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Grade Point Average

HTHS uses a GPA scale of 4.0

A = 4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, F=no credit

Advanced, AP (Advanced Placement), and dual enrollment courses are weighted

An extra $\frac{1}{2}$ quality point is added to advanced classes. Ex. A-4.5

A full quality point is added to AP and dual enrollment classes Ex. A=5.0

GPA Conversion Chart:			
Numeric Grade	4.0 Conversion for standard-level courses	4.0 Conversion for Adv courses	4.0 Conversion for DE and AP courses
90-100	4.000	4.500	5.000
80-89	3.000	3.500	4.000
70-79	2.000	2.500	3.000
60-69	1.000	1.500	2.000
0-59	0.000	0.000	0.000

What are TCS Diploma Types?

In order to encourage students to add rigor to their schedules each year, Trussville City Schools offers two higher level endorsements to the regular Alabama High School Diploma.

They are the Advanced and the Honors endorsements or “diploma types”.

Some things to note: Colleges don’t recognize school system endorsements, but they do like to see the rigorous classes on the students’ transcripts.

In order for a student to be recognized by our system as an Honor Graduate they must earn the Honors Diploma AND have an overall 4.0 GPA.

Alabama High School Diploma Requirements

Must earn at least 24 credits to graduate

Those credits must include: 4 English credits, 4 math credits, 4 history credits, 4 science credits

½ credit of health, 1 credit of PE (band or athletics waive PE), 1 credit of Career Preparedness

3 elective credits that are CTE and/or foreign language and/or fine arts

2.5 other electives of any kind

Advanced Academic Diploma

Must include all requirements to meet regular diploma, but they have to include specific courses. Those are...

Three consecutive courses of either the same fine art, foreign language, or academy

Either chemistry or physics AND one additional science from Tier I or II (see handout)

At least one AP course of any kind

Earn an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher

Honors Diploma

Must include all requirements to meet regular diploma, but they have to include specific courses. Those are...

At least 5 AP courses (up to two could be dual enrollment), and at least two courses of the same foreign language

OR

At least 7 AP courses (up to two could be dual enrollment)

Timeline for Course selection process

- February 21st through 24th - Students will receive course selection form through History class.
- Teachers will have discussions with students and provide recommendations and signatures on course selection forms through March 10th.
- Students will enter all requests into PowerSchool by March 10th.
- Turn in completed and signed course selection form to the guidance office (or history teacher for current 8th graders) no later than March 10th.
- Counselors will meet with students to finalize course selections starting March 10th.

PowerSchool Registration -

In order for students to enter courses online, they need to log in to their PowerSchool accounts.

They will click on the “Class Registration” link on the left hand side.

They will then click the edit button for each subject area. Once they have selected their courses for each section, they must click submit.

When they have selected courses in all required categories, they will click the submit button at the bottom to complete online registration.

Important Links

- HTHS Curriculum Guide- <https://www.trussvillecityschools.com/Domain/1017>

Course Selection sheets under same link

What 9th and 10th graders should be doing now

Work hard to earn the best grade in the most rigorous class that is appropriate for them.

If possible join at least one school group of some kind that they have an interest in. Colleges prefer quality over quantity on high school resumes.

Build relationships with school faculty. Teachers, counselors, coaches, and administrators can all play important roles on their road to college and careers. You never know which faculty member has a connection to a certain college or career that they are interested in. Faculty members also write recommendation letters and nominate students for leadership positions, organizations, scholarships, etc.

More Details

More information about courses, diploma types, graduation requirements, etc. is in the HTHS Curriculum Guide which can be found on the high school website under the “For Students” tab.

Information about student clubs and organizations, National Honor Society requirements, Code of Conduct, and other areas of interest are also found here.