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**Project Launch  
Middle School  
Parent Night**



*Spring 201*

# Agenda

- Parent Aspirations Poll
- College & Career Planning in HISD
- PSAT/SAT
- School Choice-Magnet
- How to Build a High School Personal Graduation Plan
- GPA/Rank/Assured Admissions
- How Students can earn FREE college credit in high school
- Enrichment Programs: Discover U/ EMERGE



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# Raise Your Hand if...

- You want to know more about getting your child into a specific high school
- You want to know more about how your child can get college credit in high school
- You want to know how to plan for your child's academic future
- You are interested in summer and enrichment opportunities to prepare your child for the future



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# Middle School Basics

How do I ensure my child has the most successful transition from middle school to high school?



# College & Career Planning in HISD



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# Get to Know the PSAT™ 8/9



- The PSAT 8/9 is highly relevant to your future success because it focuses on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education.

## It measures:

- What you learn in high school
- What you need to succeed in college
- The PSAT 8/9 measures reading, writing and language, and math skills developed over many years, both in and out of school.
- The PSAT 8/9 does not ask you to recall facts from literature, history, or science, or to complete math formulas, because it measures your reasoning and critical thinking skills.
- You don't have to discover secret tricks or cram the night before.
- There is no penalty for guessing on the PSAT 8/9.
- The assessment is 2 hours, 25 minutes.



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# Benefits of Taking the PSAT™ 8/9



- Get a baseline of your college readiness.
- Prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT® and SAT®.
- Get free, personalized, and focused practice through Khan Academy®.
- Start getting ready for college with college and career planning tools.
- See which AP® courses for which you might be ready.



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# Official SAT® Practice with Khan Academy®— It's FREE!

- Go to [satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org) and create a free account.
- Get personalized recommendations. Link your Khan Academy account to your College Board account to import past SAT Suite results, or take diagnostic quizzes to get personalized recommendations.
- Create a study plan. Select a test date and set up a practice schedule.



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# School Choice



# Research & Apply - Do You Qualify?

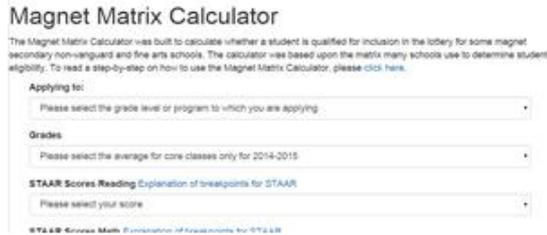
<http://www.houstonisd.org/SchoolChoice>

## MAGNET MATRIX CALCULATOR



The Magnet Matrix Calculator is provided as a tool to help parents assess their students' readiness for non-Vanguard Magnet secondary school choices. The matrix is used by a selection of secondary schools in determining whether a student has the requisite minimum academic skills to deal with a rigorous magnet curriculum. It is to be used to "qualify" students for inclusion in any lotteries. Inclusion in lotteries for all non-Vanguard elementary schools is based on interest. The magnet matrix is not used for elementary schools.

For all current HISD students who were enrolled in HISD for 2015-2016, a matrix score is automatically calculated and made available to the magnet coordinators at the programs where students apply. There is no need for parents to upload or provide any documentation.



Magnet Matrix Calculator

The Magnet Matrix Calculator was built to calculate whether a student is qualified for inclusion in the lottery for some magnet, secondary non-vanguard and fine arts schools. The calculator was based upon the matrix many schools use to determine student eligibility. To read a step-by-step on how to use the Magnet Matrix Calculator, please click [here](#).

Applying to:  
Please select the grade level or program to which you are applying.

Grades:  
Please select the average for core classes only for 2014-2015.

STAAR Scores Reading [Explanation of breakpoints for STAAR](#)  
Please select your score.

STAAR Scores Math [Explanation of breakpoints for STAAR](#)

[Click here to access the Magnet Matrix Calculator.](#)

[Click here to access the step-by-step directions for using the Magnet Matrix Calculator.](#)

**Go to this site and input your grades and test scores, to calculate your magnet score**

**Applications open September 2019!**



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# Do You Qualify?

District Matrix is based on your 7<sup>th</sup> grade core grade point average and 7<sup>th</sup> grade STAAR Math and STAAR Reading Grades

Program	Cut-Off
Austin (Maritime)	Open Enrollment
Austin (Teaching)	Open Enrollment
Bellaire*	80
Carnegie	G/T Identification
Challenge ECHS	65
Chavez	70
DeBakey	80
East ECHS	65
Energy	Open Enrollment
Furr (Futures)	Open Enrollment
Furr (STEM)	Open Enrollment
HAIS	65
Heights	80
HS for Law and Justice	70
Kinder HSPVA	Audition
Jones	53
Kashmere (Futures)	Open Enrollment
Kashmere(STEM)	Open Enrollment
Kashmere Fine Arts	Audition
Lamar	80

Program	Cut-Off
Long Academy (Futures)	60
Mickey Leland	70
Milby	Open Enrollment
North Houston ECHS	65
Northside	60
Scarborough	60
Sharpstown International	63
South ECHS	65
Sterling (Aviation)	60
Sterling (Futures)	60
Waltrip	60
Washington (Engineering)	Open Enrollment
Washington (Futures)	Open Enrollment
Westbury Fine Arts	Audition
Westside (Futures)	80
Westside (Integrated Technology)	80
Yates (Communications)	50
Yates (Maritime)	50
YWCPA	75



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# SCHOOL CHOICE FAIRS

At Houston ISD's Saturday School Choice Fairs, all Magnet programs are represented. In addition, numerous non-Magnet schools with space available for transfers are present.

Typically, **four dates** are selected, and these fairs are held from **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**



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# SCHOOL CHOICE THURSDAYS

## School Choice Thursdays

Every Thursday from **October through December** (except for Thanksgiving), schools will be open for tours. You do not need to sign up, just show up.

### Elementary and K-8 Schools

9:00 a.m.

School-aged students should not be brought to *morning* visits. Elementary and K-8 schools will provide additional 1:00 p.m. visits, at which students are welcome from **October through November**.

### Middle (excludes K-8) and High Schools

1:00 p.m.



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# Building a HS Plan



# Creating a High School PGP

**1** Student builds a career portfolio.

**2** Student chooses an endorsement area.

**3** Counselor builds a list of core courses.

**4** Counselor sets up an individual planning session.

**5** Counselor builds student's course schedule.



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# What is a Personal Graduation Plan (PGP)?



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## My Favorites



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# IMPORTANCE OF THE PERSONAL GRADUATION PLAN



## HISD Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA) Requirements for Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) For Students Entering 9th Grade in or after 2014-2015



Student ID  First Name:  Last Name   
 Campus:  9<sup>th</sup> Grade Entry Year  Date Initiated  Date Amended

Endorsement selections include: Arts & Humanities (AH), Business & Industry (BI), STEM (S), Public Service (PS), and Multi-Disciplinary Studies.

Middle School Requirement

How can we find out?  
 Naviance:   
 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Cluster Finder  
 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Career Key

**My Graduation Plan Type is:**  
 Foundation 22  Distinguished 26  See IEP

**My Post High School plans are to:** (Select all that apply)  
 Two Year College  
 Four Year College  
 Employment  
 Military  
 Other

**Post-Secondary Testing:** (Select all that apply)  
 PSAT  
 TSI  
 SAT  
 ACT  
 Other

**My Career Interest:**

**Endorsement 1: 4 Whole Credits Select one:** AH  BI  S  PS


**Endorsement 2: 4 Whole Credits Select one:** AH  BI  S  PS


**Multi-Disciplinary Studies Endorsement: 4 Whole Credits**




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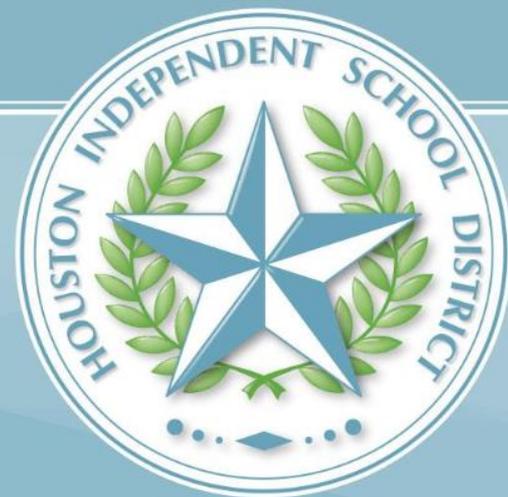
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# Succeeding in High School



# EARN COLLEGE CREDIT FOR FREE IN HIGH SCHOOL

	ADVANCED PLACEMENT	INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE	DUAL CREDIT	DUAL ENROLLMENT
College credit is earned through a single exam.	●	●		
College credit is earned through a final course grade.			●	●
Students must meet a test score standard to enroll.			●	
There may be requirements for participation.	●	●	●	●
Likely to transfer to a public Texas college.	●	●	●	●
Most likely to be competitive when applying to top-tier institutions.	●	●		
Based on grade received, student can elect to not claim college credit.				●
Based on test score received, student can elect to not claim college credit.	●			
High school credit will be received, thereby affecting your GPA.	●	●	●	●
Program offers an extra quality point on a student's GPA.	●	●	●	●



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# UNDERSTANDING GPA

What's the difference between a weighted vs. unweighted GPA?

<b>Weighted</b>	<b>Unweighted</b>
<p>On a 5.0 Scale (highest GPA is a 5.0)</p> <p>AP/IB, PreAP/PreIB, Honors Classes are "weighted":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A (90-100) = 5.0</li><li>B (80-89) = 4.0</li><li>C (75-79) = 3.0</li><li>D (70-74) = 2.0</li><li>F (&lt;70) = 0.0</li></ul> <p>All other classes follow unweighted GPA rules.</p>	<p>On a 4.0 Scale (highest GPA is a 4.0)</p> <p>All classes are calculated the same:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A (90-100) = 4.0</li><li>B (80-89) = 3.0</li><li>C (75-79) = 2.0</li><li>D (70-74) = 1.0</li><li>F (&lt;70) = 0.0</li></ul>



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# UNDERSTANDING GPA ACTIVITY

## Weighted GPA Calculations

Weighted
On a 5.0 Scale (highest GPA is a 5.0)
AP/IB, PreAP/PreIB, Honors Classes are "weighted":
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B (80-89) = 4.0
C (75-79) = 3.0
D (70-74) = 2.0
F (<70) = 0.0
All other classes follow unweighted GPA rules.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
PreAP Biology	92	_____
Regular History	88	_____
AP Spanish	85	_____
PreAP Geometry	95	_____
PreAP English	82	_____

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_



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***LEVEL UP  
YOUR RANK***

# ASSURED ADMISSIONS

COLLEGE	Criteria for FREE Tuition	Admission Requirements	Deadlines
<p>Texas A&amp;M – College Station</p> 	<p>Covers tuition for students with family incomes of \$60,000 or less.</p> <p><i>(Aggie Assurance)</i></p>	<p>Rank SAT ACT</p> <p>10% No Minimum</p> <p>11-25% 1360 30</p> <p>2nd – 4th Qtr Review</p> <p><i>+600 CR/M = minimum</i></p>	<p>12/01/18 Regular Admission</p> <p>12/01/18 Freshman Scholarship</p> <p>01/15/19 Financial Aid Priority</p> <p>03/15/19 Aggie Assurance</p>
<p>University of Texas-Austin</p> 	<p>Scholarship initiative aimed at supporting the success of hard-working, economically disadvantaged Texas high school students. Most awards are \$20,000, or \$5,000 a year for four years.</p>	<p>Rank SAT ACT</p> <p>&gt; 7% No Minimum</p> <p>&lt; 8% Review</p>	<p>11/01/18 Texas Advance Sch.</p> <p>12/01/18 Regular Admission</p> <p>12/01/18 Freshman Scholarship</p> <p>01/15/19 Financial Aid Priority</p>
<p>University of Houston</p> 	<p>Covers tuition for students with family incomes of \$50,000 or less.</p> <p><i>(Cougar Promise)</i></p>	<p>Rank SAT ACT</p> <p>10% No Minimum</p> <p>11-25% 1080 21</p> <p>26-50% 1170 24</p> <p>&lt;50% Review</p>	<p>11/15/18 Sch. and Adm. Priority</p> <p>01/15/19 Financial Aid Priority</p> <p>01/15/19 Cougar Promise</p> <p>06/07/19 Regular Admission</p>
<p>Prairie View A&amp;M</p> 	<p>Currently does not have a tuition guarantee program.</p>	<p>Rank SAT ACT</p> <p>10% No Minimum</p> <p>≥11% 800 15</p> <p><i>+GPA 2.50 or above</i></p>	<p>01/15/19 Financial Aid Priority</p> <p>03/01/19 Freshman Scholarships</p> <p>03/01/19 Regular Admission</p>



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# HISD ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES



# DiscoverU

**Fantastic Learning Opportunities**  
**[www.studentflos.com](http://www.studentflos.com)**



# What are Fantastic Learning Opportunities? (FLOs)

## Que son Oportunidades de Aprendizaje Fantásticas? (FLOs)



### FLOs are:

- External
- Self-initiated
- College and Career Preparation



### FLOs son:

- Al exterior
- Por iniciativa propia
- Preparación para Carrera y universidad



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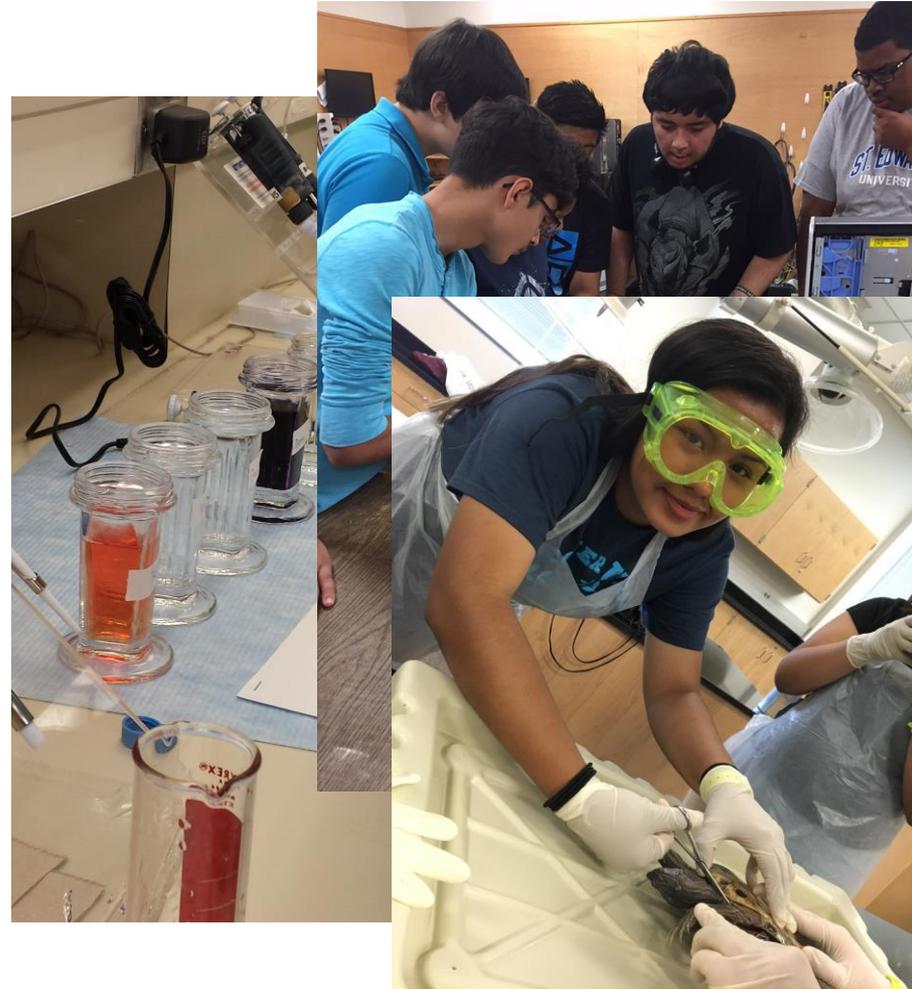




# Examples of Middle School FLOs

## Ejemplos de FLOs de Middle School

- CompuCamp at *UHD*
- Summer Science Camp at *UH*
- Saturday Morning Science at *Baylor College of Medicine*
- Cougar Junior Scholars at *UH*
- Cutting Edge to Medical Techniques at *MD Anderson*
- Sea Camp at *Texas A&M Galveston*
- Weather Camp at *Penn State*



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**EMERGE-HISD** empowers and prepares high-performing students from underserved communities to attend and graduate from selective colleges and universities across the nation that will offer them the least financial burden and the greatest support.



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# SELECTIVE COLLEGES

## Selective Colleges are Characterized By...

- High Graduation Rates.
- Academic Support Services.
- Generous Need-Based Financial Aid.
- Schools that are generally in the top 100\*



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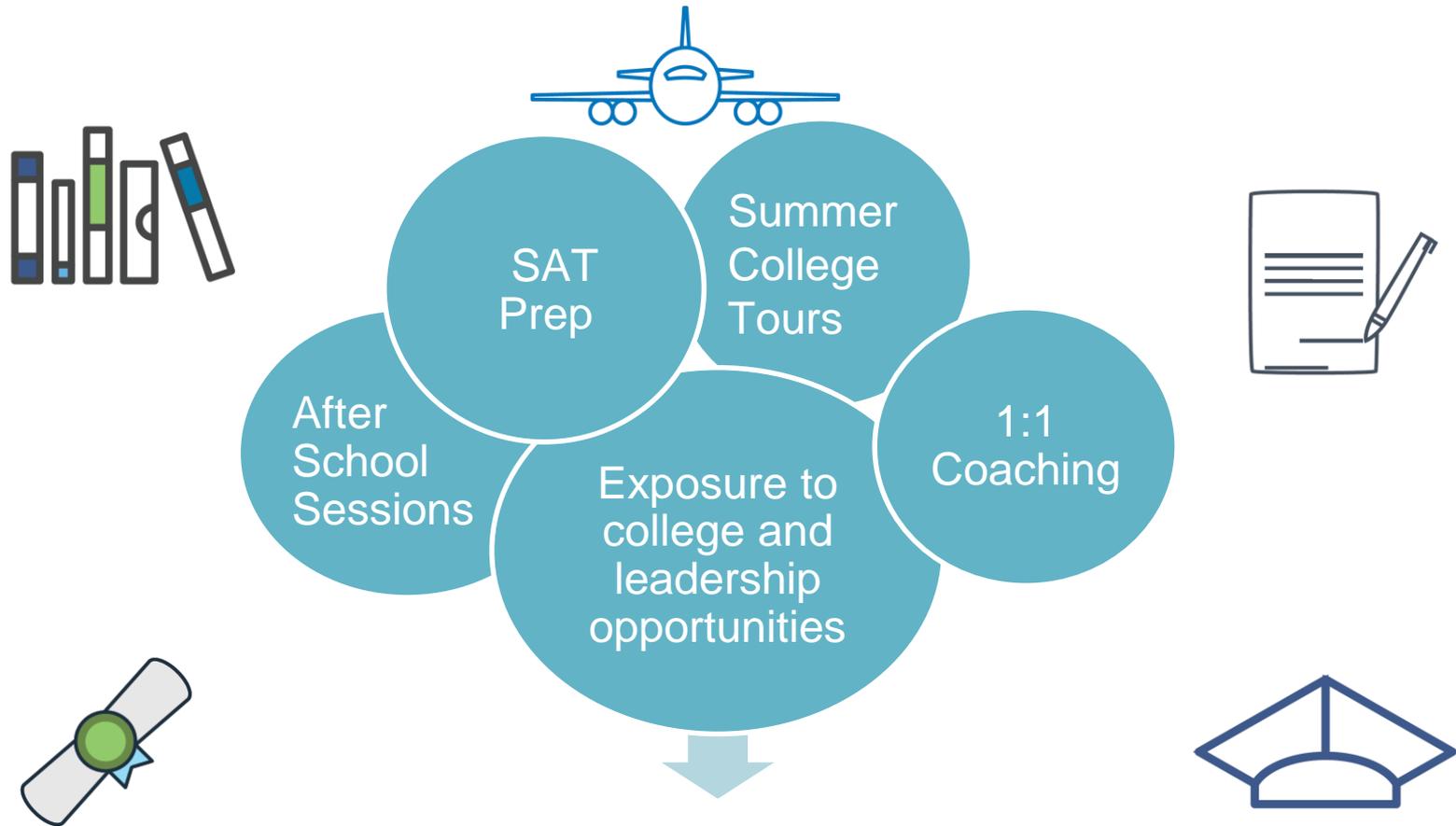
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# EMERGE'S APPROACH



## Selective College Acceptance and Graduation



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# UPCOMING CCR DATES

- \_\_\_\_\_ - 10/2019 - PSAT
- \_\_\_\_\_ - College Tour
- \_\_\_\_\_ - College & Career Day

Some dates are subject to change



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