

Rising 9th Grade Information

Welcome
To
Taylor High
School



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Getting Connected

Clubs and Organizations



The FHSP + Endorsement

Course/credit requirements

English – 4 credits

- English I, II, III, and an additional/advanced English

Math – 4 credits

- Algebra I, Geometry, and an additional/advanced math

Science – 4 credits

- Biology, and one course from IPC, or Chemistry, or Physics, and one additional/advanced science

Social Studies – 3 credits

- US History, .5 credit government, .5 credit economics, and either World History or World Geography

LOTE – 2 credits

- Credits must be in the same language

Fine Arts – 1 credit

Physical Education – 1 credit

Electives – 7 credits, including

- A communication skills component
Examples: Professional Communications, Debate, Leadworthy, Theater I

Total Credits:

26 Credits

The Foundation High School Program

Choosing an Endorsement:

Business & Industry

Public Services

Arts & Humanities

STEM

Multidisciplinary

Students will have the opportunity to change their endorsement.

More information can be found in SchooLinks.



Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA)

- The Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA) is earned through successful completion of:
- All requirements for the Foundation High School Program, plus
- The requirements of at least one endorsement, including
Algebra II among the four required math credits

A student must graduate with a Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA) to be considered for the Top 10% and eligibility for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university.

TOP 10% Rule

A student whose class rank* is in the top 10 percent of the graduating class may be eligible for automatic admission consideration at a Texas public college or university.

**Class rank must be based on the student's rank at the end of the 11th grade, middle of 12th grade, or at high school graduation, whichever is most recent at the college or university's application deadline.*

UT Austin has lowered its automatic admission threshold to top 5%.

State End-of-Course Testing Requirements

The following 5 end-of-course (EOC) assessments are required:

- ✓ English I
- ✓ English II
- ✓ Algebra I
- ✓ Biology
- ✓ US History

The student must pass each of the five EOC assessments to meet state graduation requirements.



Grade Point Average (GPA)

Graduating Classes of 2023 and Thereafter				
	(90-100) A	(80-89) B	(70-79) C	(69-Below) F
KAP/AP Courses *	5	4	3	0
Academic Core and Elective Courses	4	3	2	0
Dual-Credit Courses	4.5	3.5	2.5	0
Fundamental/Applied Courses	3	2	1	0

*Information can be found in the Grading
and Reporting Handbook

Grade Classifications

Credit Requirements for Grade Classification

Grade	Credits	Classification	Earn Current Year	Credits Needed to Advance
9th	0-5	Freshman	5.5	5.5
10th	5.5-11.5	Sophomore	6.5	12
11th	12.0-18.5	Junior	7	19
12th	19-26	Senior	7	26

*Information can be found in the Grading and Reporting Handbook

Texas First Early High School Completion Program

The Texas First Program recognizes high-achieving students and enables eligible students to graduate early with the Distinguished Level of Achievement and receive a scholarship.

Texas First Program offers eligible students an opportunity to earn up to a year in scholarship money to attend any Texas public institution of higher education, including colleges, universities, and technical colleges.

More information can be found on TEA's website.



Course Selection

- Students will receive a Course Selection information from the junior high counselor.
- Students will complete a Course Planner AND 4-year plan (Personalized Plan) in SchooLinks.
- List alternate choices in the order of preference.
- The Course Catalog is available online through SchooLinks.
- 8th grade Counselors will meet with students individually to go over courses for next year.
- There is no guarantee students will get their first-choice electives or courses.

Schedule Changes

□ Schedule Changes for the school year will be allowed only in the following cases:

- Error in scheduling by the school (data entry error);
- Student has not met course prerequisites;
- Student has already earned credit for the course;
- Change in program (athletics, fine arts, etc.);
- Level changes as recommended by the teacher and counselor, with parent and principal approval;
- Student did not meet standard on STAAR/EOC exam.

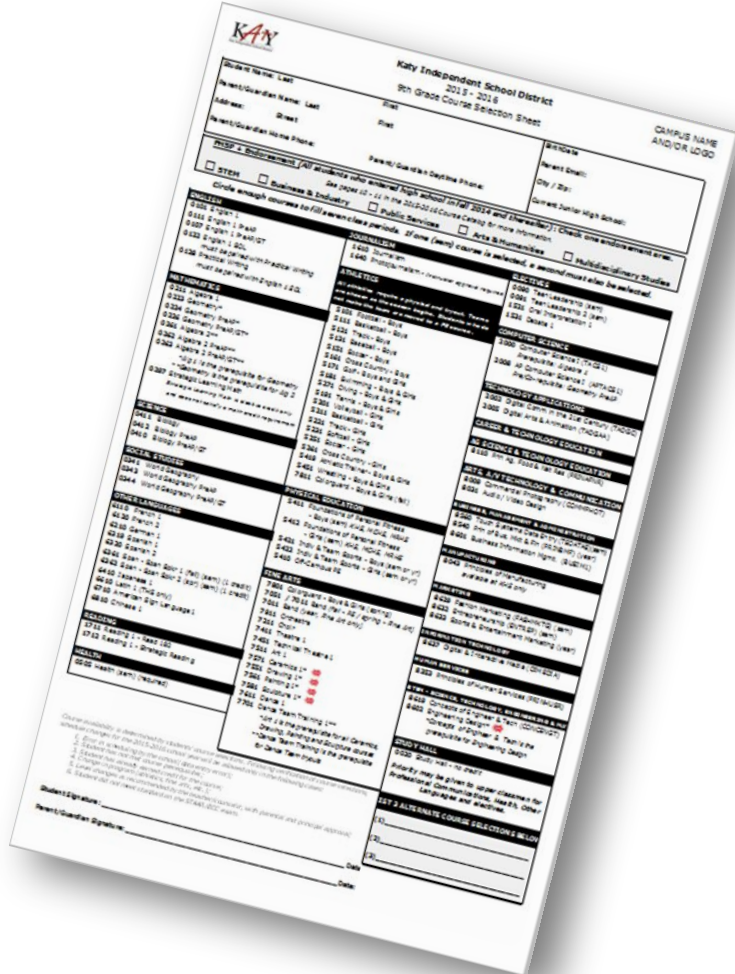
Please make selections carefully.

NO elective changes will be honored after the course selection window has closed. Schedule changes will not be honored throughout the school year, so choose your courses carefully.

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- English I Academic
- English I KAP (Katy Advanced Placement)
- English I KAP/GT (Only GT Students)

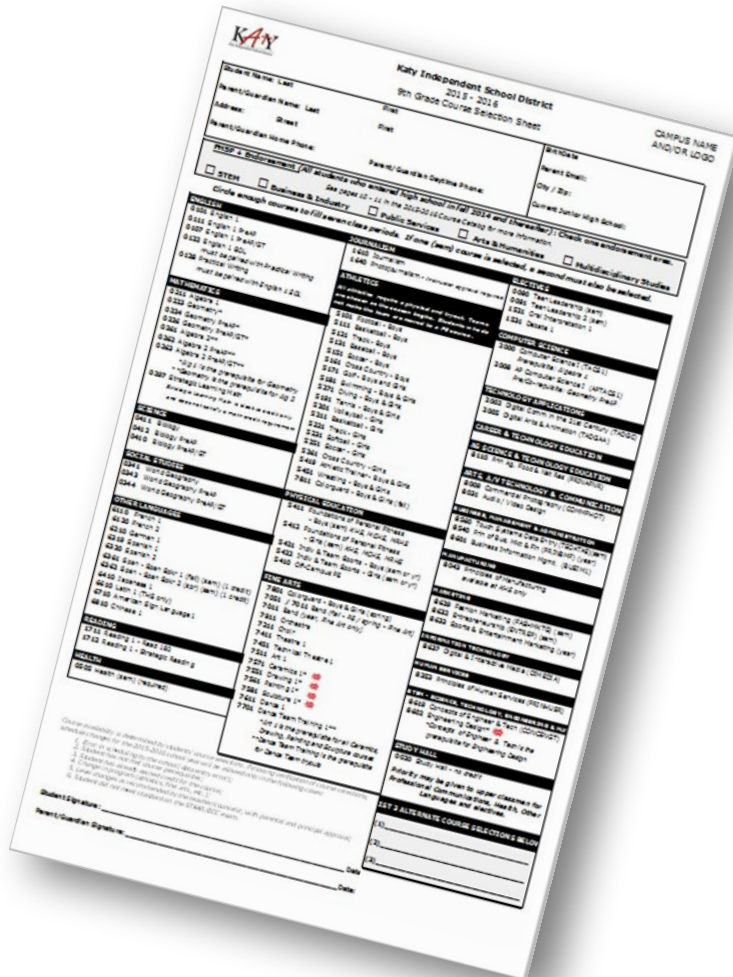
Choosing Courses - Math



The image shows a "Katy Independent School District 2015-2016 9th Grade Course Selection Sheet". The form includes fields for student name, address, and parent/guardian information. It also has checkboxes for "STEM" and "Business & Industry". The main body of the form is a grid of course options, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and various AP and KAP courses. The grid is organized by subject area and course level. The bottom of the form has a section for "Student Signature" and "Parent/Guardian Signature".

- Algebra I
- Geometry (Algebra I in 8th Grade)
- Geometry KAP (Katy Advanced Placement)
- Geometry KAP/GT (Only GT Students)
- Algebra II (Only if taken Algebra I & Geometry in JH)
- Algebra II KAP
- Algebra II KAP/GT (Only GT Students)

Choosing Courses - Science



The image shows a "Katy Independent School District 2015-2016 9th Grade Course Selection Sheet". The form is for a student named "Student Name: Last, First" and is for the "9th Grade Course Selection Sheet". It includes fields for "Parent/Guardian Name: Last, First", "Address", "City/Zip", "Phone", and "Email". The form is divided into several sections: "Mathematics", "Science", "Social Studies", "Language Arts", "Physical Education", "Art", "Music", "Career/Technical Education", "Health", "Computer Science", "Foreign Language", "Dual Credit", "Advanced Placement", "Gifted/Talented", "Special Education", "Enrichment", "Other", "Comments", "Parent/Guardian Signature", "Student Signature", and "Date". The "Science" section lists various courses including "Biology", "Chemistry", "Physics", "Earth Science", "Environmental Science", "Astronomy", "Space Science", "Marine Biology", "Botany", "Zoology", "Anatomy", "Physiology", "Immunology", "Microbiology", "Molecular Biology", "Cell Biology", "Developmental Biology", "Evolutionary Biology", "Systematics", "Paleontology", "Geology", "Meteorology", "Climatology", "Oceanography", "Astrobiology", "Cosmology", "Astrophysics", "Planetary Science", "Space Exploration", "Robotics", "Nanotechnology", "Biotechnology", "Genetics", "Bioinformatics", "Biochemistry", "Biophysics", "Biomedical Engineering", "Environmental Engineering", "Aerospace Engineering", "Marine Engineering", "Agricultural Engineering", "Food Science", "Food Safety", "Food Preservation", "Food Packaging", "Food Marketing", "Food Distribution", "Food Service", "Food Safety Management", "Food Quality Management", "Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS)", "Food and Drug Administration (FDA)", "U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)", "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)", "U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)", "U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)", "U.S. Department of Education (DOE)", "U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)", "U.S. Department of State (DOS)", "U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)", "U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)", "U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)", "U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)", "U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)", "U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)", "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)", "U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)", "U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)", "U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)", "U.S. Department of Education (DOE)", "U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)", "U.S. Department of State (DOS)", "U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)", "U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)", "U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)", "U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)", "U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)", "U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)", "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)".

- Biology
- Biology KAP (Katy Advanced Placement)
- Biology KAP/GT (Only GT Students)

Choosing Courses – Social Studies

- World Geography
- KAP World Geography
- AP Human Geography
- AP Human Geography GT (Only GT Students)

*Note: can take either or World Geography or World History for graduation, do not require both.

The image shows a sample of a KAP (Kentucky Assessment Program) Social Studies course selection sheet for 9th grade. The form is titled "KAP 9th Grade Course Selection Sheet" and includes sections for student information, course selection, and a list of available courses. The course list is organized by subject area, including World Geography, AP Human Geography, and various social studies electives. The form also includes a section for student signature and date.

Choosing Courses – Electives

Katy Independent School District
2015-2016
9th Grade Course Selection Sheet

Student Name: Last First
Address: Street City State ZIP
Parent/Guardian Name: Last First
Parent/Guardian Phone: Home/School/Cell
Parent/Guardian Email: _____

☐ STEM ☐ Business & Industry ☐ Public Services ☐ Arts & Humanities

☐ I am a student with a disability. Please check the appropriate box: ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ I am a student with a disability. Please check the appropriate box: ☐ Yes ☐ No

COURSE SELECTION

COURSE	DESCRIPTION	PREREQUISITE
0100 English I	English I	
0101 English II	English II	0100
0102 English III	English III	0101
0103 English IV	English IV	0102
0200 Math I	Math I	
0201 Math II	Math II	0200
0202 Math III	Math III	0201
0203 Math IV	Math IV	0202
0300 Science I	Science I	
0301 Science II	Science II	0300
0302 Science III	Science III	0301
0303 Science IV	Science IV	0302
0400 Social Studies I	Social Studies I	
0401 Social Studies II	Social Studies II	0400
0402 Social Studies III	Social Studies III	0401
0403 Social Studies IV	Social Studies IV	0402
0500 Fine Arts I	Fine Arts I	
0501 Fine Arts II	Fine Arts II	0500
0502 Fine Arts III	Fine Arts III	0501
0503 Fine Arts IV	Fine Arts IV	0502
0600 PE I	Physical Education I	
0601 PE II	Physical Education II	0600
0602 PE III	Physical Education III	0601
0603 PE IV	Physical Education IV	0602
0700 Foreign Language I	Foreign Language I	
0701 Foreign Language II	Foreign Language II	0700
0702 Foreign Language III	Foreign Language III	0701
0703 Foreign Language IV	Foreign Language IV	0702

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student will choose 3 electives of their choice.

Reminder student do need the following for graduation:

1 year of Fine Art

1 year of PE

2 year of a foreign language

Class with a speech component

Choosing Courses – PE & Fine Arts

Katy Independent School District
2019-2020
9th Grade Course Selection Sheet

Student Name: Last, First, Middle
Address: Street, City, State, Zip
Parent/Guardian Name: Last, First, Middle
Parent/Guardian Home Phone: () - -
Parent/Guardian Work Phone: () - -
Parent/Guardian Email: @.com

Course Selection: ☐ STEM ☐ Business & Industry ☐ Public Services ☐ Arts & Humanities ☐ Multidisciplinary Studies

Available Courses:

Subject Area	Course Code	Course Description
English	0100	English 1 (1.0 credit)
English	0101	English 1 Honors (1.0 credit)
English	0102	English 1 (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
English	0103	English 1 Honors (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
Math	0200	Math 1 (1.0 credit)
Math	0201	Math 1 Honors (1.0 credit)
Math	0202	Math 1 (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
Math	0203	Math 1 Honors (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
Science	0300	Science 1 (1.0 credit)
Science	0301	Science 1 Honors (1.0 credit)
Science	0302	Science 1 (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
Science	0303	Science 1 Honors (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
Social Studies	0400	Social Studies 1 (1.0 credit)
Social Studies	0401	Social Studies 1 Honors (1.0 credit)
Social Studies	0402	Social Studies 1 (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
Social Studies	0403	Social Studies 1 Honors (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
Physical Education	0500	Physical Education 1 (1.0 credit)
Physical Education	0501	Physical Education 1 Honors (1.0 credit)
Physical Education	0502	Physical Education 1 (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
Physical Education	0503	Physical Education 1 Honors (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
Fine Arts	0600	Fine Arts 1 (1.0 credit)
Fine Arts	0601	Fine Arts 1 Honors (1.0 credit)
Fine Arts	0602	Fine Arts 1 (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
Fine Arts	0603	Fine Arts 1 Honors (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
Electives	0700	Electives 1 (1.0 credit)
Electives	0701	Electives 1 Honors (1.0 credit)
Electives	0702	Electives 1 (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester
Electives	0703	Electives 1 Honors (1.0 credit) - 2nd semester

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Athletes- Choose one athletic program. For multiple sport athlete, select sport that comes first. Coach will work with counselor to move student to next sport.

Band, Color Guard and Dance do have a PE credit option. If interested in this option, talk to your Junior High counselor about using the correct course code.

Planning Ahead



- ☐ Open to Juniors & Seniors
- ☐ Offer CTE courses not offered at THS
- ☐ Certifications
- ☐ Some classes may have prerequisite requirements and require planning

Physical Education Class Options

Skill-Based Lifetime Activities

- “Regular” PE
- Health and Fitness Principles

Outdoor Pursuits

- TPWD Hunter Education*
- NASP Archery
- TPWD Boaters Education*
- Outdoor Skills (Camping, Navigation, and Shelter Building)
- Outdoor Games

*Can earn TPWD Certification

Dual Credit Enrollment

- A system in which an eligible high school student successfully completes a college course(s) that is paired to a high school course and receives credit for the course on both the college and the high school transcripts.
- Dual Credit courses in KISD are generally taught by a KISD teacher who is also employed by Houston Community College. There may be times when the course is taught online by an HCC professor. If possible, the student will be placed in a “study hall” class period to provide them with school day time to work on their online college class.
- Dual credit courses are college classes first and high school classes second.
 - Students and teachers are required to follow all HCC policies, i.e. attendance, grading, academic honesty, etc.

KISD Approved DC CTE Courses/Programs

- Student must be seeking the Health Science Endorsement.
- Student must take Principles of Health Sciences in 8th, 9th, or 10th grade to complete the Medical Assisting program.
- Takes two years in high school to complete dual credit courses required for the certificate program.
- View Katy ISD Degree Plan for course alignment.



KATY ISD MEDICAL ASSISTING

"YOUR JOURNEY TO A CAREER
IN HEALTHCARE STARTS HERE"



EARN A LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE
FROM HCC

AND

GRADUATE FROM HCC AS A
MEDICAL SCRIBE

BEFORE

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL

- Students will earn 25 college hours from HCC
- Stackable with HCC AAS in Medical Assisting

** This is a workforce program. Not all courses will transfer to 4-year universities. Check with the university you plan to attend to learn about courses transferring.**



KISD Approved DC CTE Courses/Programs

- Student must be seeking the Education & Training Endorsement.
- Student must take Principles of Education & Training in 9th grade.
- Requires specific core dual credit courses in addition to special dual credit dual credit education courses.
- View Katy ISD Degree Plan for course alignment.



START IN KATY

Stay in Katy

KISD YOUNG EDUCATORS

- ✓ Earn an Associate Degree from Houston Community College **BEFORE** graduating high school in KISD
- ✓ **All courses transfer** to the University of Houston Victoria campus in Katy where students will complete their Bachelor of Arts in Teaching
- ✓ Complete required observation hours and **Student Teach in KISD**
- ✓ **Earn a Bachelors degree within 2 years** of high school graduation

**** HCC courses are transferable to any 4-year public college in Texas**

I want to be a teacher when I grow up!!!



KISD Approved DC CTE Courses/Programs

- Student must start program during junior year.
- View Katy ISD Degree Plan for course alignment.



KATY ISD REAL ESTATE LICENSE DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM



LIVING ROOM



MASTER BEDROOM



KITCHEN ROOM



BATHROOM

- STUDENTS WILL SIT FOR THE TEXAS REAL ESTATE LICENSE EXAM AT END OF PROGRAM
- TWO YEARS OF HS/DC COURSEWORK TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM
- HCC COURSES ARE TAKEN ONLINE WITH KATY ISD/HCC PROFESSOR



Houston Community College
Sample Associate Degree Plans

Associates of Arts in Business

Semester 1 ENGL 1301* MATH 1324 BCIS 1305* BUSI 1301 HIST 1301*	Semester 2 ENLG 1302* MATH 1325* ECON 2301* ACCT 2301* HIST 1302*
Semester 3 GOVT 2305* ECON 2302 ACCT 2302 Science for Non-Science Majors* PHIL 2306	Semester 4 GOVT 2306 ¹ BUSI 2305 Creative Arts Credit* Science for Non-Science Majors* General Core Elective*

*****Katy ISD offers 14 dual credit courses needed to graduate from Houston Community College with an Associates of Arts in Business. [14 out of the required 20 courses are offered]*****

Associates of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies

Semester 1 ENGL 1301* MATH X3XX* HIST 1301* Creative Arts Credit* General Core Elective*	Semester 2 ENLG 1302* Science for Non-Science Majors* HIST 1302* General Core Elective* General Core Elective*
Semester 3 GOVT 2305* Social & Behavioral Sciences* Component Area Option General Core Elective* General Core Elective*	Semester 4 GOVT 2306 ¹ Science for Non-Science Majors* Language, Philosophy, & Culture* General Core Elective* General Core Elective*

*****Katy ISD provides ALL necessary courses for students to graduate from HCC with an Associate of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies by high school graduation. To complete this degree on time, students should plan to start taking dual credit core courses the summer before their junior year.***

*Course is offered through Katy ISD dual credit program

¹Course is pending approval from the Katy ISD School Board to be offered for dual credit starting with summer 2025

Disclaimer: This is not a comprehensive list of programs and courses offered through Houston Community College or the Katy ISD dual credit program. These are merely samples of opportunities available to students. See the Katy ISD Approved Dual Credit Coursewalk for all approved Katy ISD dual credit courses.

Associates of Arts in Computer Information Systems

Semester 1 ENGL 1301* MATH 1324 BCIS 1305* HIST 1301* General Core Elective*	Semester 2 ENLG 1302* MATH 1325* COSC 1436* Science for Non-Science Majors* HIST 1302*
Semester 3 GOVT 2305* ECON 2301* ACCT 2301* COSC 1437* Creative Arts Credit*	Semester 4 GOVT 2306 ¹ Science for Non-Science Majors* ACCT 2302 COSC 2425 Language, Philosophy, & Culture*

*****Katy ISD offers 17 dual credit courses needed to graduate from Houston Community College with an Associates of Arts in CIS. [17 out of the required 20 courses are offered] *****

Nursing Prerequisite Courses

Semester 1 ENGL 1301* MATH 1314* BIOL 2301/2101* HIST 1301* SOCI 1301	Semester 2 ENLG 1302* MATH 1342 BIOL 2302/2102* HIST 1302* PSYC 2301*
Semester 3 GOVT 2305* BIOL 2320/2120 CHEM 1305* NUTR 2322 Creative Arts Credit*	Semester 4 GOVT 2306 ¹ HDFS 2314 General Core Elective* Language, Philosophy, & Culture*

*****Katy ISD offers 14 dual credit courses needed to complete the state required prerequisite courses needed to apply to a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. [14 out of the required 19 courses are offered] *****

Dual Credit Enrollment

- Specific sequence of courses students must take starting freshman in order to complete CTE Level 1 or associate degree programs
- The majority of student credit courses become available to students starting their junior year in high school.
- Only dual credit course freshman can take is dual credit BIM (Business Information Management)
- Most dual credit courses require students to be college level ready
 - Must meet specific requirements on the ACT, SAT, or TSIA2

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL
**DUAL CREDIT
ORIENTATION**



JANUARY 16, 2025 - 6:30 PM - THS MAIN COMMONS

**MANDATORY FOR STUDENTS WANTING TO TAKE DUAL CREDIT DURING
SUMMER 2025 OR THE 2025-2026 SY
ALL CURRENT AND POTENTIAL DC STUDENTS MUST ATTEND**

Earn college credit while still in high school

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