



L. V. HIGHTOWER HIGH SCHOOL

2018-2019

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SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY

Opening its doors in 1998 to the communities of Missouri City, Fresno, and Arcola, Hightower High School is FBISD's seventh and most innovative high school. This community is located adjacent to southwest Houston and has grown significantly in the last ten years to become a major suburban area. Students from around the district are selected each year to attend the career academies specializing in Medical Sciences and Digital Media.

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

- Seniors: 493, Juniors: 460, Sophomores: 486, Freshman: 581
- Faculty: 124 - 47% have master's degrees and beyond
- Schedule: Classes meet 50 minutes per day, maximum 7 periods per day, 5 days each week, 18 weeks per semester.
- School Year: August 15, 2018 to May 24, 2019
- Accreditation: Southern Association of Secondary Schools and the Texas Education Agency

CURRICULUM

- Hightower provides a strong academic program with more than 200 possible course selections including an extensive vocational/technical curriculum.
- HHS is home to FBISD's Medical Science and Digital Media Academies, which provide focused curriculum in these areas to prepare students for future careers.
- Options are available for students to earn college credit during the school day.
- Advanced Placement courses are available in English, Calculus, Statistics, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Art History, U.S. History, Psychology, Government, Economics, Spanish, Environmental Science, Human Geography, World History, Music Theory and Computer Science.
- UIL-sponsored athletic programs for young men and women are offered in football, basketball, tennis, track, soccer, golf, swimming, diving, volleyball, baseball, and softball.
- Co-curricular programs include choir, band, orchestra, dance team, student government, service and academic clubs, athletics, speech/debate, Academic Decathlon/Octathlon, and UIL academic competitive subjects.
- Gifted and Talented programs are available in English, math, science and social studies. AVID elective is also available.
- The honors program offers courses in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Languages and Music.
- Instruction is available for special needs through Special Education and Bilingual/ESOL instruction.

Hightower Information

ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION

American Indian	.4%
Asian	7.3%
African American	61.7%
Hispanic	27.2%
White	1.7%
Two or More Races	1.7%

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

SAT EBRW	HHS	TEXAS	NAT'L
2017 – 2018	522	547	558
2016 – 2017	513	512	538
2015 – 2016	470	766	494

SAT MATH	HHS	TEXAS	NAT'L
2017 – 2018	505	543	562
2016 – 2017	502	507	533
2015 – 2016	477	478	508

SAT WRITING/ESSAY	HHS	TEXAS	NAT'L
2017-2018	26	27	28
2016-2017	26	25	27
2015-2016	453	449	487

ACT COMPOSITE	HHS	TEXAS	NAT'L
2017 – 2018	Available 10/18	Available 10/18	Available 10/18
2016 – 2017	19.9	20.7	21.0
2015 – 2016	20.0	20.6	20.8

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

	Commended	Semi-Finalist
2016	1	1
2017	5	2
2018		0

POSTSECONDARY COMMITMENT

Source: National Student Clearinghouse Data on Class of 2017 who enrolled in postsecondary education during the first year following high school graduation. (Class of 2018 initial enrollment data will be available from NSC in November 2018)

Class of 2017

Total Postsecondary Enrollment During First Year	57%
Four Year College	39%
Two Year College	18%
7 Year Average to Any Postsecondary Institution	75%
Military Service Enlistments	1.3%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

2017-2018

Total AP Students taking 1 or more AP exams	256
Number of Exams	493
AP Students with Scores of 3+	93
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	36%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAMS

The Foundation + Endorsements Graduation Program credits for the 2018 – 2019 graduating seniors:

4 credits English <i>ELA I, II, III, IV or one credit in any authorized advanced English course</i>	4 credits Math <i>Algebra I, Geometry, two credits in any authorized advanced math course</i>	4 credits Science <i>Biology, IPC or Chemistry or Physics, and two credits in any authorized science course</i>	3 credits Social Studies <i>US History, Government (.5), Economics (.5), World Geography or World History</i>
2 credits World Language or Computer Science	1 credit Physical Education	1 credit Fine Arts	6 credits in electives <i>May include CTE or certification courses</i>
.5 credits Speech (FBISD)	.5 credit Health (FBISD)	<i>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement</i>	

Distinguished level of Achievement – same as Foundation + Endorsements, plus Performance Acknowledgements.

CLASS RANK

- All high school credit courses attempted are included in the calculation of the GPA
- The GPA system utilized in FBISD is referred to as the “100 Point Scale”
- GPA is calculated by adding semester averages earned and dividing by semesters attempted
- Courses are weighted differently in GPA calculations used for class rank
 - Grade points are assessed based on the grade and level as follows:

Letter & Numerical Grades	Advanced Placement/Beyond AP	Dual Credit/PreAP/Honors
A (100 – 90)	Receives	Receives
B (89 – 80)	10 Point GPA Weight	5 Point GPA Weight
C (79 – 70)		
F (69 – 0)		