

NISD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAMS
Entering Freshmen – 2001-2002, 2002-2003, *2003-2004, and thereafter

Recommended High School Program (24 Credits)	Distinguished Achievement program (24 Credits)	NISD Minimum Graduation Program (24 Credits)
English (4 credits) English I,II,III,IV	English (4 credits) English I, II, III, IV	English (4 credits) English I, II, III, IV or other specified
Mathematics(3 credits) Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	Mathematics (3 credits) Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	Mathematics (3 credits including Algebra, Geometry, 3 rd math)
Science (3 credits) IPC, Biology, Chemistry or Physics	Science (3 credits) IPC, Biology, Chemistry or Physics	Science (2, *3 credits) IPC, Biology, Chemistry or Physics
Social Studies (3.5 credits) World Geography, World History, US History, US Government	Social Studies (3.5 credits) World Geography, World History, US History, US Government	Social Studies (2.5 credits) World Geography or World History, US History, US Government
Economics (.5 credits)	Economics (.5 credit)	Economics (.5 credits)
Language Other than English (2 credits) Level I and Level II of same language	Language other than English (3 credits) Levels, I, II, and III of same language	Academic Elective (1 credit) Science or World History or World Geography
Fine Arts (1 credit)	Fine Arts (1 credit)	
Physical Education (1.5 credits including Foundations of Personal Fitness)	Physical Education (1.5 credits including Foundations of Personal Fitness)	Physical Education (1.5 credits including Foundations of Personal Fitness)
Speech (.5 credit) Communication Applications	Speech (.5 credit) Communication Applications	Speech (.5 credit) Communication Applications
Health Education (.5 credit)	Health Education (.5 credit)	Health Education (.5 credit)
Technology Applications (1 credit) Specified Courses	Technology Applications (1 credit) Specified Courses	Technology Applications (1 credit) Specified Courses
Electives (3.5 credits) Selected from the list of courses specified in 74.41 (f) Chapter 110-128	Electives (2.5 credits) Selected from the list of courses specified in 74.41 (f) Chapter 110-128 and four "Advanced Measures"	Electives (7.5 credits) Selected from the list of courses specified in 74.41 (f) Chapter 110-128

COUNSELOR'S REFERENCE ***10TH – 12TH PRE- REGISTRATION***

ARE YOU ON TRACK? CREDIT WISE?

Class of 2008 (Sophomore) 5 -10.5 credits *note courses

Class of 2007 (Junior) 11 - 16 ½ credits

Class of 2006 (Senior) should have 17 or more credits and enrollment in all remaining courses to graduate.

Class of 2008*5 credits must include 1 credit in English, 1 credit in Math and I credit in Science.

If not or if you want to take an extra course some options are:

Summer School - pre-register at Clark after Spring Break

Night School - Session V - 5 nights a week.

WHAT IF I FAIL A COURSE THIS YEAR?

If you fail a required course this year, the counselor will adjust your schedule in June to repeat it next year - - unless you make it up in SUMMER SCHOOL OR NIGHT SCHOOL!!!

Course choices cannot be changed after April 29th

PREP DAYS For students pre-registered by end of July schedules, locker assignments, and ID cards will be given on

COURSE SELECTION

Northside Independent School District high schools build their master schedules according to students' selection of courses. The course selection process is designed to encourage careful decision-making by students and their parents, based on information regarding graduation, college entrance, and career requirements. Once students have indicated their preferences, teachers are assigned to meet those needs.

Students make course choices in January; they receive a letter in early May showing the courses scheduled, and they may make changes regarding electives from April until the end of the school year. In order to insure the integrity of the student's decisions and of the master schedule, individual schedule change requests will **NOT BE CONSIDERED** after April 29, 2005. After that time, only urgent and substantiated reasons which are documented and deemed justified will be considered.

General Guidelines include:

1. Parent signatures are required for all course or level change requests, along with a note.
2. Changes necessitated by clerical error will be made upon recognition.
3. When a student is reassigned to a teacher with whom he/she has previously failed or not been successful, changes will be made upon recognition, if possible.
4. Urgent and substantiated reasons for change include low probability of success, new physical disability, change in family status, or failure to meet prerequisites.

WHAT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

Teachers may discuss options with you, and you may check the Career Center for college requirements. A counselor will visit before Card Day be available in the cafeteria.

DUAL CREDIT

Dual credit courses allow students to earn college credit from Northwest Vista for coursework done at Clark. To be accepted, students must have met the THEA requirement by **1)high TAAS scores(1770 on Writing, 86 on Math, 89 on Reading); 2)SAT scores (1070; 500 + on each part; 3)ACT scores (23; 19+ on Eng. & math; or 4)passing THEA parts required for course(s) requested. REMEMBER: No one may take Dual Credit without meeting the THEA in one of these ways. Application process must be completed by April 30th.**

WHAT ABOUT COMPUTERS?

All courses listed under COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY will provide computer skills and meet the graduation requirement for the classes of 2001+. Here's help deciding **which one is for you!**

Computer Information Systems 1 (for 9-10) & 2 (for 11-12) - introduce word processing, spreadsheets, data bases, desktop publishing, networking, and telecommunications.

Computer Science (CS) 1 – introduction to Computer Science, Visual Basic and Java. (for 9-12)

CS 1 H (Pre-AP)-introduction to Computer Science and problem solving using Java and graphics (for 9-12)

CS 1 APH – Covers the CSI H topics plus the AP topics (10-12)

PR: Geometry or concurrent enrollment

CS 2 H - continues visual basic, also using Excel and Access.

PR: CS 1 H or instructor approval

CS 2 APH – primarily data structures in Java

PR: CS 1 H or AP or consent of instructor

Technology Applications Multimedia - introduces music, video, animation, and other techniques for Presentations

Business Multimedia - introduces techniques used in business multimedia presentations

PR for both: Geometry or concurrent

Web-mastering - teaches programming languages for creating internet communications

PR: Multimedia or CS 1 or 1 H

Also, students in **Adv. Journalism Yearbook or Newspaper** may choose to meet the requirement by choosing **Desktop Publishing** credit instead of journalism through those classes.

.Dual Credit Courses at Northwest Vista - 3 cr. hrs. each PR: 11/12 only; BUS PROVIDED FROM CLARK.

Intro Medical Terminology -1/2 cr. provides knowledge of basic structure of words used in health care

Intro to Pharmacy- 1 cr. Introduces techniques, responsibilities, and legal and ethical guidelines in pharmacy.

Intro to Criminal Justice - 1 cr. teaches history, philosophy, and structure of the justice system

Crime in America - 1 cr. study of crime problems in America

Intro to Multimedia - 1 cr. introduces multimedia development using icons and standard authoring software.

IMPORTANT INFO...

1. **Chemistry I?** You must have passed Algebra I with at least a C. **Both your science and your math teachers must sign!**
2. **Math Models** is required for all seniors who haven't passed TAKS Math.
3. **Occupational Co-Op? (including HECareer Prep, Marketing Dynamics, Marketing Management, Business Career Prep, and TI Career Prep)** You must be at least a junior and 16 years old, have parental permission, and turn in an application. Co-op teachers assist with job leads, but the student must get the job; students may have 2 or 3 work periods and earn 3 credits.
4. The **maximum** number of credits you can earn in PE, Pep Squad, or athletics is **2**.

CARD DAY IS FEBRUARY 8TH

Decide before then what you plan to take because you will get your card in 1st period, carry it throughout the day, and turn it in to your last period teacher!

