Crosby High School

Advanced Academics

A Parent Guide to Honors, AP, Dual Credit, MECA & Technical Programs

2026–2027

Advanced Academics at CHS

Courses are designed to prepare students for college-level work and future career opportunities.

HONORS

- Pre-college rigor
- 5.0 GPA scale
- No course fee

AP • Advanced Placement

- College-level courses
- 6.0 GPA scale
- AP exam in May
- Class has no fee; exam fee listed as $96 per test

DUAL CREDIT

- Earn high school + college credit
- 6.0 GPA scale
- Experience college coursework
- Academic dual credit requires college readiness in English & Math
- Tuition listed as $58.32/credit hour/semester*

*Tuition is subject to THECB rate changes. Students should consider the time, organization, communication, and effort required for advanced coursework.

Is Advanced Academics a Good Fit?

Parents and students should consider readiness—not just course availability.

- **Academic readiness** — Strong performance in English/ELAR and Math; college-readiness measures may be required.
- **Independence** — Can the student self-advocate, communicate with teachers, and ask for help?
- **Organization** — Can the student manage deadlines, studying, and responsibilities?
- **Future goals** — Is the student planning for college, a career, or both?
- **Maturity & commitment** — Advanced courses require consistent effort and follow-through.

What Does Advanced Academics Look Like in 9th Grade?

DUAL CREDIT

- EDUC 1200 – Learning Frameworks
- SPCH 1315 – Public Speaking
- Fall/Spring options
- Students complete a Lee College application

HONORS

- Algebra I*
- Geometry
- Biology
- World Geography

AP

- No AP courses in 9th grade
- AP World History begins in 10th grade

*Students who score Masters or close to Masters on 8th-grade Math STAAR may be placed in Honors Algebra I.

Academic Dual Credit

Students earn college and high school credit at the same time.

WHAT IT OFFERS

- College-level coursework while in high school
- 6.0 GPA scale
- College credit + high school credit
- Students are Lee College students and have access to college resources

9TH-GRADE ENTRY

- EDUC 1200 – Learning Frameworks
- SPCH 1315 – Public Speaking
- College-readiness requirements apply
- Lee College application and enrollment steps are required

Tuition listed in the original program materials: $58.32 per credit hour, per semester, subject to THECB rate changes.

MECA • Modified Early College Academy

A San Jacinto College pathway designed to help students earn an associate degree while completing high school.

MECA AT A GLANCE

- Pursue an associate degree (60 credit hours)
- Graduate from college and high school at the same time
- Open to sophomores in Honors Algebra 2
- College-readiness qualifiers required in ELAR and Math (TSIA2)

SCHEDULE & PLANNING

- Classes meet 7:00–10:00 AM at San Jacinto College North
- Friday classes are possible
- MECA follows the San Jacinto College calendar
- Students who earn Masters on Algebra I EOC may double up in Math in 10th grade with level Geometry and honors Algebra 2.

Technical Dual Credit

Career-focused programs can lead to industry-recognized certifications and workforce entry after graduation.

2-YEAR PROGRAMS

- HVAC / Air Conditioning & Heating***
- Cosmetology***
- Diesel Technology
- Welding Technology
- Electrical Technology***
- Process Technology (Lee)

1-YEAR PROGRAMS

- Pipefitting
- Plumbing
- Emergency Telecommunications**

TO PREPARE IN 9TH–10TH

- Complete required high school electives: Fine Art, PE, or LOTE
- Pass all classes with good attendance
- Technical programs begin in 11th grade

*Process Technology is at Lee College; students provide transportation and must be available for evening classes. **Emergency Telecommunications: student must be 18 by Jan. 1.

***Under current law, all students in a training program must receive a student permit from TDLR and must provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to qualify for student permits and licesnses.

Tuition & the FAST Program

Financial support varies by program and eligibility.

TECHNICAL DUAL CREDIT

- Crosby ISD covers tuition for CTE technical courses*
- Students are responsible for books and supplies
- CSME first-year books/supplies are approximately $1,200

ACADEMIC DUAL CREDIT

- Students pay tuition, fees, books, and supplies
- Tuition listed at $58.32 per credit hour/semester*
- Costs are subject to change

FAST SCHOLARSHIP

- Eligible students may receive free tuition, books, and supplies
- Eligibility is connected to free/reduced lunch enrollment
- Apply for free/reduced lunch through the SchoolCafe app

*For CISD-funded technical tuition, students must earn a passing grade in ALL technical courses.

Dual Credit: Enrollment Checklist

Complete each step before enrollment can be finalized.

1	**Meet the academic requirements**	Earn a B or better in English and Math and meet or master STAAR requirements.
2	**Confirm schedule availability**	A CTE pathway is a required elective and will not be replaced by academic dual credit.
3	**Apply to Lee College**	Submit the Lee College application through ApplyTexas.
4	**Get a Lee College ID**	Students must have a Lee ID before completing the enrollment form.
5	**Complete enrollment**	Student/parent completes the Lee College Enrollment Form.

Questions, Application Help & Next Steps

APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

- Laura Iglesias, Lee College Advisor
- liglesias@lee.edu • 281-425-6710
- Tuesday-Thursday, 3:00–4:00 PM at the CHS Next Level Center, or by appointment

CHS COUNSELING

- Amy Leos, Counselor
- aleos@crosbyisd.org • 281-328-9237 ext. 1812
- Contact the counseling office for course selection and dual credit questions.

2027-2028 Dual Credit Interest Form

https://forms.gle/qkuN1AVymX2QQPXR7

Registration for 2027-2028 classes begins in February. Space is limited.

For the most current deadlines, requirements, and costs, families should follow information provided by Crosby ISD and the college.