

Getting to know HJHS

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23-24 APPROVED HJISD SCHOOL CALENDAR

HARDIN-JEFFERSON ISD

2023-2024 School Year

Board Approved 1-23-2023

July 2023

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

S- 12 August 2023 T- 17

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

S- 19 September 2023 T- 19

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

S- 20 October 2023 T- 21

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

S- 17 November 2023 T- 19

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

S- 14 December 2023 T- 14

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Grading Periods

1 st 9 wks.....	40
2 nd 9wks.....	42
1 Semester.....	82
3 rd 9 wks.....	41
4 th 9 wks.....	48
2 nd Semester.....	89
Total School Days.....	171

Report Cards

1 st Qtr.....	Oct 20
2 nd Qtr.....	Jan 12
3 rd Qtr.....	Mar 22
4 th Qtr.....	May 31

Progress Reports

Sep 6	Jan 24
Sep 27	Feb 21
Nov 1	Apr 19
Nov 27	May 8

Student Holidays

Labor Day	Sep 4
Thanksgiving Break.....	Nov 20-24
Christmas Holidays.....	Dec 21-Jan 5
MLK's Birthday.....	Jan 15
Winter Break.....	Feb 12-17
Good Friday.....	March 29
Spring Break.....	Apr 8-12
Memorial Day.....	May 27

Important Dates

First Student Date.....	Aug 16
Last Student Day.....	May 31
HS Graduation.....	June 1

Legend

[]Start/End 9 Weeks
[H] Student/Teacher/Staff Holiday
[WD]Teacher Workday
[PD]Professional Development
[TD]Test Dates
[E]Early Release

Instructional minutes – 77,325

Testing Schedule

Specific testing information/dates
can be found on the district website
at
www.hjisd.net on the district
calendar.

S- 15 January 2024 T- 17

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

S- 16 February 2024 T- 16

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

S- 18 March 2024 T- 20

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

S- 17 April 2024 T- 17

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

S- 18 May 2024 T- 18

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

June 2024

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

When Scheduling your Students

- *I will go step by step through each course choice.
- *I will explain the differences between regular and honors classes.
- *I will talk to them at length about grades, GPA, ranking, etc.
- *You/they can make as many changes to their schedule until the deadline of May 26

GRADES & CREDITS

Grades

A= 90-100

B= 80-89

C= 75-79

D= 70-74

F= 69 and lower

Credits

Sophomore= 6 credits

Junior= 12 credits

Senior= 19 credits

Graduate= 26 credits

*As defined in our handbook



YOUR STUDENT'S CHOICES FOR 9th GRADE

- English I or Pre-AP English I
- Algebra I or Honors Geometry for those who are currently taking Algebra I & will pass it
- IPC (Integrated Physics and Chemistry) or Pre-AP Biology
- World Geography or Honors World Geography
- Spanish I or II
- Band, PE or Athletics
- Fine Art or Endorsement Class/Elective

Course Selection Sheet

-This is what I will help your Student complete when I meet with them to make their schedule for next year.

FRESHMAN Course Selection Template

Student Name: _____
 Student ID: _____
 Student Cell: _____ Parent Phone Number: _____

SAMPLE

	<i>Class Name (circle your choice or write it in here)</i>	<i>**Do not write in this column- office use only</i>
1	English I (1011) Or Honors English I (1021)	
2	Algebra I (1300) Or Honors Geometry (1308)	
3	World Geography (1500) Or Honors World Geography (1501)	
4	IPC (1406) Or Honors Biology (1400)	
5	Band (2008) Or PE (2250) Or Athletics (2258) <write in your sport>	
6	Spanish I (1206) Or Spanish II (1207)	
7	Fine Art (Art, Theatre Arts, Band, Music Theory or Principles of Floral Design) Or Endorsement Class (elective)	
8	Alternate 1	
9	Alternate 2	

Endorsements/ Programs of Study (electives) available at HJHS

HJHS Endorsements & Programs of Study

Animal Science (Business & Industry)

- 1) Principles of Ag
- 2) Small Animal Management, & Equine Science
- 3) Livestock
- 4) Advanced Animal Science

Welding (Business & Industry)

- 1) Intro to Welding
- 2) Welding I (2 period class)
- 3) Welding II (2 period class)

Digital Communications (Business & Industry)

- 1) Prin. of Arts, Audio Video Technology
- 2) Audio/Video Production I
- 3) Audio/Video Production II
- 4) Student chooses 1 elective in related field

Graphic Design & Multimedia Arts (Business & Industry)

- 1) Prin. of Arts, Audio Video Technology
- 2) Graphic Design & Illustration I
- 3) Graphic Design & Illustration II
- 4) Student chooses 1 elective in related field

Business Management (Business & Industry)

- 1) Principles of Business, Marketing & Finance
- 2) Virtual Business
- 3) Global Business
- 4) Business Management

(Arts & Humanities Endorsement)

Spanish 1-4

(Arts & Humanities Endorsement)

Art 1-4

(Arts & Humanities Endorsement)

Theater Arts 1-4

(Arts & Humanities Endorsement)

Band 1-4

(Arts & Humanities Endorsement)

Psychology & Sociology- no freshmen

**counts as an endorsement with your history classes

Healthcare Diagnostics (Public Service)

- 1) Principles of Health Science
- 2) Medical Terminology
- 3) Health Science
- 4) Anatomy & Physiology

Culinary Arts (Public Service)

- 1) Introduction to Culinary Arts
- 2) Culinary Arts (2 period class)
- 3) Student chooses 1 elective in related field

Family & Community Services (Public Service)

- 1) Principles of Human Services
- 2) Child Development
- 3) Student chooses 2 electives in related field

Law Enforcement (Business & Industry)

- 1) Principles of Law
- 2) Law Enforcement I
- 3) Law Enforcement II
- 4) Criminal Investigations

Engineering (STEM)

- 1) Principles of Engineering
- 2) Eng. Design & Problem Solving **Rocket I**
- 3) Engineering Science **Rocket II**
- 4) Scientific Research & Design **Rocket III**

Miscellaneous Electives (not an endorsement)

Ag Mechanics
Yearbook
Yearbook 2
Office Aide- Seniors only
PALS- Juniors & Seniors only
Career Prep (the work program)- Seniors only
AP Psychology

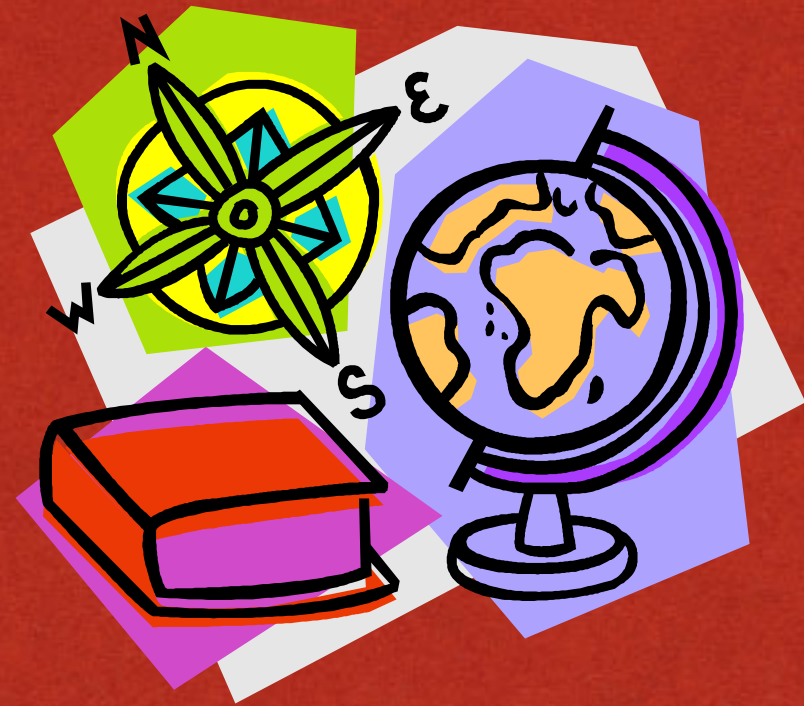
Fine Arts Choices: (Circle 1)

Art
Band
Jazz Band
Floral Design
Theater Arts
Music Theory

****The level 1 classes are the entry level course for each Program of Study.**

EXCEPTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

- IPC is what should be considered “regular” science. Honors Biology is advanced
- Students must take 2 years of the same foreign language to graduate.
- Fine Art choices: Art, Theater Arts, Band, Music Theory, Jazz Band or Floral Design
- If your student is taking Algebra I in 8th grade, & will pass it for the year, they can choose between Honors Geometry or Geometry.
- If your student is taking Spanish I in 8th grade, & will pass it for the year, they will take Spanish 2 in 9th grade.



EXCEPTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

- Students have to wait to take Intro to Welding starting with their 10th grade year- per the welding teacher, Mr. Jones
- One of the following sports is required to be in Boys Athletics for 9th grade: Football, Basketball, Golf or Soccer- per our coaches
- One of the following sports is required to be in Girls Athletics for 9th grade: Volleyball, Basketball, Golf, Soccer or Softball- per our coaches
- Boys cannot join athletics for baseball till starting with their 10th grade year- per the baseball coach. (No freshmen boys are allowed in athletics for ONLY baseball.)
- All other sports are after school only; meaning they cannot join athletics for any sports than what is listed above- per our coaches

EXPLANATION OF REGULAR, HONORS AND AP

- If a student takes a regular class and makes a 70, they get a 70 on their report card, a 70 for their GPA and a 70 for ranking.
- If a student takes an Honors class and makes a 70, they get a 70 on their report card, a 70 for their GPA and a 75 for ranking.
- If a student takes an AP class and makes a 70, they get a 70 on their report card, a 70 for their GPA and an 80 for ranking.

SCENARIO

- Jane takes **Honors English** and makes an 80.
- Joe takes **regular English** and makes a 90.
- Who is better off when looking at grades? ranking?
- Jane has an 80 on report card, 80 for GPA and 85 for ranking.
- Joe has 90, 90, and 90 for the 3.
- You have to decide what is most important - grades? Rank? Taking advanced classes?

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- ENGLISH- (4) English I, 2, 3, 4
- MATH- (4) Algebra I, Geometry, and two Advanced Math classes (students will have several choices)
- SCIENCE- (4) IPC, Biology, and two Advanced Sciences (students will have several choices) OR Biology, Chemistry, and two Advanced Sciences (some colleges require Physics- check their website for courses required for admissions)
- HISTORY- (4) World Geography, World History, US History, Government (.5), Economics (.5)
- PE/Athletics- (1) one credit
- Technology- (1) one credit
- Foreign Language- (2) two credits of Spanish
- Fine Arts- (1) one credit
- Electives (5)

Hardin-Jefferson High School Four Year Plan with Endorsement

Name: SAMPLE Student

ID #: _____

The Four Year Plan is intended to give you and your parent(s) a guide to use as you progress through high school. You will choose an Endorsement based on your career goals. Make sure that you are taking the academic courses that support your post-secondary plans.

Endorsement:

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

Career Goal: _____

Directions: Students under the distinguished academic plan need to complete 4 math credits (Algebra 2 is required), 4 science credits and an endorsement.

Discipline	Credits
English	4
Math	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
Foreign Language	2
Fine Arts	1
Physical Education	1
Electives	5
Technology (local)	1
Total Credits for Graduation:	26

	Prior to 9th grade	9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade
1	PIT	English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4
2		Math	Math	Math	Math
3		Science	Science	Science	Science
4		World Geography	World History	US History	Government/Economics
5		Spanish 1	Spanish 2	Elective or Fine Arts	Elective
6		PE/Athletics	Athletics or Elective	Athletics or Elective	Athletics or Elective
7		Elective or Fine Arts	Elective	Elective	Elective

GRADUATION PLANS

1. Foundation High School Program
2. Foundation High School Program with Endorsement(s)
3. Foundation High School Program with Endorsement(s) and Distinguished

HOW TO EARN A DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

Successfully complete:

- a total of 4 credits in math, which must include Algebra 2,
- a total of 4 credits in science,
- the remaining curriculum requirements and
- at least one endorsement

*** A student must earn distinguished level of achievement to be eligible for top 10% automatic admission.

1ST ENDORSEMENT AREA: STEM

(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS)

- Students must take Algebra 2, Chemistry and Physics and ONE of the following class sequences:
 - A) Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and 2 more advanced math classes
 - B) Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and 2 more science classes
 - C) Engineering

2ND ENDORSEMENT AREA: BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

- Students must take an additional math and science credit (student's choice) and ONE of the following sequences:
 - A. Animal Science
 - B. Welding
 - C. Digital Communications
 - D. Graphic Design & Multimedia Arts
 - E. Business Management
 - F. Law Enforcement

3RD ENDORSEMENT AREA: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- Students must take an additional math and science credit (student's choice) and ONE of the following sequences:

A) 4 required history classes and Psychology (.5) and Sociology (.5)

B) Spanish 1-4

OR

C) Theatre Arts 1-4; Art 1-4; Band 1-4; or a combination

4TH ENDORSEMENT AREA: PUBLIC SERVICE

- Students must take an additional math and science credit (student's choice) and ONE of the following sequences:
 - A. Healthcare Diagnostics
 - B. Culinary Arts
 - C. Family & Community Services

SPORTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Band, Flag Team & Twirlers

Director: Martin Trammel
martintrammel@hjisd.net

Baseball

Coach: Edd Trotter
eddtrotter@hjisd.net

Basketball

Boys Coach: Clay Davis
claydavis@hjisd.net
Girls Coach: Mike Fogo
mikefogo@hjisd.net

Cheerleading

Coaches: Alicia Rutherford
aliciarutherford@hjisd.net

Cross Country

Coach: Raylie Huff
rayliehuff@hjisd.net

Football

Coach: Zach Bass
zachbass@hjisd.net

Golf

Coach: Roy Gatlin
roygatlin@hjisd.net

Powerlifting

Coaches: Brandon Granger & Brittany Granger
brandongranger@hjisd.net
brittanygranger@hjisd.net

Soccer

Boys Coach: Josh Rutherford
joshutherford@hjisd.net
Girls Coach: Cara Robinson
cararobinson@hjisd.net

Softball

Coach: Savana Guidry
savanaguidry@hjisd.net

Starlettes

Directors: Hillary Bricker & Michaela Knupple
hillarybricker@hjisd.net
michaelaknupple@hjisd.net

Swim Team

Coach: Richard Robinson

Tennis

Coach: Chad Guillory
chadguillory@hjisd.net

Track

Coaches: Brandon Granger & Brittany Granger
brandongranger@hjisd.net
brittanygranger@hjisd.net

EMAILS

- The best way to communicate with all staff members is via email
- All email addresses are firstnamelastname@hjisd.net
ex: rachelcordova@hjisd.net
- PRETTY PLEASE check your emails & encourage your student to check their school emails

TUTORIALS

- Tutorials are offered each morning from 7:20-7:45
- Khan Academy has many AWESOME tutorials available, for free, including SAT Prep

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

LUNCHES

- We have three lunches for students- A, B & C.
- Their lunch is tied to their 5th period class.
- We cannot make lunch changes

SCHEDULE CHANGES

- Students can make as many schedule changes as they'd like from now till the last day of this school year- May 26
- Very limited schedule changes are allowed the first week of school
- Schedule changes out of Honors/AP classes are allowed till the Friday after the first progress report with signed parent permission

GRADING PERIODS

- 4 nine weeks- 1st & 2nd in the 1st semester & 3rd & 4th in the 2nd semester
- 1st semester ends at Christmas break & 2nd semester ends at the end of school
- GPA & Class Rank are ONLY ran at the end of each semester
- Progress Reports are twice in each nine weeks; at the end of the first 3 weeks & at 6 weeks

ZAP

(Zeros Aren't Permitted)

- The Saturday following a progress report from 8 AM to 10 AM.
- Students can make up zeros on daily work (excluding quizzes, tests & projects) within the 3 weeks prior.
- Student must be on time (8:00 am)
- Student must stay the full time (10:00am)
- Student must remain working the entire time
- Student must be in dress code with their ID!!
- Student must bring everything needed to complete assignments (books, paper, pens, calculator)

Zap Schedule

TBA

ATTENDANCE

- You have to attend school 90% of each semester in order to receive credit for all your classes.
- There are 82 days in our first semester & 89 days in our second semester.
- 10% includes both excused & unexcused absences.
- After missing more than 10%, you will have to make-up hours.
- Our attendance clerk or Assistant Principal will get with you about make-up hours, when needed.
- Questions? Email janycebaack@hjisd.net or tyreesaunders@hjisd.net

STAAR (EOC) TESTS

Students HAVE to pass all 5 STAAR/EOC tests in order to graduate/get their diploma from HJHS:

English 1
English 2
Algebra 1
Biology
US History

DUAL CREDIT

- Dual credit courses are currently offered through LIT
- They are available to juniors & seniors
- Information will be shared starting the spring of their 10th grade year
- They are ALL online

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Most scholarships are only available for seniors in high school & students in college
- I will share via email any scholarship I know about to the eligible grade level
- You can start searching now, but most scholarships available to high school underclassmen are contest based
- Never pay to search for scholarships

COUNSELING

Please help your student understand that we are here to help them with whatever they need. I am first & foremost a counselor. They are welcome to stop by our office ANYTIME!! We look forward to getting to know them.

FOLLOW US

- Facebook at Hardin-Jefferson H.S. Counselors' Office
- School Website- High School & our page is listed under Students, Counseling
- Check your emails from HJHS & HJISD

QUESTIONS???

FOR HELP CHECKING YOUR
GRADES, STOP BY THE
COUNSELORS' OFFICE ANYTIME!