



High School Track Planning Guide

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: To receive a standard diploma, students must take a minimum of 22 credits. Seniors must take a minimum of 5 credits (4 must be HCS classes). 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.

COMMON FOUR-YEAR TRACK:

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Bible	Bible II	Bible III	Worldviews (Bible)
English I	English II	English III	Pre-Calculus
Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	English IV
World History	Gov/Civics	US History	Social studies
Phys Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
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-PREP REQUIREMENTS: Students must take Algebra I and 3 higher-level math courses, 2 years of the same foreign language, 3 years of science (4 are recommended), 4 years of social studies, and other electives. Remember that electives (full credit, half credit, in-class, online, or dual-enrollment) are given a pass/fail credit on the student's transcripts and will not be considered for the valedictorian and salutatorian award.

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 (transcripts will show a pass/fail credit but not a grade). Students may not drop a course after the fifth week of the first quarter unless the principal grants an exception due to an extenuating hardship.

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 to 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 2020-2021 school year:

- Math honor courses from Pre-Algebra for 7th graders through Calculus for 12th graders
- English honor courses for 9th-12th graders
- AP courses must be taken through Edgenuity as an online course (additional fees apply).
- Honors High School Chorus (10th-12th 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 and will not be calculated in the student's GPA. 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 are responsible to sign up for these tests. Students may utilize the test dates we offer on campus, or they may take a college entrance test off campus.

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 (additional costs for online teacher support may be required)
- Computer applications, coding, and other technology related courses
- Vocational courses

AUGUST 4, 2020

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.