

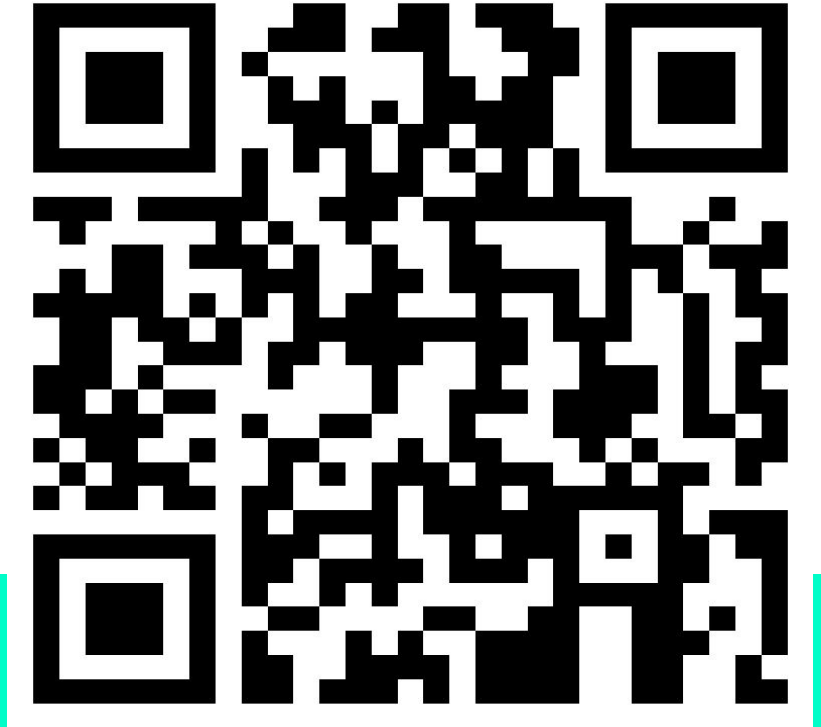
# MOVING UP-JUNIOR HIGH TO HIGH SCHOOL



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# Questions



# UNDERSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS, ACADEMIC, (KAP) AND DUAL CREDIT COURSES

**January 17, 2024**



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Earn 26 credits
  - Foundation High School Program with Endorsement
- Meet standard on 5 STAAR tests
  - English I
  - Algebra
  - Biology
  - English II
  - US History

\* An ARD committee may determine if the above is appropriate for each student serviced under special education.

# FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH ENDORSEMENT

Foundations High School Program + Endorsement (FHSP+E) (26 credits)		
Subject	Credits	Notes
English	4	Must consist of English I, English II, English III, and one additional English credit.
Math	4	Must consist of Algebra I, Geometry, and two additional Math credits. Algebra II credit is required for the Distinguished Level of Achievement.
Science	4	Must consist of Biology, one credit selected from IPC, Chemistry, or Physics, and two additional Science credits.
Social Studies	3	Must consist of World Geography or World History, US History, Government, Economics or Personal Financial Literacy & Economics. Students may substitute AP Human Geography for World Geography. Students may not substitute the Personal Financial Literacy elective for Personal Financial Literacy & Economics.
Languages other than English (LOTE)	2	Must consist of two levels in the same language.
Physical Education	1	Beginning in the fall of 2022 students may earn a maximum of two credits in PE towards graduation. Students may meet the PE requirement through after school participation in the fall semester marching band, cheerleading and both semesters of drill team. Students may also meet the PE requirement if they participate in a district approved Olympic caliber off-campus training program, athletics, or NJROTC. Students may earn up to four credits of PE through off-campus PE, athletics or NJROTC. PE credit may be earned through a district approved correspondence course.
Fine Arts	1	Must consist of approved fine arts courses. Students must take two sequential semesters of the same course.
Speech	½	Must consist of state required communication skills component.
Health	½	Must consist of a (½) credit of Health or (1.0) credit of Principles of Health Science
Electives	6	Must consist of a coherent sequence of courses for four or more credits which includes one advanced course in a designated program of study.
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	

[Click here for Graduation Overview](#)

# ENDORSEMENTS -

An Endorsement is a specialized area of focus, containing a sequence of courses in a specific area of study. To earn an Endorsement, students must complete a coherent sequence of courses for four or more credits which includes one advanced course in the designated program of study in addition to their other graduation requirements.

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
- Business & Industry
- Public Services
- Arts & Humanities
- Multidisciplinary Studies

[Click here for  
Endorsement  
Overview](#)

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

Resources

- [Katy ISD Academic Counseling, College & Career Guidance Webpage](#)
- 8th grade parent night at your High School campus
- [SchoolLinks Course Catalog](#)
- School Counselor



# EARNING CREDIT AND CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

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# CREDIT

- What is a credit?
- How are credits earned?
- How does attendance affect credit?

\*Once credit is earned, a student may not retake that course.

# CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

Grade level classification is based on number of credits earned each year

GRADE LEVEL CLASSIFICATION		
GRADE	CLASSIFICATION	CREDITS
9th	Freshman	0 - 5.0
10th	Sophomore	5.5 - 11.5
11th	Junior	12.0 - 18.5
12th	Senior	19 +

# EARNING HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT IN JUNIOR HIGH

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# HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT CLASSES

- In which classes can a student earn high school credit?
- Who should take high school credit classes?
- What are the GPA implications?

# HOW TO SUCCEED

In High School Credit  
Classes

- Time management
- Organizational skills
- Accountability
- Work ethic

# HOW TO SUCCEED

Managing Stress

[Navigating New Stressors - Resource](#)

[Stress Management - Resource](#)

# GPA & CLASS RANK

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# GPA

- Understanding grade points
- GPA points are based on **semester** grade averages.
- HS credit courses taken in Junior High, Summer School, and Katy Virtual School courses DO calculate into GPA.

# GPA POINTS

## Academic Level Weighted Factor

Grades 9 – 12

### 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
Dual Credit Courses	4.5	3.5	2.5	0
Academic Core and Elective Courses	4	3	2	0
Fundamental/Applied Courses	3	2	1	0

# CALCULATING GPA EXAMPLE-9TH GRADER

<u>Class</u>	<u>Fall Semester Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
English I	87 (B)	3
Algebra I	94 (A)	4
KAP Biology	90 (A)	5
AP Human Geo	76 (C)	3
Spanish II	85 (B)	3
Football	100 (A)	4
Health	96 (A)	4
	TOTAL:	26 pts

**26 pts / 7 classes = 3.71**

# RANK

- How is rank calculated?
- Rank is first calculated in the spring of junior year
  - Numeric rank for top 10% ONLY
    - Quartile rank for all other students
    - 4th Quartile is not ranked



KATY  
HIGH SCHOOL

BOARD  
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STREAM

Campus Links

District Links

Absence Reporting >

Birthday Marquee form >

Campus Improvement Plan >

Campus Profile - KHS >

 Athletic Schedules >

# QUARTILE RANK

#1-83 HAVE A NUMERICAL RANK-TOP 10%

## CLASS OF 2023 QUARTILE RANK

Quartile	GPA
1	4.7069-3.8036
2	3.8033-3.2364
3	3.2295-2.7500
4	2.7458-1.2069

**Number of Seniors**

**834**

*Katy ISD only ranks the top 10% of the Senior class.  
All other students are awarded a quartile ranking.*

# ACADEMIC, KAP, AND AP COURSES

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# KAP & AP COURSES

- KAP courses in high school are more rigorous than junior high
- AP courses are more rigorous than KAP courses
  - More time/effort required to be successful
  - College-level
- AP courses are controlled by College Board
  - Nationwide curriculum; AP/College Board-trained teachers
  - AP exam offered in May for each AP course
  - Students/parents pay for AP exams
  - Results of AP exams (scale 1 - 5) determine possible college credit
  - Each university has guidelines as to which AP exams are accepted

# ACADEMIC COURSES

- On-level courses
- Rigor is higher than junior high academic courses
- Some required subjects are academic-level only:
  - Speech, Health, Foreign Language levels 1 and 2, Fine Arts, PE



# RESOURCES

[AP Credit Policy](#)

[Katy ISD KAP/Advanced Placement](#)

# DUAL CREDIT COURSES

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# DUAL CREDIT COURSES

- Partnership with Houston Community College
  - Examples: Junior year-US History
  - Senior year-English 4, Gov/Eco
- Must qualify - attend HCC night each spring
  - HCC Paperwork/ISI campus deadlines are firm
- [Katy ISD Dual Credit Website](#)
- [Dual Credit Courses Offered](#)
- **\*\*Possible Courses:** Business Information Management 8600A and B; Professional Communication 1514, Art History 7501, Learning Framework 0062

# DUAL CREDIT GRADING CONVERSION

## DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Students taking courses for dual credit receive credit for both high school and (if credit meets requirements) college. The standard for grading dual credit courses is set by the college. See the school counselor for course offerings, applications, requirements, fees, and deadlines to enroll in a dual credit course offered through Katy ISD. It is important to keep in mind that not all colleges and universities accept credit earned in all dual credit taken in high school for college credit. Students and parents should check with the prospective college or university to determine if a particular course will count toward the student's desired degree plan.

### **First Semester Final Grades for Seniors/ First and Second Final Semester Grades for Juniors**

For all dual credit instructors (3 day and 5 day), the grade reported to the registrar will be a **letter grade**. The high school registrar will convert the letter grade to the Katy ISD grade as indicated in the conversion chart below.

**Dual Credit Conversion Chart**

Course Letter Grade	Grade	Katy ISD Grade
A	90-100	95
B	80-89	85
C	70-79	77
D	60-69	72
F	59 and Below	65

# DUAL CREDIT COURSES

- Taught on KISD campuses by HCC instructors and Katy ISD instructors
- Students can also take courses online during the summer/fall/spring
- Grades are only awarded at semester
  - Dual Credit grades are weighted
  - 4.5 points for A, 3.5 points for B, etc.

# DUAL CREDIT VS. AP

## DUAL CREDIT COURSES

- Rigor is more than academic level/less than AP
- Colleges/Universities IN state of Texas usually accept
- Students must confirm acceptance from Out of state schools
- HCC attendance rules apply
- College instructor-only communicate with student (not parent) unless FERPA Waiver is submitted

## AP COURSES

- Rigor is higher/
- Must make 3/4/5 on AP Exam to be accepted by college
- Colleges vary on accepting AP credit

# KATY VIRTUAL SCHOOL-SUMMER COURSES

- Great opportunity for students to take courses over the summer and during the school year
- Cost: \$200 per semester course
- Popular Summer Courses
  - World Geography Academic (2 semesters)
  - World Geography KAP (2 semesters)
  - Professional Communication
  - Health
  - PE-Lifetime Fitness and Wellness(1 or 2 semesters)

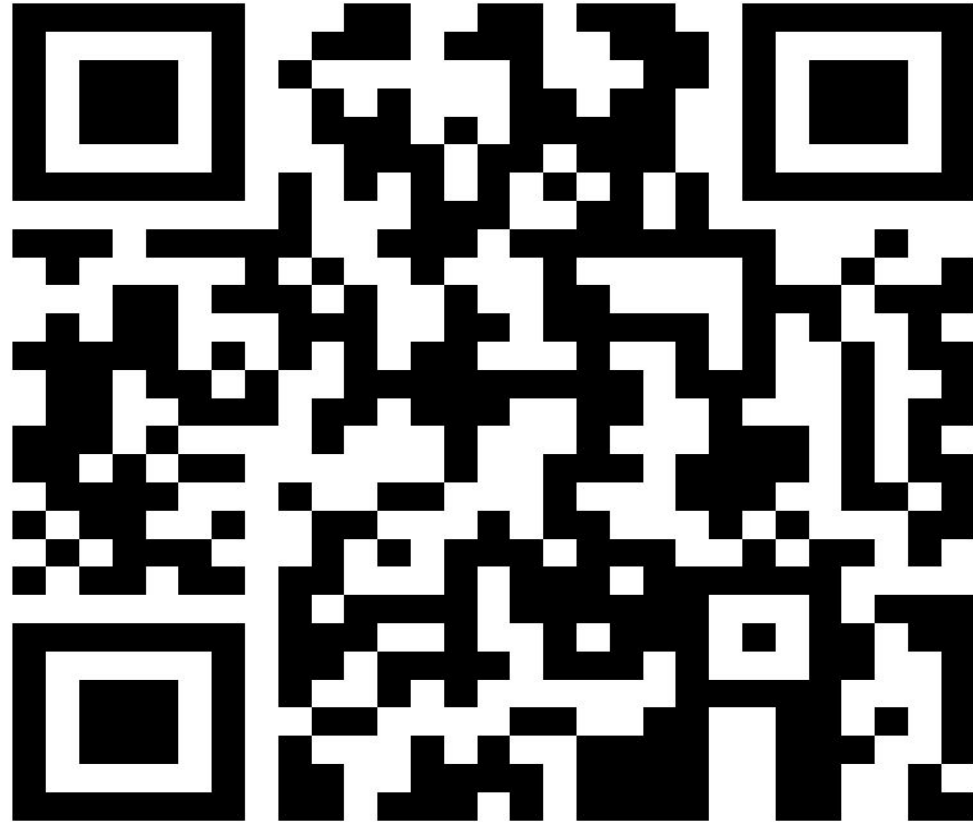
[More Information on KVS Website](#)

AND

[Pg 92 Student Handbook - Online Learning Opportunities](#)

Registration opens on February 1, 2024

# Questions





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THANK YOU FOR  
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