

TITAN FRESHMEN...CLASS OF '20!

Counselor assignments by student last name

- ❖ A-B: Mrs. Marshall
- ❖ C-G: Mrs. Lassiter
- ❖ H-Ma: Mrs. Wilson
- ❖ Mb-Sa: Ms. Green
- ❖ Sb-Z: Mrs. Thompson

Sign-up slips are available in our office if you ever need us!

STAAR/EOC

• You must take and pass 5 EOC exams to graduate.

- ❑ English 1
- ❑ Algebra
- ❑ Biology
- ❑ English 2 (10th grade year)
- ❑ US History (11th year)

If you don't pass them you must retest until you do!

YOUR GRAD PLAN...

- ❑ DEFAULT – Distinguished Level of Achievement
 - Multidisciplinary Endorsement
 - ✓ English 1,2,3,4
 - ✓ Geography, World History, US History, Government (.5), Economics (.5)
 - ✓ Biology, Chemistry, 2 additional sciences
 - ✓ Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, 1 additional math
 - ✓ Speech (professional communications, .5), health (.5), 1.0 PE, 2.0 Foreign Language, 1.0 Fine Arts, 1.0 Technology Applications
 - ✓ 4.0 electives
- ❑ Other endorsements possible, but counselors will figure out which ones based on your selected courses – no need for more, no impact to college admissions or graduation

CORE CLASS SEQUENCE

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4
Algebra 1 --> Geometry -->	Geometry --> Algebra 2 -->	Algebra 2 --> Pre Cal -->	4th Math 5th Math
Biology	Chemistry	Physics	4th Science
W. Geography	W. History	US History	Gov/Econ

If you fail your Algebra EOC test or you fail (or do poorly) in your Algebra class, you will be placed in 2 math classes next year: Geometry and Math Models.

CREDITS

- You earn credits by passing your classes with a 70 or above for your semester average.
- You need 26 credits to graduate. Most are specific courses, but some are electives.
- If you do not earn credit, you must take the class over again (if the class is required).
- All grades in 9th-12th grades (and high school classes taken in 8th) count!

PROMOTION TO 10TH GRADE

- To be promoted to 10th grade, you must earn at least 6 credits.
- If you earn 5 or less, you will be in 9th grade again.

SUMMER SCHOOL

- If you fail a core class needed for graduation, you have to go to summer school to retake the class.
- One semester class costs \$250 or more.
- Work hard if you got off to a rough start!
- Trying to get ahead? Take Health, Speech, or Technology. Medical Terminology (prerequisite for Health Science) is also offered.

CLASS RANK...WHY GRADES MATTER

- Class Rank is used for college admissions purposes. Students who graduate with grades in the top 10% of their class are automatically accepted into Texas public colleges. (The rule is different at UT-Austin-7-8%.)
- Your GPA is 100% within your control, but rank is dependent upon what your classmates do as well.
- Rank is determined by semester grades for high school courses...even 9th grade! It shows how you compare to your classmates. Start strong and do your best throughout high school. Your first class rank will be posted to Family Connection sometime in February.
- Pre-AP, AP and dual credit (college) courses receive additional weight. No points are earned for failed classes. Ouch!
- Motivation vs. discipline

TRANSCRIPTS

- ❑ Your transcript is a permanent record, showing all of your semester grades and credits. Failing grades remain on the transcript even after you repeat the course.
- ❑ The strength of your transcript is the most important factor in college admissions.
- ❑ Transcripts tell a story...what will yours say?
- ❑ Codes on transcripts
- ❑ Look at the **sample**
 - What level of classes did the student take?
 - How were the student's grades?
 - Did the student fail and repeat classes?
 - If the student dropped a (P)AP class, was it the right move?
 - How did the student perform in comparison to other students in the same graduating class?

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Students who complete 100 hours of documented community service by April 1 of senior year are recognized at graduation.
- To document your service hours, click on the link at Family Connection and log them at x2vol.