

# Moving from Middle School to High School

**...successfully**

# Credits!

Classes work differently  
in high school than they  
did in middle school

**A credit is what you get  
after successfully  
completing one year of a  
high school class** (or the  
equivalent). You need at  
least 22 (26) to graduate.

What is equivalent to one  
year of class?

- Summer school
- Credit by exam (no more  
than twice per exam)

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# Missing Credits, Recovered Credits

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If you do not successfully complete one year of class, or part of that year (a semester) **or if you are not present for 90% of the class**, you have a missing credit.

**Missing credits usually need to be recovered.** You can recover it by:

- Going to summer school
- Passing CBE
- Retaking the class the next school year

# Keep on track with credits...

Or you risk losing a grade  
level!

Grade classification in high school is based on credits. Here is what you need to be 'counted' as a specific grade level. If you lose 1 or 2 credits every year and don't make them up, you are going to fall behind.

9th	Promoted from 8th grade
10th	6 credits (in August of that year)
11th	12 credits (in August of that year)
12th	18 credits (in August of that year)

**Grading policies and credit: important to know**

**If you fail one semester of a class, but the other semester grade is high enough that they average to 70, you can receive the full credit.**

**Example:**

**Semester 1: 67/Semester 2: 75 - FULL CREDIT EARNED**

**Semester 1: 90/Semester 2: 68 - FULL CREDIT EARNED**

# GPA!

And Class Rank

GPA stands for **grade point average**. Each semester's grade of each class goes in to your GPA separately.

All GPAs in the class (entire grade level) are compared and ranked. This is your class rank. (1/48... 30/48... 48/48)

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# GPA Scale, weighted and unweighted

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An unweighted class goes into GPA as follows:

$$A = 4.0$$

$$B = 3.0$$

$$C = 2.0$$

$$D = 1.0$$

$$F = 0$$

A weighted class goes into GPA as follows:

$$A = 5.0 \text{ (4.5)}$$

$$B = 4.0 \text{ (3.5)}$$

$$C = 3.0 \text{ (2.5)}$$

$$D = 2.0 \text{ (1.5)}$$

$$F = 0$$



# Graduation Plans and Endorsements



Foundation Plan



Foundation + Endorsement(s)



Distinguished Achievement Plan

# Quick Summary of Credit Requirements to Graduate

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	English	Math	Science	Social St.	LOTE	FA	PE	Electives
Foundation Plan (22 credits)	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	5
Endorsements (26 credits)	4	4	4	3	2	1	1	7
Distinguished Level of Achievement(26 credits)	4	4 Alg2	4	3	2	1	1	7

# Endorsement types

Endorsements are complex!

There are 5 different endorsement areas: **Arts and Humanities**, **Business and Industry**, **Multidisciplinary**, **Public Service**, and **STEM**. However, there are multiple ways to earn each one.

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# You have an endorsement!

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When you completed your 4-year plan last year, you chose an endorsement - either something that interested you or something you thought would be useful for your future.

You may change your endorsement. You may refuse to have an endorsement, but only at the end of 10th grade and if your parents agree. You may also earn more than one.

**All** HSI-Katy students should be eligible for the Multidisciplinary endorsement, because of 4x4.

You can view the endorsement you selected by checking your course plan in Naviance. To change it, complete a new 4-year plan and submit it on Naviance for approval.

# Graduation Requirements

What do you have to do to get out of here?

- Earn all required credits (26 or 22)
- Pass 5 EOCs
- Complete 100 hours community service
- Get in to a 4-year college



# Student Expectations and Commitment

At Harmony, all students are expected to:

- Receive a college-readiness label with an eligible test score by the end of junior year (see Table 1)
- Complete the 4x4 graduation plan
- Receive acceptance to a four-year college or university

# Overview of 'College Readiness Assessments'

There are 4 different tests whose scores can be used to demonstrate 'college readiness.'

- The PSAT/NMSQT is given to Harmony students in October of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- The SAT is given to Harmony students in April of 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Most high schoolers take this test several times (3 is good) to achieve the highest score they can. This is the 'default' college admission exam
- The TSI is accepted at Texas public colleges. Harmony campuses are TSI testing centers
- The ACT is similar/equivalent to the SAT but slightly less widespread.

# Table 1. – College Readiness Scores

Test	Combined Score	Math	Reading	Writing
TSI	---	350-390	351-390	5 on essay or  340 - 390 multiple choice with 4 on essay
SAT	---	Min. 530	Min. 480	N/A
ACT	23	Min. 19	Min. 19	N/A



# Table 2: Grade Level Expectations to be a “On Target to be College Ready”

Grade Level	Assessment	Math	Evidence Based Reading and Writing
8th	PSAT 8/9	420	320
9th	PSAT 8/9	450	340
10th	PSAT 10	470	360
11th	PSAT/NMSQT	500	390
11th	SAT	500	410
12th	SAT	520	480

# College Readiness Intervention

Grade Level	Subject	Lab	Personalized Learning Software
9th Grade	Math	EOC	ALEKS
	ELA	EOC	Study Island
10th Grade	Math	TSI	Pearson- My Foundation Lab
	Math	SAT	A-list/Khan Academy
	ELA	EOC	Study Island
	ELA	SAT	A-List
11th Grade	ELA/Math	TSI	Pearson- My Foundation Lab
	ELA/Math	SAT	A-List Education/Khan Academy
12th Grade	ELA/Math	TSI	Pearson- My Foundation Lab

# Questions?

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