Welcome to DHS Parent University
FBISD
House Bill 5
Graduation Planning
Graduation Requirements

Students must complete 26 high school credits and earn an Endorsement.
Required Credits

- 4 Credits in **English**
- 4 Credits in **Math**
- 4 Credits in **Science**
- 4 Credits in **Social Studies**
- 2 Credits in **World Language**
- ½ Credit of **Health**
- ½ Credit of **Communication Applications**
- 1 Credit of **PE**
- 1 Credit of **Fine Art**
- 5 Credits of **Electives**

**26 Total Credits**
What is an Endorsement?

An Endorsement is a pathway of related courses.

Students start with an Introductory Course in 9th grade. They take more advanced courses in their Endorsement each year.
5 Endorsement Areas

- STEM
- Multidisciplinary
- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Industry
- Public Services
Counselors Monitor Progress toward Graduation

- Periodic Credit Checks
- Course Selection Guidance
- Annual Audits
- Grade Level Conferences
Students in Texas must pass 5 End of Course Exams

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GPA Calculation for Class of 2019 and Beyond

In FBISD, GPA is calculated on a 100 point scale. More Advanced classes receive extra points in GPA calculation.

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AVID:
Advancement Via Individual Determination
AVID Elective Course & Schoolwide implementation

- **Schoolwide**: Ensuring college readiness for ALL students & training teachers to use AVID skills in their classroom.
- **AVID Elective**:
  - Organization (binder)
  - Study skills
  - Critical thinking skills
  - Tutorials
  - Cornell notes
  - WICOR
  - College tours
The Avid Binder

- Promotes organization
- Agenda (EVERY freshman and AVID student was provided with one)
- Notes and school work in ONE place
- I do check backpacks
- This is a grade in the AVID elective.

2.5: Binder Checks

Binder Check-off Sheet

Required Contents:
- Good quality 3-ring binder—2”, 2½”, or 3” with pocket inserts
- 5–6 colored tab subject dividers to separate classes, including AVID Elective
- Zipper pouch to store supplies (A 3-hole-punched, heavy-duty, re-sealable plastic bag will also work.)
- 2 or more pens
- 2 or more pencils
- Notebook paper (Some notebook paper is now available in Cornell note style.)
- Agenda/daily planner/calendar
- Tutorial Request Forms (TRF)
- Learning logs

Suggested Contents:
- 1–2 zipper pouches (for supplies)
- 1 or more colored highlighter pens
- Notebook dictionary and/or thesaurus
- Calculator
- Six-inch ruler
- Tips on note-taking and test-taking skills/tutorial guidelines/other AVID strategy sheets
- Samples of note-taking in specific subject areas

Binder Organization (Order of Materials):
- Zipper pouch with supplies
- Agenda/daily planner/calendar
- Notebook paper
- Divider for each class

Divider Organization (Behind Each Divider):
- Cornell notes
- Handouts/worksheets/classwork
- Tests/quizzes
- Returned assignments

Additional Supplies Required for My AVID Binder

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________
4. __________________________
AVID Tutorials
The Cornell Note WAY!

- **Purpose:**
  - Organization
  - Questions
  - Review
  - Definitions

Main ideas and key questions (After taking notes)
- Key Words/Ideas
- Important dates/People
- Brainstorming
- Diagrams
- Lecture Notes
- Formulas
- Examples

Summary of your notes in your own words.
College exposure

- College Visits
- Guest Speakers
- Application Process
- Essay Workshops
- Reality Check
Before Senior Year:

• Work toward a competitive GPA/Class Rank
• Build your Resume: Join Organizations & Participate in Volunteer Work/Community Service
• Study & take the SAT/ACT (end of Junior Year)
• Attend College Visits at DHS (posted in Naviance) & District College Fairs
• Visit College campuses you are interested in attending (take the Questions to Ask handout)
• Make a list of potential majors and colleges that offer those majors
• Start writing your College Essay over the summer
• Apply for scholarships for underclassmen
Online Testing Prep

Khan Academy [SAT Prep]

KaplanQuizzes.com

QuantumACTPrep.com/ACT-Official-Test/

PrepFactory [ACT Prep]

4Tests.com [Practice Tests]
How Many Colleges Should I Apply To?

8 is the MAGIC NUMBER!

3 Safety Schools (I know I will get in)
- Community College
- Automatic Admissions Chart

3 Schools you hope to attend
- Schools that do holistic review

1-2 Dream Schools!
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**NON TX Schools**

- **University of Alabama**: 1080 SAT/21 ACT and a 3.0 GPA
- **University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)**: 1100 SAT/22 ACT and a 2.75 GPA

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Additional Notes:
- **Updated**: Date of last update.
- **Top 7% SAT/Top 8-10% SAT**: SAT scores for top 7% and 8-10% of applicants.
- **1st Q (Top 11-25%) New SAT**: SAT scores in the 1st quartile.
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- **3rd Q (Top 51-75%) New SAT**: SAT scores in the 3rd quartile.
- **4th Q (Top 78-100%) New SAT**: SAT scores in the 4th quartile.
- **Min score**: Minimum SAT score for admission.
- **Updated**: Date of last update.
- **Non-Post**: Indicates updated information is non-posted.
- **UT-** abbreviates University of Texas.

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Not Posted: Colleges are still updating admissions requirements, spreadsheet will be updated as colleges/universities update their requirements.
FAST

Applying to College is FAST

Fees
Application
Send Scores
Transcript
FEES

Pay the application fee
(or submit a fee waiver if you are on free and reduced lunch. See your Counselor or Naviance)

Most community colleges, such as Houston Community College, do not charge an application fee. Many are waiving fees for Harvey victims this year!

The average cost of college applications is about $40.00, but some colleges charge $75.00 or more.
APPLICATION

State Schools:
applytexas.org (including junior colleges)

Private or Out of State:
commonapp.org

Note: If using the common application, you must link your common app account to Naviance. See info on how to do this in the “How To” section in your handbook.

Applying through the University:
Students should be aware that they will not be able to copy an application this way. The only advantage students have in applying directly through the university is that sometimes a fee waiver is offered.
The College Essay

• Personalize the application
  – Show who you are as a person vs. numbers
  – The closest you will come to introducing yourself to the admissions committee
  – Sets the tone for the rest of the application
  – Can demonstrate fit

• Writing sample
  – No matter your intended major/career, ability to communicate effectively in writing is critical
National English Honor Society
Essay Writing Labs

2:45 PM– 3:45 PM
Mrs. Gist’s Room
C114

Mondays & Wednesdays
SEND SCORES

Send SAT or ACT official scores to the colleges you are applying to.

If you have not taken one of these tests, sign up TODAY!

Junior colleges do not require the SAT or ACT, but they require a placement test called the TSI.

SAT sign up & testing dates: https://www.collegeboard.org/

ACT sign up & testing dates: www.actstudent.org
TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts are sent to colleges in Naviance.

Students will login to Naviance using their FBISD user name & password.

Add the college you are applying to in “Colleges I’m Applying to.”

Once completed, the system will allow you to request a transcript.

The registrar processes the transcript request, and the transcript is sent to the school within the week.
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Not every school requires letters of recommendation by a teacher or counselor.

Research the school you are applying to before you request a letter. If you know you need a letter/form, you should speak with/email your counselor/and or teacher at least three weeks before the deadline. (business days)
MANDATORY info you must provide:

- **A resume** that includes course work, GPA/ rank, community and extracurricular involvement.

- **Submission deadlines** for EACH institution you are applying to

- **List of Schools** you are applying to & need a letter for
  *(If this changes, and you choose to add a school or not apply to a school, contact the teacher and/ or counselor immediately as this affects your Naviance account)*

- **The type of submission** your letter requires
  *(Which schools require this sent electronically? Which schools are you using the common application with? Which schools require the teacher/ counselor to mail the letter?)*
Rec Letter Etiquette

• Communicate often with your recommender.
• Provide a resume & all the mandatory information requested.
• Give at least 3 weeks notice for all letters.
• Update teachers and counselors immediately as you add or remove colleges from your college app list.
• Write a thank you note to the teacher/counselor even if you’re not accepted to the university.
Rec Letter Etiquette

Be realistic in your goals.

If you are really not interested in applying to a school, do not ask the counselor/teacher to write you a letter for that school.

Quality letters of recommendation are time consuming for teachers and counselors.

Do not ask them unless you are serious about the school and can demonstrate, based on admission criteria, that this school is a realistic option.
MONEY

Cost:
Go to the college website for cost information.

Use a cost estimator to see what you might have to pay.

FAFSA:
Apply for loans & grants starting October 1\textsuperscript{st} using online form: FAFSA.ed.gov

SCHOLARSHIPS:
Apply for scholarships through your school, using search engines, and using the list in Naviance.
Follow the college & career twitter.