



EL PASO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

High School

Course Catalog

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This course description booklet will provide an overview of specific course content which includes a wide variety of courses offered on the home campus and at the career centers.

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High School Course Descriptions Catalog Introduction

District Leadership and the Division of Curriculum and Instruction and Assessment support the EPISD Vision Statement by ensuring that every student graduates from high school with the most rigorous education to enable them to be productive and contributing members of their community. Thus, the ***High School Course Descriptions*** is designed to provide District personnel with the latest information on course listings that meet district and state guidelines and graduation requirements. It is the District's expectation that all individuals responsible for supporting students be fully aware of the academic path students will need in order to meet the Board Immediate and Long Term goals. The information in the High School Course Descriptions serves as a guide for district individuals (administrators, counselors, master schedule designers, teachers, and others) responsible for providing a program of instruction which meets state and district guidelines. District personnel are encouraged to refer to this High School Course Descriptions as an initial step in reviewing policies and requirements related to curriculum and graduation. Course numbers and titles are to be used at the campus level as printed in this catalog in order to meet the standards required by the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills requirements.

The Guidance Services Department continues to provide a valuable service to the District by editing and coordinating course listings. For questions not answered in this edition of the catalog, please contact the appropriate individuals in the specific department in question. All suggested changes, deletions, or corrections should be addressed to the Director of Guidance Services.

Additional information will be incorporated as federal, state, and district mandates dictate. Campuses are encouraged to maintain at least one hard copy of the High School Course Descriptions Catalog as a reference for administration and counselors to facilitate the scheduling process for students.

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EPISD Academic Achievement Class Ranking

Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2019–20 school year, the District shall convert grades

earned in all eligible courses to grade points in accordance with the following chart and shall calculate a GPA:

Tier 3 Class (Regular Weighting)	Tier 2 Class (IBP/PRE-AP)	Tier 1 Class (IB/AP/DC/DE/ACC)	Letter Grade	Numerical Grade Earned in Class
4.0000	4.5000	5.0000	A+	100
3.9500	4.4438	4.9375	A+	99
3.9000	4.3875	4.8750	A+	98
3.8500	4.3313	4.8125	A+	97
3.8000	4.2750	4.7500	A	96
3.7500	4.2188	4.6875	A	95
3.7000	4.1625	4.6250	A	94
3.6500	4.1063	4.5625	A	93
3.6000	4.0500	4.5000	A-	92
3.5500	3.9938	4.4375	A-	91
3.5000	3.9375	4.3750	A-	90
3.4500	3.8813	4.3125	B+	89
3.4000	3.8250	4.2500	B+	88
3.3500	3.7688	4.1875	B+	87
3.3000	3.7125	4.1250	B	86
3.2500	3.6563	4.0625	B	85
3.2000	3.6000	4.0000	B	84
3.1500	3.5438	3.9375	B	83
3.1000	3.4875	3.8750	B-	82
3.0500	3.4313	3.8125	B-	81
3.0000	3.3750	3.7500	B-	80
2.9000	3.2625	3.6250	C+	79
2.8000	3.1500	3.5000	C+	78
2.7000	3.0375	3.3750	C+	77
2.6000	2.9250	3.2500	C	76
2.5000	2.8125	3.1250	C	75
2.4000	2.7000	3.0000	C	74
2.3000	2.5875	2.8750	C	73
2.2000	2.4750	2.7500	C-	72
2.1000	2.3625	2.6250	C-	71
2.0000	2.2500	2.5000	C-	70
1.9714	2.2179	2.4643	F	69
1.9429	2.1857	2.4286	F	68
1.9143	2.1536	2.3929	F	67
1.8857	2.1214	2.3571	F	66
1.8571	2.0893	2.3214	F	65
1.8286	2.0571	2.2857	F	64
1.8000	2.0250	2.2500	F	63
1.7714	1.9929	2.2143	F	62
1.7429	1.9607	2.1786	F	61
1.7143	1.9286	2.1429	F	60
1.6857	1.8964	2.1071	F	59

1.6571	1.8643	2.0714	F	58
1.6286	1.8321	2.0357	F	57
1.6000	1.8000	2.0000	F	56
1.5714	1.7679	1.9643	F	55
1.5429	1.7357	1.9286	F	54
1.5143	1.7036	1.8929	F	53
1.4857	1.6714	1.8571	F	52
1.4571	1.6393	1.8214	F	51
1.4286	1.6071	1.7857	F	50
1.4000	1.5750	1.7500	F	49
1.3714	1.5429	1.7143	F	48
1.3429	1.5107	1.6786	F	47
1.3143	1.4786	1.6429	F	46
1.2857	1.4464	1.6071	F	45
1.2571	1.4143	1.5714	F	44
1.2286	1.3821	1.5357	F	43
1.2000	1.3500	1.5000	F	42
1.1714	1.3179	1.4643	F	41
1.1429	1.2857	1.4286	F	40
1.1143	1.2536	1.3929	F	39
1.0857	1.2214	1.3571	F	38
1.0571	1.1893	1.3214	F	37
1.0286	1.1571	1.2857	F	36
1.0000	1.1250	1.2500	F	35
0.9714	1.0929	1.2143	F	34
0.9429	1.0607	1.1786	F	33
0.9143	1.0286	1.1429	F	32
0.8857	0.9964	1.1071	F	31
0.8571	0.9643	1.0714	F	30
0.8286	0.9321	1.0357	F	29
0.8000	0.9000	1.0000	F	28
0.7714	0.8679	0.9643	F	27
0.7429	0.8357	0.9286	F	26
0.7143	0.8036	0.8929	F	25
0.6857	0.7714	0.8571	F	24
0.6571	0.7393	0.8214	F	23
0.6286	0.7071	0.7857	F	22
0.6000	0.6750	0.7500	F	21
0.5714	0.6429	0.7143	F	20
0.5429	0.6107	0.6786	F	19
0.5143	0.5786	0.6429	F	18
0.4857	0.5464	0.6071	F	17
0.4571	0.5143	0.5714	F	16
0.4286	0.4821	0.5357	F	15
0.4000	0.4500	0.5000	F	14
0.3714	0.4179	0.4643	F	13
0.3429	0.3857	0.4286	F	12
0.3143	0.3536	0.3929	F	11

0.2857	0.3214	0.3571	F	10
0.2571	0.2893	0.3214	F	9
0.2286	0.2571	0.2857	F	8
0.2000	0.2250	0.2500	F	7
0.1714	0.1929	0.2143	F	6
0.1429	0.1607	0.1786	F	5
0.1143	0.1286	0.1429	F	4
0.0857	0.0964	0.1071	F	3
0.0571	0.0643	0.0714	F	2
0.0286	0.0321	0.0357	F	1
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	F	0

Frequently Asked Questions

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- 1. What is GPA?** GPA is a student's Grade Point Average. It is used to determine class rank. A student's GPA does not appear on his/her report card. GPA is only used to calculate class rank and appears on the student's transcript.
- 2. What is Class Rank?** Class rank a measure of how a student's performance compares to other students in his/her class. Class ranking is based on the grades and the types of High School courses a student has taken.
- 3. When did weighted GPAs take effect in EPISD?** Students who were Freshmen for the 2013-2014 school year. All students entering high school in the following years, will have their GPAs on a weighted tier.
- 4. What is the top 2% group?** It is the Top 2% of the class membership.
- 5. What is the Top 10% Group?** It is the Top 10% of the class membership.
- 6. Who receives the Valedictorian Honor?** The student with the Highest GPA of the senior class membership.
- 7. Who receives the Salutation Honors?** The student with the second highest GPA of the senior class membership.
- 8. What is a Prerequisite?** It is a requirement to take a class
- 9. Why Take AP Courses?** Please use the pamphlet [conversation starter](#) with your counselor?
- 10. Where can I find other state standards?**
<http://www.educationworld.com/standards/state/toc/#arts>