



9th Grade Level Orientation

2024-2025

Team HAIS

- Melissa Jacobs Thibaut, Founding Principal
- Adélisse Gomez, Dean of Instruction 11th and 12th Grade
- Charles Kaspari, Dean of Instruction 9th and 10th Grade
- Sarah Yockey, Teacher Specialist
- Adriana Salinas, Counselor
- Erica Alderete, Magnet Coordinator
- Agustin Estrada, At Risk Program Administrator
- Belinda Swearer, Special Education Chair

Team HAIS

- Officer Warren, Campus Police Officer
- Ambrosia Ramos Smith, School Nurse
- Bernadette Leos, Administrative Assistant
- Angel Montes, Technology
- Jessica Paredes Herrera, Magnet Clerk
- Priscilla Lopez-Garcia, Parent Engagement Rep
- Jessica Alvarez, Sr. Academic Tutor
- Norma Salgado, Attendance/SIR

HAIS Mission Statement

Through **international studies**, a **personalized environment**, and **college preparatory curriculum**, the Houston Academy for International Studies will prepare students for active roles as **global citizens**.

Attendance

- Submit all excuse notes upon return to campus in the Main Office or the the Attendance Representative, Ms. Norma Salgado.
 - Notes turned in after one week from when the student returns, are not valid.
- Only excuse notes from a doctor or parent(s) stating student illness or family emergencies are accepted.
 - Vacations, out-of-town/traveling, and weather are not excused absences. *Weather absences are only excused when HISD excuses them.*
 - Students marked absent or tardy due to HISD transportation must check into the main office when the bus arrives to be corrected to “Present”
- Students must sign out for ALL HCC classes
 - If students fail to sign out, they must email their Mrs. Salinas and copy Ms. Norma Salgado **AND** your grade level Dean for attendance approval.

Attendance

- Students and parents must monitor attendance via HISDConnect.
 - If there is an error, please reach out DIRECTLY to the TEACHER. The attendance clerk cannot change a teacher's incorrect entry.
- NGs are generated when students miss more than 10% of the class meetings. **ALL** absences (excused or unexcused) count towards NGs.
- All NGs must be resolved by the end the 2024-2025 school year.
- Students who have to may receive an NG in a semester due to excessive absences will be required to attend a Saturday school session in order to clear any NGs.
- Students are responsible for all missed lessons/assignments during time of absence.

HAIS Bell Schedule

There are no bells at HAIS.

Students should note start and end time of classes.

Students should use passing periods to make their way to class on time.

Bell Schedule can be found online

MON/WED A Day	TUES/THURS B Day	FRIDAY C Day
1 st PERIOD 7:50-9:20	6 th PERIOD 7:50-9:20	1 st PERIOD 7:50 - 8:33
2 nd PERIOD 9:25-10:55	7 th PERIOD 9:25-10:55	2 nd PERIOD 8:35 - 9:18
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4 th PERIOD 12:25-1:55	9 th PERIOD 12:25-1:55	5 th PERIOD 10:55 - 11:38
5 th PERIOD 2:00-3:30	10 th PERIOD 2:00-3:30	LUNCH ALL GRADE LEVELS 11:40 - 12:30
Tutorials Daily 3:40 – 4:30 PM by Grade Level Please see each teacher for Tutorial Times		6 th PERIOD 12:32 – 1:15
		7 th PERIOD 1:17 – 2:00
		9 th PERIOD 2:02 – 2:45
		10 th PERIOD 2:47 – 3:30

***ADA time is 9:45am daily**

HAIS Allowable Dress

1. All students must have a student ID badge worn on a lanyard and visible at all times on HAIS campus.
2. Students must dress in clothing that includes both a shirt with pants, shorts or a skirt or the equivalent (a dress).
3. Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other. Tops must have shoulder straps. Shirts must come to the top of the pants at the waist at minimum and shorts/skirts/dresses should be long enough to cover to approximately the mid-thigh.
4. Clothing must cover undergarments.
5. Shoes must be worn at all times and must be safe for a school environment (pajamas, house shoes, or slippers shall not be worn).
6. Hats and other headwear must allow the face to be visible. Hoodies must allow the student's face and ears to be visible.
7. Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities, including physical education, science labs, and other classes where unique hazards or specialized attire or safety gear is required.

Non-allowable Dress

1. Clothing may not depict, advertise, or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances nor may it display or imply vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images.
2. Clothing may not depict or imply pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
3. Clothing advocating or depicting violence, criminal or gang related activity is prohibited.
4. Clothing may not be see-through.

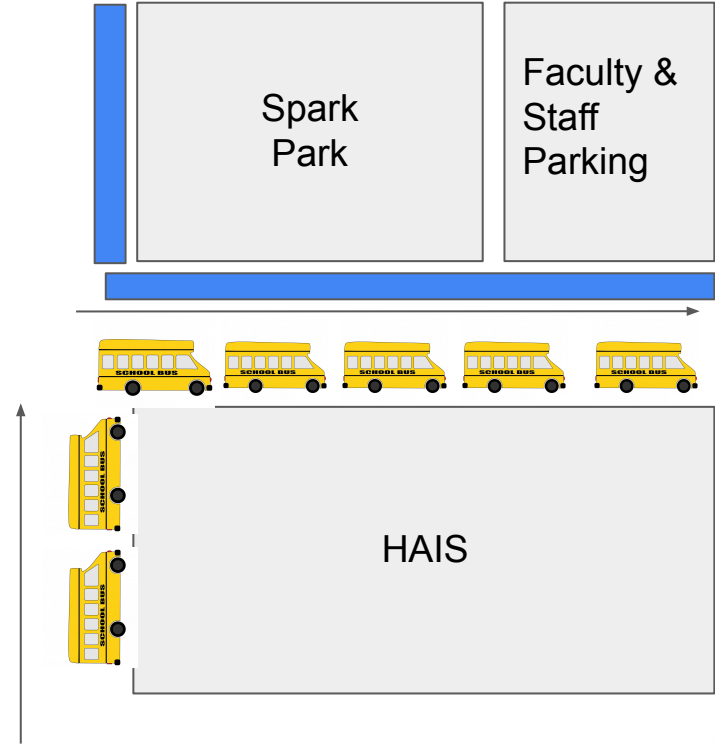
HAIS Drop Off/Pick Up Expectations

Parents should plan to pick up students after busses release at 3:40pm to avoid congestion.

Families may wait for their student in the areas highlighted in blue off of Hamilton St and the left of Stuart St.

The right side of Stuart St is a dedicated HISD bus line.

The feeder lane should never block flowing traffic.



Grade Level AVID Teachers -

Ms. Bobba, Science

Add picture of group

Mr. Davis, Social Studies

Ms. Hoang, Math

Mr. Morin, Social Studies

Ms. Yeriazarian, English



Student ID Badges

Monday—Friday, 8am to 5pm

(Appointments are NOT required)

Central College

1300 Holman (Harmon Building, 2nd floor 216.1)

Grades at HCC:

Only HCC professors and students have access to HCC grades in real time

FERPA Waiver:

HCC professors cannot share grades with parents unless there is a signed FERPA Waiver submitted by the student

What to Expect - 1st Day of School

7:15 - 7:45 AM	Arrival/Breakfast Find AVID classroom from posted lists
7:50 AM	Report to AVID Pick-up schedule Complete registration paperwork
8:30ish AM	Report to 1st Period Rest of the day follows regular A- Day bell schedule

- Schedules will be given to students MONDAY MORNING
- Schedules will be explained by AVID teachers Monday morning
- Please do not park in parking lot. All parking lots are assigned to faculty and staff

Grade Level Expectations

ALWAYS be in good standing at HCC in order to continue taking courses and remain at HAIS.

Check HISD and HCC emails daily and respond to emails in a timely manner

Be prepared

Be on time - for assignments and class periods

Be COMMUNICATIVE - email, Remind, text, call, smoke signal, pigeons

Be ACTIVE - the more questions you ask, the more you converse with others the better you learn

All teachers will follow HISD re-test policy

Summer Assignments (remove this slide if not applicable)

All students are expected to complete the summer assignments (these ARE SUMMATIVE GRADES for their courses). Information can be found at HAIS HomePage or scan this QR code:



AVID This Year

What is AVID?

AVID at HAIS is a course that has five main focus components which are most successfully run as routines, minimizing additional prep and maximizing student time.

Flight Plan - AVID Routines

Community Building

College Readiness Prep

Big Brothers Big Sisters: This year our freshmen will be participating in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program through AVID. Applications to join this program can be found on our HAIS website homepage.

Friday Clubs

Grade Level Goals

- TSI completion (Reading and Writing)
- Prepare students to do their best on required assessments (STAAR/AP exams)
- Foster a respectful learning environment

Advice for Success

1. Check grades EVERY WEEK - HISD Connect AND Canvas
2. Keep a planner for all assignments with deadlines
3. HAIS students complete the HCC FERPA form so parents can see HCC grades



2024-2025 HAIS School Nurse Important Student Information

HAIS Students Welcome Back for the 2024-2025 School Year



Please speak with Nurse Ambrosia asap

If you are:

Diagnosed with *Asthma*.

Diagnosed with *Diabetes*.

Diagnosed with *Epilepsy or seizures*.

Diagnosed with *any mental health disorder*.

Diagnosed with a *food allergy and use an EPI pen*.

Currently taking any prescribed medications or over the counter medications/supplements.

Currently pregnant.

(Nurse office is outside in portable T1)

While most school nurse treatment remains the same as last year... We are so excited to announce a new physical health service available with your school nurse and mental health services with our school counselor.

Through our partnership with Hazel Health, all students can access virtual health care at no out-of-pocket cost to you or your family this school year. All it requires is a one-time parental consent for approval of provided service, via telehealth with a provider, and given permission for possible received medication(s)/treatment/referrals while in the school clinic. 18+ years of age students may consent for self. You do not have to have health insurance to sign up, but if you do, please note the insurance company may be billed, not You!

Medications or therapy might possibly be provided during a normal clinic/office visit. Isn't this great news you can go back to class soon after seeing the nurse or counselor, have your needs met in a timely manner and hopefully feeling better to finish out your school day. With this new provided service, we hope this alleviates parents from having to leave work or home for minor illnesses or injury to come get you or bring up medication during the school day.

We need all HAIS students to have your parents or guardian go online by the end of your first school week, please use the QR code below to complete the consent or decline these offered services by opting out. You should also receive a Hazel flyer with the QR code with your laptop today.

Please contact your school nurse with any questions.

Learn more and sign up today at
www.houstonisd.org/telehealth



Student Assistant Form (SAF) Referral

Parents can submit an HISD SAF by completing the form online via the HISD website or scanning the QR code. This allows counselors to address students' academic, social-emotional, or non-academic support needs. The counselor will be able to conduct one on one sessions and follow ups with students.



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