

Freshman Orientation August 8, 2024

Now that you are entering high school, the rules are going to change a little bit. Of course, you must still do well in your classes, but there are differences. The following will be valuable information to remember as you make the transition into ninth grade.

There are 3 sets of requirements to earn a diploma

1.) Credits

All courses required for graduation must be completed with a passing grade in order to earn credit. If you do not pass Freshman English, for example, you will have to earn credit for it through Summer School. Therefore, it makes the most sense to try to pass your classes the first time. Students who end up in Summer School always say they regret not working harder the first time.

It is important to note the importance of the grades that you earn for the entire year as an average. Your final percentage grade determines whether or not credit is earned for term of the course. A 60% final grade is needed to earn credit. Minimum number of credits to graduate is 21.

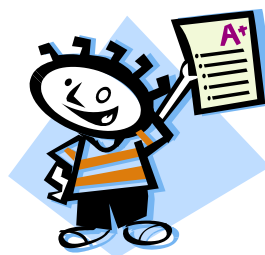
Additionally, we are offering 14 courses for students to earn college credits here at Houston, in partnership with Edison State Community College, through the College Credit Plus (CCP) program. These courses are available starting Freshman year, with the majority offered in Junior and Senior year. Students interested in participating in CCP must attend a required meeting, with a parent. This meeting is typically held in February on a Parent Teacher Conference night.

2.) Graduation Testing Requirement

Students must meet assessment requirements set by the State of Ohio. These include getting minimum scores on your End of Course Tests. Your EOC tests will be in the Spring, as always, with opportunities to retest, as needed.

3.) Graduation Seals

Students must earn a minimum of two seals for graduation. Further information on how to earn each seal is available on the school website, but most students earn these through EOC scores.



GPA and Transcript

As a high school student, your grade point average (GPA) becomes even more important. Honors, acceptance into various programs and colleges, and scholarship awards are often heavily dependent on GPA. Your GPA will be calculated every quarter for Honor Roll purposes, the same as it has been in elementary and junior high school. Your GPA will be calculated at the end of each year to create a cumulative GPA. This cumulative GPA is what goes on college and scholarship applications, and determines class rank and your final honors at graduation.

Your transcript is the report of what courses you took each year and the grades you earned in them. It is a one-page snapshot of your entire academic progress through high school. This is the document that gets sent to colleges and employers. Therefore, the transcript is very important (which means your grades are, too).

Career Passport

All graduates of Houston High School will complete a Career Passport. Every year students participate in career exploration assignments, to help them discover what career and educational path they would like to pursue after graduation. The ultimate goals of these assignments are: self-exploration, brainstorming of options, and making some preliminary decisions toward selecting a beginning career option. This portfolio is the culmination of those activities.

Counselors Office Website

On the HHS website, there is a menu for the Counselors Office. Please consult this site periodically. This is where all dates and upcoming events pertaining to UVCC, colleges, scholarships, and career prep will be available.

www.hardinhouston.org >>School Information >>Counselors Office

Be sure to click on Counselors Office.



I work to help every student get prepared for life after high school. Whether it's needing help with classes, or concerns about how to meet future goals, or maybe you just need someone to talk to on a rough day. My door is always open. If you're not sure who to ask about something, ask me and we will find the answer together. I am here as a resource for you.

-Mrs. Merickel