceptance/Denial Letters are mailed

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

This listing provides an overview of most important dates and deadlines for families new to Houston High School. These dates are important during your students' transition to being a Houston Mustang. Be sure to always check the incoming freshman webpage for any changes or additional information.

New Students Homepage

To view Houston's event calendar, please click here. To view the GMSD instructional calendar, click here.

Please remember, dates are subject to change. Be sure to check these calendars as they will reflect any changes.





For incoming 9th graders who are current GMSD students, counselors will visit their schools to meet with students about course selection on January 29th. New Students will select courses during the registration process beginning July 17th. They will meet with counselors to discuss appropriate course placement at that time. Students will then receive their schedules in August.

STUDENT HANDBOOK



Houston High School provides a digital copy of the student handbook on our website. The student handbook remains there for the entire duration of the school year, and it is updated each year.
The current student handbook can be found at this link:
https://hhs.gmsdk12.org/apps/pages/studenthandbook

GMSD also provides a student handbook for all of our schools. This digital copy will remain posted for the duration of the school year as well, and it is updated each year. The district level student handbook can be found here:
https://www.gmsdk12.org/apps/pages/studenthandbook

IN SUMMARY



TAKE THE STAGE WITH OUR AWARD WINNING FINE ARTS PROGRAMS



DISCOVER YOUR LEADERSHIP STYLE DURING ONE OF OUR SERVICE EVENTS



JOIN A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TEAM OR VIE FOR A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



EXPLORE YOUR CAREER INTERESTS



OVER 80 CLUBS OFFERED TO STUDENTS

NEXT STEPS



STAY CONNECTED

The *Houston Happenings* newsletter goes out the high school families each week to keep students and parents up to date on upcoming events. It is also a time to share what our students have accomplished in the previous week. Follow this link to sign up:

The GMSD newsletter, *GMSD In Focus*, is also sent out weekly. This newsletter shares stories from all across the district, as well as dates to be aware of as we move through each quarter. Follow this link to sign up:
https://www.gmsdk12.org/apps/pages/gmsdinfocus

SOCIAL MEDIA

We want all of our Mustang families to be able to see the incredible things that our students are doing. We encourage teams, clubs, teachers, coaches, and administrators to use social media to share these stories. We encourage you to review the social media accounts and connect with us, show your support for our school and participate in an open exchange of information and ideas.

@YouareHouston. @HoustonHighGMSD



STUDENT ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Open enrollment will begin on January 8, 2024 and will remain open until February 5, 2024. To enroll and become a Houston Mustang, follow this link:
https://www.gmsdk12.org/apps/pages/studentregistration



REQUIRED HEALTH FORMS

To learn more about immunizations and required health forms, visit our Coordinated School Health website here:
https://www.thephysedexpress.com/

QUESTIONS

All registration questions can be found on our Student Services page here. You can also message us on Let's Talk.