



# PREPARING FOR YOUR FUTURE

Presentation for  
5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
GT Students and  
their Parents

Advanced Academics

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# BASICS FOR STUDENTS

- Students, please take time to complete the Basics Handout
  - Favorite/best subjects?
  - People, computers, machines, or animals?
  - College in Texas or out-of-state?
  - Extra-curriculars?
  - Time Management
  - Grades ->GPA (Grade Point Average)

# ABC'S OF COLLEGE READINESS

- ◉ Attitude
- ◉ Behavior
- ◉ Commitment
- ◉ Do the work
- ◉ Effort
- ◉ Friends
- ◉ Goals

# FAMILY SUPPORT

- ◉ Visit Colleges on weekends, during summer
- ◉ Begin conversations about financing college
- ◉ Research public and private colleges
- ◉ Talk to your children about:
  - Drugs
  - Alcohol
  - Parties
  - Relationships
  - Video games
  - Social media

Ask yourself...

What is your goal?

Where do you see  
yourself after high  
school?

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT OR DUAL CREDIT?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May earn college credit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May earn college credit or Associate's Degree</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be accepted by public &amp; private universities nationwide depending on exam score</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted by all Texas <u>public</u> universities &amp; some public &amp; private universities nationwide</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.0 grade points awarded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.0 grade points awarded</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College Board AP Exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Exam designed by professor</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum determined by College Board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum determined by ACC and professors</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exam fees for AP (\$54-\$84 per exam) Possible course fees of \$10-\$20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A typical class costs \$156-198 in tuition and fees plus the cost of the textbook.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades are determined by the teacher in compliance with school district policy and procedure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades are determined by the teacher in compliance with school district and college policy and procedure. Grades in college classes are often based on fewer tests and assignments than in HS.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS teachers interact with parents and students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College professors interact with the student only and not with parents. Parents and HS personnel can assist students and coach them to advocate for themselves as they meet the challenges of the college environment.</li> </ul>

Advanced Placement

Dual Credit

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND DUAL CREDIT

- Verify that your course and exam will be accepted by your prospective universities
- Check your university's website for
  - Admissions requirements
  - Transfer credit requirements
  - Scholarship eligibility
  - AP and DC Policies

# GET READY FOR COLLEGE

- ◉ Enroll in as many advanced courses as possible
- ◉ Participate in extra-curricular activities, athletics, or fine arts
- ◉ Demonstrate leadership ability
- ◉ Volunteer in your community
- ◉ Seek an internship opportunity
- ◉ Research the opportunities



# GET READY FOR COLLEGE

## ○ 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Take advanced classes
- Be involved in your campus community
- Have conversations about college

## ○ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Take SAT Duke TIP
- Consider summer / online / CBE opportunities
- Join Clubs
- Two semesters of PE
- Algebra I and Math Club for really talented math students

## ○ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Two semesters of LOTE
- One semester of HS Speech (if offered during the year or summer)
- CTE courses for HS credit
- Consider summer / online / CBE opportunities
- Join Clubs

# GET READY FOR COLLEGE

- **9<sup>th</sup> Grade**
  - Learn about yourself - Go Back to the Basics
  - Research Career Options
- **10<sup>th</sup> Grade**
  - Narrow your choices to less than 10 colleges
  - Enroll in advanced courses and take the exams
  - SAT Prep Class
  - Take SAT / ACT
  - Use Big Future to research colleges
- **11<sup>th</sup> Grade**
  - College Visits to 2 of your top choices
  - Summer programs / internships
  - Enroll in advanced courses and take the exams
  - SAT Prep Class
  - Take SAT /ACT
  - Use Big Future to research colleges
  - Look for scholarship opportunities
  - WORK CLOSELY WITH YOUR COUNSELOR
- **12<sup>th</sup> Grade**
  - Early in the year, complete applications
  - Enroll in advanced courses and take the exams
  - Look for scholarship opportunities
  - WORK CLOSELY WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

# RAISING YOUR GPA

- ◉ Enroll in high grade point core courses
- ◉ Make high grades in high grade point courses
- ◉ Speech, PE, Fine Arts: junior high, online, CBE, ACC, UH
- ◉ Concurrent enrollment in subject areas
- ◉ Enroll in high grade point electives



# BURNING QUESTIONS

- Please use the question cards
- If your question does not get answered tonight:
  - Check the Advanced Academics website for this presentation
  - Call 281-485-3203



# BURNING QUESTIONS

- I tried to register for an above level class or two science classes and the computer system won't let me. What do I do?
  - You're absolutely right. It is designed to be that way.
  - Complete the registration with an elective of your choice for now.
  - Submit a completed AP Special Request
  - When/if you are approved for an AP Special Request, your counselor will complete a manual override and schedule the approved course, dependent upon availability



# BURNING QUESTIONS

- What is a prerequisite? How do I know if I have met the qualifications?
  - The foundation required for success in the class
  - Courses you need to have completed before taking the new course



# BURNING QUESTIONS

- How can I take more than four science classes?

Example:

- Take Geometry and Algebra II concurrently in 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- Take the three Pre-AP Science classes (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) and then take an extra science class your senior year as an elective

# RESOURCES

- Advanced Academics
  - 281-485-3203
  - <http://www.pearlandisd.org/departments.cfm?subpage=23773>
- High School Counselors
- Texas Virtual Schools Network [www.txvsn.org](http://www.txvsn.org)
- Texas Tech ISD: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/uc/k-12/>
- Credit by Exam:  
<http://www.pearlandisd.org/departments.cfm?subpage=17070>
- Alvin Community College: [www.alvincollege.edu](http://www.alvincollege.edu)
- Turner College and Career High School:  
[www.pearlandisd.org/TurnerHS.cfm](http://www.pearlandisd.org/TurnerHS.cfm)
- Texas College and Career Resource Site:  
[www.TexasCollegeandCareer.org](http://www.TexasCollegeandCareer.org)



# RESOURCES

College Board: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

- PSAT Information
- SAT Information
- Advanced Placement Information
  - AP Central: [www.apcentral.collegeboard.com](http://www.apcentral.collegeboard.com)
  - AP Policy:  
<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp>
- Big Futures: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>

# ADDITIONAL HANDOUTS

- ◉ Basics for Students
- ◉ Success in Advanced Classes Brochure