

## Frequently Asked Questions About New Student Registration

### **Where can I get information about registering or pre-registering my child in Katy ISD?**

The registration process is consistent at all Katy ISD campuses. Complete information on the registration process and general requirements can be found on the [Katy ISD Registration page](#).

### **Can my child attend any Katy ISD school even if we live in a different campus' attendance zone?**

Students who live in a different attendance zone must request a student transfer. All transfer requests are processed at the District level. Please see the [Student Transfers page](#) for additional information.

### **Who can I contact with questions specific to my child?**

Students enrolling for the current school year will work with his/her school counselor.

Future students who are pre-registered for the 2021-22 school year will be contacted by a school counselor during the summer to discuss preliminary course placement. In early August, your child's specific school counselor will work with him/her to finalize course placement and address other questions.

Answers to many questions can be found in the [2021-22 Course Catalog](#), which includes detailed information about course options and grading.

### **As a student new to Katy ISD, what will my child's grade level classification be? Can I request my child to be "placed" in a specific grade?**

All students who have completed 8th grade enter high school as freshmen, regardless of the number of high school credits earned.

Advancement to the next grade level is dependent on the number of credits earned. By the beginning of each school year, students must have earned a minimum 5.5 credits for sophomore classification, 12 credits for junior classification and 19 credits for senior classification.



GRADE LEVEL CLASSIFICATION		
GRADE	CLASSIFICATION	CREDITS
9th	Freshman	0 - 5.0
10th	Sophomore	5.5 - 11.5
11th	Junior	12.0 - 18.5
12th	Senior	19 +

**Will credits transfer for high school credit courses taken in junior high?**

Credit, grades and grade points earned for high school courses reported on a transcript from an accredited school, including those taken in junior high, will be recognized.

**Will my child get weighted credit for honors courses taken at his/her previous school?**

Honors/weighted credits are recognized only for courses designated as honors/weighted credit in Katy ISD. Only courses that are clearly designated as honors on the official transcript from the previous school will be recognized.

A letter from the previous school stating that a course was honors level is not official and will not be accepted for recognition of honors credit.

**Can I elect to exclude any courses having a high school credit from my child's transcript?**

No. All high school credits and credit attempts reported on a transcript from an accredited school are required to be included to the transcript.

**Are there exceptions to high school credits being added to my child's transcript?**

The only exception to a course/credit attempt being included in a student's transcript applies only to courses taken out-of-state or at an accredited private school for which there is no Texas state course equivalent.

**Can my child receive credit for participation in an advanced/accelerated summer program if a letter is provided requesting high school credit to be awarded for a specific course?**

No, a letter will not be accepted as a substitute for a transcript. Intensive summer programs like the one at NASA and a few others sponsored by universities are for enrichment

purposes only. Students who participate in these programs are not able to receive high school credit for participating in an intensive summer program. Katy ISD awards credit from official academic transcripts with accreditation documentation.

### **What is the Katy ISD grading system?**

Pages 32-33 in the [2021-22 Course Catalog](#) include information on grading and class rank. Please note the separate grading scales specific to students in the graduating classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023 and thereafter.

### **What are the graduation requirements?**

Beginning with students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2014-2015 school year, the required graduation program for all Texas public school students is the 26-credit Foundation High School Program + Endorsements (FHSPE).

Page 9 in the [2021-22 Course Catalog](#) is a one-pager explaining graduation requirements.

### **What is an endorsement?**

An endorsement is best explained as an opportunity for students to focus on his/her specific areas of interest. There are five endorsement categories: STEM, Business & Industry, Public Services, Arts & Humanities, and Multidisciplinary Studies. Students are able to pursue and earn more than one endorsement.

Pages 12-14 in the [2021-22 Course Catalog](#) include an overview of each endorsement.

### **What state assessments are required for graduation?**

Five state End of Course (EOC) exams are required for graduation: English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and US History.

Students who completed the course(s) and earned full credit(s), either out-of-state or in an accredited private school are exempt from the corresponding assessment(s).

EXCEPTION: Due to COVID, students who earned full credit for any of the five course(s) during the 2019-2020 school year are exempt from the corresponding assessment(s).