

- Q. Can my child take Biology or Geometry over the summer?
- A. We discourage students from taking year-long core classes over the summer. A summer course will not cover all topics taken during the school year, as Biology and Geometry are the foundation for all upper-level science and math courses, respectively. Students will be at a disadvantage and struggle somewhat in higher science or math classes. The same is true for any core course. If this is your desire, all freshmen will register for Biology (or Geometry) through their FBISD middle school counselor and when the summer grade is received, prior to the FBISD deadline, the counselor will remove the course and add the next science class.

Any course that is taken over the summer should be completed by the deadline in July set forth by the CHS counselors (TBA). This will allow us time to receive grades from your provider and make changes to your schedule in time for the first day of school. Please plan accordingly.

- Q. Can my daughter take AP Biology in 9th grade? She is in AAC Biology in 8th grade.
- A. 9th graders cannot take AP Biology, as the prerequisites in the Course Selection Guide state that students must be in at least 10th grade to take this course. Prerequisites for all courses can be found in the Course Selection Guide.

- Q. How can I enroll my child to do Speech and Health during this summer in 2026?
- A. Please contact the 8th grade counselor for instructions.

- Q. When is 9th grade orientation?
- A. Ranger Camp is held in August. Parents will receive information via email and information will be posted on the Clements HS website in July.

- Q. If my child has a coding background, can they skip Fundamentals of Computer Science or Computer Science 1 AAC and take AP Computer Science A?
- A. Yes, as long as the student has met the prerequisites for the class as outlined in the Course Selection Guide. As a warning, though, students will not be considered “completers” for the STEM: Computer Science endorsement if they do not complete Computer Science 1 AAC.

- Q. Are there any general guidelines on how colleges in Texas accept AP course credits from high school?
- A. Each college’s requirements are different. You may contact the college directly to inquire about their guidelines for AP course acceptance. Additionally, you may go to College Board’s AP Credit Policy Search website to see which colleges accept AP Exams for credit—and what score a student must earn to earn college credit at each university: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>

- Q. Can you take business classes in 10th or 11th grade?
- A. Yes, as long as you’re in the Business and Industry Pathway and have completed all required prerequisites in order.

Business, Marketing & Finance: Accounting & Financial Services	Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance	Business Information Management I	Accounting I	AAC Securities and Investments
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- Q. Is there a broadcasting class? What pathway would this be?
A. Yes, broadcasting is offered at CHS. It is an option under the English pathway of the Business & Industry endorsement. The pre-requisite for the Broadcasting course is either Photojournalism or Journalism.
- Q. What is the website URL?
A. Our website is located here: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/2549>
- Q. My daughter would like to take orchestra each year but doesn't want the Arts & Humanities endorsement. Is that possible?
A. Yes, as you fulfill requirements and pathways, your student can obtain several endorsements as they go. The district just requires at least one endorsement.
- Q. Do students on a particular pathway get priority for courses for the pathway compared to multidisciplinary?
A. Not necessarily a priority, but we make every effort to allow our students to fulfill their pathway requirements for their endorsement.
- Q. Can you complete more than one endorsement?
A. Yes, you can, as you fulfill requirements and pathways, your student can obtain several endorsements as they go. The district just requires at least one endorsement.
- Q. What would be the best endorsement for someone aspiring to go to medical school?
A. Public Service Endorsement with the Health Science pathway. STEM: Math or STEM: Science would also be options for your child to pursue.
- Q. If you do the Health Science Pathway, do you have to take AAC Anatomy & Physiology or can you take on-level?
A. Anatomy and Physiology is only offered as an AAC course due to the course content.
- Q. When and where do we choose our 9th grade courses?
A. 9th grade courses will be chosen in SchoolLinks. Instructions can be found on the Counselor's webpage - <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/144209>.
- Q. My child applied to an academy or CTE program housed on another campus. When will we know if they have been accepted? Where will their course selection submission go, CHS or the academy campus?
A. We do not currently have an ETA on academy and CTE program acceptances. Course selections will be done in Schoollinks, and if your child is accepted to their program, this information will go to the school they will attend.
- Q. My child wants to do fine arts for four years, but does not want to pursue a fine arts endorsement and would like to explore multiple classes. What endorsement would be best for her?

- A. Multidisciplinary 4x4 would likely be the best endorsement for your child in this case.
- Q. For On Ramps courses, does the grade from UT get included in the student's CHS GPA calculation? Or just the high school grade?
- A. Only the high school grade is included in the student's high school GPA.
- Q. Can a student who graduates with the CTE program still apply for college?
- A. Yes!
- Q. Do Dual Enrollment courses (OnRamps and Dual Credit) lead to an associate degree by graduation? Do these courses transfer easily for credit to most universities?
- A. CHS does not offer a program that leads to an associate degree. Texas colleges and universities do accept dual credit and dual enrollment credit, however we would encourage you to contact the colleges you are interested in to inquire about specific courses.
- Q. What CTE courses are offered at Clements HS?
- A. Please visit our CHS Counseling website for a list of CTE courses offered.
<https://www.fortbendisd.com/cms/lib/TX01917858/Centricity/Domain/2549/HS%20Universal%20Course%20Selection%20Listings%202026-2027.pdf>
- Q. Do GT students need to do a GT project every year through high school? Are there penalties for dropping out of GT? Are there benefits for college?
- A. As of this time, GT students are not required to do a GT project every year. However, one is required for 9th graders. If you drop out of GT, you are no longer eligible in the 11th grade to apply for the highly competitive GT mentorship program as a senior. There is no correlation between the GT program and college, as colleges do not ask for GT status on their applications.
- Q. Will the course offerings be affected by the move to the new Clements building?
- A. No. We will not be moving to the new building until the 2027-28 school year, so course offerings for the 2026-27 school year will not be affected.
- Q. Is AAC Orchestra a separate class, or would you be placed into the course by audition? How is AAC different than on-level?
- A. Please refer to the 8th grade presentation for an explanation of the AAC Orchestra courses. There is a slide dedicated to this topic. This presentation can be found on the Counselor's webpage- <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/144209>.
- Q. Why can Fine Arts receive AAC credit, but this is not offered for athletics?
- A. Clements High School does not determine how credits are weighted; that is decided by the school district. Students who remain enrolled in an athletic course for all four years may be eligible to have their junior or senior year course exempted from their GPA.

- Q. How do you get into the GT program? When do you test?
- A. Testing is given yearly in the fall semester. You may visit the GT website at <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/66> to see when testing will become available.
- Q. If my child wants to play sports, does s/he enroll for the sport or for PE?
- A. Yes, and contact the coach for the sport of interest. The webpage with their email address may be found at the bottom of the page here <https://www.fortbendisd.com/domain/2536>
- Q. Do students need to turn the paper form in for course selection?
- A. Yes, the middle school counselor will pick them up.
- Q. What does the transition look like for students in special education with an IEP?
- A. The SPED chairs at both the middle school and high school campuses work closely together to ensure a smooth transition with course selections and specific modifications required in the IEP.
- Q. What courses are available over the summer? How do we sign up? Can students work on online classes if they are traveling?
- A. Please contact the 8th grade counselor for summer school information and instructions.
- Q. When will the 2026-27 academic year calendar be available?
- A. Usually by the end of the academic school year but watch for information on the Fort Bend ISD website.
- Q. Do you have any weekly newsletters that are sent to the parents to know more about school events?
- A. Yes, our principal sends out a weekly newsletter every Friday to parents with important information and upcoming events.
- Q. Can you briefly explain how GPA works? How are AP and AAC courses weighted?
- A. The GPA works by converting letter grades into numerical points, totaling them up and dividing by the number of courses. The weighted GPA gives extra points to AAC, AP, dual credit and OnRamps courses. You can find more explanation in the FBISD Course Selection Guide - [Teaching and Learning / Course Selection Guides and Resources](#). AP, dual credit, and OnRamps courses are given an additional 10 points. AAC courses are given an additional 5 points.
- Q. If you take an AP course, do you have to take the AP exam at the end of the year? Is there a penalty if you do not take the AP exam?
- A. The expectation is that any student enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) course will take the exam at the end of the school year. However, it is not a requirement to take the AP exam in order to earn high school credit, and you will not be penalized

for electing to forego the exam. For more information about AP exams, please visit the district's Advanced Placement website: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/295>