



FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE YEARS

Welcome T-Birds!



What to expect
What to prepare for

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Graduation Requirements and House Bill 5

Class of 2026, 2027 and Beyond
What you need to know



First, All Students Must Earn Credits in the Following Courses

- ▶ English 1,2,3 and a 4th year of English (4 Credits)
- ▶ Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, One additional math course (4 credits)
- ▶ World Geography (one credit), World History (one credit), US History (one credit), Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit) total of 4 credits
- ▶ Biology, 3 additional science credits (4 credits)
- ▶ Two years of the Same Foreign Language (MS Languages count)
- ▶ One credit of Fine Arts
- ▶ One credit of PE
- ▶ One credit of Technology (taken at the HS)
- ▶ Speech-HS level (.5 credit)
- ▶ Health- (.5 credit)
- ▶ Electives (4 credits)

Students will need 26 credits to graduate



In addition to the Credit Requirements, all students must select an ENDORSEMENT from the following categories:

- ▶ Arts and Humanities
- ▶ Business and Industry
- ▶ Multi Disciplinary
- ▶ Public Service
- ▶ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)



Finally, all students must pass the following STAAR End Of Course Exams

- ▶ English 1 Taken in 9th grade
- ▶ English 2 Taken in 10th grade
- ▶ Biology Taken in 9th grade
- ▶ Algebra 1 Taken in 8th/9th grade
- ▶ US History Taken in 11th grade

*****Students who earned credit for any of the above listed courses at an accredited school outside of Texas or at an accredited private school in El Paso, prior to enrolling in EPISD do not have to take the STAAR EOC tests in those subjects.*****



FINE ARTS

- ▶ Endorsement B (4 Credit Foreign Language Endorsement)

4 credits in the same foreign language

- ▶ Endorsement C (2 X 2 Language Endorsement)

2 credits in 1 foreign language, 2 credits in a different foreign language

- ▶ Endorsement E (Fine Arts Endorsement)

4 credits in one fine arts course **OR** 2 credits in 1 fine arts course and 2 credits in a different fine arts course



BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

- Horticulture **
- Veterinary Technology ** (or at CCTE)
- Agriculture Mechanics **
- Architectural Design
- Electrical Tech
- Construction Technology
- Metal Trades (Welding)
- Graphic Design and Illustration
- 3-D Animation Technology
- Cyber Security
- HVAC
- Culinary Arts
- Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing
- Automotive Technology
- Diesel Technology
- PTech Associates Degree in Accounting, Business and Economics **
- Journalism-Endorsement (Newspaper or Yearbook)**
- Business Combination- **

** offered at Coronado HS. All others are offered at CCTE



MULTIDISCIPLINARY

Endorsement B (Multidisciplinary Endorsement)

- 4 credits in the 4 core areas -including the following:
- English 4
- W.Geography & W.History
- Bio, Chem and/or Physics
- 4 additional elective credit

Endorsement C Advanced Multidisciplinary Endorsement

- 4 credits in the 4 core areas as above
- 4 of these credits must be AP or Dual Credit
- 4 additional elective credits(Ex. IB, AP, Dual Credit)



PUBLIC SERVICE

Endorsement (A)

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) @ CCTE
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) @CCTE
- Pharmacology @ CCTE
- Sports Medicine@ CCTE
- Sports Marketing @EPCC
- Cosmetology @CCTE
- Cosmetology Nail Tech @CCTE
- Law Enforcement @CCTE
- Fire Science @CCTE
- EARLY CHILDHOOD (CDL Lab) **

Endorsement (B)

JROTC for 4 years



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)

ALL students with STEM Endorsements MUST take Biology, Chemistry AND Physics.

Engineering Design (Endorsement A)

- Beginning at CHS and Complete at CCTE
- Concepts of STEM, Advanced Engineering Design, Practicum In Engineering Design

Robotics Track (Endorsement A)

- Concepts of STEM, Robotics 1, Robotics 2, Engineering Design

Drone Technology @CCTE

Science Track (Endorsement D)

- Completion of 5 Science credits to include Biology, Chemistry AND Physics,

Math Track (Endorsement C)

- Completion of 5 Math Credits to include Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 AND

STEM Combination Track (Endorsement E)

- 4 credits in Math (to include Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2)
- 4 credits in Science (to include Biology, Chemistry AND Physics)
- 3 additional Credits in Math and Science.



DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD'S ENDORSEMENT ??

You should, because the endorsement form selection requires a signature from the student, parent and counselor.

If not, have your child log in to the following website:

<https://ccrp.episd.org/login>

Parents can also access the CCRP from the Parent Portal



ATTENDANCE

STATE LAW says that students MUST be in attendance at least 90% to earn credit for their classes.

Students can't learn if they are not in class.

If absences are unexcused, students and parents can be taken to civil court.

If absences are excused, credit will be awarded for classes.

Please note if there are errors in attendance, you have 5 days to correct the errors. (Monitoring attendance on Parent Portal will help with this). Settings are useful.



GRADES

Students must earn at least a 70% to earn credit for a course.

90-100 A

80-89 B

70-79 C

69 and Below F



Grade Promotion and Classification

Students are classified by grade based on the following scale.

0-6.0 Credits	9 th grade
6.5-12.0 Credits	10 th grade
12.5-18.0 Credits	11 th grade
18.5 +	12 th grade



GPA and Class Rank-Class of 2023 and beyond

- ▶ Beginning with the students entering grade 9 in 2019-20, the top quality points from the following courses shall be used to determine class rank. Students who complete the Distinguished Level of Achievement Program and are in the top ten percent of the graduating class as determined by class rank will be recognized as a District Honor Graduate.
- ▶ □ 4 English
- ▶ □ 4 Math
- ▶ □ 4 Science
- ▶ □ 3 Social studies
- ▶ □ 2 Languages other than English
- ▶ □ 1 Physical education
- ▶ □ 1 Fine arts
- ▶ □ 5 Electives
- ▶ While a student is enrolled, only courses provided by the District shall be used to calculate the GPA, to include District-sanctioned programs.
- ▶ When a student transfers grades for properly documented and eligible courses, the District shall assign weight to those grades based on the categories and grade weight system used by the District if the equivalent courses are offered in the District.

GPA and Class Rank-Class of 2023 and beyond (continued)

- ▶ Grades earned in non-accredited schools shall not be weighted.
- ▶ A transfer student may appeal, in accordance with the student and parent complaint policy at FNG(LOCAL), the denial by the District to assign a weight to a transferred grade.
- ▶ Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2019-2020 school year and thereafter, transcripts will reflect two GPAs. The class rank GPA will reflect all credits earned under the distinguished level of achievement. The overall GPA will reflect all remaining eligible credits earned to include the credits used to calculate class rank.

Why does GPA and class rank matter?

- ▶ Top 10% Automatic Admission to Texas Public Universities
- ▶ Top 6% Automatic to UT Austin
- ▶ Academic Scholarships are tied to GPA/Class Rank and/or SAT and ACT test scores.

DUAL CREDIT

VS.

AP (Advanced Placement)

Which is best for your child?



AP vs. Dual Credit/UT OnRamps

The decision should be primarily based on where your child is planning to attend college.



Dual Credit vs. AP

Dual Credit

- ▶ Credit is awarded for HS and College Credit.
- ▶ Classes are taken on the CHS Campus.
- ▶ Coursework will transfer to any Texas Public University with a grade of “C” or better. Coursework **might** also transfer to other Universities. Student must contact college to verify acceptance.
- ▶ Students must meet TSI (college readiness) standards to enroll.
- ▶ Tuition is free.

AP

- ▶ College level coursework with an AP exam that could potentially earn college credit.
- ▶ Classes are taken on the CHS Campus.
- ▶ Acceptance of credit is based on the individual University. Typically a score of 3 or higher is required to earn credit. Student must contact college to verify acceptance.
- ▶ Open enrollment
- ▶ Students must pay to take the AP exam



Dual Credit vs. AP

Both AP and Dual Credit courses are used to satisfy the CORE requirements (BASICS) for a college degree.

All Students have to earn credit hours for English in college.

If a student takes and passes Dual Credit English 3, they will earn 6 hours of college credit.

If a student takes AP English 3, passing the AP exam could earn them up to 6 hours of College Credit, depending on their score.

Example:

English Language and Composition-UTEP 3 6 ENGL 1301 , ENGL 1302

English Language and Composition-UNT	4	3	ENGL 1300
	5	6	ENGL 1301, 1302



Taking AP exams and/or Dual Credit classes can save you Time and Money

- ▶ One year of college at a Texas Public University is:
 - ▶ UTEP \$19,252 (living on campus)
 - ▶ Texas Tech **\$29,086** (living on campus)
 - ▶ UT Austin \$30,752-\$34,174 (living on campus)
- ▶ **Earning 30 credit hours through Dual Credit/AP exams (IB diploma) can save you 1 year (or more) of college tuition!**

UT OnRamps

- ▶ Similar to dual credit.
- ▶ Credit is awarded through UT Austin.
- ▶ Students can choose to accept credit from UT Austin at the end of the year. **
- ▶ No qualifying scores needed, although you must meet prerequisite requirements.

PSAT

PSAT test day for 10th and 11th grade students was October 24th, 2023. PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test (10th grade students take it as practice)

PSAT-10th grade

- ▶ PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken in 11th grade
- ▶ 10th grade students take it as practice for NMSQT next year
- ▶ Indicates range of SAT scores based on the assessment.
- ▶ The test will be online.....



College Readiness

What is this?

- ▶ Are you reading at a College Level?
- ▶ Can you write a College Level Essay?
- ▶ Are you ready for College Level Math?

SAT Scores: 480 Evidence Based Reading and Writing
530 Math

ACT Scores: 23 Composite with a 19 in English and 19 in Math

TSI Scores: ELAR-945 or higher on the multiple choice and 5 or higher on the essay
ELAR- CRC<945 with Diagnostic Score of 5, and 5 or higher on the essay
MATH- 950 or higher
Math- CRC<950 with a Diagnostic score of a 6

TSI Testing (Texas Success Initiative)

- ▶ We will TSI test students who register to take dual credit courses next year in the spring
- ▶ This year we will begin testing all Sophomores for TSI Reading/Writing test
- ▶ We will begin to test Freshman as time permits. PTECH students will be testing in late September/early October/November

Students who do not meet the college readiness scores in Reading and Math by the end of their junior year will be placed into College Prep English and/or College Prep Math classes their senior year. These are classes designed to help students meet the college readiness standards.

College: Where to Start

- ▶ 9th and 10th grade is a great time to start doing research.
 1. Does the college offer your major?
 2. Look at in state and out of state schools.
 3. Look at the “Core” requirements to see how Dual Credit/ OnRamps or AP courses could help you.
 4. Look at the cost of tuition.
 5. Look at scholarships and their requirements.
 6. Ask about the amount of financial aid a school is able to offer.

Attend College Fair Night October 24th
6:00-8:00 in the Coronado HS Cafeteria



New 3 Year (3½ year) Graduate Scholarship

- ▶ **Texas First Early High School Completion Program**
 - ▶ 26 credits with Distinguished level of Achievement
 - ▶ Final GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
 - ▶ Graduate in top 10% in class OR 80th percentile on ACT, SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, TSIA/TSIA2
 - ▶ Complete STAAR Requirements
 - ▶ Mastery in English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and Language other than English
 - ▶ Good at ALL Texas Public Universities
 - ▶ Expires at the end of the first Academic year

Helpful websites to get started

myplan.com or texasgenuine.org

For career searches and interest inventories

Bigfuture.com

For information on colleges

collegeforalltexasans.com

general information on applying for college



Coronado High School Counseling Website

<http://tbirdcounselingcenter.weebly.com>



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Parent Presentation/9th & 10th Grades



Questions??

Thank you for attending
tonight's presentation!!

