

High School Parent Course Selection Presentation  
Q & A

1. My son is in 9th grade and wants to drop from the endorsement Business and Marketing. Can he choose another endorsement like law enforcement in 10th grade?

**A: Students can change their endorsement. As a sophomore, he will have to double up on the pathway courses in order to complete the endorsement by senior year. CHS does not offer the Law Enforcement pathway. Please check the counselor's webpage for a list of Endorsements and Pathways offered at CHS.**

2. Will this deck be shared with us?

**A: Both the HS parent presentation and the Q&A from the meeting are posted on the CHS Counselors webpage.**

3. What pathway is for the students who are passionate about pre-med and Medicine?

**A: Most students with similar interests select either Public Service: Health Science, STEM: Math or STEM: Science. You can learn more about the different endorsements and pathways in the FBISD Course Selection Guide (pages 13-23). You can find this document on the CHS Counselors webpage.**

[Teaching and Learning / Course Selection Guides and Resources](#)

4. "How many OnRamps classes can be taken over 4 years of high school?"

**A: There is no limit to the number of OnRamps courses a student can take.**

5. For the OnRamps class taken during summer, for example Speech, is this an online class or required to go to CHS campus ?"

**A: OnRamps courses are not offered during the summer. Speech is not an option for OnRamps.**

6. Does the UT professor teach on campus for OnRamps courses?

**A: The UT instructor in the OnRamps course is online. There is an "in-house" high school part of the course that is taught by a CHS teacher.**

7. Are AP courses at the same level as OnRamps and do they both count towards college credit?

**A: Both AP courses and OnRamps courses render 10 weighted points in the GPA. Both courses can render college credit, but if done so by the deadline,**

**OnRamps students have an opportunity to either accept or decline the college credit.**

8. Will universities in Texas accept OnRamps classes for college classes? What about universities outside of Texas? Are classes virtual, or in-person?

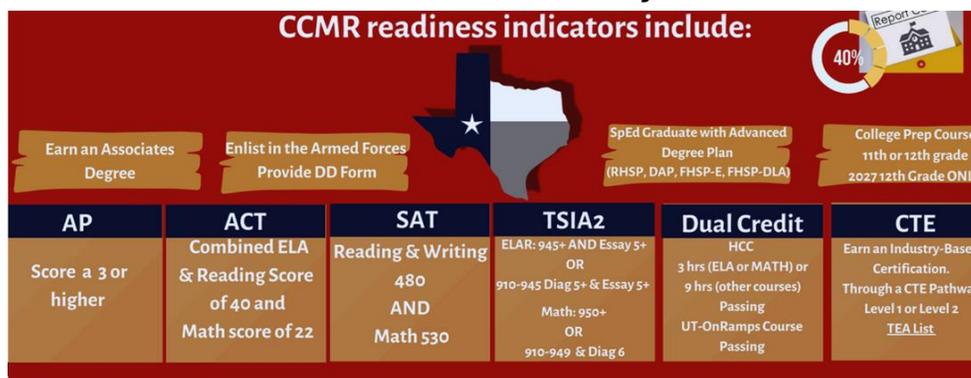
**A: All state institutions in Texas will accept the credit, but we encourage you to reach out to the colleges your student is interested in applying to an inquire. All OnRamps courses are offered on the CHS campus and the UT instructor will be online.**

9. Will you share the slides or recording of meeting with the parents?

**A: Both the HS parent presentation and the Q&A from the meeting are posted on the CHS Counselors webpage.**

10. If a senior has not met the CCMR indicator, what courses are required to be taken by the student in their senior year (especially if the student will have all required courses and more than 26 credits)?

**A: There are no particular courses required to earn the CCMR indicator. Please see the chart below to determine various ways to earn the CCMR indicator.**



11. If a student already took OnRamps Chemistry, can they still take AP Chemistry?

**A: Chemistry and Algebra II are the prerequisites for AP Chemistry. Chemistry OnRamps will satisfy the Chemistry prerequisite, so as long as the student has also successfully completed Algebra II, s/he can register for AP Chemistry. Please check the FBISD Course selection Guide for course descriptions and prerequisites. [Teaching and Learning / Course Selection Guides and Resources](#)**

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12. What is the class code for Academic Decathlon?

**A: MS1111 (first year participation), MS2111 (second year participation), MS3111(third year participation) , MS4111 (fourth year participation) are the course numbers. If your student is unable to select the course, please have them use the Comments section of their course planner to request it.**

13. Can Dual Credit courses be taken off campus at HCC in the school year? Can they do over summer?

**A: English IV (English 1301/1302) is the only course offered on the CHS campus at this time. Other courses can be taken during the summer sessions only. Please check the Counselors webpage for more information regarding Dual Credit, the registration process, and courses offered. The deadline for Dual Credit summer registration is March 2, 2026.**

14. If you take Dual Credit Speech this summer and then take Health at CHS in the fall, what one semester options for other classes are there?

**A: One semester courses can be found on the FBISD Universal Course Selection Listings. You can find a copy on the CHS Counselors webpage. <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/144209>**

15. Are summer HCC classes in person or online?

**A: The district will provide summer school information late March or early April.**

16. Do students receive a grade for college for dual credit or just credit for the course?

**A: Students receive college grades for both dual credit and OnRamps courses. Credits are awarded for successful completion.**

17. Does it look better to take a dual credit course, on ramps, or AP classes?

**A: They are all the same level of rigor.**

18. Can a student do summer school to complete credits towards endorsements?

**A: CTE courses are not offered in the summer.**

19. Is orchestra AAC available for every grade level? Can juniors and seniors still have the option to choose orchestra on level and not to include it in their GPA calculation?

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**A: AAC is available for all performing arts courses at every level. AAC courses are not available for GPA exemption.**

20. After the AAC Orchestra in say 10th grade, do they go to GPA exempt in 11th & 12th as before?

**A: There is not an option for GPA exemption with AAC performing arts courses.**

21. Can a student take a World Language course beginning in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade?

**A: Two credits in World Language is a graduation requirement. If a student did not start the World Language in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, please do so in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.**

22. My child took Debate in 10th grade. If he takes Health over the summer, can he get a free period in 11th grade?

**A: Students must be 12<sup>th</sup> grade to get an Off campus or Office Aid period. 11<sup>th</sup> graders are not allowed off periods.**

23. What is the suggested amount of Advanced Placement courses my student should take?

**A: There is no limit to the number of advanced-level courses a student can take. That is an individual decision between you and your student. As the parent, you know your student's learning capacity, extracurricular activities, and other factors that might influence the student's success with a given course load.**

24. Do incoming GT 9th graders automatically get placed in AAC-level courses, even if they chose an on-level course during course selection?

**A: GT students will be properly placed in the advanced course of which they identify GT.**

25. Can forensic science be taken as an elective without the endorsement or prerequisite?

**A: Forensic Science can be taken as an elective course, but all prerequisites must be met.**

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26. How do I know if AAC or AP is too much rigor, as compared to an on-level course?

**A: [Comparison of Academic Course Levels](#)**

27. How do students ask for summer courses permission at UT or TTU?

**A: Students make requests for courses with our external providers through Online Forms in Skyward Q. Dual credit courses taken over the summer are not included in the 1 credit maximum for summer courses.**

28. For the Dual Credit classes by HCC, are they going to be offered on HCC campus or online?

**A: Both online and face to face on the HCC campus**

29. Do Dual Credit courses taken over summer count in the two-credit limit on summer course credits over 4 years ?

**A: FBISD allows students to earn one (1) credit over the summer, regardless of where the student takes the course – external provider (FBISD, UT, TTU, TxVSN). A student is allowed to take additional courses through HCC (2 class max)**

30. If a student plans on taking classes during the summer, should they register for the next level class for the fall or select the same courses they plan on taking in the summer?

**A: If the class is a prerequisite for a class they want to take in the fall, the student must select the class in their course selections, and use the Comments to advise s/he will be taking the class in the summer and request the next course be added to the schedule after summer grades are in.**

31. How many credits can be taken during the summer?

**A: A student is only allowed to earn one credit during the summer.**

32. Can a student take a PE class for credit in the summer?

**A: The district will provide summer school information in late March or early April. This will include detailed information about what courses will be offered in the summer for students to take.**

33. If a student wants to take Spanish 3 during summer, what are the options and what is the deadline to enroll?

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**A: The district will provide summer school information in late March or early April. Spanish 3 is a course that will have to be taken with our external providers (UT, TTU, or TxVSN). When the summer registration opens, students will make requests for courses with our external providers through Online Forms in Skyward Q. We do not have the dates for registration or deadlines yet.**

34. How can students enroll in summer courses?

**A: The district will provide summer school information in late March or early April.**

35. What is your opinion on taking courses over the summer?

**A: We do not recommend students taking math and science courses over the summer. These are usually foundational courses that are prerequisites for higher maths and sciences, and students sometimes struggle with material that might not be taught over the summer.**

36. My 9th grader is in English 2. They said English 3 was not an option today in SchoolLinks. What do they pick instead?

**A: Counselors are meeting with students to explain these processes.**

37. Is the AAC Performing Arts only offered for Freshman? Will a rising Senior Theatre student be allowed to select this course?

**A: AAC is available for all performing arts courses at every level.**

38. What grade does my child need to be in to take Anatomy and Physiology in high school?

**A: Please check the FBISD Course selection Guide for course descriptions and prerequisites. [Teaching and Learning / Course Selection Guides and Resources](#)**

39. What is the access code to join the counselor Schoology course?

**A: Students can use the access code GNNS-3MXM-RCXSB to join the Clements HS Counseling, College, & Career Readiness: Welcome Rangers course.**

40. Can I take PE one semester and speech the other semester for 11th grade course selection, since I already took Band and Principles of Health Science in 9th grade?

**A: Yes.**

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41. If a student takes AAC Geometry in 9th grade but drops to on-level Geometry during the level-drop period, how does the grading change? Would they be able to take Algebra II AAC next year?

**A: The FBISD grading scale is the same for all courses. The on-level courses do not receive the weighted GPA points. Students are eligible to take AAC or AP courses after taking on-level courses.**

42. We tried selecting a science course for my child (11<sup>th</sup> grade) in SchoolLinks, but we're getting a message that he is missing Algebra 2 as a pre-requisite. He has taken Algebra 2. What do we do?

**A: Counselors are meeting with students to explain these processes. Students are also encouraged to visit with their counselor during the Open Lab during their lunch - February 3-5 and 9-10 for assistance.**

43. What is the total number of credits a student is to select?

**A: Students should select 7 courses and 3 alternate courses. The math sequence would continue with Precalculus or Statistics, either level.**