

Welcome Highlanders!!

Course Selection Information Meeting

Spring 2020



**Graduation Classes of
2021, 2022, and 2023**

STEPS FOR COURSE SELECTION

1ST STEP

- **BLITZ WEEK: January 21 – January 24**
 - Students will receive Paper Course Information Sheets through their English classes during the week of Jan 27 through Jan 31
 - Teachers advised students on course levels for next year
- **Online Course Selection – DUE February 7th**

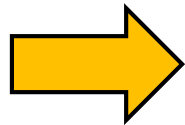
WHAT IS BLITZ WEEK?

- 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
- Advanced course agreements for Honors, AP, and Dual Credit courses will be electronically signed through PAC in late March of 2020

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/PAC



Teacher advisements are visible electronically in each student's 4 Year Plan

- **Deadline for updating 4 Year Plan is February 7th**
- **Changes after that date must be made on a Schedule Change Form in the grade level office**


HOW TO UPDATE 4 YEAR PLAN


Go to www.conroeisd.net/parents/

Parent Access - Web-based Student Information System



Email:
Password:

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Frequently Asked Questions

Logging In

Q: I lost my password. How do I reset it?

A: [Click here](#)

Q: Why do I get a session expired message as soon as I login?

A: Your browser's security settings are most likely set too high. You will need to adjust them.

Q: My login and password are correct. Why can't I login?

A: Your browser's security settings are most likely set too high. You will need to adjust them.

Multiple Accounts

Q: Why can I only see information for one of my children when I login to Parent Access Center?

A: You must create an account for each child.

Q: How do I set up accounts for multiple children?

A: You must create an account for each child. Click [Here](#) to start.

Updating Information

Q: I have a new email address. How do I update my account?

A: You will need to sign up for a new account.

Q: How can I change my password?

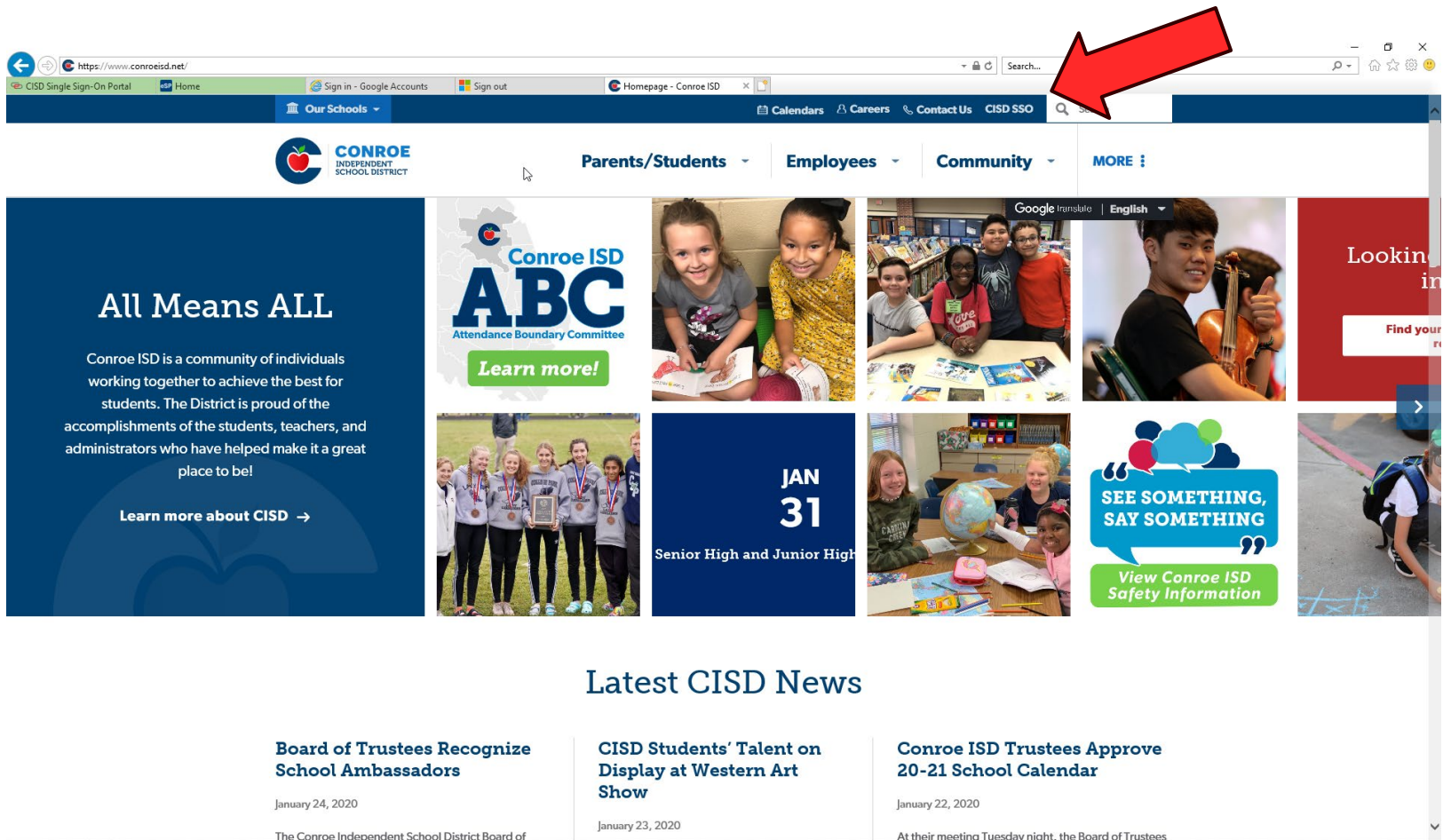
A: Click on the Manage Account tab.

STUDENTS--HOW TO UPDATE 4 YEAR PLAN

Updates can be made in SAC or PAC

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

Conroe ISD SSO Login



The screenshot shows the Conroe ISD website homepage. A red arrow points to the 'CISD SSO' link in the top navigation bar. The website features a blue header with the Conroe ISD logo and navigation links: 'Our Schools', 'Calendars', 'Careers', 'Contact Us', and 'CISD SSO'. Below the header, there are sections for 'All Means ALL', 'Conroe ISD ABC Attendance Boundary Committee', 'JAN 31 Senior High and Junior High', and 'SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING View Conroe ISD Safety Information'. The 'Latest CISD News' section at the bottom includes three articles: 'Board of Trustees Recognize School Ambassadors', 'CISD Students' Talent on Display at Western Art Show', and 'Conroe ISD Trustees Approve 20-21 School Calendar'.

All Means ALL

Conroe ISD is a community of individuals working together to achieve the best for students. The District is proud of the accomplishments of the students, teachers, and administrators who have helped make it a great place to be!

[Learn more about CISD →](#)

Conroe ISD ABC
Attendance Boundary Committee
[Learn more!](#)

JAN 31
Senior High and Junior High

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING
[View Conroe ISD Safety Information](#)

Latest CISD News

Board of Trustees Recognize School Ambassadors January 24, 2020 The Conroe Independent School District Board of	CISD Students' Talent on Display at Western Art Show January 23, 2020	Conroe ISD Trustees Approve 20-21 School Calendar January 22, 2020 At their meeting Tuesday night, the Board of Trustees
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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	2
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	2	
Ele-Athletics			0	
Ele-Phys Ed			0	
Ele-General	AP Psychology		0.5	
Summer			0	
Local	Office Aide Fall Rad		0.5	
Alternatives	Select...	Select...	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	2
Ele-Art Hum	Select...	Select...	0
Ele-Pub Srv	Select...	Select...	0
Ele-MDS	Select...	Select...	0
Ele-Athletics	Select...	Select...	0
Ele-Phys Ed	Select...	Select...	0
Ele-General	Bible Literacy A	Bible Literacy B	1
Summer	Select...	Select...	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 three alternate courses in case you do not get your first choices for alternates
- 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 simply a guideline and will be used by the counselors in individual conferences with students

Naviance Sign-In

The screenshot shows a web browser window at the URL <https://sso.conroeisd.net/sso/portal>. The page has a dark blue header with the text "CISD SSO Portal" and navigation links for "Portal Home" and "Binder". On the right side of the header, it says "Logged in as THOMAS".

Below the header, there are two main sections:

- Favorite Apps:** This section contains two app tiles: "ViewIT Student Access Center" and "Google Drive".
- CISD Apps:** This section contains a grid of 18 app tiles arranged in three rows and six columns:
 - Row 1: Canvas, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Pearson EasyBridge, Discovery Education, Edgenuity Students, Office 365.
 - Row 2: Parking, World Book, Britannica School, Imagine Learning, Tiny URL, Student Voting Booth.
 - Row 3: Adobe Spark, Eduphoria Online Testing, Credit by Exam (Student), Google Drive, Approved Extensions, and Naviance Students.

A large red arrow points to the "Naviance Students" app tile in the bottom right corner of the "CISD Apps" grid.

Dual Credit Help Sessions

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://student.naviance.com/main?userId=38428386>. The page has a teal header with a search bar labeled "Search for Colleges" and a "SEARCH" button. Below the header, the page is divided into several sections:

- Class of 2022**: A section with a red header. It contains text about preliminary class rank and GPA, and a "Read more" button.
- My Favorites**: A section with a dark blue header. It lists three items: "COLLEGES I'm thinking about", "COLLEGES I'm applying to", and "CAREERS AND CLUSTERS I'm thinking about".
- Important To-Dos and Tasks**: A section with a teal header. It lists three tasks:
 - Complete Career Interest Profiler**: **OVERDUE Tuesday Dec 31, 2019**. Assigned by Your Counselor.
 - Complete Career Interest Profiler**: **OVERDUE Tuesday Dec 31, 2019**. Assigned by Your Counselor.
 - Lesson 1: Build Resume**: **DUE Sunday May 31, 2020**. Assigned by Your Counselor.
- What's New**: A section with a teal header. It lists three items: "Dual Credit Help Session will be visiting your school on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 at 8:00 am more info", "Dual Credit Help Session will be visiting your school on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 at 9:00 am more info", and "Dual Credit Help Session will be visiting your school on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 at 9:45 am more info".

A large red arrow points from the "Complete Career Interest Profiler" task in the "Important To-Dos and Tasks" section to the "Dual Credit Help Session" items in the "What's New" section.

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELOR-STUDENT CONFERENCES

WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED:

- Current transcript will be reviewed (10th & 11th only)
- Graduation Requirements (per Program of Studies)
 - Foundation Plan with Endorsements
- End of Course (EOC) Exams and scores required
- Four Year plans

WHEN:

- 9th grade: February 12-March 5(Geography)
- 10th grade: February 6-March 5(Chemistry)
- 11th grade: March 16 – April 3(English 3)

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
- Remediation will be offered
- Counselors will review EOC status during Individual Counselor-Student Conferences

UPCOMING EOC TEST DATES

- April 7 – English 1 retest
- April 8 – English 2
- May 5– Algebra I
- May 5 – Biology
- May 6 – United States History
- Attendance is important because makeup testing is limited Make-up day is May 7

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 2020

Location: To Be Determined

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

**SUMMER SCHOOL DATES:
To Be Announced**

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/PSAT
 - 11th Grade: TSI/PSAT/SAT/ACT
- Tuition: Approximately \$72 per class (TBD)

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

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!

HOMEWORK 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)

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

CONSIDERATIONS FOR DROPPING SELECT COURSES

- If a student drops a dual credit course, they are expected to go to a level course
- If a student drops a sport, band, or double-blocked class, they will be expected to replace one class with PE and one class with an elective
- If your student starts to struggle in a course during the first nine weeks, we encourage you to set up a conference with the teacher and the counselor (ex: sophomores struggling in Alg II Honors)

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

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 (3rd and 4th year)
- 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
Musical Theater

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

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

ADDITIONAL TWHS COURSE OFFERINGS

- The following programs are offered at other CISD high schools for juniors and seniors only

- 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

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
 - **April 24** - 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

- More information on course offerings can be found on page 12 in the CISD Program of Studies – see link below
- <https://www.conroeisd.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/20-21-Program-of-Studies-Aug-21-2019.pdf>

IMPORTANT DATES FOR REGISTRATION

- February 6: 4:30 – 6:30PM TWHS Senior Cafeteria
 - Parent and Student Help Night
- February 7: Course Selection Sheets and online registration via 4YP due
- February 15: Junior GPA/Rank release
- March 1: Sophomore GPA/Rank release
- March 31: First Course Verification
- **April 24: Dual Credit paperwork deadline**
- **April 24: Deadline to make course selection changes**

TWHS COUNSELORS

Stacey Moseley	Lead Counselor
Kimm Dwyer	A-Bru
Brittany Darden	Brv-Dok
Tracie Turner	Dod-Grig
Keisha Clarke	Grih-Jor
Angie McNeal	Jos-Mars
Jane Iribarren	Mart-Oz
Emily Bethell	P-Sae
Amy Hollie	Saf-Taes
Tiffani Jaqua	Tet-Z
Kassidy Villegas	College and Career

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