
**UPCOMING
FRESHMEN**

THE HUSTLIN' HORNETS

DISCLAIMER

- **The information contained in this presentation is current as of the time of presentation. Please be aware that the State of Texas and Flour Bluff Independent School District reserve the right to make changes from year to year and that modifications may result in differences in your actual graduation plan.**

YOUR COUNSELORS

- **A - Er** **Mrs. Chachere**
- **Es - LI** **Mrs. Doyle**
- **Lo - Ra** **Mrs. Watson**
- **Re - Z** **Mr. Johnston**
- **Military/Govt-
Connected** **Ms. Flynn**
- **Counselor** **Ms. Bedre**

CONTACT INFORMATION

- **District Directory**

<http://www.flourbluffschoools.net/html/info/directory.html>

- **EMAIL - All teachers can be contacted via email. All email addresses are formatted in the same way. The initial of the teacher's first name, followed by the last name, followed by @flourbluffschoools.net**

Example: John Doe = jdoe@flourbluffschoools.net

- **Phone Numbers**

- **Junior High (361) 694-9300**
- **High School (361) 694-9100**

HOUSE BILL 5

- ❑ Directs new graduation requirements
 - ❑ Requires a self report to the state on the status of all campuses and districts
 - ❑ Allows districts to make more local decisions
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REASONS FOR CHANGES

- **Provide a smoother transition after high school**
 - **Meet the employment demands and expectations of our community**
 - **Enter postsecondary education without remediation**
 - **Develop opportunities through partnerships with community partners**
 - **Develop new advanced courses to prepare students to enter the workforce successfully**
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HOUSE BILL 5

Foundation Graduation Program with a Selected Endorsement

Texas High School Diploma

DISTINGUISHED
Eligible for Top 10% Automatic Admission

ALGEBRA II

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ENDORSEMENTS- 26 CREDITS

STEM
1 MATH or CTE
MATH
1 SCIENCE or
CTE SCIENCE
2 ELECTIVES

BUSINESS &
INDUSTRY
1 MATH or CTE
MATH
1 SCIENCE or
CTE SCIENCE
2 ELECTIVES

ARTS &
HUMANITIES
1 MATH or CTE
MATH
1 SCIENCE or
CTE SCIENCE
2 ELECTIVES

PUBLIC
SERVICES
1 MATH or CTE
MATH
1 SCIENCE or
CTE SCIENCE
2 ELECTIVES

MULTI-
DISCIPLINARY
STUDIES
1 MATH or CTE
MATH
1 SCIENCE or
CTE SCIENCE
2 ELECTIVES

FOUNDATION - 22 CREDITS
4 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA I, II, III, & advanced English)
3 MATHEMATICS (ALGEBRA I, GEOMETRY & 1 advanced math)
3 SOCIAL STUDIES (world geography or world history or combined course, US History, & government/economics)
3 SCIENCE (biology, IPC or advanced science, and additional advanced science)
2 FOREIGN LANGUAGES
1 FINE ARTS
1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION
5 ELECTIVES

Every freshman must choose a career endorsement beginning in the 2014-2015 school year in one of the following areas:

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)

Business and Industry

Public Service

Arts and Humanities

Multidisciplinary

This will add a minimum of four additional courses to the Foundation Plan.

Endorsements will be noted on diploma and transcript.

Foundation
Graduation



Endorsement



Distinguished
Level of
Achievement

- Plan**
- 4 English
 - ELA 1, 2, 3, adv. English
 - 3 Mathematics
 - Algebra 1, Geometry, adv. Math
 - 3 Social Studies
 - 3 Science
 - 2 Foreign Language
 - 1 Physical Educ.
 - 1 Fine Arts
 - 5 Electives

22 CREDITS

STEM

1 adv. Math
1 adv. Science
2 Electives

Business &
Industry

1 adv. Math
1 adv. Science
2 Electives

Arts &
Humanities

1 adv. Math
1 adv. Science
2 Electives

Public
Service

1 adv. Math
1 adv. Science
2 Electives

Multi-
Disciplinary

1 adv. Math
1 adv. Science
2 Electives

26 CREDITS



Top 10% -
Automatic
Admission to
State Universities

HOUSE BILL 5

- **The District is putting together additional information for parents and students to help make the transition to high school smooth.**
 - **Website will have information soon.**
 - **Counselors are becoming familiar with requirements.**
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GRADING GUIDELINES AND GRADE CLASSIFICATION

- **Freshman: 0 - 5.5 credits**
 - **Sophomore: 6 – 11.5 credits (3 core)**
 - **Junior: 12 – 16.5 (7 core)**
 - **Senior: 18 credits or higher**
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- **Core Areas: English, Math, Science,
and Social Studies**

GRADING GUIDELINES

- A **CREDIT** is earned after successful completion of a course. Each semester is worth a $\frac{1}{2}$ (.5) credit. Students have an 8 period day with one period being an Advisory class. Students can earn seven credits per year.
- A **TRANSCRIPT** is an official and legal copy of all earned grades, including failing grades.
- Correspondence courses taken in an attempt to earn high school credit are recorded on the transcript & calculated in the GPA.
- Credit by Exam scores of 80 or higher are recorded on the transcript & calculated in the GPA.
- You need **26** credits to graduate.

GRADING GUIDELINES CONT.

- Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated by adding all the semester grades and dividing by the number of semester grades.
- Class rank is determined by placing the GPA for each student in a grade level in numerical order from highest to lowest.
- Each weighted course (Dual Credit, Pre-AP, AP & other advanced courses) has 10 pts per semester added for **GPA purposes only.**
- You can obtain your GPA and class rank from your transcript or counselor.
- Student rank and GPA are re-calculated at the end of each semester.

GPA EXAMPLE

Grade weighted course list available in Career Planning Guide

- English 1 86 92
- Algebra 1 95 90
- IPC 85 76
- W. Geog. 95 95
- Art 1 97 96
- P.E. 99 99
- Spanish 1 76 80
- **English 1Q 86 92**
- Algebra 1 95 90
- IPC 85 76
- **W. Geog. Q 95 95**
- Art 1 97 96
- P.E. 99 99
- Spanish 1 76 80

Total divided by number of
semesters = GPA

$$1,261 \div 14 = 90.0714$$

Total + 10 for each semester of
PAP courses = divided by
number of semesters = GPA

$$1,261 + 40 = 1301 \div 14 = 92.9285$$

TOP 10%

COLLEGE ADMISSION

- **A student must earn a distinguished level of achievement to be eligible for top 10% automatic admission. In addition to the foundation curriculum requirements, this also includes successful completion of:**
 - **four math credits, including Algebra 2**
 - **four science credits**
 - **at least one endorsement**

TOP 10% OF YOUR CLASS

- **If you earn the distinguished level of achievement and are ranked in the top 10% of your graduating class, you will be admitted into any public college or university in Texas. University of Texas in Austin is the exception to this rule. With HB 175, UT is on a sliding scale.**
- **This applies to rank taken at the end of the junior year, mid-senior year, and the end of the senior year.**

TOP 10% OF YOUR CLASS

- **Remember you must still complete the entire application on time for the school you are choosing to attend.**
- **For those who demonstrate financial need through FAFSA, there is a Top 10 % Scholarship. Funding is subject to legislative decisions year to year.**

PRE-ADVANCED PLACEMENT (Pre-AP) ADVANCED PLACEMENT(AP)

■ **BENEFITS**

- **Good preparation for college level work**
- **Grade weighted**

■ **RIGOR**

- **Reading and writing intensive**
 - **Research Intensive**
 - **Project Oriented**
 - **In-depth study at an accelerated pace**
 - **Higher-level thinking & problem-solving**
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DUAL CREDIT & AP

- **Dual Credit** – Students receive college and high school credit simultaneously by taking courses through Del Mar College, Texas A & M –Corpus Christi, or Abilene Christian University.
- **Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) and Advanced Placement (AP)** – These rigorous courses require heavy reading, writing and research.
 - grade-weighted
 - require AP exam
 - possibility of college credit

Note: DC can be taken upon earning junior level standing (12 credits with 7 of the 12 in the core areas)

TESTING, TESTING, TESTING....

- **STAAR** – State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness End of Course (EOC)- Reference Career Planning Guide for further information.
- **ASVAB** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Career exploration test taken in Jr./Sr. year – Military determines the date and availability.

TESTING, TESTING, TESTING....

- **ACT ASPIRE Early High School** - ACT Practice test taken by 10th graders
- **PSAT** - Preliminary SAT test taken by 11th graders (10th is optional) in the fall
- **ACT& SAT** College Entrance Exam – College-bound Juniors should take one of these in the spring.

State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) End of Course Exams

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

CAREER PLANNING GUIDE

- **Produced in the spring**

- **Available online:**

www.flourbluffschoools.net

**Click on: Campuses,
 High School,
 Career Planning Guide**

READ ALL ABOUT IT...

The Career Planning Guide includes:

- **Graduation Requirements**
- **Course Descriptions**
- **Grading Guidelines**
- **Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, & Articulated Coursework Information**
- **Career Cluster Information**
- **Special Programs**
- **Clubs and Organizations**

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Membership in School or Church
Sponsored Clubs and Groups**
- **Sports and Athletics**
- **Leadership Positions**
- **Civic Projects**
- **Start a Resume!**

Involvement in these types of activities show you are interested in using the skills and knowledge you possess.

THE GO CENTER

Located Within the Counselors' Office

Provides assistance with:

- **Career Investigation**
- **College Searches**
- **College Applications**
- **SAT & ACT Registration**
- **Financial Aid (Scholarships, FAFSA, and SAT, ACT, & College Application Fee Waivers)**
- **College & Military Recruiter Visits**

GOOD TO KNOW . . .

- **Tutorials held by teachers** in the classroom - 8:00 – 8:20 am Daily
- **Tutorials through Advisory Period**
- **Attendance** – Credits are denied for excessive absences.
- **Skyward Family Access** - Track grades and attendance and find teacher contact information at:

http://www.flourbluffschools.net/html/info/parent_portal.html

COUNSELORS' WEBPAGE

- Check out the Counselors' Corner on the district website for information on careers, summer programs, college research, contests, scholarships, and numerous topics related to the college admissions and financial aid process! It's your One-Stop Shop!
- Available online:
www.flourbluffschoools.net
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The Future is Our Mission!

