



L. V. HIGHTOWER HIGH SCHOOL

2020-2021

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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 twenty 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, and beginning Fall 2019 in the P-TECH program.

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

- Seniors: 466, Juniors: 517, Sophomores: 581, Freshman: 588
- Faculty: 222 – 35% have master's degrees and beyond
- Schedule: Classes meet 60-90 minutes per day, maximum 4 periods per day, 5 days each week, 18 weeks per semester.
- School Year: August 17, 2020 to May 26, 2021
- 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.
- P-TECH/ECHS program for students to earn AAS degree during high school.
- 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 are offered in football, basketball, tennis, track, soccer, golf, swimming, diving, volleyball, baseball, and softball.
- Co-curricular programs include choir, band, orchestra, dance, 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 advanced academic 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/Native Hawaiian	.01%
Asian	7.3%
African American	61.2%
Hispanic	28.0%
White	1.7%
Two or More Races	1.8%

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

	Commended	Semi-Finalist
2020	TBA	1
2019	3	1
2018	0	0

POSTSECONDARY COMMITMENT

Source: National Student Clearinghouse Data on Class of 2019 who enrolled in postsecondary education during the first year following high school graduation. (Class of 2020 initial enrollment data will be available from NSC in November 2020)

Class of 2019 Total Postsecondary Enrollment

First Year after high school	59%
Four Year College	37%
Two Year College	22%
Military Service Enlistments	2.6%

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

SAT EBRW	HHS	TEXAS	NAT'L
2019-20	504	510	528
2018-19	508	515	531
2017-18	525	520	536

SAT MATH	HHS	TEXAS	NAT'L
2019-20	482	500	523
2018-19	488	507	528
2017-18	507	512	531

ACT COMPOSITE	HHS	TEXAS	NAT'L
2019-20	20.3	20.2	20.6
2018-19	18.5	20.5	20.7
2017-18	20.0	20.6	20.8

ACT ENG/MATH	HHS	TEXAS	NAT'L
2019-20	19.6 / 20.1	19.1 / 20.1	19.9 / 20.2
2018-19	17.3 / 17.9	19.5 / 20.4	20.1 / 20.4
2017-18	19.2 / 19.2	19.6 / 20.6	20.2 / 20.5

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

2019-20

Total AP Students taking 1 or more AP exams	241
Number of Exams	381
AP Students with Scores of 3+	98
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	41%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAMS

The Foundation + Endorsements Graduation Program credits for the 2020 – 2021 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/Advanced Academic
A (100 – 90)	Receives	Receives
B (89 – 80)	10 Point GPA Weight	5 Point GPA Weight
C (79 – 70)	(dual credit weight for	(dual credit weight for class of
F (69 – 0)	class of 2023 and beyond)	2021, 2022)