



Edgewood High School

**Academic Planning
Incoming 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade**



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Graduation Requirements

Course	Foundation	Endorsement/ Distinguished Level of Achievement
English	4 Credits	4 Credits
Mathematics	3 Credits	4 Credits (Algebra II Required for distinguished)
Science	3 Credits	4 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits (US, World, Eco/ Govt)	3 Credits
LOTE (Lang Other Than Eng)	2 Credits	2 Credits
Physical Education	1 Credit	1 Credit
Fine Art	1 Credit	1 Credit
Electives	5 Credits	included in endorsement
Endorsement	No endorsement	7+ Credits
Total Credits Required	22 Credits	26 Credits

Transcript

A students transcript is their academic record. It will be used for college and university admission, scholarships, military admission and even if you are going into the workforce.

- It includes all classes taken with their grades.
- It also has their GPA and class rank, as well as test scores.
- It indicate what endorsement they have received or are working on and if they are distinguished or not.
- It can include performance acknowledgements,

Endorsements

There are 5 main endorsements. Students will choose at least one endorsement pathway but could have multiple endorsements. The student's endorsement will be on the student's transcript

- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Industry
- Public Service
- STEM
- Multidisciplinary

Program of Study:

- More focused area of Endorsement
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l8p8Zj03V9qvMwV8VlfaYFVYam_fbtHW/view?usp=share_link

Distinguished Level of Achievement

A student may earn Distinguished Level of Achievement by successfully completing:

- Four credits in math, including Algebra II
- Four credits in science
- All remaining curriculum requirements
- At least one endorsement
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Why it is important:

A student must earn Distinguished Level of Achievement to be eligible for top 10% automatic admission (University of Texas at Austin requires Top 6% for automatic admission)

Automatic Admission:

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §51.803, a student is eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university as an undergraduate student if:

- The student earned a grade point average in the top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class or in the percentage of qualified applicants that are anticipated to be offered admission to the University of Texas at Austin
- And completes the Distinguished Level of Achievement

Performance Acknowledgements

Included on the student's transcript Dual Credit

12 credit hours (and)

- grade of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Bilingualism and Biliteracy

- Grade of 80 or higher in all ELA classes (and)
- 3 credits in same LOTE classes with grade of 80 or higher

Advanced Placement Exams

- Score of 3 or higher on a College Board AP exam

Performance Acknowledgements

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PSAT, SAT, or ACT

- Recognition as a Commended Scholar or higher on PSAT/NMSQT
- Combined critical reading and math score of 1250 on SAT
- Composite score of 28 on ACT
- Industry Based Certificate or License

STAAR EOC Requirements

- Algebra I
- Biology
- English I
- English II
- U.S. History

Students who do not successfully complete an EOC will be given the support and assistance needed to do so on the retest.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

- **Grade Point Average (GPA)** is calculated by

averaging the total points that a student receives for each semester course grade

Excluding band, physical education, athletics, credit by exam, correspondence and summer school courses.

Points are awarded from two scales, regular and honors. The regular scale gives non-weighted points to non-weighted courses. The honors scale gives weighted points to weighted courses.

GPA Example:

Grade/GPA	Grade/GPA
English I= 90/ 3.0	Honors Eng. I= 90/ 4.0
Algebra I= 95/ 3.5	Honors Geom.= 95/ 4.5
Athletics= 100/-	Athletics= 100/-
Prin. of Ag= 95/3.5	Prin. of Ag= 95/ 3.5
GPA Points Total: 10	GPA Points Total: 12
Divided by: 3	Divided by: 3
GPA is: 3.333	GPA is: 4.000

On the student's transcript, the course will represent the grade the student received in the class. The change only affects the GPA.

Classes that Receive Weighted Credit

- Honors Courses
- AP Courses
- Dual Credit Courses for 11th and 12th graders (with approval)

Dual Credit Courses taken in the summer will count for a credit only, not be added into the GPA

- Please see student handbook for more information

Honors Courses Offered

- English
 - Honors English I (9th grade)
 - Honors English II (10th grade)
- Math
 - Honors Geometry (9th or 10th grade)
 - Honors Algebra II (11th or 12th grade)
- Science
 - Honors Biology (9th or 10th grade)
 - Honors Chemistry (10th or 11th grade)
 - Honors Physics (11th or 12th grade)
- Social Studies
 - Honors US History (10th grade)
 - Honors World History (11th grade)

Honors Placement Course Criteria

- Read above grade level
- Have grade level appropriate writing skills
- Proficient in fact recall
- Able and willing to work at higher critical thinking skills
- Be highly motivated
- Have acceptable work ethic
- Willingness to meet deadlines
- Able to research using a variety of sources, including internet and basic library
- **Must have passed STAAR and/or STAAR EOC in subject matter the previous year**
- **Must have an overall average of 90 in the subject matter the previous year (or 85 in Honors)**

Class Ranking and Honor Graduate

- Class ranking is determined by the student's cumulative GPA in academic courses taken for high school credit.
- Student must be enrolled entire 10th, 11th, and 12th grade year to be eligible for Valedictorian, Salutatorian, or Historian.
- Honor Graduates must have a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. (NHS members must maintain a 3.5 or higher to continue to be in NHS)
- Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Historian, and Honor Graduates are determined at the end of the third nine week grading period of the senior year and when college grades are completed.

Graduation Toolkit

- A great resource for high school requirements is the Graduation Toolkit

<chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcgclclefindmkaj/https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/14Grad-toolkkit-booklet.pdf>

Other graduation requirements:

Peach Officer Training:

We provide this to our students in 11th or 12th grade year

CPR Training:

Our students receive this in 7th grade

Completion of FAFSA or OPT Out Form:

Students must complete the FAFSA or the Opt Out Form for the FAFSA as a graduation requirement



Dual Credit Information

Dual Credit Course Criteria

- College classes you take in high school that receive both HS and college credit for course
- Previously only open to grades 11-12
- Now, our 9th and 10th grade students that qualify could have the opportunity to take 2 selected dual credit courses.
- Must meet college admission requirements
- Must follow application & registration process
- Must be TSIA 2.0 complete or exempt
- If taken in the Summer, must take both semesters to count for 1 full high school credit.

(Dual credit classes taken in the summer will receive a credit for the class but it will not be calculated into their GPA).

9th and 10th Dual Credit

We will be offering through Trinity Valley Community College, an opportunity for 9th and 10th grade students to begin taking dual credit courses and acquire additional college hours while in high school.

At this time, the parent/student is responsible for the cost of 9th and 10th grade dual credit courses (tuition/fees/etc).

The cost is paid directly to TVCC. At this time, an in person 3 hours course is \$180 and \$220 for online courses.

These cost are per semester so Fall would be \$180/\$220 and Spring would be \$180/\$220. That cost does not include books/bookstore fees.

Here are the possible courses 9th and 10th grade students could take:

9th grade: Fall Semester: Learning Frameworks

9th grade: Spring Semester: BCIS 1305-Business Computer Applications

10th grade: will chose one course Fall Semester and one courses Spring Semester to receive a full high school art credit: List of college art courses to choose from: art history I, art history II, art appreciation, theatre appreciation, film appreciation, music appreciation, music literature, American music



Although students will receive both high school and college credit for these course, they will not receive weighted GPA credit.

The courses will go into the students GPA as a regular course would.

For example, if a student take Business Information Management I, a regular high school course taken in 9th grade and receives a 90 in the course for the first semester, it will go into their GPA as a 3.0.

If the student decides to take the dual credit courses offered, Learning Frameworks, and the student receives a 90 in that course, it will still go into their GPA as a 3.0.

The only dual credit courses that will have additional weight are those identified for 11th and 12th graders in the student handbook.

Requirements to take a Dual Credit Course for 9th and 10th graders:

TVCC Requirements for 9th and 10th grade Enrollment:

- a. Students must complete all sections of the TSIA 2.0 but only pass the ELAR section.
- b. Freshman students must possess an overall 8th grade average of a B.
- c. Sophomore students must possess a high school GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- d. Students must possess attendance and discipline records reflecting acceptable threshold.
- e. Students who do not meet the attendance and discipline threshold will be required to meet with TVCC officials for an interview.

Edgewood ISD Additional Requirements for 9th and 10th grade Enrollment

- a. Must attend a Dual Credit Meeting
- b. Must complete Dual Credit Contract

11th and 12th Grade Dual Credit Course Information

At this time, Edgewood ISD will pay for 2 dual credit courses per semester.

- Students/parents are required to pay a \$100 deposit that is refunded when the student successfully completed (made above a 70) the dual credit course at the end of the semester/year.
- If a student is not successful, fails or drops the course, they do not receive their deposit back.
- If a student is not successful in a course, they will not be allowed to register for another college course in the same subject area.
- Students/Parents are responsible for the cost of the books/material for the classes.
- If Edgewood ISD offers the course in person, the student must take it in person or Edgewood ISD will not pay for it (the cost will be the responsibility of the parent/student)

Taking a 3rd Course

Although EHS will pay for 2 approved dual credit courses per semester with a \$100 deposit per class for 11th and 12th graders, students are allowed to take 3 approved dual credit courses.

That means that the student/ parent will be responsible for the cost of the 3rd course.

For example: 2022-2023, the cost was \$492.00.

The student/parent must pay the course before the deadline through TVCC or they will be dropped from the course.

So the total cost for a student to take 3 dual credit courses could be:

\$100 deposit for the first course paid for by EHS

\$100 deposit for the second course paid for by EHS

\$492 for the 3rd course (this is per semester)

Total: \$692

This will not include books or fees.

The student/parent would receive a refund for their deposit if they successfully completed the course at the end of the semester/year. The amount paid for the 3rd course or books and related fees would not be refunded.

Dual Credit Courses Approved for Weighted Credit and Offered Through TVCC

College English

College English = 1 high school english credit

If you have taken 1301/1302: You can take Brit Lit I/II, World Lit. I/II or American Lit. I/II to count for your English 4 credit.

College Math

College Math = 1 high school math credit

College Government = ½ credit govt.

College Economics = ½ credit eco.

College Psychology = ½ psych (not a graduation requirement)

College Sociology = ½ soc.(not a graduation requirement)

College Science

College Science = 1 high school science credit

New for the 2023-2024 school year: If EHS offers an in class option for a course, the student must take it from the Edgewood High School instructor in order to have the class meet eligibility requirements for it to be paid for by EHS. If the student chooses to take an online course when an in person course is offered, they will still receive weighted credit for the course but will be required to pay the full amount for the class.

Things to Consider When Taking Dual Credit

1. Dual credit courses will go on a student's college transcript. Therefore, any failing grades or withdrawals will be noted on their transcripts that will be sent to their future college/university. This may be added into their GPA at their future college/university as well.
2. Each college/university has rules and regulations about students who have acquired college credits while in high school. These college credits could classify you as a sophomore in college and could take away freshman level scholarship opportunities.
3. If a student achieves the core complete standard, that student would like to play at a junior college level for a sport that you receive eligibility for, they would only have 1 year or eligibility.
4. These courses are college courses and the high school does not have control over the grading, or complaint of students or parents. Students will need to talk to their professor/instructor to resolve issues. Online courses are entirely dependent on the student knowing due dates, instructions, and communicating any conflicts to the instructor. Edgewood School District has no jurisdiction over this.
5. Students can request instructors but are not guaranteed they will get the instructor they requested or even the class they requested if it is full. The school district can only request the course and section when the student turns in their paperwork. This is also out of our control.

Things to Consider When Taking Dual Credit

It is the students and parents responsibility to check with the prospective college or university to determine if a particular dual credit course will count toward the student's desired degree plan at the prospective college and university they plan on attending.

You can talk to an advisor at your prospective college/university to see how your dual credit courses will transfer.

Dual Credit classes and athletic eligibility

According to UIL rules, dual credit courses are eligible for UIL exemptions, but due to the limited number of grades issued in these college courses, students may not have the opportunity to become UIL eligible after a failing midterm grade.

Academic Dishonesty

Students who enroll in TVCC must follow the student code of conduct or will be subject to sanctions from the university.

Common issues that arise with academic dishonesty are:

- Not citing work correct or adding information from sources as your own without citing them (plagiarism)
- Using someone else's papers
- Cheating off of someone else's material
- These are just some issues that can result in failure of assignment/test or even failure of course.
- These are decisions TVCC will determine not EHS. If you fail the course, you will have to make up the credit if it is a graduation requirement and lose your deposit, as well as having a failing college grade and high school grade on your transcripts.

Accommodations

Students who receive accommodations in high school may be eligible for accommodations at institutes of higher learning (colleges and universities).

Please visit the Dual Credit Accommodations page for TVCC for more information. [HERE](#)

Here is a link to the Request for Accommodations form as well. [HERE](#)

TVCC Orientation

To access the orientation, please follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://tvcc.smartermeasure.com>
2. Click on "Login as First Time User"
3. Step 1: Username is dual
4. Step 2: Password is credit
5. Click "Login"
6. Complete personal information to create your account and select "Save & Continue"
7. To complete each question, select from the dropdown menu under each question.
8. You will receive a report upon completion of the orientation. You may either email it to yourself or print it.

Students and Parents will be required to read and agree to the following:

Edgewood High School Dual Credit Contract Agreement

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Dual Credit courses are college-level courses offered through an institution of Higher Education which provide opportunities for capable and highly motivated students to earn both high school credit and college credit.

I understand that as a **college student** I will be responsible for:

- Registering with the counselor by stated deadlines
- Completing all requirements to enroll in a dual credit course
- Pay tuition for courses not paid by EISD
- Pay Deposit for courses by stated deadline
- Purchase appropriate textbook
- Communicate directly with my college instructor regarding grades, assignments, tutoring, class schedules, and deadlines
- Research the transferability of dual-credit to my chosen post-secondary institution
- Request college transcripts directly from the college as required

I understand that as a **parent** of a college student:

- I will not have access to any information regarding my child's academic progress unless my child provides access
- I understand that Edgewood High School will not have access to my child's grades or progress
- I understand that if my child drops the dual credit course after the deadline, I will forfeit my deposit
- I understand that if my child drops the dual credit course before the deadline, and the course is a required graduation credit, my child will be automatically enrolled in the high school course offered on campus by EHS
- I understand that if my child drops a course or fails a dual credit course, my child will not be allowed to take another dual credit course until the next year and must meet with the counselor and principal before being allowed to enroll

Then the student and parent will sign the agreement.

Checklist for First Time DC Students

- Indicate on your course request google form what dual credit courses you would like to take.
- Go to <https://apply.tvcc.edu/> and apply to TVCC (Chose the DUAL CREDIT APPLICATION)
- When you get to the counselor approval part, add Mrs. Erwin's email address (merwin@edgewood-isd.net)
- Fill out the top portion of the dual credit registration sheet and give to Mrs. Erwin.
- Let Mrs. Erwin know if you have a preference for a professor so she can add it to your registration sheet.
- Submit your meningitis shot record or the shot waiver form to Mrs. Erwin
- Submit or ask Mrs. Erwin to print out your ACT, SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, TSI or STAAR Algebra I or English II scores to show you are TSI complete or exempt.
- If you are not TSI complete or exempt, sign up for the TSI. You cannot be enrolled without being TSI complete or exempt.
- Complete the TVCC Orientation and give certificate to Mrs. Erwin if taking online courses
- If you complete all the items and are registered for Dual Credit classes for Fall, bring your \$100 per class deposit when you pick up your schedule in August.
- August 1st is the last day to submit any dual credit paperwork so get it done ASAP!

Checklist for Returning DC Students

- Indicate on your course request google form what dual credit courses you would like to take.
- Fill out the top portion of the dual credit registration sheet and give to Mrs. Erwin.
- Let Mrs. Erwin know if you have a preference for a professor so she can add it to your registration sheet.
- If you complete all the items and are registered for Dual Credit classes for Fall, bring your \$100 per class deposit when you pick up your schedule in August.
- August 1st is the last day to submit any dual credit paperwork so get it done ASAP!

For new and returning students:

If taking a 3rd course, look for information on Mrs. Erwin about how to pay through “my cardinal connection” or in person at TVCC.

You are expected to pay for your books or inclusive access fee for books also.

College Entrance Exams

- SAT- www.collegeboard.org
- ACT- www.act.org
- Given on specific dates during academic year
- Take as early as fall of Jr year, but no later than fall of Sr year
- Required by most colleges
- Each college specifies which test and what minimum score is required- check webpage or contact registration office
- Registration deadlines are about four weeks prior to test date

12th graders can take the SAT and ACT in the Fall 2023 and 11th graders can take the SAT and ACT in the Spring 2024.


- **EISD paid for 1 SAT and 1 ACT for 11th and 12th graders this year.**

National Testing Dates

ACT: go to ACT.org to register for national testing days

SAT: go to collegeboard.org to register for national testing days. Same with list as above

TSI: TJC gives the TSI every weekday and TVCC has set dates they give it both at Terrell and Athens.



TSIA 2.0 or Texas Success Initiative 2.0

The TSI Assessment (TSIA) is part of the Texas Success Initiative program designed to help your college or university determine if you are ready for college-level course work in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics

If you are an incoming college student in Texas, you are required to take the TSI Assessment - unless you are already exempt (see next slide) - to determine your readiness for college-level work. Based on how you perform, you may either be enrolled in a college-level course and/or be placed in the appropriate developmental course or intervention to improve your skills and prepare you for success in college-level courses.

TSI Completion:

TSI scores must meet or exceed the following:

MATH: 950-990 on multiple choice or

If below 950 on multiple choice, you must get a 6 on the diagnostic portion

ELAR: 945-99 on multiple choice and a 5 or higher on the essay or

If below a 945 on multiple choice, you must get a 5 or higher on the diagnostic portion and a 5 or higher on the essay

You can be exempted from the TSI:

- ACT score of 23 or higher, with a 19 in math and 19 in english.
 - ***New: 22 in math, combined 40 in English & Reading***
- SAT: 530 or higher in math / 480 or higher evidence based reading and writing
- Transfer from another institution having satisfactorily completed college-level coursework, including through dual credit programs, based on receiving institution's approval.

Practice for ACT/SAT/ TSI

For ACT: Go to the ACT.ORG website
Find the link with TEST PREP. There are several free options including sample questions, free study guide and webinars.

For SAT: go to collegeboard.org and click on TAKE AN SAT PRACTICE TEST. There are similar free resources there.

For TSI: got to <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/> and click on practice.

We are also offering tutorials at school!

Planning on going to University or College

- You need to take the ACT, SAT or TSI to gain entrance to a university or college.
- The ACT and SAT are National Examinations
- The TSI is the Texas Success Initiative. It will only count in Texas. Junior colleges and community colleges use the TSI for entrance and some 4 year colleges do also. You need to check with the college and university you are thinking about attending for qualifying exams.
- Research the university or college of your choice and see what they require.
- Also, universities and college have application deadlines. Look at their freshman admissions pages to find out when you need to get everything sent in.

Important Senior Information:

- Most universities and colleges in Texas use applytexas. Just go to www.applytexas.org to set up your account. You can save and come back later if you need to.

FAFSA or FAFSA Opt Out is now a Graduation Requirement!

- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be open for the 2024-2025 school year on October 1st! The earlier you apply for your FAFSA, the better chance there is of getting grants, scholarships or loans. Some colleges and universities require it to be filled out before they will accept your application. My suggestion is to get it done before December of your senior year. You will need to have information from your parents.
- Go to <https://studentaid.gov/> to sign up.

Types of Financial Aid

- **Scholarships:** Awarded through academics, athletics, by applying or through recognition. Does not have to be paid back.
- **Grants:** Awarded through need based on FAFSA or university application process. Money does not need to pay back.
- **Loans:** On an as needed basis. You or your parents can take out loans through the college or university. They must be paid back with interest. Some are not required to begin repayment until after you graduate from college.

Transcripts and Test Scores

- If you need a transcript or multiple transcripts sent to colleges or universities or for scholarships, please email Mrs. Erwin at merwin@edgewood-isd.net.
Specify that it is either official (stamped, signed and sealed) or unofficial (just a copy of it) or if you need to upload it for a scholarship to a website, it needs to be in pdf.
- After graduation, colleges or universities may need an official final transcript. I will have them ready in June so either email or I will have a list at graduation practice you can fill out.
- If you are taking Dual Credit classes, you will need to request that TVCC send a transcript to your college or university after your grades for the college have finalized. I will give you a sheet on how to do that at the end of the year.

University and college life is not for everyone:

If you feel like technical school/ trade school, the military or going straight to the workforce is the right choice for you, you still need to take steps to prepare for whatever you decide.

For technical or trade school, you will still need to meet deadlines and submit applications. Contact the school you are thinking about to get specifics.

For military, talk with recruiters from the different branches. You can get also take the ASVAB that we give each October/November for 11th and 12th graders.

More Senior info

- Early Computation for senior rankings (Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Historian, Honor Graduates, Continuing in NHS) will be calculated after final dual credit grades are received. It will calculate your average from non dual credit classes from the 1st 9 weeks of the 2nd semester and the final grade for dual credit classes.
- TVCC grades should come in Early May. It will take a few days after that to finish the rankings and then will let those students who have speaking parts know.

More Senior Info

- I will be posting and announcing when scholarships are available. I usually get most in the Spring. I make a folder in the student's google classroom for their class.
- Check with the companies your parents work for (sometimes even places you work) or organizations you are involved with to see if they have scholarships they give away.

Check out these websites to help you plan for life after high school

<https://www.txcte.org/resource/gearup-resources>

<https://texasoncourse.org/>

<https://texasrealitycheck.com/>

<https://www.onetonline.org/>

<http://texascareercheck.com/>

<http://www.texasgenuine.org/>

Learn how to be more marketable:

<https://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/youth/softskills/SoftSkills-videos.htm>



Thank you for your time!

If you have questions about the slideshow or registration process please:

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