

Things I Wish I Had Known Before Sending My Kid to High School

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Graduation Requirements

- Pass all sections of TAKS
- 26 credits in courses
 - We offer 7 credits per year
 - Four year planning is essential

High School Schedule

- 7:20 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- 7 classes per day (each is 51 minutes long)
- Lunch is 30 minutes
- Classes are primarily in the NGC at CLHS
- 0.5 credit per semester course
- 70 is passing mark

Smaller Learning Communities

- CLHS 9th graders
 - Alpha A-K Voyagers
 - Alpha L-Z Explorers
- CLHS 10th- 12th graders
 - Performing and Visual Arts
 - Business
 - Communications, Human Services and Law
 - Engineering, Technology and Agriculture
 - Health Sciences

Class Levels

- Regular level
- Enriched
- Advanced Academic
- PreAP/ AP level
- Special Education level classes

Homework

- Approx. 20 minutes in each class per night for regular level
- Approx. 45 minutes in each class per night for PreAP/ AP level
- Establish a time for homework
- Monitor your child during homework time
- Tutorials after school
- No homework? Books to read, notes to study, projects to start

Superintendent's Scholars

- Eligibility begins in 9th grade
 - Can earn this prestigious honor every year
 - 4th Year Recipients' Dinner
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Course Selection Dates

- Feb. 9-13 HS counselors visit 8th graders
 - Feb. 12- CCISD presentation on PreAP/ AP Program @ CBHS 7:00 p.m.
 - Feb. 17- CLHS Course Fair- NGC 7:00 p.m.
 - Feb. 20- 8th graders turn in course selection cards
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Questions During Course Selection?

- Contact your child's intermediate school counselor
 - Get guidance from them or your child's teachers about courses for next year
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Alternative Ways to Earn Credit

- e4 on line course work through CCISD
 - Texas Tech University- high school correspondence course
 - Credit By Exam for Acceleration
 - Summer School
 - All require HS counselor approval BEFORE you register
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Tests, Tests and More Tests

- TAKS- for graduation (11th grade)
 - PSAT in 10th and 11th grade
 - SAT end of 11th grade
 - ACT end of 11th grade
 - THEA for TX colleges and universities
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Success in High School

- Resiliency
 - Responsibility
 - Getting involved at school- clubs
 - Time Management
 - Motivation
 - Reading ability
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Multiple Activities?

It depends...

- Time management skills
- Practice times are longer
- Homework requirements are greater

Take PreAP/ AP?

It depends...

- Is he or she currently in advanced level courses?
- Extracurricular involvement
- Motivation level- doing more than others
- Read and write well (2 years above gr. level)
- GPA reasons?
- Friends?

GPA Scale

- Currently on 6.0 scale
- Point- for- point system

Grade Points

For students entering high school in 2007-2008 and thereafter, grade points will be assigned on a point-for-point basis for each semester grade.

Actual Grade	Level 1 AP/PAP	Level 2 Reg/ Enrch	Level 3 Basic
100	6.0	5.0	4.0
99	5.9	4.9	3.9
98	5.8	4.8	3.8
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70	3.0	2.0	1.0
Below 70	0	0	0

Parents Tracking Grades

- K-12 Planet is used right now
- CCISD is working on a parent portal for Blackboard now

Naviance

- Career Exploration Tools
- College Exploration Tools
- Personality Testing
- Test Preparation
- Four Year Planning
- Search Features
- Keep track of résumé items

Fish Camp

- Freshman Orientation
 - Gets rid of first day jitters
 - Connect with old friends
 - Make new friends
 - Begins connection with school
 - We have a whopping 85% attendance rate!
 - Usually held two weeks before school starts
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