



# Student Advisement

Houston County High School  
Spring 2020



# Current Graduation Requirements

- English/Language Arts 4 Credits
- Math 4 Credits
- Science 4 Credits
- Social Studies 3 Credits
- CTAE and/or Mod. Lang. and/or Fine Arts 3 Credits
- Health and Personal Fitness 1 Credit
- Electives 5 Credits
  
- **Total Units 24**



# Credits Needed

- You must earn the following credits in order to be qualified for the next grade level:

5 credits = 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

11 credits = 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

17 credits = 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

- You must have 24 credits to graduate.



# Honors Students

- **Must** be in at least one honors class to remain in honors.
- AP classes count as honors classes.
- Dual-Enrollment courses **DO NOT COUNT** as one of your honors classes.

# Foreign Language

- HCHS offers two foreign languages: Spanish and French
- Latin is offered at the Houston County Career Academy (takes up two class periods)
- Although foreign language is not required for graduation, students planning to attend a four-year college immediately after high school MUST take two units of the same foreign language.
- If a foreign language is not listed as a required course and you would like to take a foreign language, please write the course you want to drop in the “Course to Drop” box and write the foreign language you would like to take in the “Course to Add” box.

# Dual Enrollment

- You must have the equivalency of 7 class periods, even if you are planning to do Dual-Enrollment (DE).
- If you plan to participate in the DE program this summer, you must **submit the required forms** for approval to your counselor no later than **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
- If you plan to participate in the DE program this coming fall, you must **submit the required forms** for approval to your counselor no later than **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – NO EXCEPTIONS!!! \*\*You must provide your own transportation.**



# Dual Enrollment Cont.

- You can obtain the DE Checklist & Participation Agreement from the Counseling Office or at evening advisement.
- If you are not APPROVED for DE by your counselor, your college classes may NOT be paid for or added to your transcript. You **MUST** submit your forms & clear DE with your counselor!!!



# Things to Consider When Choosing Electives

- If you are starting a new CTAE pathway, you **MUST** select the first course in the pathway.
- ANYONE may register for classes at HCCA, BUT you must complete the HCCA Interest (purple) form and the CGTC application at Evening Advisement. Also, some classes require you to first take and pass the required entrance exam or have a minimum core GPA of 2.3.



# Additional Things To Consider

- The courses below require prior teacher approval. These courses **WILL NOT** be added to your schedule until prior approval is received from the teacher and/or counselors.
- Journalism (Yearbook) – Russell
- Outdoor Education – Huelsman
- Work-Based Learning – S. Jones
- HCHS Office Assistant – Powell/Counselors
- HCHS Attendance Assistant – Clary/Counselors
- HCHS Media Center – C. Jackson/Counselors
- Any course requiring an audition, acceptance to a team, required skill level, etc. may require the teacher's recommendation (teachers will notify the counselors of students who are approved to go into these classes).



# Course Request Form

- Look at your Course Request (CR) form.
- When complete, you will be requesting 14 classes or the equivalent of 14 classes. (Dual Enrollment, Career Academy, etc.)
- Make sure that you have an A (1<sup>st</sup> semester) and a B (2<sup>nd</sup> semester) class listed in the following areas: English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

# Elective Choices

- If you are currently taking a CTAE course, you have automatically been scheduled for the next course in the pathway.
- If you would like to request a different elective, write the name of the elective you do **NOT** want in the “Course to Drop” box, and write the name of the elective you **DO** want in the “Course to Add” box. Do this on both of your CR forms.
- Next choose 5 alternate elective choices in the event your preferred elective is not available. Write your choices in the “Elective Choice” section of your form and include the course number.
- You will use the Registration booklet to help you determine what your elective choices will be.
- **If you fail to indicate what your choices are, you will automatically be scheduled into whatever elective classes have seats available.**



# Courses Needing Completion

- List any courses that you have failed and still need to complete in the “If Needed” section of your CR form.
- If you have not failed any courses, leave this section blank.
- If you are missing a course required for graduation due to transferring in, etc, you may also add that course in the “If Needed” section.

# College & Career Planning

- If you plan to attend a 4 year college, you should take the SAT and/or ACT by the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of your Junior year. If you plan to attend a 2 year college or technical college after graduation, you may not need to take the SAT or ACT. (Check the requirements of the college you plan on attending.) If you are a Junior or Senior and receive free or reduced lunch, you qualify for an ACT and/or SAT fee waiver. Please see Mrs. Melissa Jones in the guidance office for additional information.
- If you are aware of the college degree and/or career path you want to pursue, try to enhance this interest by taking electives that support your choice.
- Make use of the GAFutures website ([www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)) in order to map out your high school plans & beyond.



# Advisement Dates

## Evening Advisement: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ On one of these dates, you and your parents will meet with your advisor to finalize your schedule.
- ❖ Your advisor sent home a letter with you to your parent with your scheduled appointment.



# Registration Summary

- Your Advisor will be collecting your Course Request form at the end of this period.
- You will be given a yellow copy of the CR form on Thursday, Feb 27th for your parent/guardian to review before your advisement appt.
- Show your parent/guardian the Registration Guide when reviewing your selected courses.
- ***Failure to comply with registration instructions may result in you being scheduled for classes that you may NOT want.***