

Welcome Highlanders!!
Course Selection Information Meeting
Spring 2016



**Graduation Classes of
2017, 2018, and 2019**

STEPS FOR COURSE SELECTION

1ST STEP

- BLITZ DAY – February 4th
 - Students received Paper Course Selection Forms
 - Teachers advised students on course levels for next year
- Course Selection Forms – DUE February 19th to the following teachers :
 - Current 9th grade – Social Studies
 - Current 10th grade – Chemistry
 - Current 11th grade – English 3

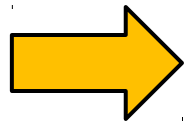
WHAT IS BLITZ DAY?

- Teachers *advise* students individually on academic levels for core and foreign language courses for the following school year
- Parents and students should review the advisements and make the best choices for their student
- Parent and student signatures required on Course Selection Form
- Advanced course agreements for Pre AP, Honors, AP, and Dual Credit courses will be electronically signed through PAC in April of 2016

STEPS FOR COURSE SELECTION

2ND STEP

- Students will update 4 Year Plan through Student Access (SAC) or Parent Access Center (PAC)



Next year's courses will be pulled from 4 Year Plan in SAC

- Teacher advisements are visible electronically in each student's 4 Year Plan
- Deadline for updating 4 Year Plan is February 19th

HOW TO UPDATE 4 YEAR PLAN

Go to www.conroeisd.net.

Student or Parent Access

www.conroeisd.net student-parents/

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HOW TO UPDATE 4 YEAR PLAN

Updates can be made in SAC or PAC

1. Log in to your account
2. Click on 4 Year Plan to update courses per year according to what you have taken and what you want to take.

Student Access

Student Access - Web-based Student Information System

1st Log-in

2nd Select 4 Year Plan

3rd Select Year 1 Courses

The screenshot shows a web-based student information system interface. The top navigation bar is blue and contains several menu items. A red arrow labeled '1st Log-in' points to the 'Log-in' button. Below the navigation bar is a login form with fields for Username, Student ID, and a CAPTCHA image. The CAPTCHA image shows the number 'H32g72'. Below the login form is a table with columns for 'Year' and 'Courses'. A red arrow labeled '2nd Select 4 Year Plan' points to a button in the top right corner of the table area. Another red arrow labeled '3rd Select Year 1 Courses' points to a button in the first row of the table.

HOW TO UPDATE 4 YEAR PLAN

3. Find the student's next school year

Example:

8th Grade – Year 1

9th Grade – Year 2

10th Grade – Year 3

11th Grade – Year 4

Subject	Year 1		Yr1 Crd
	A	B	
English	English I PreAP A	English I PreAP B	1
Math	Geometry PreAP A	Geometry PreAP B	1
Science	Biology PreAP A	Biology PreAP B	1
Soc Stu	W Geography PreAP A	W Geography PreAP B	1
LOTE	Spanish II A	Spanish II B	1
Health	(Planned/Achieved)		
PE	Volleyball I A	Volleyball I B	1
Fine Arts	Art I A	Art I B	1
Ele-STEM			0
Ele-Bus Ind			0
Ele-Art Hum			0
Ele-Pub Srv			0
Ele-MDS			0
Ele-Athletics			0
Ele-Phys Ed			0
Ele-General			0
Summer			0
Local			0
Year 1 (Max Credit 8) Selected Credit: 7			

Ex: Year 3 is where a current 10th grade student would enter their 11th grade courses for next year.

Subject	Year 2		Yr2 Crd
	A	B	
English	English II PreAP A	English II PreAP B	1
Math	Algebra II PreAP A	Algebra II PreAP B	1
Science	Chemistry PreAP A	Chemistry PreAP B	1
Soc Stu	W History H A	W History H B	1
LOTE	(Planned/Achieved)		
Health	(Planned/Achieved)		
PE	(Planned/Achieved)		
Fine Arts	(Planned/Achieved)		
Ele-STEM			0
Ele-Bus Ind	Interior Design A	Interior Design B	1
Ele-Art Hum	Spec Topics in W Geography	Human Geography AP	1
Ele-Pub Srv	Lifetime Nutrition A	Princ of Educ & Train B	2
Ele-MDS	Princ of Educ & Train A	Lifetime Nutrition B	0
Ele-Athletics			0
Ele-Phys Ed			0
Ele-General			0
Summer			0
Local			0
Year 2 (Max Credit 8) Selected Credit: 8			
This school year has the maximum credit of 8 Please adjust your courses accordingly.			

Subject	Year 3		Yr3 Crd	Teacher Advisement
	A	B		
English	English III DC A	English III DC B	1	
Math	PreCalculus PreAP A	PreCalculus PreAP B	1	B/PreCalculus PreAP B(171B)
Science	Physics H A	Physics H B	1	B/Physics H B(032B)
Soc Stu	US History H A	US History H B	1	
LOTE	(Planned/Achieved)			
Health	(Planned/Achieved)			
PE	(Planned/Achieved)			
Fine Arts	(Planned/Achieved)			
Ele-STEM	Chemistry AP A	Chemistry AP B	1	
Ele-Bus Ind			0	
Ele-Art Hum			0	
Ele-Pub Srv	Culinary Arts A	Culinary Arts B	2	
Ele-MDS	Principles of Health Science	Medical Terminology	0	
Ele-Athletics			0	
Ele-Phys Ed			0	
Ele-General		AP Psychology	0.5	
Summer			0	
Local	Office Aide Fall Red		0.5	
Alternatives			0	
[ReOrder]			0	
Year 3 (Max Credit 8) Selected Credit: 8				
This school year has the maximum credit of 8 Please adjust your courses accordingly.				

Subject	Year 4		Yr4 Crd
	A	B	
English	English IV DC A	English IV DC B	1
Math	(Planned/Achieved)		
Science	Anatomy and Physiology H A	Anatomy and Physiology H B	1
Soc Stu	AP US Govt	Economics AP	1
LOTE	(Planned/Achieved)		
Health	(Planned/Achieved)		
PE	(Planned/Achieved)		
Fine Arts	(Planned/Achieved)		
Ele-STEM	AP Calc BC A	AP Calc BC B	2
Ele-Bus Ind	Biology AP A	Biology AP B	0
Ele-Art Hum			0
Ele-Pub Srv			0
Ele-MDS			0
Ele-Athletics			0
Ele-Phys Ed			0
Ele-General	Bible Literacy A	Bible Literacy B	1
Summer			0
Local	Early Release	Early Release	0
Year 4 (Max Credit 8) Selected Credit: 6			

HELPFUL HINTS: UPDATING 4 YEAR PLANS (4YP)

- Year long courses require an A and B part – add both to the 4YP
- One semester courses are indicated with an H and only need to be added one time
- If a course is grayed out, look at your next year plan to see if it is there. If so, delete the course in the later year in order to add it to next year
- Click on the Red X to delete a course

HELPFUL HINTS: UPDATING 4 YEAR PLANS

- Include four alternate courses in case you do not get your first choices
- The online 4 Year Plan data will be copied straight into our scheduling database for next year. Make sure the courses in your 4 Year Plan match your requests
- The paper copy is a back up and will be used by the counselors in individual conferences with students

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELOR-STUDENT CONFERENCES

WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED:

- Current transcript will be reviewed
- Graduation Requirements (per Program of Studies)
 - Recommended or Distinguished plan: Current 11th grade
 - Foundation Plan with Endorsements – Current 9th/10th grade
- End of Course (EOC) Exams and scores required
- Four Year plans

WHEN:

- 9th grade - April
- 10th grade - February, March and April
- 11th grade - April

STAAR END OF COURSE EXAMS (EOC)

- EOC Exams are subject based tests and are taken upon completion of the course
- Students are required to pass the following EOCs to complete Graduation Requirements:

☹English 1

☹Algebra 1

☹Biology

☹English 2

☹US History

STAAR END OF COURSE EXAMS (EOC)

- EOC's must be retaken if failed, even if the student passed the course
- Students who fail an EOC will participate in small group remediation during Advisory periods
- Counselors will review EOC status during Individual Counselor-Student Conferences

UPCOMING EOC TEST DATES

- March 29th – English 1 retest
- March 31st – English 2
- May 2nd – Algebra I
- May 3rd – Biology
- May 4th – United States History
- Attendance is important because makeup testing is limited

EOC Time Limits:

English 1 & English 2 – Five hours

Algebra 1, Biology and US History - Four hours

EARNING CREDITS

- Grade level classification requirements: (total credits required at start of school year)
 - 6 credits to be classified as a Sophomore
 - 12 credits to be classified as a Junior
 - 18 credits to be classified as a Senior
- Failed courses that are required for graduation must be retaken to earn the needed credit

OPTIONS FOR RETAKING A FAILED COURSE:

- CISD Summer School
- Retake it during the next school year
- Credit by Exam through Texas Tech University High School Program (\$50.00/half credit; www.dce.ttu.edu)

SUMMER SCHOOL 2016

Location: Conroe High School

- For more information see www.conroeisd.net website in late March
- Sign up begins in April of 2016
- Out of District options are available in some cases

SUMMER SCHOOL DATES:

- High School Acceleration/Initial credit: 6/13 – 7/15
- Online Accelerated Math Initial credit: 4/25 – 7/14
- High School Credit Recovery: 6/13 – 7/8

HOW TO DETERMINE ACADEMIC PLACEMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES

- What levels are available?
 - Level
 - Honors or Pre AP
 - Dual Credit
 - Advanced Placement (AP)
- What level did your teacher recommend/advise?
- What are your past grades in that subject area?
- Why do you want to take an advanced course?

ADVANCED PLACEMENT V. DUAL CREDIT

Advanced Placement (AP)

- College Level Course where students may earn college credits based on AP Exam score taken in May
- Scored 1-5 (5 is highest)
- College credit determined by College or University attending

ADVANCED PLACEMENT V DUAL CREDIT

Dual Credit (DC)

- Course gives credit at LSC and TWHS
- Students receive college credit by earning a 70 or above in the course
- College Readiness testing required:
 - 10th Grade: TSI
 - 11th Grade: TSI/SAT/ACT
- Tuition: Approximately \$66 per class (TBD)

Dual Credit courses available at TWHS for 11th/12th grades:
English 3, College Algebra, US History &
English 4

1301/1302 (DC not taken for English 3)

2322/2323 (DC taken for English 3)

HOW TO DETERMINE ACADEMIC PLACEMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES

- How much time will be required outside of class to complete assignments/study?
- How much extra time are you willing to devote to this class?
- How much time do you spend on extracurricular activities like church, job, sports, etc.?
- How many other advanced level courses are you taking? There are only 24 hours in a day!

HOMWORK EXPECTATIONS

- Level Classes:
 - 30-45 minutes per class period
- Honors/Pre AP Classes:
 - 45-60 minutes per class period
- Dual Credit/AP Classes:
 - 1.5-3 hours per class period

➤ DC/AP classes are college-level courses and move at a faster pace

➤ More reading, writing and research-based assignments

ADVANCED COURSE AGREEMENT

- An advanced course agreement is required for all Honors, Pre AP, Dual Credit and AP courses
- Students are committing to the course for the entire school year
- Parents will be notified to sign an Advanced Course Agreement in PAC (Late March/Early April)

Dual Credit and Advanced Placement courses will require additional time commensurate with that expected of a college-level course.

GPA EXEMPTIONS FOR CURRENT 10th & 11th GRADE STUDENTS

- Courses listed on the next slide are available to be exempted from computation of GPA during the 3rd or 4th year of the course
- The application for GPA Exemption should be completed during the Spring Semester of 10th or 11th grade
- Students must have already taken the first two years of the course at a high school and earned at least a B average in both courses

GPA EXEMPTION COURSES

- Advanced Journalism
Newspaper and Yearbook
- Art III and Art IV
- District –Identified CTE
courses
- Athletics (not PE)
- Band
- Cheerleading
- Choir
- Color Guard
- Debate
- Drill Team
- JROTC
- Oral Interpretation
- Orchestra
- Theater
Technical Theater,
Theater Arts, and
Theater Production

WHAT BENEFIT IS A GPA EXEMPTION?

- The GPA Exemption policy encourages students to pursue their areas of special talents and interests and not be penalized by an unweighted elective
- Students with a weighted cumulative GPA greater than a 4.0 will benefit the most from this exemption
- Counselors will discuss the GPA exemptions with students during individual conferences

GRADEPOINT SYSTEM

Grade Range	Letter Semester Grade	AP/DC	Pre AP/Honors	Level
90-100	A	6.0	5.0	4.0
80-89	B	5.0	4.0	3.0
75-79	C	4.0	3.0	2.0
70-74	D	3.0	2.0	1.0
Below 70	F	0	0	0

HOW MANY COURSES CAN BE GPA EXEMPT?

- Two courses/two credits can be exempt
- Students cannot reverse their decision after the course has started

One credit each during junior and senior years

OR

Two credits during senior year

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

- Dual Credit courses receive both high school and college level credits
 - TSI, SAT, or ACT scores are required to qualify for a Dual Credit Course
 - **MAY 12th** - Deadline for all Dual Credit paperwork
 - See TWHS website for additional information
- Dual Credit core courses taught on TWHS campus receive advanced grade points.
 - Dual Credit courses taught at Lone Star receive level grade points.

DUAL CREDIT/WORFORCE PROGRAMS

- LSC Continuing Education/Workforce Programs require students to take the TSI test
- Transportation is not provided
- More information on course offerings can be found on page 12 in the CISD Program of Studies

ADDITIONAL TWHS COURSE OFFERINGS

- The following programs are offered at other CISD high schools
 - Cosmetology I & II: Oakridge HS
 - Auto Technician I & II: Conroe HS
 - Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing I & II: Conroe HS
 - Practicum in Culinary Arts: Conroe HS
- Some transportation is provided – students travel to the required school each day
- School hours are extended
- Additional costs required

IMPORTANT DATES FOR REGISTRATION

- February 18th 4:30-6:30 PM TWHS Cafeteria
 - Parent and Student Help Night
- February 19th – Course Selection Sheets and online registration via 4YP due
- March 31st– First Course Verification
- May 6th – Deadline to make course selection changes
- May 12th – Dual Credit paperwork deadline
- May 19th – Final Course Verification

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Students and parents can email their counselors with any questions or other concerns