

## Test Preparation Resources:

My College QuickStart is a personalized feedback, practice, and college planning tool based on students PSAT/NMSQT results. By visiting the College Board website and setting up a free account, students can view their scores, including projected SAT score. In addition, students will be able to view the questions they got wrong - and why, practice for the SAT with hundreds of practice questions, save college searches, and take a personality test that reveals majors and careers fit for them.

<https://quick-start.collegeboard.org/posweb/login.jsp>

Additionally, testGEAR is a feature in Bridges that provides students with test prep courses for ACT, SAT, and PSAT. Students have access to over 50 hours of instruction, diagnostic tests, interactive lessons, tutorials, vocabulary, and full length practice tests.

[www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com)

# Humble ISD College & Career Readiness Newsletter

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## New Graduation Plans in Humble ISD

In June 2013 the 83rd Texas legislature passed HB 5 which made sweeping changes to Texas graduation requirements. Humble ISD will implement new graduation plans for the 2014-2015 school year.

Students entering Grade 9 in the 2014-2015 school year and thereafter shall enroll in the courses necessary to complete the curriculum requirements for the Foundation High School Program (FHSP), as well as the curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement in an effort to focus post-high school ambitions.

### What is an endorsement?

An endorsement is a broad area of study that a high school student chooses in addition to the (FHSP) curriculum requirements.

Humble ISD will provide students the opportunity to choose any of the 5 endorsements listed in House Bill 5:

- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Industry
- Public Service
- S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
- Multidisciplinary Studies

Beginning with cohort 2018, students who wish to be eligible for the Texas Top 10% automatic admissions law must achieve the Distinguished Level of Achievement. The Distinguished Level of Achievement is the default plan for all Humble ISD students. Of course, as circumstances arise, we understand that not all students will be able to achieve this goal. At that time, the counselor should work with the student and his or her family to alter the student's graduation plan to meet his or her individual circumstances.

Please visit [Humble ISD's "New Graduation Plan"](#) webpage for additional information.

## CTE Career Expo

In an effort to showcase the career pathways and opportunities offered to Humble ISD students, the [Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Department](#) hosted the First Annual CTE Career EXPO in February at the Humble Civic Center. The CTE Career EXPO featured many of the unique aspects of our programs including: middle school students racing model cars, bridge-breaking competitions, JROTC students performing drills, criminal justice students conducting felony stops with a live patrol car, and welding students battling for top spot. Additionally, cosmetology students displayed their skills by offering manicures and tem-

porary hair-dye using chalk, the robotics team impressed the crowd with their robot, students and adults demoed the lathe machines, while the culinary arts program cooked up bananas fosters for the crowd to taste. The program exposure was beneficial for students of all ages. Elementary students gained hands on exposure to the programs offered. Secondary students were able to see and experience programs other than their own. Teachers were able to showcase their talents to fellow colleagues and community members. Attended by more than 300 people, the First Annual CTE Career EXPO was a great success. Please join us next year!



## Humble ISD

### Celebrations:

Members of AVID’s National Validation Team visited Timberwood Middle School in February and informed Humble ISD that TMS will be named an AVID National Demonstration School!

There are more than 5,000 AVID campuses in the nation and TMS is joining a prestigious list of now-138 Demonstration Schools. Only one other campus in the greater Houston area is an AVID National Demonstration School.

AVID focuses on helping students improve organizational and note-taking skills, be successful in academically rigorous courses, and focuses on college planning and.

For additional information, please visit the [Humble ISD AVID](#) webpage.

## Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Credit...What is best for you?

Students and parents often ask what program is better, Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Credit. The answer to that question is different for each student and is contingent upon many factors (i.e. where the student plans to attend college, course offerings and availability, financial need, etc.).

Please contact your child’s counselor should you have additional questions regarding [Advanced Placement \(AP\)](#) or [Dual Credit](#).

	Advanced Placement (AP)	Dual Credit
<b>Description</b>	Allows high school students to take college-level courses and exams that may result in earning college credit	Allows high school students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit
<b>Credit</b>	College credit may be awarded based on AP exam scores. Individual colleges and universities determine course credit (not the College Board/AP Program).	Upon passing the course, high school credit is awarded by Humble ISD and college credit is awarded by Lone Star College.
<b>Instructors</b>	Taught by high school teachers who have completed AP training	Taught by high school teachers who meet SACS requirements to serve as adjunct college professors or by Lone Star College professors
<b>Transferability</b>	AP exam scores of 3-5 are widely acknowledged by institutions of higher education. Students should check with their chosen college or university to determine if college credit will be awarded.	Widely accepted by colleges and universities. Most institutions of higher education require a C or better, but some will allow Ds to transfer.
<b>Location</b>	High school campus or online	High school campus, college campus, or online
<b>Eligibility</b> (non-ECHS Students)	Any high school student	Juniors and seniors who meet the required TSI scores determined by Lone Star College
<b>Cost</b> (non-ECHS Students)	Textbooks are provided by Humble ISD. The student must pay for each AP exam. There is a discounted rate for students on Free or Reduced lunch. Additional assistance is available for students experiencing financial hardship.	Textbooks are provided by Humble ISD for dual credit courses taken at Humble ISD high school campuses. Lone Star College waives the tuition for dual credit students. Students are responsible for fees.

## CTE Livestock Auction

The Humble Livestock Auction experienced another successful sale thanks to our dedicated FFA teachers, students, and buyers. Paula Black, with Humble Machine Works, was our 67th annual livestock shows dedication recipient. Her contributions to the community and to our FFA and 4H programs are vast.

The total revenue of the 67th annual livestock auction was \$258,350, a 23% increase from last year. The Humble ISD Administration Buyer's Group bought the 7th place steer from KPHS FFA student, Lynsey May for \$6,500. All meat was donated back to HAAM to assist those in need in our community.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Please remember that Humble ISD will be closed on Fridays for summer hours from June 13th-August 8th.
- ◆ Please visit the District and individual campus webpages for Back-to-School information.
- ◆ First Day of School: August 25th

**Have a safe and enjoyable summer!**

## College Resources

### SCHOLARSHIP WEB SITES

[Adventures In Education](#)

[CollegeBoard](#)  
inspiring minds™

[ScholarshipExperts.com](#)  
Fast. Easy. Free.

[FindTuition.com](#)

### TEST PREP

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