



SENIOR PARENT INFORMATION MEETING



High School Diploma Requirement

English - 4 whole credits

Math - 4 whole credits

Science - 4 whole credits

Social Studies - 4 whole credits

LOTE - 2 whole credits (4 whole credits)

PE - 2 whole credits + **Health** - .5 credit

Fine Arts - 1 whole credit

Electives - 5.5 whole credits



HAIS Senior Year

4th Year HS Credit	HCC Course Offering	HAIS
Advanced English A/B	ENGL 2322/2323	English 4 A/B
Advanced Math A/B	MATH 1316/2412 MATH 1324/1325	Pre-Calculus A/B
Advanced Science A/B	2 HCC Science Classes (w/lab- HISD requirement)	Science Research & Design
Government	GOVT 2305	Government (APEX)
Economics	ECON 2301	Economics (APEX)
		Entrepreneurship Pract. (Gonzalez)
		Project Based Capstone (Washington)

Attendance and NG's



Parents should monitor student attendance closely and communicate with school staff.

90% rule (NGs)

- Students who are absent for more than 10% of the class periods that class meets will be denied credit for that course by the district (NG on report card).
- Excused and unexcused absences all count towards the 90% rule.

Credit restoration

- Must have passed the class.
- Complete either the principal's plan or the attendance committee plan.

Credits and Grades

**All courses taken at HCC is also reflected on student's high school transcript*

- Credits:
 - 26 credits to earn a High School Diploma
 - Earning Credits: Students earn credits by successfully completing courses. It's important for all stakeholders (counselor/dean/student/parents) to monitor their child's progress, ensuring they are passing courses and accumulating the required credits for graduation.
 - A full-year course generally earns one credit, and a semester-long course earns half a credit.
- Grades:

HISD (HAIS) Grading Policy

Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3	Exam	Semester Grade
30%	30%	30%	10%	

HCC Letter Grade to HISD Numerical Grade

A = 95

B = 85

C = 77

D = 72

F = 60

FX = 60

W = HCC course withdraw will receive a 50 on the HISD Transcript.

However, they must be sure that the grade does not contribute to HISD GPA calculations.



H O U S T O N
C O M M U N I T Y C O L L E G E

Associate of Arts / Science

[Apply for HCC Graduation](#): February 2025

HCC Graduation: May 9, 2025 at 9:00am

*GPA Requirement: 2.0 or above

Honors and Honor Cords Eligibility

Associate Degree candidates who meet the criteria below are eligible for Honor Cords for the ceremony.

- **Honors:** 3.35 – 3.59
- **High Honors:** 3.60 – 3.79
- **Highest Honors:** 3.80 – 4.00
- **Considerations**
 - GPA used for the **Fall ceremony** is through the **Summer semester** (Fall grades will not be included for the ceremony but will be reflected on the final award).
 - GPA for the **Spring ceremony** is through the **Fall semester** (Spring grades will not be included for the ceremony but will be reflected on the final award).
 - Students completing a Certificate of Completion do not receive honor cords.

Prior to the ceremony, qualifying graduates can **pick up Honor Cords at the [HCC Bookstore locations](#)**. Qualifying graduates may also **stop by the Honor Cords table on the day of the Commencement Ceremony**.

Dates to Remember



Senior Cap & Gown Picture - January 7, 2025

Senior Prom - May 2, 2025

HCC Graduation - May 9, 2025

Senior Class Panoramic Picture - May 30, 2025

Senior Breakfast & Awards Celebration - May 29, 2025

Senior Trip - June 2-3, 2025

Senior Graduation - June 6, 2025

Location: HAIS Go Center

Time: Reserved time through SignUp Genius

Senior cap and gown pictures will be taken in the Go Center. Students will be able to order additional pictures directly from the company if desired. Students will be able to purchase cap and gown pictures through the company.

Photos By: DiLauren Photography

Number: 281-630-0837

Photos will be uploaded to dilauren.shootproof.com on 1/10/2025. That is also where the purchase of

the pictures can be made. All photo orders must be completed by 2/10/2025. A \$10 fee will be assessed for orders after 2/10/2025

Optional Attire:

- V-neck blouse (no ruffles); simple, stud earrings
- button-down collared shirt and black/blue tie; no earrings
- bow ties or neckties

\$10.00/ Session Fee payable on picture day thru Check, Cash, and Debit/Credit

See flier at end of packet for more details on picture pricing

SENIOR

Cap & Gown Photos

Tuesday, January 7th

8:00am-3:30pm

HAIS Go Center



Sign up for appointment with [HISD email](#) via QR code below!

Students ONLY, no parents on campus for photo session.

\$10 sitting fee paid via cash, debit/credit card, or Zelle.

View & order between 1/10/2025-2/10/2025 at
dilauren.shootproof.com

\$10 fee for orders after 2/10

ATTIRE

Boys:

white shirt & tie

Girls:

white blouse with or
without collar



Senior Class Prom

Date: Friday, May 2, 2025

Location: Soiree Event Venues
1125 Providence St.
Houston, TX 77002

Time: 7pm-11pm

Ticket Price: \$80 - One (1) prom ticket
is included in the senior fees.



Prom



One (1) prom ticket is included in the senior fees. A senior, however, will only be allowed to attend the prom if they have paid the senior fees in full and are in good standing academically and behaviorally.

Guest

The following guidelines apply to tickets for the guest of the senior:

- If the senior attends prom with another HAIS senior, an additional prom ticket will not have to be purchased because each senior will pay for his/her prom ticket in the fees.
- If the senior attends prom with anyone other than a HAIS senior, he/she must purchase an additional ticket for \$90, fill out the Prom Guest Form, and have the guest bring photo ID/Texas Driver's License along with supporting documents to the Senior Sponsor.
- No guest older than 20 years of age will be allowed to attend prom.

Attire:

The prom is a formal, classy affair. Appropriate dress is expected. Provocative dress will not be tolerated. The following guidelines will be strictly enforced.

Formal dress and attire are appropriate.

- Short dresses must be appropriate length.
- Shorts may not be worn.
- "Bra type" or "bikini top" dresses will not be permitted.
- See through or revealing tops/dresses/suits should be tastefully appropriate for the event.
- Business suits, dress shirts, ties and dress shoes are permitted.
- Tennis shoes will be permitted if they are dressy and clean.
- These rules apply to HAIS students as well as outside guests.

All guests must abide by the guidelines above.

Conduct

Prom is a school event. All school rules apply to those in attendance. Any person violating these rules will be asked to leave the prom without any refund.

HCC Commencement Ceremony



Eligible students will be able to apply for HCC graduation in February 2025.
HAIS will provide a bus transportation from HAIS to NRG on May 9, 2025.
Student may wear their HAIS Black cap and gown and will only need to purchase the HCC tassel

Location: NRG Arena - 1 NRG Pkwy, Houston, TX 77054

Ceremony Time:

Start: 9:00 am

End: The ceremony can last up to 3-4 hours. Please plan to stay until the end of the ceremony.

Arrival Time:

7 AM: Arrival time for **graduates**.

8 AM: To manage traffic, **guests** will be admitted into the building no earlier than one hour before the ceremony.



Senior Breakfast & Awards

Location: Third Ward Multi Service Center
3611 Ennis St.,
Houston , TX 77004

Time: 8:30am – 12:00pm

Breakfast will be served for students and 1 parent. Senior will be recognized for their accomplishments at HAIS and receive graduation cords

Parents will sign up via SignUp Genius



Panoramic Picture Day

Seniors will assemble to take a group picture at 9am

Seniors asked to wear the Senior Class T-shirt (distributed day of)



Senior Trip

When: June 2-3, 2025

Where: San Antonio, TX (2 days and 1 night)

Hotel: Drury Inn Suites San Antonio
Riverwalk

Itinerary:

Day 1: Schlitterbahn – Complimentary Dinner

Day 2: Fiesta Texas - Complimentary
Breakfast



Senior Trip



These activities will be school-sponsored events. Seniors must conduct themselves in accordance with school rules. It is imperative that we represent Houston Academy for International Studies to the highest standards. Any student who involves themselves in illegal activities while on the trip will be sent home at the expense of their parent/guardian, this includes instances where law enforcement is involved.

Senior Trip Notice:

Participation in the senior trip is contingent on the successful completion of credits required for graduation, full payment of senior dues, good attendance, and no disciplinary issues. Any student who fails to meet these requirements will not be allowed to go on the trip and will not be given a refund.

HAIS Commencement



When: June 4, 2025 at 9:00am

Location: Barnett Fieldhouse - 6800 Fairway Dr. Houston, Tx 77087

Graduation Requirements

All Texas Education Agency and HISD graduation requirements must be met before any student is allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Students who failed courses needed for graduation will not be allowed to march across the stage even though they may plan to attend summer school to make up the credit(s) or retake the STAAR EOC (s). Questions regarding academic graduation requirements should be directed to Ms. Salinas.

Dress and Conduct for Graduation

The candidate is responsible for attending graduation with a cap and pressed gown. The following guidelines also apply:

1. Caps are to be worn flat on top of the head with tassels on the right.
2. All participants should wear business dress.
3. Students who are improperly dressed will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
4. Use of cellphones/electronic devices is PROHIBITED by graduates.

Arrival for Graduation

Students are to assemble at the graduation location an hour ceremony begins for line-up and final instructions. Family and friends will not be allowed to enter the area where the graduates assemble.

Senior Fees Packages



Package A: \$365

Includes:
Prom ticket,
commencement
picture, class picture,
senior trip, senior
breakfast, and senior
shirt

Package B: \$183

Includes:
Prom ticket,
commencement
picture, class picture,
senior breakfast, and
senior shirt

Package C: \$103 (Required)

Includes:
commencement
picture, class picture,
senior breakfast, and
senior shirt

Payments made through SchoolPay or a money order. There is a fee when paying through SchoolPay. Money orders must be for the full amount.

Payment for packages



Payments shall be made through SchoolPay or a money order if paying in full. We strongly encourage students to make payments on time. Payments may be made ahead of schedule if desired. There is a fee when paying through SchoolPay.

All Senior Fees must be paid in full by Friday, March 7, 2025

A \$15.00 late fee will be charged for all payments made after.

Payment	Due Date
1 st Installment	January 17, 2025
2 nd Installment	February 7, 2025
3 rd Installment	March 7, 2025

Additional Costs & HAIS Graduation



Sitting Fee for Senior Cap and Gown Photos : \$10 Zelle, Cash, Credit, Debit

YearBook: \$50

Cap & Gown can be purchased from Jostens for a cost of \$45.

HAIS cap & Gown can be utilized for HCC graduation as well: \$9.99



FAFSA Workshop
Go Center with Ms. Washington