

College Credit Earning Opportunities

Harlandale ISD Programs That Allow Students to Earn College Credits

Each of the opportunities listed below are free to Harlandale ISD high school students. Dual Credit / AP / OnRamps courses are weighted +10 for GPA calculations only. This means that your official transcript will show the actual grade that you receive but when your overall Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated, ten points will be added to your grade.



Dual Credit – through partnerships with local colleges and universities, HISD students who meet the standards of the Texas Success Initiative (TSIA2 exam) can enroll in dual credit courses. Dual credit courses can be taught in several different ways. One way is through an

approved high school teacher on campus and the class meets at the high school. In some cases, students go to the college itself where they are enrolled as a college student into the class(es) that they have selected and qualified for. Depending on the circumstances, the college course may also be offered online through the school's distance learning program.



ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT
Palo Alto College



Since 1955, the College Board's **Advanced Placement** Program (AP) has been delivering excellence in education to millions of students across the country. The AP course is taught by a high school teacher trained by the College Board to deliver a high level of rigor in courses from not only the core subject but languages other than English, computer science, and the fine arts. Students do not have to pass TSI to be eligible to enroll in these courses and college credit is determined by the results of an exam taken in May.

OnRamps Dual Enrollment is where students are enrolled in both a high school course, led by a high school teacher, and a distance college course, led by a University of Texas college instructor of record. Contingent on the grade received in the college course, students have the opportunity to accept college credit which is guaranteed to be transferable to any public institution in the state of Texas. Students do not have to pass TSI to be eligible to enroll in these courses.



Alamo Academies give juniors and seniors, with qualifying TSIA2 scores, the unique opportunity to explore a variety of STEM career paths so that they can make educated decisions on their futures. 94% of students who graduate from one of the Alamo Academies pursue higher education, join the armed forces or enter into high-wage employment in career fields related to Aerospace, Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology/Security, Healthcare, and Diesel Technology. See pages 57-59 of the course catalog for program information for each of the five academies.

Texas State Technical College was established 50 years ago to help create a strong Texas. We are efficiently and effectively helping Texas meet the high-tech challenges of today's global economy, in partnership with business and industry, government agencies and other educational institutions. TSTC graduates are highly valued by business and industry for their work ethic, knowledge and workplace skills. See page 55 of the course catalog for the Automotive Program of Study and TSTC D/C information.



Did you know that the top seven universities that HISD graduates attend after graduation are UTSA, TAMUSA, Texas State, UIW, TAMU, UT, and TAMUCC