

Additional Information

Schedule Information

Student schedules should be based on the following factors:

- What graduation plan am I on?
- Am I taking the required core classes for my grade level?
- What about my extracurricular involvement like sports, band, etc?
- Does my 4-year plan recommend certain electives for my career path?
- Am I taking challenging courses?
- Have I planned for my advanced measures & college credit courses?
- Have my parents approve of my course selection?

The Scheduling Process

The development of a student's schedule begins in early spring:

- Counselors meet with each student each year to review graduation requirements and course descriptions.
- Students complete their course request forms and return them to the counseling department.
- Copies of the student request forms are mailed home to parents for review.
- The master schedule is developed after the student requests are tallied.
- Student schedules are constructed by computer and by hand. Transcripts are checked to ensure that proper courses are taken and failed courses are being made up.
- Final schedules are made available to students by early August.
- **Schedule changes can be made until the end of the first week of school.**
- Under certain circumstances, scheduled changes can be made later but with counselor/teacher/administrator approval only. Courses cannot be dropped after the first 4-weeks of school without that course counting as **failed** for the purpose of calculating class rank and grade point average.
- Courses dropped while failing will affect U.I.L. eligibility.

TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills)

Students will take the TAKS in grades 3 – 11. The Exit Level TAKS is required to pass for graduation and is taken during the spring of the 11th grade year. If a student fails any portion of the TAKS for their grade level they will be assigned to an accelerated TAKS course and / or a specifically designed elective in that subject area to better prepare them for the next TAKS administration.

Physical Education Course Substitutes

The State of Texas requires 1.5 credits of PE or PE substitutes for graduation. Certain courses or combination of courses can be substituted for the traditional PE courses such as:

- Athletics
- Fall Marching Band
- Two or Three hour block Career Technology Courses
- Dance