General Overview

The information contained in this document is intended to guide students in the selection of high school courses. Students should discuss this information with parents/guardians, teachers, school counselors, and/or administrators. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the registration process, students and parents/guardians are encouraged to contact the student's counselor or administrator.

School hours are 7:45am to 2:45pm.

All students will be scheduled for 8 classes and an IMPACT period each year. Lunch will be embedded into the 4th block each day.

Students can earn up to 8 credits each year for a total of 32 potential credits in four years.

Credits are awarded in 0.5 or 1.0 increments dependent upon the credit weight of the course.

Houston High School will operate on a **traditional 4x4 block schedule** beginning the 2026-2027 school year.

During the fall semester, students are enrolled in 4 classes which meet daily. At the end of the fall semester, students will receive credit for each course successfully completed and enroll in four different courses for the spring semester.

Fall Semester
- Class 1
- Class 2
- IMPACT
- Class 3
- Class 4

Spring Semester
- Class 5
- Class 6
- IMPACT
- Class 7
- Class 8

IMPACT

IMPACT is a stand-alone period that meets daily year-round. All students are enrolled in an IMPACT course based on their grade level.

IMPACT provides an opportunity for intervention, remediation, preparation, or enrichment in academic coursework. In IMPACT, students will sharpen their English and math skills, as well as receive ACT preparation. This required course is non-credit bearing.

Course Selection Process

Four-Year Plan of Study

Students will develop a four-year plan of study during spring of the 8th grade year. The plan of study will serve as a blueprint for meeting graduation requirements and individual student interests. While planning, students and parents/guardians should pay special attention to the following:

- Area of Focus: All students must select an area of focus while developing their four-year plan. HHS offers 13 areas of focus to support our diverse student body and the variety of individual needs and interests.
- College and Career Readiness (CCR): Students can demonstrate CCR by earning early postsecondary opportunities, meeting benchmarks on assessments like the ACT or ASVAB, or completing career-aligned programs of study that lead to industry credentials.

The plan of study will be reviewed each year during the course selection process. In addition, students may update their plan of study at any time by meeting with their counselor.