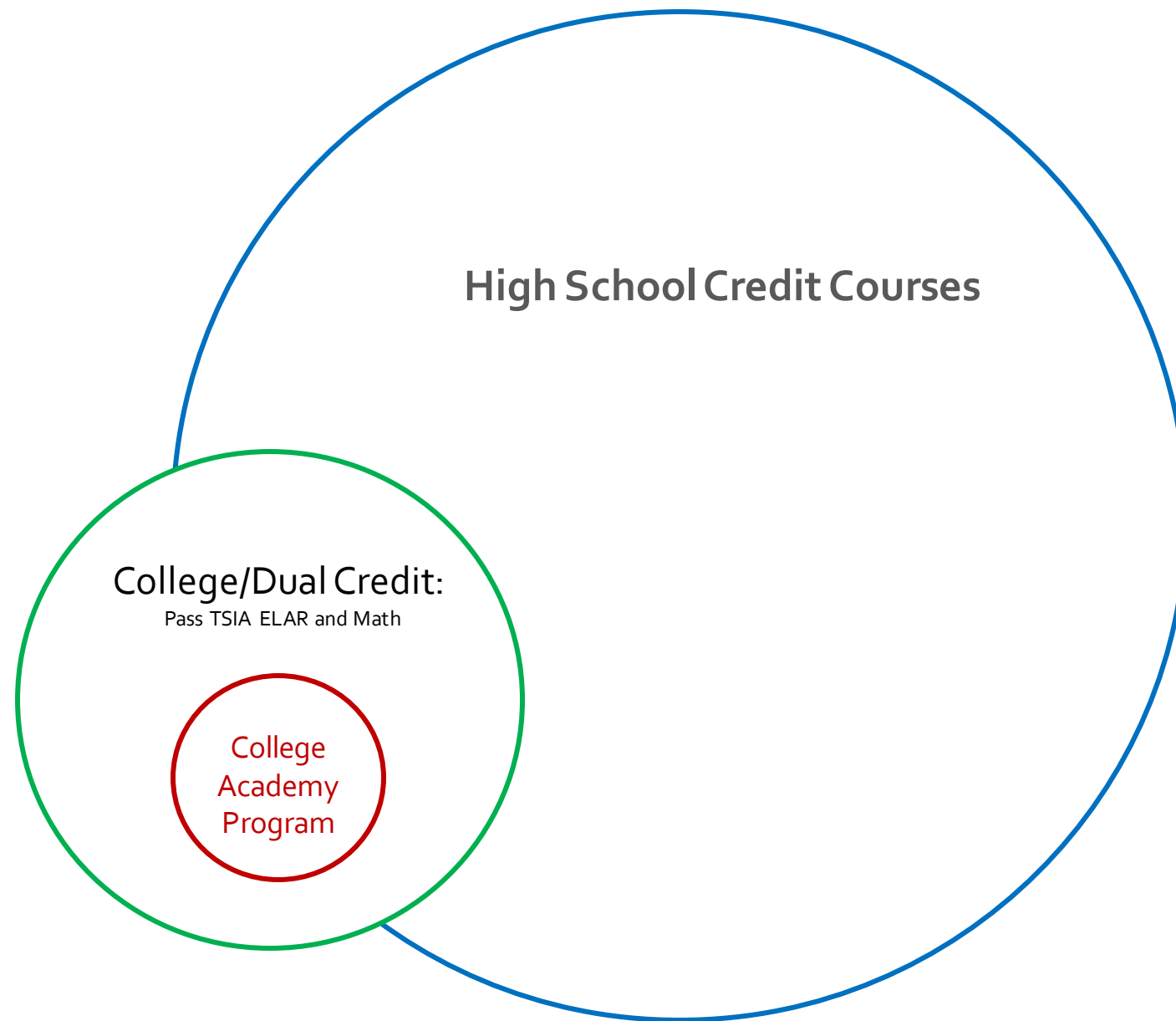


HSHS College Academy Orientation

College/Dual
Credit

VS

College
Academy
Program



College and Dual Credit

College Academy

	College/Dual	College Academy
High School/College Credit	Y	Y
Weighted High School GPA Credit*	Y	Y
Priority in Course Selection <small>(online class periods & early release)</small>	Y	Y
Core Complete Certificate (42+ hrs)*	Y	Y
Save Money College Tuition	Y	Y
More Housing Options	Y	Y
NTCC Scholarship (one course)	Y	Y
HSHS CA Scholarship (one course)		Y
Jr & Senior Reimbursements*		Y

Student Eligibility for College Academy

- 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 apply with successful academic essay by deadline.

20(ish) students receive acceptance by letter in July...

College Academy 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 TSIA may begin college coursework freshmen 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.
- 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](#)
- 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.

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.

STAAR Scores are expected on May 22rd and official invitations will be mailed as certified letters after all scores are received.

If invited to join College Academy:

- First: Read full College Academy Guidebook.
- Second: Fill Out Application.
(both online-hsisd.net, high school, CA)
- Third: Look for Acceptance Letter before school.
- Fourth: Still good? You do not have to return to counselor.
- Fifth: Make sure College Academy Seminar is on your newest Fall 2023 Schedule.

If you have ANY questions,
please contact me!

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(remember we will soon be on summer hours!)