



# High School Track Planning Guide

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:** To receive a college prep diploma, a minimum of 24 credits is required. Students must earn a Bible credit for each year at HCS, 4 units of English, 4 units of math, 3 units of science, 3 units of social studies, and 1 unit of PE/health. Additional courses will be recommended to comply with standard requirements for college entrance. Electives will vary based on demand and availability, and online options will also be available. Students who receive approval to take less than the aforementioned courses will be given a standard diploma (22 minimum credits required). Seniors must take a minimum of 5 credits (4 must be HCS classes).

## COMMON FOUR-YEAR TRACK:

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Bible	Bible II	Bible III	Worldviews
English I	English II	English III	Pre-Calculus
Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	English IV
World History	Gov/Econ	US History I	Physics
Phys Science	Biology	Chemistry	Modern US History
PE/Health	Spanish I	Spanish II	Elective

**HALF-CREDIT ELECTIVE OPTIONS FOR 2019-2020:** HS Chorus (M/W), drama (T/Th), art(T/Th), yearbook (M-F), teaching assistant (upper classmen only), and online electives.

**COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS:** Students must take Algebra I and three higher-level math courses. Two years of the same foreign language is required. Three years of science is required, and four are recommended.

**CREDIT:** Students will not receive credit for a class if absent for 15 days in a semester or 25 days in a year. This policy applies to each individual class; students will not receive credit for attending all classes if they arrive late or withdraw early in the day. Credit for one unit courses (e.g. English) will be awarded based on the yearly average, not the semester average. Credit recovery options may be available if a student fails only one semester.

**HONORS AND AP COURSES:** The availability of these courses vary according to demand and scheduling factors. For completing an honors course, students will receive one additional GPA point. In AP classes, students are given two additional GPA points. This applies courses taken in the classroom or as online class. Students must make a 90/A in math or 88/B+ in English prerequisites to enroll in an honors course. Students must maintain an 85/B in honors to stay in the honors track. If a student wants to double math courses (e.g. Geometry and Algebra II), they must have a 95 in the prerequisite (e.g. Algebra I) course.

The following lists the availability of honors courses for the 2019-2020 school year:

- Math honor courses from Pre-Algebra for 7<sup>th</sup> graders through Calculus for 12<sup>th</sup> graders
- English honor courses for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders
- AP courses must be taken through Edgenuity as an online course
- Honors High School Chorus (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders only)

**DUAL ENROLLMENT:** Not all college dual enrollment courses may be substituted for an on-campus class; limited approval is designed to protect the biblical instruction and academic rigor of our school.

Consider the rigor of college courses, the difference in college and high school schedules for completing coursework, the worldview of the college, and high school courses needed for college entrance when making decision about dual enrollment. Dual enrollment courses that substitute for a core class will be given honors credit; other courses will be considered an elective. To read more information about our policies, as well as advice about choosing dual-enrollment courses, access the “Dual Enrollment Guidelines” on our website in the MY HCS menu.

**COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS:** All students receiving a college prep diploma must take the ACT or SAT before graduation. Our preference is the ACT, but the best choice is the exam recommended by your college of choice. It is recommended that students take a test in the spring of their junior year, and the winter of their senior year. Students must sign up for these tests individually, but the PSAT and practice tests will be scheduled by the school.

**ONLINE COURSES (not dual enrollment):** Students may choose to take online electives that are not offered on campus. An additional one-time fee of \$100 applies for courses taken through the online service, Edgenuity, that HCS contracts. Any course not taken through HCS must be approved first, and the student will assume all financial responsibilities for that course. A request to substitute an online course for an on-campus class (e.g., Algebra, Spanish, U.S. History) will only be granted due to unusual circumstances, such as a legitimate learning difference, doubling subjects to enter an honors track, or scheduling conflicts. Examples of the electives offered by Edgenuity are as follows (contact the office for a complete list):

- Course recovery subjects
- SAT and ACT prep courses
- Foreign Languages: French, Chinese, German, and Latin
- AP Courses: Literature, Calculus AB, and History (additional costs for online teacher support may be required)
- Introduction to Coding
- Computer applications, coding, and other technology related courses
- Various vocational courses

**AUGUST 1, 2019**

***Don't wait until the first day of school to get your schedule settled!***

***Get help with your class schedule!***

Come on campus or phone in. You can call early to schedule an appointment if you choose.

We can help you with your questions, let you know your options, sign you up for electives you may want to take, or help you arrange your class schedule if you are not on the default track (see page 1). Mr. Moots, Mr. Gaynor, and other staff members will be available to help you.