

# HSHS College Academy Orientation

# Overview

- The HSHS College Academy benefits students
  - Earn high school and college credit at the same time
  - Save money on college tuition and housing
  - Earn Core Complete Certificate by completing 44 hours of college coursework prior to graduation
  - Priority in Course Selection in high school

# Student Eligibility

- Students currently in the 8th grade with a weighted GPA 3.0 or higher and meeting all standards on STAAR with mastery in at least one area may apply.
- Current high school students with the same standards who were not previously accepted may also apply.
- Students must have successfully completed (with at least a 95) or be concurrently enrolled in Academy Seminar to begin college coursework during sophomore year.

# Program

- As freshmen, Academy Scholars will be enrolled in the Academy Seminar college preparatory course.
- Scholars who successfully complete (final average of 95) or are concurrently enrolled in the Academy Seminar and earn passing scores on the TSI may begin college coursework in the Fall of sophomore year.
- The majority of college courses will be delivered online. Time may be built into the high school schedule for students to complete online college coursework, and a Math, Science, and English in-house teaching assistant will be available. In-person delivery formats may be available for some courses as well.
- Scholars must maintain A's and B's as well as other requirements listed in the College Academy Handbook to continue in program.

# Core Complete Option

- If you plan to attend a public university in Texas, the Core Complete program can simplify the transferring process.
- Completing the Core Curriculum at NTCC eliminates the need to transfer courses individually, as they transfer all together to replace the core curriculum at the receiving institution.
- From The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board:
  - “If you plan to receive a bachelor's degree from a public university, Texas law requires that you complete a core curriculum of 42\* credit hours. Each college or university identifies which of its courses fit into the core curriculum. If you complete the core curriculum with grades of "C" or better and transfer, the entire core curriculum transfers and substitutes for the core curriculum you would have taken at your new school.
  - “You may have to take additional course work if your transfer school has a larger core curriculum than the school you came from. If you complete only part of the core curriculum before you transfer, each course you completed should apply to the new school's core curriculum.”  
[College For All Texans - Transferring Tips](#)
- \*HSHS students following the College Academy Recommended Course Sequence will earn an additional 2 hours for labs in science courses, totaling 44 hours.
- Students who plan to attend private or out-of-state universities can still benefit greatly from the College Academy by selecting courses from the receiving institution's core.

# Financial Aid

- Need-based scholarships are available for up to 2 courses each semester
- Performance-based tuition reimbursement is available for select courses
- See the College Academy Guidebook for more information

Is my student ready?

## Yes, maybe so...

- Independent Learner
- Internally Motivated
- High Academic Interest
- Post High School Mindset
- Academically Ready to Play for Varsity

## Maybe not yet...

- "Forced" or "Helped" Learner
- Outwardly Motivated
- Higher Extra Curricular Interest
- Short Term Mindset
- Need Play Time on Junior Varsity

YES! I want to  
begin the  
College  
Academy  
Program.

- Step 1: Fill Out Application by May 31st (*online hsisd.net, high school, CA*)
- Step 2: Look for Acceptance Letter in June
- Step 3: Return Acceptance Letter to HSHS Counselor's Office by Deadline (*do not rely on postal service*)
- Step 4: Make sure College Academy Seminar is on your newest Fall 2019 Schedule



- Read the College Academy Guidebook prior to submitting your application.
- Applications are due on Friday, May 31st.
- If you have ANY questions, please contact

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