



# **Advanced Academics**

**Parent Information - January 11, 2024**



# Welcome!

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# What's the difference?

Dual Credit	Advanced Placement (AP)
Curriculum designed by HCC, Course may be taught by a Katy ISD teacher or HCC professor	Curriculum designed by College Board, Course taught by a Katy ISD teacher
College credit dependent upon a passing grade in the course	College credit depending upon passing the AP exam*
GPA on 4.5 scale	GPA on 5.0 scale
Generally transferable to colleges/universities in Texas	Credit policy varies by college/university <u><a href="#">AP Credit Policy</a></u>
Cost: \$65 plus books, other materials <b><i>HCC reserves the right to change the cost of a course.</i></b>	Cost: Exam fee \$102**  <small>*credit varies based on college/university policy **assistance available for students on free/reduced lunch</small>

# Both AP and Dual Credit Offer:

- The ability for students to experience a college class while in a supportive home/school environment
- Development of college-level analytical and study skills
- The opportunity for students to build academic confidence
- Weighted GPA

Course	90-100 A	80-89 B	70-79 C	69 and Below F
Advanced	5	4	3	0
Dual Credit	4.5	3.5	2.5	0
Academic	4	3	2	0

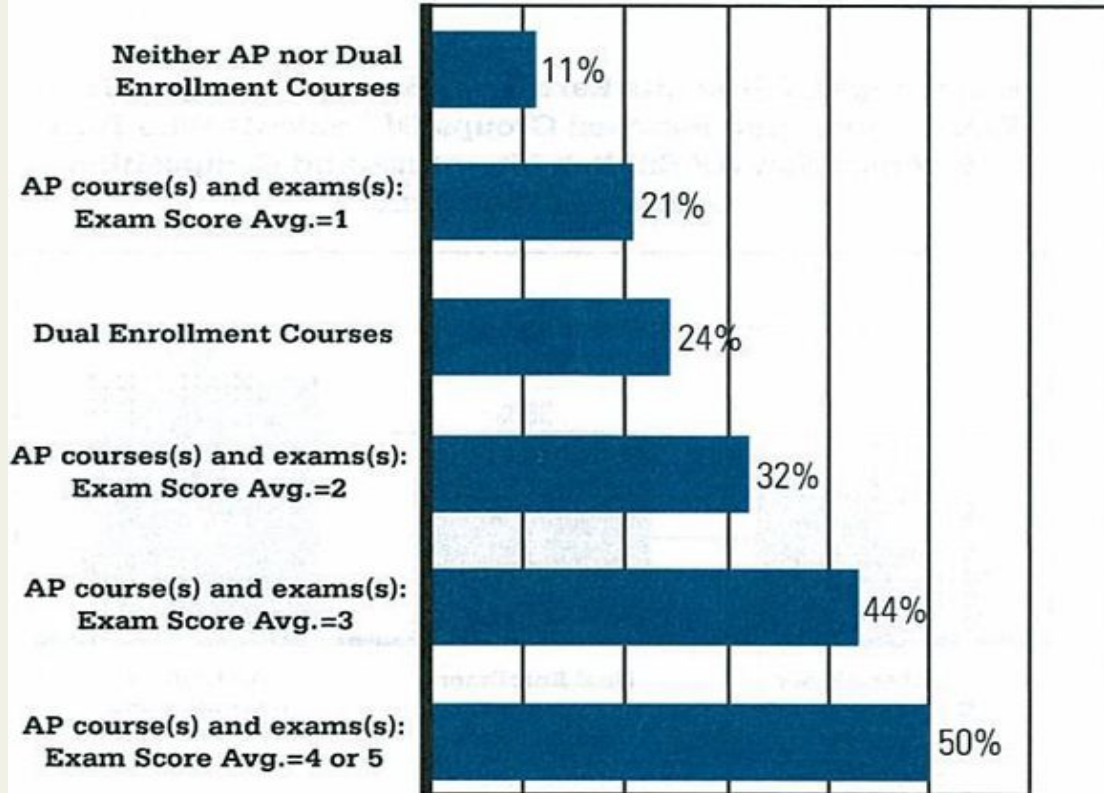
# What counts in college admissions?

TABLE 7. PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGES ATTRIBUTING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE TO FACTORS IN ADMISSION DECISIONS: FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN, FALL 2017

Factor	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
Grades in All Courses	220	74.5	15.0	5.5	5.0
Grades in College Prep Courses	220	73.2	16.8	5.9	4.1
Strength of Curriculum	219	62.1	21.9	8.7	7.3
Admission Test Scores (SAT, ACT)	221	45.7	37.1	12.2	5.0
Essay or Writing Sample	220	23.2	33.2	24.1	19.5
Student's Demonstrated Interest	218	16.1	23.9	28.0	32.1
Counselor Recommendation	218	15.1	40.4	26.6	17.9
Teacher Recommendation	219	14.2	40.2	26.5	19.2
Class Rank	220	9.1	29.1	34.1	27.7
Extracurricular Activities	219	6.4	42.9	32.0	18.7
Portfolio	219	6.4	11.9	26.9	54.8
Subject Test Scores (AP, IB)	219	5.5	18.3	35.2	41.1
Interview	219	5.5	16.4	28.3	49.8
Work	217	4.1	28.6	36.9	30.4
State Graduation Exam Scores	218	2.3	8.7	18.8	70.2
SAT II Scores	216	1.9	5.6	14.8	77.8

SOURCE: NACAC Admission Trends Survey, 2018–19.

## Percentage of Students with Varying AP and Non-AP Experiences Who Earn a Bachelor's Degree Within 4-Years



**Advanced  
Academics  
students are  
more likely to  
earn a  
Bachelor's  
Degree  
within 4  
years**

# Benefits of Dual Credit

## Cost Savings:

Cost at HCC: \$550/3-hour course plus fees and textbooks

Cost in Katy ISD: \$65/course plus textbook (2023-2023 school year)

**\*HCC reserves the right to change the cost of tuition.**

## Weighted GPA:

A=4.5    B=3.5    C=2.5

## Save Time:

Earning college credit while in high school means less time (and money) spent at a college or university after graduation.

# Post-Secondary Advisement

Texas Common Numbering: <https://tccns.org/>

Plan of Study Example:

<https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/business-administration/business/bba-accounting/#planofstudytext>

HCC Articulation Agreements:

<https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/transfers/agreements/>



# Dual Credit Timeline

January-March	March 22nd	Dual Credit KSAT at Raines Academy	September 3rd
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Course Selection Process</li><li>• TSIA testing (campus dual credit deadline of April 1)</li></ul>	Dual Credit enrollment paperwork due to campus	Summer Session I: June 3-July 5 (virtual only July 1-5)  Summer Session II: July 8-August 9 (virtual only August 5-9)	Dual Credit classes begin



# **SPED/504 Accommodations**

An IEP or 504 plan does not automatically apply to college courses.

Students must meet with an ADA counselor each semester in order to receive accommodations at HCC.

QR code on next slide can be used to schedule appt.



## High School Student Request to be Contacted by an HCC ADA Counselor

High School Students can request to be contacted by an HCC ADA Counselor (Americans with Disabilities Act).

Before you complete this form, please note this is the request to be contacted by an HCC ADA counselor. Accommodations are not provided until you receive a letter of accommodation from your HCC counselor and the letter is provided to your faculty.

It may take 3-4 business days for an HCC ADA Counselor to contact you back. For additional information on HCC Accommodations, please visit: <https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/ability-services/>

In compliance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and under the **Americans with Disabilities Act**, Ability Services at each college within the Houston Community College System is responsible for arranging reasonable accommodations for all qualified students with a documented disability. For additional information about our services, visit <https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/ability-services/#d.en.192659>

**If you are experiencing a mental health emergency, please call 9-1-1 for immediate assistance.**

If you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal thoughts, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or Text "TALK" to 741741.

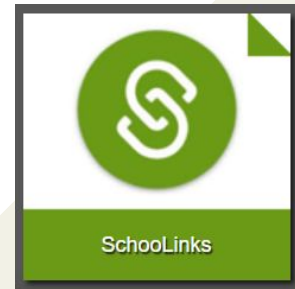
# Course Selection

Students access SchoolLinks using the tile.

**Student must ALSO register for Dual Credit on the HS campus. This is separate from SchoolLinks.**

February - March - counselors meet with students to review course selections

March 18-26 - parents review course selections in SchoolLinks



# Dual Credit Paperwork



## Dual Credit Residency Change Office of Student Records

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR/LIASION

For more information about residency, visit a campus or visit the website <https://www.hccs.edu/applying-and-paying/residency-information/>

<b>HCC- Katy Campus</b> 22910 Colonial Pkwy Katy, TX 77449 Ph.: (713) 718-5808 Fax: (713) 718-5446	<b>HCC- Spring Branch Campus</b> 1010 W. Sam Houston Pkwy N. Houston, TX 77043 Ph.: (713) 718-5710 Fax: (713) 718-5630	<b>HCC- Alief Campus</b> 2811 Hayes Rd. Houston, Texas 77082 Ph.: (713) 718-6918 Fax: (713) 718-8804
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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HCC ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (School Seal/Stamp)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 School District: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School Representative signature REQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cellular Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Course Names & Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Parent Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*This Section is to be completed by HCC Enrollment Services Staff:*

DATE ENTERED	EFFECTIVE TERMS	INITIALS



## Houston Community College

### DUAL CREDIT WAIVER APPROVAL FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name First Name HCC Student ID  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of High School / District Current Grade HS Graduation Date (MM/YYYY)

*This form is valid for the duration of the student's participation in the Dual Credit/ECHS/PTECH/Homeschool High School Program. Student enrollment is contingent on qualification and submitted High School Rosters.*

<b>Beginning Semester</b>	Select One	<b>Ending Semester</b>	Select One	<b>Academic Program</b>	Select One	<b>Academic Degree</b>	Select One
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*The Academic Program is subject to change based on course availability, student academic progression and interest. If a student decides to change their Academic Program, they must submit a new Dual Credit Waiver Approval Form.*

*The P-16 office should be notified immediately of students wishing to withdraw from the dual credit program as the form will no longer be valid. Students transferring to a new school must complete a new form.*

*Please refer to the [Houston Community Catalog](#) for the most recent information about course, program and degree requirements for all students. The catalog will provide guidance and background to all students enrolled at HCC, prospective students, and alumni to quickly locate and save details about our undergraduate courses and programs [credit bearing courses only].*

#### Students and Parents please read the statements below:

- I acknowledge that the student is responsible for paying all costs (tuition, fees, textbooks, supplies, or instructional software) associated with taking dual credit course(s) unless otherwise stated by high school.
- I understand that the student must have written permission from the high school counselor before he/she can withdraw from a dual credit course.
- I understand that Academic Freedom allows faculty and students to pursue relevant course content that may be adult in nature.
- I understand that once the student is registered in a college course, he/she controls access to his or her educational records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and—unless an exception applies—I may not have access to my student's records without his/her written permission or proof that I claimed the student as a dependent on my most recent income tax return.
- I understand that a college level standard of conduct is required. It is my responsibility to comply with the admission policies, student code of conduct, policies, academic standards of HCC, and standards set forth in the course syllabus.
- I acknowledge that I have read the Student Commitment Statement and understand that I can only succeed through hard work and will take the initiative in my education.
- I understand that Out-Of-district fees are assessed based on a student's home address. Students may be required to pay the fee, or the school district may assume responsibility.

**My signature below acknowledges that I have read and understand the statements above and give my child permission to enroll in the Dual Credit Program at Houston Community College during the duration of their high school career.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School Official Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Important Updates

**Students *new* to Dual Credit will need to submit two things to HCC:**

- Waiver form -The waiver allows HCC to apply a DC tuition waiver to the students' account.
- The Residency form - This form allows HCC to edit student information in the event it was entered incorrectly in ApplyTexas

**Returning students do not need to submit anything EXCEPT the CAMPUS' ONLINE REGISTRATION**



# Optional Forms

**FERPA Release:** Easier to submit it online since it has to be taken to HCC.

<https://formsportal.hccs.edu/Forms/FERPA>

**Bacterial Meningitis:** Required for students who attend a class at HCC. Vaccine information may be submitted to the email address on the form, or students may complete the waiver linked on the form if they choose not to get the vaccine.

<https://www.hccs.edu/media/houston-community-college/district/admissions-and-enrollment/Bacterial-Meningitis-Vaccination-Verification-110421.pdf>



# KSAT: Raines Academy

- Courses Offered
  - Govt 2305
  - Economics 2301
  - College Algebra 1314



# KSAT-Raines Academy Dates

- Dates

- Summer Session I

- June 3-July 5
- Virtual ONLY July 1-5
- 2 days a week/3 hours a day face to face requirements-Hybrid

- -Summer Session II

- July 8-August 9
- Virtual ONLY August 5-9
- 2 days a week/3 hours a day face to face requirements-Hybrid

- \*Course offerings depend on student interest and enrollment
- Start/end times will vary

# CTE Dual Credit

## Katy ISD CTE Options

### Earn YOUR REAL ESTATE LICENSE



at Raines Academy

Earn 16 hours of college credit from HCC. Prepare for and take the Residential Real Estate Licensure exam.

## START IN KATY

Stay in Katy

### KiSD YOUNG EDUCATORS

- ✓ Earn an Associate Degree from Houston Community College **BEFORE** graduating high school in KiSD
- ✓ All courses transfer to the University of Houston Victoria campus in Katy where students will complete their Bachelor of Arts in Teaching
- ✓ Complete required observation hours and **Student Teach in KiSD**
- ✓ Earn a Bachelors degree within 2 years of high school graduation

\*\* HCC courses are transferable to any 4-year public college in Texas

I want to be a teacher when I grow up!!



## KATY ISD MEDICAL ASSISTING

"YOUR JOURNEY TO A CAREER IN HEALTHCARE STARTS HERE"

EARN A LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE FROM HCC AND GRADUATE FROM HCC AS A MEDICAL SCRIBE BEFORE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL

- Students will earn 25 college hours from HCC
- Stackable with HCC AAS in Medical Assisting

\*\* This is a workforce program. Not all courses will transfer to 4-year universities. Check with the university you plan to attend about courses transferring.



# UIL Eligibility–No Pass, No Play

For High School Students there are courses that are exempt from the rule below.

A student may not participate in any extracurricular activity if a grade lower than 70 is earned in any class at the end of the six-week reporting period. This student may continue to participate in all practices and preparations as determined necessary by the coach, director, or sponsor of the organization during this time of ineligibility. This student may regain full eligibility status to participate in the extracurricular activity if, at the end of the designated 3 week period, all grades in all classes are equal or greater than 70.

**Exception: Advanced high school courses** identified by the Texas Education Agency are exempted from this policy. There are no class/course exceptions to this No-Pass; No-Play guideline for students in grades 6-8.

•**Dual Credit courses in English, LOTE, Math, Science, and Social Studies only.**

# NCAA Core Approved Courses

[Campus listing of courses](#)

**National Collegiate Athletic Association-NCAA**

## **Resources**

Important to take courses that can count as part of your “core” requirement.

**Math, Science, English, Social Studies and Language Courses count for your CORE GPA.**

A stylized graphic featuring two hands, one on the left and one on the right, rendered in shades of purple and magenta. The hands are positioned as if holding a central white, irregular shape that resembles a splash or a cluster of overlapping brushstrokes. The text "TSIA" is centered within this white shape in a bold, dark grey font. The background is a solid, light beige color.

**TSIA**

# TSIA2 Information

## **Dual Credit Deadline**

All TSIA testing completed for Junior students and below by April 1. Seniors may continue to test per campus opportunities.

## **Testing Sites**

TSIA is offered at Raines Academy and on each of the high school campuses.

[Raines Academy Flyer](#)

\*8th graders should be directed to Raines Academy testing dates.

# **TSIA2 Campus Information**



**Check with your campus' College and Career  
Facilitator regarding test dates!**



# TSIA Built-In Accommodations

- Untimed
- Save and Finish Later
- Calculator
- Highlighter

These features are not available in the HCC testing center.



# THE PLACEMENT TESTS

## TSI ELAR Test

- There are 30-78 questions on this test.
- Subject matter includes:
  - Literary Text Analysis, Informational Text Analysis and Synthesis items, Essay Revision and Editing, Sentence Revision, Editing, and Completion items.

## TSI Writing Test

- A 300-600 word essay.

## TSI Math Test

- There are 20-68 multiple-choice questions on this test.
- Subject matter includes:
  - Quantitative Reasoning, Algebraic Reasoning, Geometric and Spatial Reasoning and Probabilistic and Statistical Reasoning.

# SCORE RANGES FOR TSIA 2.0

## Range of Scores

	<b>Classification Tests</b>	<b>Diagnostic Tests</b>
Math	910-990	Levels 2-6*
ELAR	910-990	Levels 2-6*
Essay (WritePlacer)	1-8	N/A

\*Levels 1 and 2 are combined

## Approved Scores

	<b>ELAR</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
College Readiness Classification (CRC) Score	945	950
Second Chance below passing score	Diagnostic Level 5 or 6 and Essay Score of at least 5	Diagnostic Level 6

# TSIA2 Exemptions

<b>TYPE OF ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>Minimum</b> scores for Reading & Writing based classes eg, English/History/Government	<b>Minimum</b> scores for Reading, Writing and Math based classes eg, Economics	<b>Minimum</b> scores for Math based classes eg, College Algebra
<b>ACT</b> (TSI Exemption)	English 19+ AND Composite 23+ (both)	English 19+, Math 19+, AND Composite 23 (all three)	Math 19+ AND Composite 23+ (both)
<b>SAT</b> (after 3/2016) (TSI Exemption)	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing 480+	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing 480+ AND Math Section Score 530+ (both)	Math Section Score 530+
<b>STAAR EOC</b> (TSI Exemption)	English III 4000+	Combined English III 4000+ AND Algebra II 4000+ (both)	Algebra II 4000+
<b>PSAT</b> (TSI Waiver <i>only while in high school</i> )	Evidence Based Reading & Writing 460+	Evidence Based Reading & Writing 460+ AND Math Section Score 510+	Math Section Score 510+
<b>ASPIRE</b> (TSI Waiver <i>only while in high school</i> )	English 435+	English 435+ AND Math 431+ (both)	Math 431+
<b>STAAR EOC</b> (TSI Waiver <i>only while in high school</i> )	English II 4000+	Combined English II 4000+ AND Algebra I 4000+ plus passing C or higher grade in Algebra II (all three)	Algebra I 4000+ plus passing C or higher grade in Algebra II (both)
<b>College Prep Course</b> (TSI Waiver <i>for up to 2 years after graduation</i> )	English Language Arts College Prep course with grade of C or higher	English Language Arts College Prep course with grade of C or higher AND Mathematics College Prep course with grade of C or higher	Mathematics College Prep course with grade of C or higher

# Where can students find these scores? Home Access Center

STAAR/PSAT/SAT

Note: Your most updated scores may not be listed here.



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- Texas Test Scores

Interim Progress Report For Monday, October 16, 2023

Transcript

**Test Scores**

Texas Test Scores



# Additional Areas

- ❑ SAT: College Board Account
- ❑ ACT: ACT Score Report
- ❑ PSAT: College Board Account
- ❑ STAAR: HAC and/or online score report

# TSIA Study Options

- ❑ EdReady
- ❑ TSIA Online Study Materials
- ❑ Learning Express (MyKatyCloud)
- ❑ Katy ISD TSIA Canvas Course
- ❑ Campus Option

\*Check with your dual credit liaison regarding which method your campus is using.



# **Student Registration**

# ApplyTexas Application

- ❑ [applytexas.org](https://applytexas.org)
- ❑ Typically takes 24-48 hours for students to get HCC information after applying
- ❑ Students who are returning DO NOT have to apply using ApplyTexas again. They already have their needed information.
- ❑ Paperwork is required for new HCC students only.
- ❑ Reminder: If student is enrolling in a summer DCC course, they do not need to complete a separate ApplyTexas application.



# Typical Issues with Apply Texas

1. Students does not fully apply. Student does not press “submit.”
2. Student applies to the college they plan to attend instead of Houston Community College as a Dual Credit Student.
3. Student selects the wrong term. (Spring instead of fall)

# Payment Deadlines

Summer I: June 15, 2024

Summer II: July 15, 2024

Fall 2024: October 1, 2024\*

**\*Payment may not be available on the MyEagle account until September 2024 for the fall semester.**



# Absences

HCC does not differentiate between unexcused and excused absences.

1. KISD field trips count as absences.
2. Student can be dropped for excessive absences (more than 6).
3. Student is responsible for make-up work.
4. Specific Meetings times and days vary by campus.

# HCC Resources

Tutoring Center: <https://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/tutoring/>

Library: <https://library.hccs.edu/home>

Laptop/Hotspot Checkout: <https://library.hccs.edu/laptops>

Support Services: <https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/>

# Exemptions/Final

There are no final exam exemptions for dual credit. All students must take the final.

# Are You Eligible?

Students who qualify under McKinney-Vento or Foster Care/DFPS may be eligible to receive financial assistance. Contact Kristie Valdez or Jennifer Ham for more information.



The infographic features a dark blue background with a starry pattern. At the top, the title 'EDUCATION & TRAINING VOUCHER PROGRAM' is written in orange. Below the title, a subtitle in white reads 'Federal need- based benefit for current and former foster youth to complete post secondary education'. The infographic is divided into three columns, each with an orange icon at the top: a hand holding a checkmark for 'WHAT DOES ETV DO?', a person with a star and checkmark for 'WHO'S ELIGIBLE?', and a globe for 'WHERE?'. Each column contains text and a bulleted list of details.

## EDUCATION & TRAINING VOUCHER PROGRAM

Federal need- based benefit for current and former foster youth to complete post secondary education



### WHAT DOES ETV DO?

Eligible students can receive up to \$5,000.00 per school year to pay for housing, utilities, tuition & fees, vocational training, childcare, books & supplies.



### WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

- Youth who is 16 years of age and still in foster care
- Young adults under 23 who have aged out of foster care, are in extended foster care
- Youth that was adopted after turning 16
- Youth under the custody of the Tx. Juvenile Probation Commission
- Unaccompanied Refugee Minors

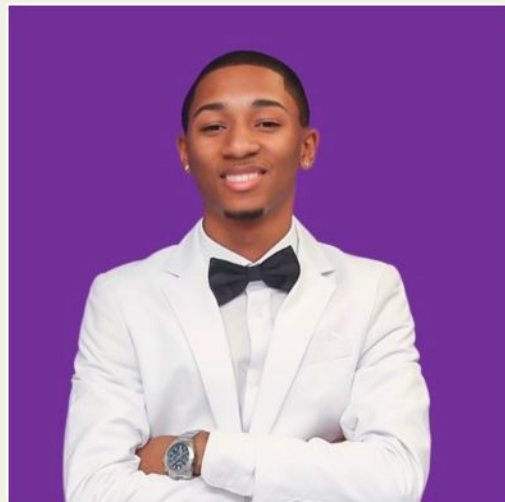


### WHERE?

Visit [TexasETV.com](https://www.texasetv.com) for

- Applications
- Important Dates
- Guidelines
- Required Documents
- Tutoring Services

# College Board Big Future Scholarship



**Justus H.**

January 2023 Winner

Katy, TX

Morton Ranch High School

*It is the embodiment of the dedication I had when it came down to taking the time out to apply to scholarships.*

Monthly drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships>



# AP Informational Assembly

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PAETOW HS



AMBASSADORS







# What are AP Classes?





# What are AP Classes?

- AP classes are college-level courses offered in high school
  - Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take AP Exams at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work
  - A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam will earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses at all Texas public universities and colleges.



# What is it like to take AP Classes?

- AP classes are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
  - AP classes are full of interesting course material and great discussions
  - It's no secret that AP classes are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the workload.
  - AP Teachers in Katy ISD support their students and help them succeed



# What are the benefits of taking AP Classes?

- AP Classes are interesting and provide a rewarding academic experience.
- The experience of taking AP Exams helps prepare you for future standardized tests (SAT)
- Passing AP Exams looks good for college admissions
- Passing AP Exams saves you money in college
- AP Classes give you a GPA Boost



# How do AP Ambassadors Support Paetow Students?





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PAETOW HS



AMBASSADORS

- We are a student led organization that offers support for all students at Paetow:
  - Tutoring for academic, KAP, and AP courses
  - Advice for navigating your high school experience, College applications, and the process of exam-taking
  - General advice about acclimating to high school, mental health, and overall words of wisdom





# Our AP Stories...

PAETOW HS



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**Questions?**





THANK  
YOU

