

Rockwall Heath High School

CLASS OF 2028

8th Grade Student Registration





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Heath HS Counseling Dept.

The Rockwall Heath High School Counseling Department's doors are always open to students and we encourage students to get to know their counselor.

Our mission

is to ensure that every student receives the academic, social and emotional support to reach their full potential and graduate with the knowledge and skills to be successful in their post-secondary goals.



Envelope

Calendar

Baseball

Apple

Football

Speech

	Foundation with Endorsement(s) Or Distinguished Achievement with Endorsement
English Language Arts	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none">English IEnglish IIEnglish IIIAdvanced English course
Mathematics	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none">Algebra IGeometryTwo advanced math courses* (<i>Algebra II is required for distinguished level of achievement and for some endorsements</i>).
Science	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none">Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC) (Should be taken concurrently with Algebra I. If you received Pre-AP Algebra I credit in 8th grade, you will take Biology or Pre-AP Biology in 9th grade instead of IPC and will need three additional advanced science courses.)BiologyTwo additional advanced science courses (Chemistry and/or Physics required for some programs of study.)
Social Studies	3 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none">World Geography and/or World HistoryUS HistoryGovernment/Economics (.5 credit each)
Physical Education	1 Credit
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)	2 Credits from the same language
Fine Arts	1 Credit
Electives	7 Credits (<i>Includes the credit requirements of the student's declared endorsement</i>)
Total Credits	26

Endorsements

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Arts & Humanities

Business & Industry

Multidisciplinary Studies*

Public Service

STEM

Rockwall ISD Endorsements				
Rockwall ISD offers all five Texas Education Agency approved endorsements for our students. Students may choose to earn more than one endorsement. Please read through the information below when planning your student's endorsements.				
Arts & Humanities	Business & Industry	Multidisciplinary	Public Service	STEM
<p>The Arts and Humanities endorsement offers students an opportunity to study ancient and modern literature, history, language and culture.</p> <p>Students can earn this endorsement by doing one of the following:</p> <p>Social Studies: Students earn five credits</p> <p>Foreign Language: Students take four levels of the same foreign language OR Students take two levels of one foreign language and two levels of a different foreign language for a total of four credits</p> <p>Fine Arts: Students earn four credits in the same fine arts area OR Students take two levels of one fine arts area and two levels in a different fine arts area for a total of four credits</p>	<p>The Business and Industry endorsement incorporates a large number of career paths.</p> <p>Design & Multimedia Arts:</p> <p>Animation Commercial Photography Fashion Design Graphic Design Video Game Design</p> <p>Digital Communication:</p> <p>Audio/Video Production</p> <p>Applied Agricultural Engineering:</p> <p>Agricultural Technology</p> <p>Plant Science:</p> <p>Floral Design</p> <p>Animal Science:</p> <p>Veterinary Medicine/Animal Science</p> <p>Architectural Design:</p> <p>Architecture</p> <p>Culinary Arts:</p> <p>Culinary Arts</p> <p>Accounting and Financial Services:</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>Business Management:</p> <p>Business Management</p> <p>Marketing & Sales:</p> <p>Marketing & Entrepreneurship</p> <p>Advanced Manufacturing and Machinery:</p> <p>Mechanics Manufacturing and Machinery Mechanics</p> <p>Welding:</p> <p>Welding Technology</p> <p>Automotive:</p> <p>Automotive Technology Auto body Technician/Painter</p>	<p>Students may earn a Multidisciplinary endorsement by completing the requirements from among the following options:</p> <p>Four by Four (4x4): Students take four courses in each of the four content areas: Four English credits to include English IV Four math credits Four science credits to include Biology and Chemistry Four social studies credits</p> <p>Advanced Courses:</p> <p>Students earn a total of four credits from Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Dual Credit (DC), OnRamps (OT), or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in English, math, science, social studies, foreign language, or fine arts.</p> <p>Career & Technical Education:</p> <p>Students earn four credits of advanced courses that prepare them to enter the workforce or postsecondary education without remediation from within one endorsement area or among endorsements across not in a coherent sequence.</p>	<p>The Public Service endorsement offers courses directly related to the public services field.</p> <p>Education & Training:</p> <p>Teaching and training</p> <p>Healthcare Therapeutic:</p> <p>Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Pharmacy Technician Medical Internship Dental Assistant Patient Care Technician Electrocardiography (EKG) Central Sterile Processing</p> <p>Law and Public Service:</p> <p>Law Enforcement</p>	<p>The STEM endorsement offers courses related to science, technology, engineering and advanced math.</p> <p>Engineering:</p> <p>Cybersecurity/Computer Science</p> <p>Math:</p> <p>Students take Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and two of the following courses for which Algebra II is a prerequisite: Advanced Algebra Pre-Calculus Precalculus Pre-AP AP Calculus AB or BC College Statistics IB Math</p> <p>Science:</p> <p>Students take Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and two of the following courses: Aquatic Science Earth and Space Science AP Science courses IB Science courses CTE courses which confer science credit</p>
 <pre>graph LR; Courses --> Programs[Programs of Study]; Programs --> Career[Career Clusters]; Career --> Endorsements</pre>				
<p>To earn an Endorsement in Business & Industry, STEM, and Public Service a student must take a coherent sequence of four or more Career & Technical Education (CTE) credits consisting of at least two courses in the same Program of Study that lead to a final course in the program. At least one course must be an advanced CTE course (11th or 12th grade). Students should aim to be a completer within one Program of Study. A completer is a student who completes, passes, and receives credit for three or more CTE courses for at least four or more credits (course selection must include at least one course listed in the third or fourth sequence of courses). To help understand the connection between Endorsements and Programs of Study, see diagram above.</p>				

*The state of Texas requires a student to have at least 1 endorsement to graduate. Most Freshmen will earn the Multidisciplinary Studies endorsement, however, may change/add endorsements.

EOC (STAAR) Requirement

Students must pass the 5 required STAAR End of Course Assessments to graduate.

- **English 1**
- **English 2**
- **Algebra 1**
- **Biology**
- **US History**

*Retest opportunities are available three times per year for students who are not successful on their first attempt.



Course Credits

- Credits are earned upon passing a course at 70% or higher.
 - 1 semester = .5 Credit
 - 2 Semesters = 1 credit
- Student must have 90% attendance to receive credit for a class.
- Students have the possibility to earn 8 credits per year.
- A total of 26 credits are required for graduation.

How do I get promoted to the next grade?

- at least 6 credits for 10th grade
- at least 12 credits for 11th grade
- at least 18 credits for 12th grade



Grade Point Average

- **GPA** calculation begins with the first high school credit.
- The weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) used for class rank is based on a 5.0 point scale.
- More information regarding GPA is available in the RISD APG (Academic Planning Guide), page 20.

Top 10% and Automatic Admission

Disclaimer: The Texas Automatic Admission policy guarantee is for all Texas public colleges or universities and is available to students that graduate in the top 10% of their class.

- Students are assured admission to the college, but not always their desired major.
- Students must apply by the deadline set by the college/university.

Exception: University of Texas at Austin Automatic Admission varies by year.

Class of 2022 – Top 6%

Class of 2023 – Top 6%

Class of 2024 – Top 6%

Advanced Academics – *What you need to know*

- ◆ Content is challenging
- ◆ Requires more time outside of the school day
- ◆ Pre-AP/Honors courses prepare for the challenge of AP and IB courses
- ◆ AP and IB classes require 4-6 hours of work per week outside of the classroom
- ◆ You DO NOT have to take all pre ap/AP courses
- ◆ Organization and time management skills are needed in order to be successful.
- ◆ Enrolling in an advanced course is an individual decision
- ◆ Maintaining a healthy balance is key.

Honors classes are geared towards higher level thinking skills and are often exploratory in nature. All the answers will not be given to the you. Students will have to think and apply previous knowledge to new situations. The rigor of these classes will be at a new level compared to previous classes in middle school in order to prepare you for AP classes and beyond.

College, Career, & Military Readiness

(Academic Planning Guide page 10)

The State of Texas asks all high school graduates to be “*college ready*” and earn their **CCMR** Credential. There are several ways to earn this over the student’s four years in high school. Please review the chart so you are familiar with the CCMR information.

College, Career, & Military Readiness

College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) is how Rockwall ISD is preparing students for their future. There are many paths of success and we want to ensure we are meeting the unique needs of our students. During high school a student should meet at least one of the following CCMR indicators to show post-secondary readiness.

Test Requirements for Both College and Career Readiness			
Must have college ready scores for one test or a combination of tests and/or college prep courses			
TSIA2*	SAT	ACT	
ELAR – 945	Reading & Writing – 480	Through February 14, 2023	On & After February 15, 2023
Essay – 5	Math – 530	English – 19	English & Reading - combined score 40
Math – 950		Math – 19	
		Composite – 23	Math - 22
Minimum scores to be considered college ready for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)			
*Students who do not meet college ready on the TSIA2 may be considered college ready with diagnostic scores: ELAR: 5, MATH: 6			

College Readiness			
College Prep	Dual Credit	Advanced Placement (AP)/ International Baccalaureate (IB)	OnRamps
Texas College Bridge – English and Math	3 credit hours in English or Math or 9 credit hours in any other course	Score 3 on AP exam Score 4 on IB exam	Qualify for college credit in an OnRamps course

Career Readiness		
Industry-Based Certification (IBC)	Special Education	Military
Complete a CTE Program of Study and earn a certification	Graduate with an advanced degree plan or Graduate with an IEP and workforce-readiness	Complete a DD4 form showing they have enlisted in the US Armed Forces



Freshman Courses

For Course Information and Prerequisites, see the APG (Academic Planning Guide)

You will choose a total of 8 courses.

4 Required core classes:

1. English/ELA: English I; Honors English I; SAGE Honors English I
2. Math: Determined by 8th grade math class
3. Social Studies: World Geography, Honors World Geography or AP Human Geography
4. Science: IPC, Biology or Honors Biology (*determined by 8th grade science*)

4 Elective courses based on your interests and plan:

Options could include: Language Other Than English (LOTE), Physical Activity, Fine Art or Endorsement Electives

***ALTERNATES - you MUST choose 4 Alternates!**

RHHS Modified Block Schedule

Sample Schedule:

A	B
1 Everyday	1 Everyday
2	5
3	6
4	7
8 Everyday	8 Everyday

A/B day block schedule:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
A	B	A	B	A
Holiday	B	A	B	A
B	A	B	A	B

A	B
1 Algebra I	1 Algebra I
2 Elective	5 English
3 P.E.	6 Social Studies
4 I.P.C.	7 Art I
8 Spanish I	8 Spanish I

*The Academy does not have classes 1st or 8th period

Class of 2028 Registration Timeline

February 7 & 8: RHHS Counselor Presentations at Cain MS and Utley MS

February 13 Utley One on one pick up course selection sheets

February 14 & 15 Cain One on one pick up course selection sheets





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