

Terms to Know

Credit-All courses are credit based; a grade of 70 must be earned to obtain credit; 7 credits can be earned each school year

Semester System- 1/2 credits are awarded at the end of each semester; semester grades are averaged for a final grade

Classification- Grade level is determined by credits earned:

- 10th: 6 credits
- 11th: 12 credits
- 12th: 19 credits

GPA-Sum of all semester course grades throughout HS career divided by the total number of credits. A new GPA is calculated at the end of each semester.

Class Rank- Ranks are assigned based on highest GPA to lowest GPA

Transcript- Official document showing all HS semester grades and credits earned.



Graduation Plans

- Foundation
- Foundation with Endorsement
 - All students are automatically enrolled in the foundation plan
 - Endorsement declared at registration
- Performance Acknowledgements
 - Earned through academic success and interests
- Distinguished Level of Achievement
 - All students on track for DLA
 - Must take Algebra II
 - Required for top 10% automatic admission into college

	Foundation+Endorsement(s)	Distinguished	Foundation
Discipline	Credits	Credits	Credits
English	4		4
Math	4	Algebra II	3
Science	4		3
Social Studies	4		3
LOTE	2		2
Fine Arts	1		1
Physical Education	1		1
Health	.5		.5
Speech	.5		.5
Technology	1		1
Electives	4		3
Total Credits for Graduation:	26	26	22

9th Grade Required Core Classes

ELA: English I

Math: Algebra 1 or Geometry

Science: Biology or IPC

Social Studies: World Geography or World History

Additional 3 Electives: PE, Fine Art, LOTE, Speech, Health, Technology, Career & Technical Education (CTE) course. CTE courses are aligned with certain programs of study.



Endorsements

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)

Business & Industry

Public Service

Arts and Humanities

Multidisciplinary Studies

Programs of Study

> A sequence of courses equaling four credits within a student's area of interest

> Connects high school classes to college, industry certifications, and careers

> Programs of Study can be found on page 41 in the 2024-2025 course catalog

Course Levels

> Regular courses are standard curriculum

> Preparatory Advanced Courses (PAC) have a more rigorous curriculum

> Advanced Placement (AP) is taught at the highest rigor. College credit can be earned through an AP exam.

> Dual Credit (DC) is taught at the highest rigor. Students earn HS and college credit.



State Testing

STAAR --> End of Course Exam (EOC)

All students must take and pass the following EOC's to graduate:

- » English I
- » English II
- » Biology
- » Algebra I
- » US History

Things to start considering

Get Involved

- Clubs
- Organizations
- Volunteering

Career Options/Goals

- 4-year University
- Community College
- Technical Trade School
- Military
- How to reach your goals?

Programs of Study

- Careers
- Certification Programs
- Del Mar College & CRAFT

Dual Credit

- Del Mar College
- Academic Core Courses
- Certification/License Programs



Balance Your Life

Remember- there are only 24 hours
in a day!

Coursework
Activities/Clubs
Extracurricular
Family
Friends

What's Next??

High School Counselors will be visiting with all 8th grade students March 21st through their English classes. A course selection sheet with the students appointment day/time will be distributed.

Parents and Students should review all material, complete the course selection sheet, and write down questions for your counselor.

Parent/Student Conferences will be held March 25th 28th at CMS.
Appointment date and time are located on the student selection sheet.



Contact information:

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or visit our website at
<https://chs.calallen.org/high-school-counselors>

Course Catalog



Preparing for High School Class of 2029



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Enjoy the Experience of High School!