HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES IN JUNIOR HIGH

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HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES

- ALGEBRA I
- GEOMETRY
- ART I FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT
- SPANISH I
- SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS 1/SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS 2
- CAREER LAUNCHPAD
- PRINCIPLES OF A/V TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS
- FOUNDATIONS OF BUSINESS COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGIES
- PRINCIPLES OF APPLIED ENGINEERING
- PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN SERVICES
- PRINCIPLES OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

BENEFITS OF TAKING HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES IN JUNIOR HIGH

- GET A HEAD START ON EARNING HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS
- EXPERIENCE THE RIGOR AND EXPECTATIONS OF HIGH SCHOOL-LEVEL COURSEWORK
- CREATE FLEXIBILITY IN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR ELECTIVES OR ADVANCED COURSES
- BUILD A STRONGER ACADEMIC WORK ETHIC
- DEVELOP GREATER PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
- BEGIN A PATHWAY TO A PROGRAM OF STUDY AND AN ENDORSEMENT

KEYS TO SUCCESS

- **BE PRESENT**: ATTEND SCHOOL DAILY AND ARRIVE TO CLASS ON TIME.
- **STAY ON TOP OF ASSIGNMENTS**: COMPLETE ALL WORK AND MEET DEADLINES.
- **CHECK IN REGULARLY**: MONITOR CANVAS AND HOME ACCESS FOR UPDATES AND GRADES.
- **SEEK HELP WHEN NEEDED**: ATTEND TUTORIALS AND ASK QUESTIONS.
- **COMMUNICATE**: TALK TO YOUR TEACHER AND ASK QUESTIONS WHEN YOU'RE UNSURE.
- **REVIEW OFTEN**: MAKE IT A HABIT TO REVIEW NOTES AND ASSIGNMENTS REGULARLY.
- **STAY ORGANIZED**: KEEP TRACK OF YOUR LEARNING DEVICE AND MATERIALS.
- **STUDY SMART**: PREPARE FOR ALL QUIZZES, TESTS, AND FINAL EXAMS

TRANSCRIPTS AND GPA

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES TAKEN IN JUNIOR HIGH WILL BECOME A **PERMANENT PART OF THE STUDENT'S ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT AND WILL COUNT TOWARD THE STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) AND CLASS RANK.**

EXCEPTION: BEGINNING WITH THE CLASS OF 2029, ALGEBRA 1 WILL NOT FACTOR INTO THE STUDENT'S GPA (GRADE POINT AVERAGE) IF THE STUDENT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES 4 ADDITIONAL CREDITS OF HIGH SCHOOL MATH.

Graduating Classes of 2023 and Thereafter

	(90-100) A	(80-89) B	(70-79) C	(69-Below) F
KAP/AP Courses*	5	4	3	0
Dual Credit Courses	4.5	3.5	2.5	0
Academic Core and Elective Courses	4	3	2	0

KAP/AP AND DUAL CREDIT COURSES ARE "WEIGHTED," MEANING EXTRA POINTS ARE FACTORED INTO THE GPA BASED ON THE GRADE EARNED

TRANSCRIPTS AND GPA

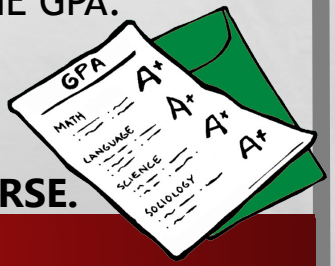
- KAP/AP/DUAL CREIDT WEIGHTED GRADE POINTS MAY ONLY BE AWARDED FOR THE COURSES DESIGNATED AS SUCH IN KATY ISD. MOST HIGH SCHOOL COURSES CURRENTLY OFFERED IN JUNIOR HIGH DO NOT EARN WEIGHTED (KAP/AP) GRADE POINTS.

- GEOMETRY KAP/GT IS A WEIGHTED HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSE OFFERED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED ALGEBRA 1 BEFORE STARTING THE 8TH GRADE.

- BEGINNING WITH THE CLASS OF 2029, ALGEBRA 1 WILL NOT FACTOR INTO THE STUDENT'S GPA (GRADE POINT AVERAGE) IF THE STUDENT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES 4 ADDITIONAL CREDITS OF HIGH SCHOOL MATH. THE CREDIT WILL COUNT ON THE TRANSCRIPT, BUT NO POINTS WILL FACTOR INTO THE GPA. IF THE STUDENT DOES NOT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE 4 ADDITIONAL CREDITS OF HIGH SCHOOL MATH, ALGEBRA 1 WILL FACTOR INTO THE GPA.

- ONCE A GRADE IS RECORDED ON THE TRANSCRIPT, IT **CANNOT** BE REMOVED.

- **STUDENTS CANNOT EARN CREDIT MORE THAN ONCE FOR THE SAME COURSE.**



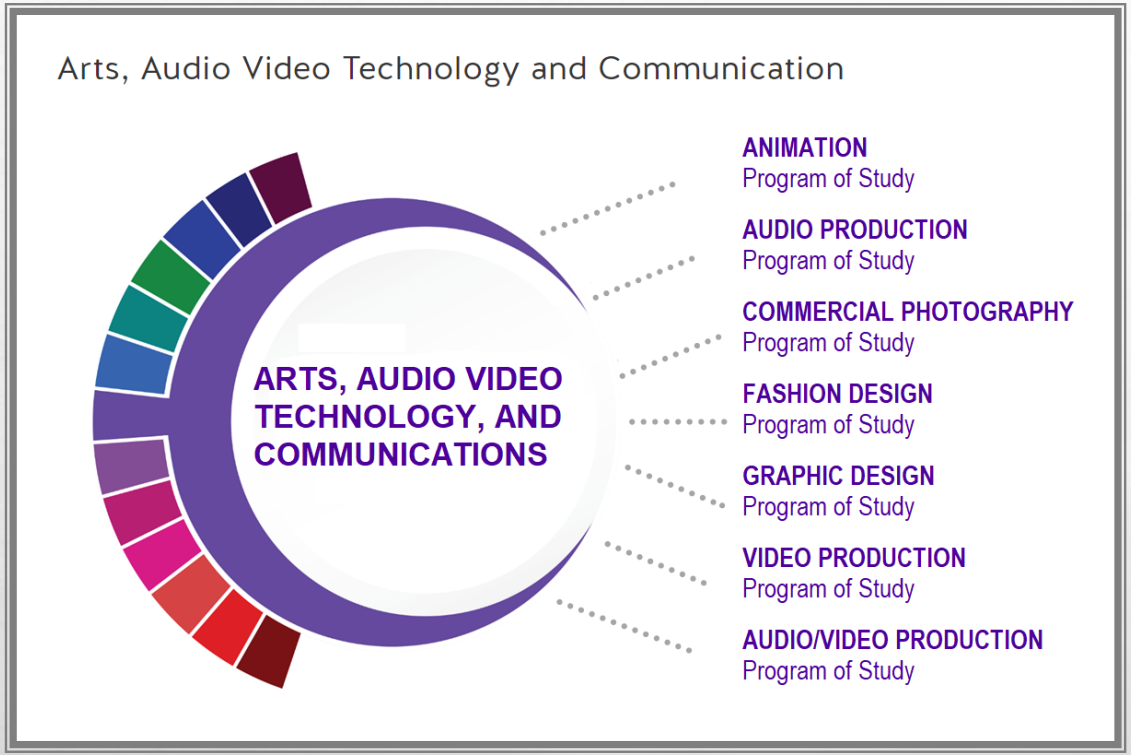
GRADES

- **A SEMESTER GRADE IS CALCULATED BY WEIGHTING THE COURSE GRADE FOR EACH OF THE THREE GRADING PERIODS AS 85% AND THE GRADE EARNED ON THE SEMESTER EXAMINATION AS 15%**
- STUDENTS **MUST EARN A SEMESTER GRADE OF 70 OR ABOVE** TO EARN CREDIT IN A COURSE.
- PASSING GRADES LEAD TO CREDIT EARNED TOWARD GRADUATION

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM + ENDORSEMENT (FHSP+E) APPLY TO ALL STUDENTS ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL.
- STUDENTS MAY ALSO EARN A DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT BY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING ALGEBRA II IN THEIR SELECTED COURSEWORK.
- THIS GRADUATION PLAN REQUIRES A STUDENT TO EARN 26 CREDITS.
- WHAT IS AN ENDORSEMENT?
    - A SPECIALIZED AREA OF FOCUS, CONTAINING A SEQUENCE OF COURSES IN A SPECIFIC AREA OF STUDY. TO EARN AN ENDORSEMENT, STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A COHERENT SEQUENCE OF COURSES FOR FOUR OR MORE CREDITS WHICH INCLUDES ONE ADVANCED COURSE IN THE DESIGNATED PROGRAM OF STUDY IN ADDITION TO THEIR OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY



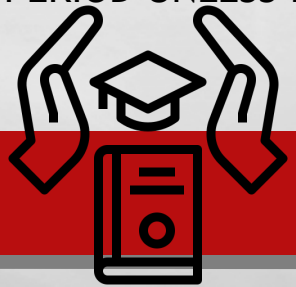
- **PROGRAMS OF STUDY** ARE COURSE SEQUENCES THAT BUILD CAREER-READY KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS.
- THEY INCLUDE REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES AND MAY LEAD TO A CERTIFICATION (IBC) PREPARING STUDENTS FOR HIGH-WAGE, HIGH-DEMAND CAREERS

ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND EXIT GUIDELINES FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES

- STUDENTS WHO BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE ACADEMIC CHALLENGES SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR TEACHER, HAVE ALL ASSIGNMENTS TURNED IN, AND ATTEND TUTORIALS TO IMPROVE ACADEMIC STANDING IN A COURSE.

- IF A STUDENT BEGINS FALLING BEHIND OR IS AT RISK OF FAILING A HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSE, THEY SHOULD TALK TO THEIR COUNSELOR ABOUT OPTIONS, INCLUDING EXIT GUIDELINES.

- AUTOMATIC EXIT: JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS WHO ARE FAILING A HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSE WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REMOVED FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST AND SECOND 6-WEEKS' GRADING PERIOD UNLESS RECOMMENDED BY THE TEACHER AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND EXIT GUIDELINES FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES

- AT ANY TIME DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, STUDENTS EXPERIENCING ACADEMIC CHALLENGES SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR TEACHER, HAVE ALL ASSIGNMENTS TURNED IN, AND ATTEND TUTORIALS TO IMPROVE ACADEMIC STANDING IN A COURSE.
- STUDENTS WHO FAIL THE FIRST SEMESTER WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COURSE FOR SECOND SEMESTER.
- STUDENTS WHO PASS THE FIRST SEMESTER WILL REMAIN IN THE COURSE THROUGH THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.
- SEMESTER GRADES EARNED ARE RECORDED ON A STUDENT'S ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

- FOR DETAILS ON GRADES, GPA, CREDITS, AND HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES TAKEN IN JUNIOR HIGH, VISIT THE KATY ISD STUDENT HANDBOOK

- FOR INFORMATION ON COURSES, PROGRAMS OF STUDY, AND ENDORSEMENT PATHWAYS, EXPLORE THE SCHOOLINKS ONLINE COURSE CATALOG
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