



**WELCOME!**

Please pick up...

1. “Four Years to Get Ready for College”
2. AVID Cornell Notes (blank)
3. Endorsement Guide





# Personal Graduation Plan



# AGENDA

- High School Credits
- Graduation Plans
- Endorsements
- Performance Acknowledgements
- STAAR Testing Requirements
- Academic performance in high school
- Getting ready for college
- PGP Meetings during the Fall Semester





# Course Description Handbook

Today's information found on [aisd.net](http://aisd.net), click students





1.  
High School Credits  
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## High School Credits



	No. of Credits	Classification
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	6	Sophomore
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	12	Junior
4 <sup>th</sup> Year	18	Senior
	26	Graduate



## High School Credits

- 26 credits to graduate in 4 years
- Full-year course = 1 credit
- Semester-long course =  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit
- Each class with Sem Avg 70+ earns  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit
- We average both semesters to get a Final Year Avg
- Fail a Semester? Only need to recover the Semester a credit was lost



## Grade Point Average & Class Rank

### Grade Point Avg (GPA)

Every credit-bearing class in which you earn a Semester Avg of 70+ earns GPA points

Used to determine Class Rank and for College Admission decisions

### Class Rank

Valedictorian – highest GPA

Salutatorian – second highest GPA


Summa cum laude – top 2%

Magna cum laude – top 10%

Cum laude – top 20%


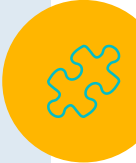






# Grade Point Average (GPA)

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade	Regular Level	Honors Level
97-100	A+	12	15
93-96	A	11	14
90-92	A-	10	13
87-89	B+	9	12
83-86	B	8	11
80-82	B-	7	10
77-79	C+	6	9
73-76	C	5	8
70-72	C-	4	7
Below 70	F	0	0





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Graduation Plans  
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# Graduation Plans

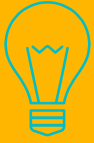


Distinguished  
Achievement

With  
Endorsement

Foundation





## Foundation Plan

- ✓ 4 English
- ✓ 3 Math
- ✓ 3 Science
- ✓ 3 Social Studies
- ✓ 2 years same Foreign Lang
- ✓ 1 PE
- ✓ 1 Fine Art
- ✓ 5 Electives

## With Endorsement

- ✓ Add 4<sup>th</sup> Math
- ✓ Add 4<sup>th</sup> Science
- ✓ Add 2 electives
- ✓ Earn Endorsement

## Distinguished Achievement

- ✓ Must pass Algebra 2





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Endorsements  
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# Arts & Humanities

English

Fine Arts

Foreign  
Language

Social  
Studies





# Business & Industry

Agriculture

Architecture

A/V Comm

Bus. Mgmt.

Finance

Hospitality

Info. Tech

Language Arts

Manufacturing

Marketing

Transportation





# Public Service

Education

Health  
Sciences

Human  
Services

Law &  
Public  
Safety







# STEM


Science

Technology

Engineering

Math





# STEM Academy Endorsement Requirements

## Texas Requirement

Earn at least one  
Endorsement

## Texas Optional

May earn more than  
one Endorsement

## STEM Academy Requirement

Earn either the Public Service  
Endorsement or the STEM  
Endorsement

## STEM Academy Optional

May earn more Endorsements in  
addition to Public Service  
Endorsement or STEM  
Endorsement





# STEM Endorsement

## MUST HAVE

- Algebra 2
- Chemistry
- Physics

## PLUS ONE OF THESE

- 4 Credits from Engineering, **OR**
  - Can include Robotics
- 4 Credits from Computer Science courses, **OR**
- 5 Credits from Math, **OR**
  - including 2 that are more advanced than Algebra 2
- 5 Credits from Science
  - Including 3 that are more advanced than Chemistry



# Public Service Endorsement

4 Credits of Health Science courses





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Performance  
Acknowledgements

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**Performance  
Acknowledgements**



Dual Credit course(s)

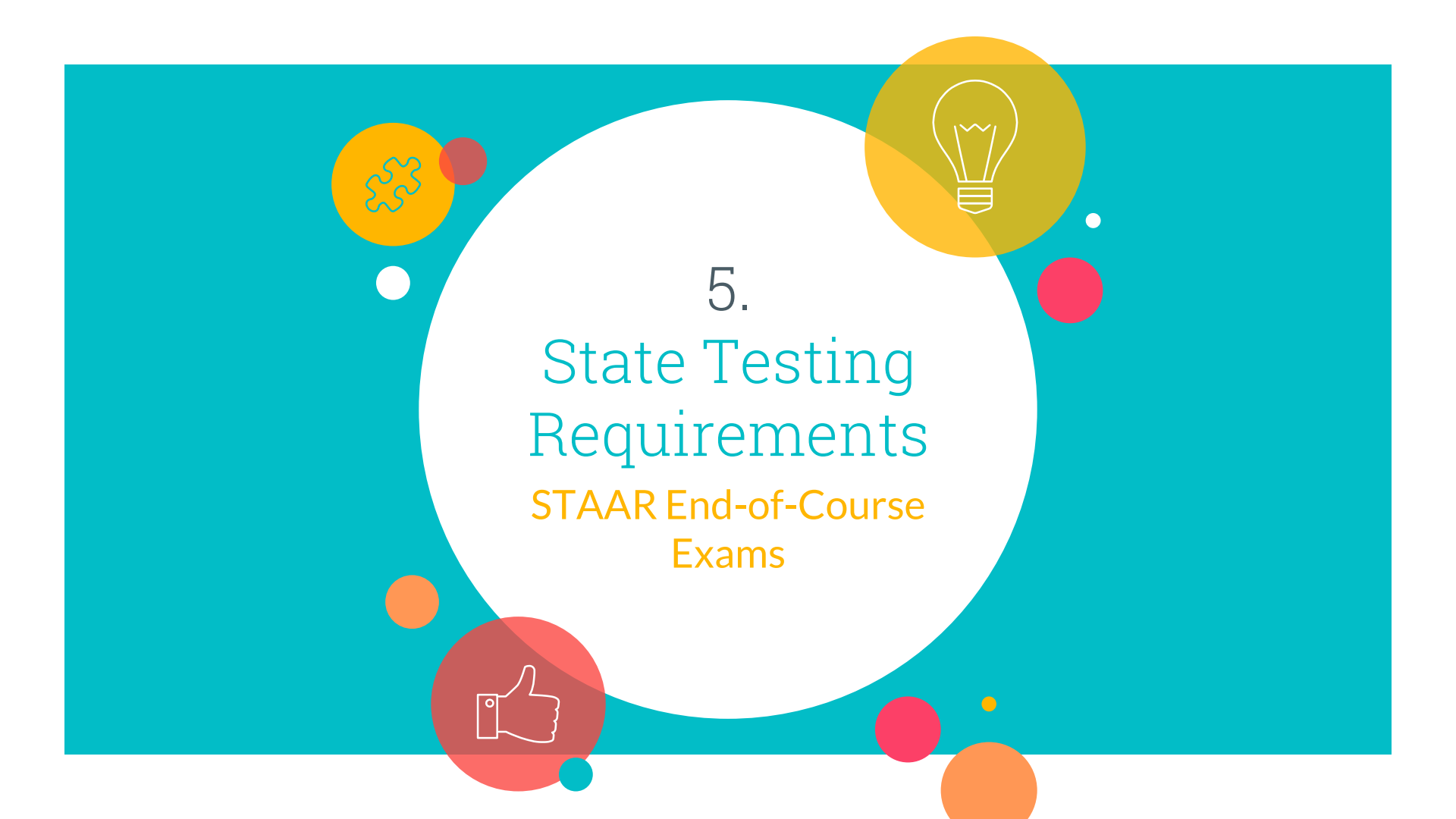
Bilingualism or biliteracy

AP test(s)

PSAT/SAT/ACT

Business or Industry certification(s)





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State Testing  
Requirements  
STAAR End-of-Course  
Exams

# State Testing Requirements



Algebra 1

Biology

English 1

English 2

US History







6.  
Performance  
in High School  
Training for College



# Challenges & Solutions

## Challenge

Lose homework

## Solution

Organize binders  
and backpacks

## Challenge

Forget deadlines

## Solution

Use a planner

## Challenge

Big projects

## Solution

Chunk and chew  
Break into smaller  
parts

Mini deadlines



# Challenges & Solutions



## Challenge

Not understanding  
material

## Solution

Peer study  
Teacher tutoring  
Ask questions

## Challenge

Falling behind

## Solution

Lunch  
Communication

## Challenge

Failed class  
Lost credit

## Solution

Credit Recovery  
Know what  
teachers offer





# What skills are Universities looking for?



## Performance in High School



## Practice in High School = College Ready

### Academic

Read/comprehend college-level literature

Take good notes

Writing: grammar, spelling, citations

Collaborative groups

Independent research

### Help Self

Know how to ask questions

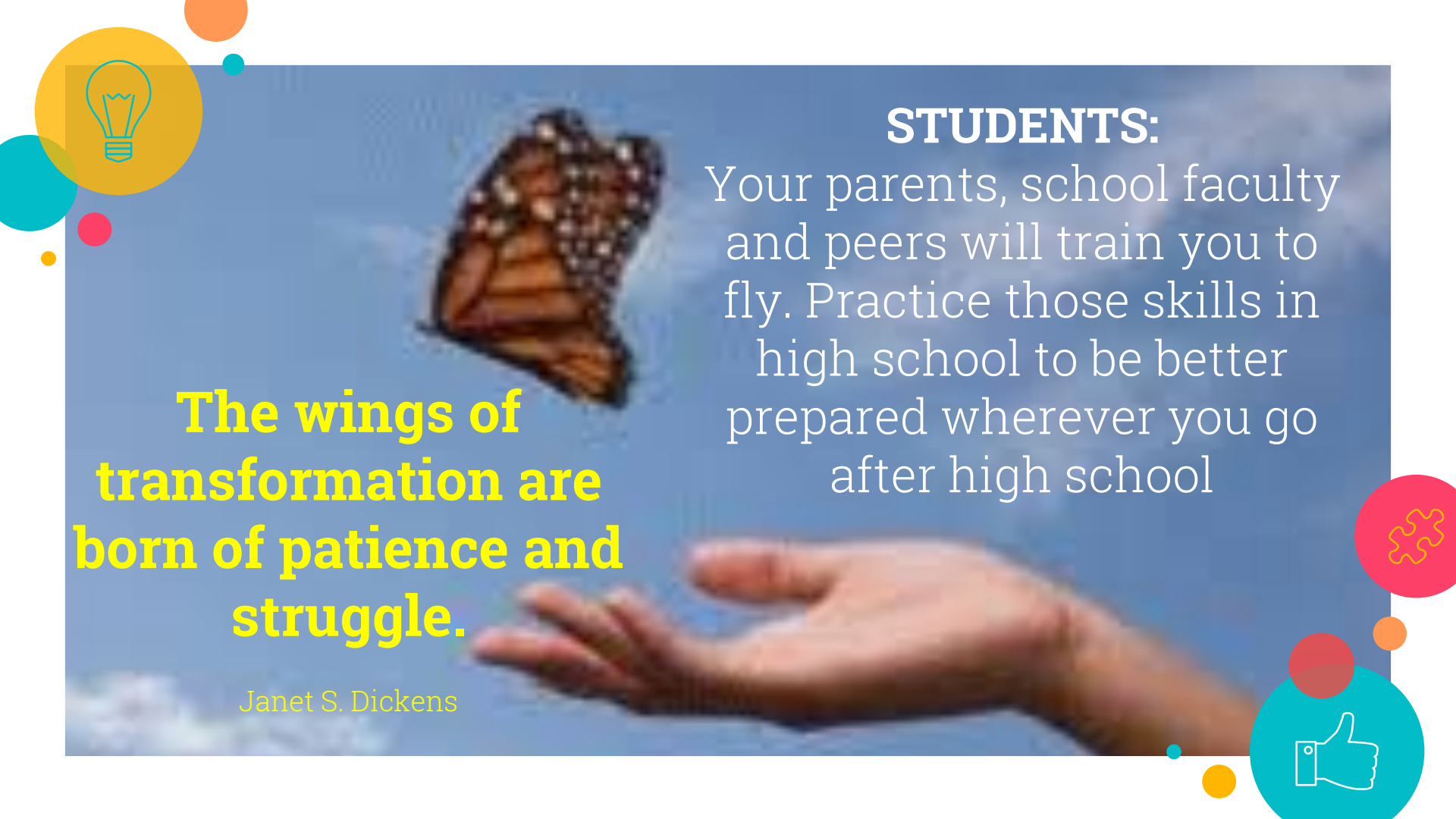
Utilize available services for help

Schedule classes, finish degree on time

Conduct school business

**FERPA: Colleges not allowed to talk to parents!**





**The wings of  
transformation are  
born of patience and  
struggle.**

Janet S. Dickens

## **STUDENTS:**

Your parents, school faculty and peers will train you to fly. Practice those skills in high school to be better prepared wherever you go after high school





## Grown & Flown: Parenting Never Ends

### "Teacher offers best advice for high school freshman"

1. Know what is expected of you over the summer
2. Work hard on the first assignment
3. Participate. Participate. Participate.
4. Ask questions when you don't understand something
5. Be honest in all areas of your work
6. If the class is a reach for you, be prepared to ask for help
7. If you don't do an assignment, or had trouble with an assignment, or even if you were just overloaded and couldn't get to an assignment, do not wait until class time to tell your teacher.
8. Develop a relationship with at least 3 teachers by the middle of Junior Year.
9. Get to know your guidance counselor
10. Join something.

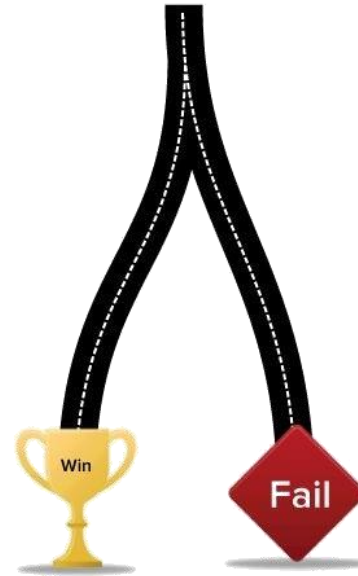


# The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Hump

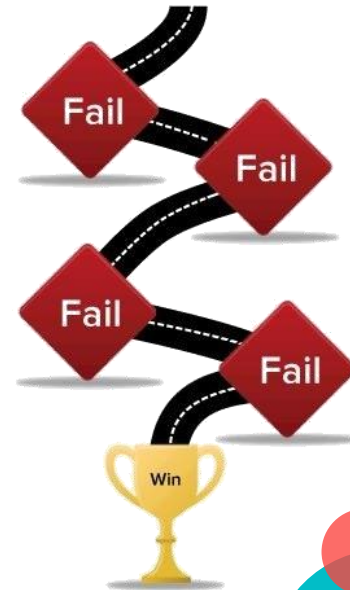
## WHAT TO EXPECT IN HIGH SCHOOL

- Teachers don't give grades, students earn them
- Homework every day
- Zeroes do the most damage
- Deadlines are not suggestions
- Junior High level effort will sabotage you
- Teachers will help...if YOU ask!
- Self-reliance is a muscle that will be strengthened
- Services are available...but you must have the initiative to utilize them
- So much to do, so little time

## What Most People Think



## What Successful People Know



@dougaskar







FAILING, YOU LEARN.  
SUCCESS, NOT SO MUCH.

## Meet the Robinsons





"Failure is an opportunity to grow"

## GROWTH MINDSET

"I can learn to do anything I want"

"Challenges help me to grow"

"My effort and attitude determine my abilities"

"Feedback is constructive"

"I am inspired by the success of others"

"I like to try new things"

"Failure is the limit of my abilities"

## FIXED MINDSET

"I'm either good at it or I'm not"

"My abilities are unchanging"

"I don't like to be challenged"

"I can either do it, or I can't"

"My potential is predetermined"

"When I'm frustrated, I give up"

"Feedback and criticism are personal"

"I stick to what I know"





7.  
Getting Ready for  
College

It all starts now!

# Getting Ready for College



## TRANSCRIPT (Grades!)

- Classes attempted
  - Pass
  - Fail
- Grades earned
- GPA
- Class Rank
- SAT/ACT scores



## AUTOMATIC ADMISSION

- Texas public universities
- Top 10%
- Distinguished Achievement





**Four Years to Get  
Ready for College**

# COLLEGE SKILL

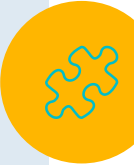
Read it yourself

Come to class (in this case, PGP meeting) with  
questions from text

Researching colleges

Getting involved

Finding \$\$ to pay for college





## College Credit via AP Testing

- Take AP course
- Option to take AP exam in May
- Register and pay test fee
- Score 3 or higher
- TX universities accept credit
- As degree requirement?
- As elective?
- Out of state universities discretion

## College Credit via Dual Credit Courses

- Grade earned in course counts for High School credit and College Credit
- Start college transcript
- Academic Dual Credit available to all students through TCC
- Workforce Dual Credit available to all students through TCC
- Tuition to take Dual Credit course
- Transfer credits to the University you attend





8.  
PGP Meetings  
Set an appointment!

# PGP Meeting



## What

Individual meetings to pick 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes, discuss questions about personal graduation goals

## When

Fall semester

Starting October

During school day

## How it Works

30 minute appt

One appt per student

Parent may participate via phone

Scan QR to set appt



Text “@counsmhs” to 81010

**FIRST EVENT! Join Clubs MHS swag**

