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Advanced Academics
How can HHS courses
help prepare students for
college?

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Types of Advanced Courses

- **Honors (Formerly Pre-AP)**
- **AP**
- **Dual Credit**

Honors

- Honors courses are taught with advanced rigor.
- These courses are designed to prepare students for AP/College level classes.

Advanced Placement (AP)

- Allows students to complete college level course studies while still in high school.
- Teachers teach the curriculum set by College Board.
- Students will take an AP exam at the end of the school year to earn credit.
- Students should check with the college or university they plan to attend to determine the amount of credit awarded.
- The test is 3 hours long and graded on a 1-5 scale.

Dual Credit

- Hebron has a dual credit partnership with Collin College
- Dual credit courses count for **both** high school **and** college credit.
- Must meet the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) requirements.
- Courses can be taken at Collin Community College (or other community colleges in the area) for concurrent enrollment, but will not count for high school credit and will **only allow for college credit**.
- DUAL CREDIT Classes are taught by Collin College professors and grades are assigned through Collin College. Student's must share their grades with parents as they are not in Skyward.



What is Dual Credit?

A college course that can be used to simultaneously earn high school and college credit in one class!



A Bit More...

- Taking college classes from Collin Community College professors on your Hebron High School campus
- Taught by Collin faculty
- Receiving BOTH University and High School credit in the same course



Benefits of Being a Collin College Dual Credit Student

- Courses may count toward high school credit
- Small class sizes
- Educational support from Collin College instructors and support services
- Experience the college environment and rigor of college courses
- Begin a college transcript
- Time to degree college completion
- Cost savings

How Much You Will Save?

University of Texas at Dallas

\$2,857 for a 3 credit hour course*

University of North Texas

\$1,408.44 for a 3 credit hour course*

*Based on Fall 2021 tuition rates

Collin College

is \$173

for a 3 credit hour course
(for in-county residents)



Dual Credit Courses are Transferable to Most Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities in Texas.

Students are responsible for determining if transfer institution will accept their credits



What Courses are Available?

- **For Juniors:** Dual Credit “Humanities”—English 3 and US History together (full, year-long course)
- **For Seniors:** Economics and Government paired together; Speech and English 4 paired together (semester-long courses)
- **For Juniors or Seniors:** PSYC and SOCI paired; Statistics (paired with an HHS independent study)

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Dual Credit:

- Receive university credit upon completion of the course
- True university course
- Must pay tuition for course to Collin Community College (exception: students who are part of the free and reduced lunch program)

Advanced Placement:

- Receive credit upon completing and receiving a specific score on AP exam
- High school course
- More rigorous than on-level courses

Is Dual Credit Right for You...

The importance of attendance
and time management

Student code of conduct

Drop/Withdraw
deadlines



Maturity for subject
matter and college
classroom environment

Get to know your
course syllabus
and instructor

Final Questions to Consider:

- (1) Do I want to pursue advanced-level coursework while still in high school?
- (2) Would I rather take dual credit courses (college-level courses) or would I rather take advanced courses that are run by our high school?

How Does This Impact GPA and Rank?



How is GPA calculated?

CLASS OF 2021 & BEYOND

Weighted Numerical, Weighted 4.0, Unweighted 4.0 All

Lewisville ISD transcripts have three GPA sets listed on each transcript in the top right corner. Sample from LISD transcript:

<i>GPA Type</i>	<i>GPA</i>	<i>Class Rank</i>
WTD Numerical	102.9921	281 of 873
Unweighted 4.0 ALL	3.8679	Quartile:2
Weighted 4.0	4.4211	

- Student Copies of transcripts are located in the Portfolio tab in Skyward Family Access.

Weighted Numerical GPA Determines Rank

WEIGHTED NUMERICAL GPA CALCULATION (Used to calculate Rank in Class-RIC)

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE WEIGHTED NUMERICAL GPA?

- ★ English Language Arts
- ★ Math
- ★ Science
- ★ Social Studies
- ★ LOTE (Languages Other Than English)
- ★ Academic Decathlon
- ★ All AP courses not associated with these subjects

WHAT IS EXCLUDED FROM THE WEIGHTED NUMERICAL GPA?

- ★ Credit by Exam/Acceleration (CBE/CBA)
- ★ HS courses taken in MS with the exception of Spanish 4 AP for Class of 2024 and beyond

HOW OFTEN IS RANK UPDATED?

Rank is released to students after the 2nd 9 weeks of sophomore year, so usually in mid-January. After that, rank will be updated on the transcript after each grading period during the school year. Rank is frozen for seniors after the 3rd 9 weeks of senior year.

The Multiplier:

HOW ARE THE GRADES WEIGHTED?							
For each SM grade (SM 1/SM 2) multiply the numerical grade using the multiplier for the course level							
Level 0 1.0 multiplier	Courses with modified content as decided by a student's ARD committee, credit recovery courses completed on campus, Night School, summer school for credit recovery, accelerated courses at LLC			Level 2 1.15 multiplier	Pre-AP Courses For Class of 2024 and beyond: All non Pre-AP LOTE and non-AP LOTE		
Level 1 1.1 multiplier	On-level general education courses			Level 3 1.2 multiplier	Dual credit courses, AP courses, Academic Decathlon, IB courses (for students transferring in with IB credit)		
SAMPLE CALCULATION							
★ Weighted Numerical GPA is cumulative							
★ This GPA is frozen after the 3rd 9 weeks of 12th grade							
Course	SM 1	X multiplier	GPA points SM 1	SM 2	X multiplier	GPA points SM 2	Total GPA (Add SM 1 + SM 1)
ENG 1 PAP	92	1.15	105.8	94	1.15	108.1	213.9
Geometry	88	1.1	96.8	85	1.1	93.5	190.3
Biology PAP	93	1.15	106.95	94	1.15	108.1	215.05
World Geo	98	1.1	107.8	97	1.1	106.7	214.5
Spanish 2	85	1.1	93.5	88	1.1	96.8	190.3
Add Total GPA points for all classes							1024.05
Divide by number of SM terms (Weighted Numerical GPA)							1024.05/10 = 102.405

4.0 GPA

- ❖ 4.0 GPA and Rank are two of the major factors in college admissions.

UNWEIGHTED 4.0 ALL CALCULATION

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE UNWEIGHTED 4.0?

- ★ All classes listed on the transcript that count for state graduation credit
- ★ Classes listed under the following transcript headings:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| ■ English Language Arts | ■ PE/Equivalent |
| ■ Speech | ■ Other Language |
| ■ Mathematics | ■ Fine Arts |
| ■ Science | ■ Tech Applications |
| ■ Social Studies | ■ Career/Tech Ed |
| ■ Econ/Free Ent | ■ Other Electives |
| ■ Health | |

WHAT IS EXCLUDED FROM THE UNWEIGHTED 4.0?

- ★ All classes listed under Local Electives. These do not count for state graduation credit

GPA Points

Grade	GPA Points
90-100	4.0
80-89	3.0
70-79	2.0
69 and below	1.0

Example of a 4.0 GPA Calculation

SAMPLE CALCULATION ★ This GPA is cumulative and continues to calculate each 9 weeks throughout high school					
Course	SM 1	GPA points SM 1	SM 2	GPA points SM 2	Total GPA points for class (Add SM 1 + SM 1)
ENG 1 PAP	92	4.0	94	4.0	8.0
Geometry	88	3.0	85	3.0	6.0
Biology PAP	93	4.0	94	4.0	8.0
World Geo	98	4.0	97	4.0	8.0
Soccer Fall	100	4.0	100	4.0	8.0
Spanish 1	90	4.0	84	3.0	7.0
Spanish 2	78	2.0	88	3.0	5.0
Soccer Spring Local	100	-	100	-	No GPA weight bc Local Credit
Add Total GPA points for all classes					50
Divide by number of SM terms (Unweighted 4.0 ALL)					50/14 = 3.5714

WEIGHTED 4.0 GPA CALCULATION

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Grade Conversions for Weighted 4.0

GRADE IN COURSE	LEVEL 0 Courses with modified content (Students served in SPED), credit recovery courses completed on campus, Night School, summer school for credit recovery, accelerated courses at LLC	LEVEL 1 On-level general education courses	LEVEL 2 Pre-AP For Class of 2024 and beyond: All non-Pre-AP and non-AP LOTE	LEVEL 3 Dual credit courses, AP courses, Academic Decathlon, IB courses (for students transferring in with IB credit)
90-100	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5
80-89	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5
70-79	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5
69 and below	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

SAMPLE CALCULATION

★ This GPA is cumulative and continues to calculate each 9 weeks throughout high school

Course	SM 1	GPA points SM 1	SM 2	GPA points SM 2	Total GPA points for class (Add SM 1 + SM 1)
ENG 1 PAP	92	5.0	94	5.0	10.0
Geometry	88	3.5	85	3.5	7.0
Biology PAP	93	5.0	94	5.0	10.0
World Geo	98	4.5	97	4.5	9.0
Spanish 1	90	4.5	84	3.5	8.0
Spanish 2	78	2.5	88	3.5	6.0
Add Total GPA points for all classes					50.0
Divide by number of SM terms (Unweighted 4.0 ALL)					50/12 = 4.1667

Other Factors to Consider

- Advanced courses typically require more time outside of school in order to be successful.
- Ask yourself these questions:
 - Am I motivated?
 - Do I have the time?
 - Will I also have a job?
 - Will my extracurricular activities still allow me the time to study and work on outside assignments?
 - Am I committed to completing the course?
 - Am I willing to ask for help and attend tutorials if I am struggling with the class?
 - What types of colleges am I considering?
 - How will this impact my GPA if I do well? If I don't do well?