

SPECIAL PROGRAMS IN HOUSTON COUNTY

Dual Enrollment Courses

The purpose of the Dual Enrollment program is to promote and increase access to postsecondary educational opportunities for Georgia high school students. Students take college coursework while still enrolled in high school and those credits go on both a college and high school transcript. Dual Enrollment (DE) is offered to all juniors and seniors who qualify. Sophomores are eligible for Houston College & Career Academy but must have a 1200 SAT score or 26 ACT score to qualify for academic courses.

Off PHS campus Academic dual enrollment – Student must scan the QR code found on the DE powerpoint at phs.hcbe.net by February 6. The deadline to apply, be enrolled, and sign up for summer and/or fall classes is May 9.	Taken either online or at a participating college. A student can have up to two periods out of their schedule per class they take. DE will pay for 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours. The student must be accepted to a participating college. Registration for the classes will take place through the college. A DE PowerPoint can be found on phs.hcbe.net under the registration circle.
On PHS Campus Academic dual enrollment – Must have qualifying GPAs to be eligible	Taken with a PHS teacher who is an adjunct professor with Central Georgia Technical College or Middle Georgia State University. This class is only one period and PHS counselors will register students for this course based on teacher and parent request made during evening advisement. DE will pay for 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours. PHS offers US History 2111, US History 2112, Economics 1101, Sociology 1101, English 1101, English 1102, College Algebra (Math 1111) and Psychology 1101 through CGTC and US History 2111 and US History 2112 through MGSU.
Houston College & Career Academy (HCCA)	HCCA offers a variety of career / technical courses for students. Spots are very limited with preference going to juniors and seniors. DE will pay for 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours. Please scan the interest QR code that is located on the phs website under registration 2026-2027 HCCA PowerPoint and is also available in the counselor's office. Interested students will be called to the theater on Feb. 12 during PAWS.

Advanced Placement Courses

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered on the PHS campus. The courses are rigorous and are year-long. In May, students will take an AP exam where they can score a 1-5. If students earn a qualifying score, they may receive college credit. These courses will add 5 points to the student's class average. To view the AP information Power Point, go to phs.hcbe.net and click on 2026-2027 registration circle. All AP registration forms are due by February 6 to the counselor's office.

AP Economics	AP Statistics	AP Calculus AB	AP Precalculus
AP Language	AP Biology	AP Environmental Science	AP Chemistry
AP Physics	AP Computer Science	AP World History	AP US History
AP Human Geography	AP Psychology	AP Music Theory	AP Art
AP Literature			

CTAE+ Program

Students are allowed to meet the fourth-course requirements in math, science, or English language for graduation with a traditional diploma by completing one of the state approved Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education pathways available within the school district. Please be aware that fourth course credits earned through CTAE+ fulfill admission criteria exclusively for the Technical College of Georgia (TCSG) and DO NOT satisfy the admission requirements for the University System of Georgia (USG). Classes offered at PHS or HCCA that may fulfill the CTAE+ program are listed below. A CTAE+ Usage and Acknowledgement Form must be completed by the student and parent and returned to the CTAE director (Mr. Jay Wood) in order to apply for the CTAE+ program. These courses will not satisfy admission to a University System of Georgia (USG) school.

Fourth math credit – Agricultural Mechanics Systems – Must have successfully completed all three courses in the pathway

Basic Agricultural Science
Agricultural Mechanics 1
Agricultural Mechanics 2

Fourth English credit – Audio Video Technology and Film 1 Pathway (offered at HCCA)

Audio and Video Technology & Film 1
Audio-Video Technology & Film 2
Audio-Video Technology & Film 3

Fourth English credit – Audio Video Technology and Film 2 Pathway (offered at HCCA)

Audio and Video Technology & Film 1
Audio-Video Technology & Film 2
Broadcast Video Production Application

Houston Accelerated Scholars Program (HASP)

HASP is a selective program designed for students who excel in math and science. As a HASP scholar, you'll have access to advanced courses that will push your skills to the next level and help you stand out as a top student. If you are currently taking HONORS GEOMETRY and have a grade of 90 or above, you're eligible to enroll in Advanced Algebra/AP Precalculus. If you've completed or are completing AP PRECALCULUS with a grade of 90 or above, you're eligible to take: AP Calculus AB and BC with History of Mathematics, Physics 1 & 2, Physics C- Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism (must have completed biology and be enrolled in Calculus). HASP classes are taught at HCCA and require two periods to attend. Students must ride the provided bus.

Eligible students and parents will receive an email with deadlines to apply.