



Sotomayor High School

Advanced Academics



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Academic Night: **Agenda**

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Wait... I can get certified while in High School...YES!

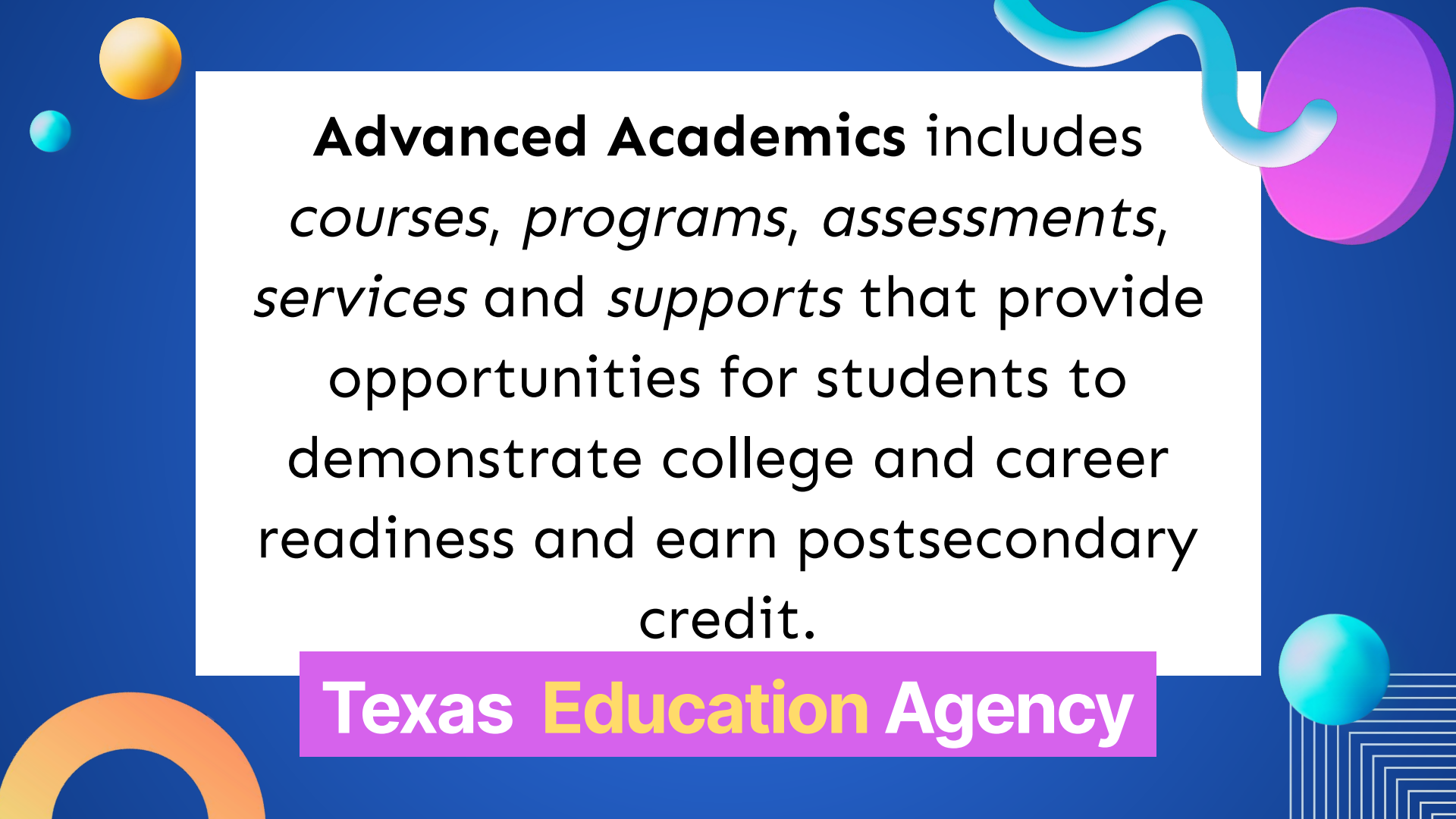


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Introduction

What is Advanced Academics?





Advanced Academics includes *courses, programs, assessments, services and supports* that provide opportunities for students to demonstrate college and career readiness and earn postsecondary credit.

Texas Education Agency



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Benefits

What can I expect from taking on these courses?



Benefits: Advanced Academics

Academic Excellence

Greater likelihood of earning a high school diploma & college degree



Costs



Future

Easier transition from high school to college, military, career, technical and life.

GPA

Honors/Dual, Advanced/Dual, Advanced or Honors = +5pts/semester
AP, AP Dual, UT OnRamps = +8pts/semester

Acquire Skills

Development of skills like self-directed learning, thinking, research, communication and many more.

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AP, Dual & OnRamps

What are the differences between these?

AP, Dual & OnRamps

What are the differences between Advanced and AP Courses?

Advanced Courses: These courses that are faster pace with more in depth teaching & activities in order to prepare students for AP courses.

AP Courses: AP stands for Advanced Placement. These are college level courses that are operated by College Board.

- No limit on amount of courses taken
- No placement exam needed
- College Credit earned after taking exam with a score 3+
Exam Cost: \$42
- Based on your score and what university/college you choose, will determine the amount of credit hours you will awarded.



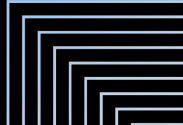

AP Exams

AP Exams will be administered and taken from May 5-16,
2025.

Students will be able to register for exams towards the
middle of September.

Last Day to Register for AP Exams: November 8, 2024

Cost per exam: \$42 (\$12 per exam for students who qualify
for Free/Reduced Lunch)



Dual & OnRamps

	Dual Credit	OnRamps
Placement Test(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSAT (<i>Fall</i>) -or-• TSI Exam (<i>Spring</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No placement test
Course Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ 18 hours a semester→ 14 college courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ No limits on courses taken
Earning Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Credit earned by passing the course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UT Grade• Student can accept/decline credit.
Credit Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awarded Statewide• Out of state: Check with prospective university/college.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be awarded nationally• Check with prospective university/college.

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Application Process: Dual

How do I apply?





Advanced, AP & OnRamps Courses

Sign up in the **spring** with your counselor when you are building your schedule.

Dual Credit: Trust the process!

Fill out the application.

Apply TX



Modules

Complete Test Prep modules and Parent Consent Form.



Take your PSAT.
Otherwise plan on taking the TSI.

Testing



Interest Form

Submit an Dual Credit Course Interest Form to your Dual Liaison.



Register for the

PSAT/NMSQT[®]

CollegeBoard / NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

Registration is required.

Registration Closes:
September 11, 2024*

What are the benefits to taking the PSAT?

- ✓ PSAT prepares students for SAT
- ✓ Scores can be used to qualify for Dual Credit courses
- ✓ Scholarship opportunities
- ✓ Connects students with colleges and universities
- ✓ Admission into honor colleges or specific college programs
- ✓ Gain career insights and connect to post high school programs

For more information go to:
psat.org/whytake
psat.org/start



Grade 10 students: \$20
Grade 10 students on
free/reduced lunch: \$10
Grade 11 students: **No Cost**

**TEST DAY:
WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER
9**

To register go to
www.totalregistration.net/PSAT/440687
or scan this code:



*Late registration is from
September 12 - 18 with a \$5 late fee.

PSAT Registration

Fall Semester Exam

TSI Registration

Spring Semester Exam
Exam Cost: \$14

Interested in Dual Credit?

Students can scan
the QR Code.
Must be logged on
to the NISD email
account to access
form.



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AP, Dual & OnRamps

Courses at Sotomayor

Dual Credit: **Current Courses**

English	Math
English 3 AP/DC	Advanced Pre Calculus DC
English 4 H Dual	Calculus BC AP/DC
English 4 AP/DC	Statistics AP/DC

Science	Social Studies
Biology 1 AP/DC	US History AP/D
Environmental Science AP/DC	World History AP/D
Physics 1 AP/DC	US Government AP/D

W. Languages	Fine Arts
Spanish 3 Advanced/D	Art Appreciation D

Science/CTE	CTE
Anatomy & Physiology D	Medical Terminology DC

New Addition to our Dual Program

St. Phillips College: Cybersecurity

This is the first year! We are looking forward to the growth of this program.



On Ramps Courses

US History OR & College Algebra OR



AP Courses at Sotomayor

Art

2-D Art & Design
3-D Art & Design
Art Drawing
Art History
Music Theory

History

W. History US History
Psychology
Government
Macroeconomics
Human Geography

English

English 3
English 4

World Languages

Spanish 3 - 5
French 4

CTE

Computer Science A1/A2
Computer Science Principles

Math

Pre-Calculus
Calculus BC
Calculus AB
Statistics

Science

Biology
Physics
Environmental Science
Computer Science

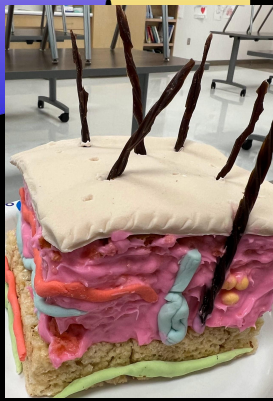


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CTE

Courses & Certifications

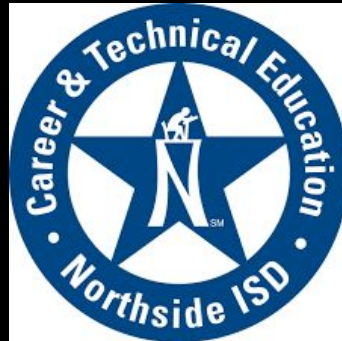
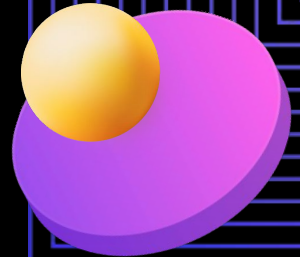




What is CTE?

CTE stands for Career & Technical Education.

CTE programs offer a **sequence** of courses that provides students with **coherent** and **rigorous** content. CTE content is aligned with **challenging academic standards** and **relevant technical knowledge and skills** needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions.

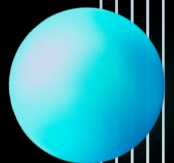


Strands/ Certifications:

Architectural
Drafting and
Design



Carpentry



Strands/ Certifications:

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Business Management



Marketing



Strands/ Certifications:

Digital Communication

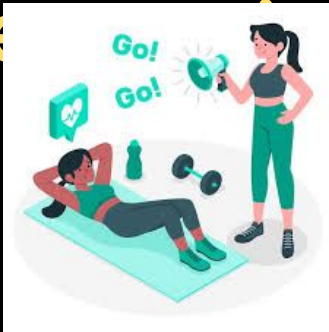
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Graphic Design and Interactive Media -

Strands/ Certifications:

Exercise
Science,
Wellness and
Rehabilitation



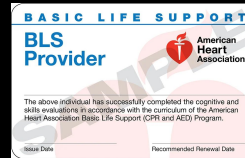
EKG Technician (CET)

Administer a variety of cardiovascular tests.



Pharmacy Technician (CPhT)

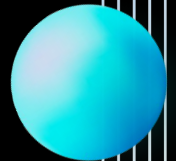
Collaborate with pharmacists to dispense medications.



Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)

Perform blood-drawing procedures on patients and blood donors.

Diagnostic &
Therapeutic
Services



Strands/ Certifications:

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Health &
Wellness



Strands/ Certifications:

Programming
and Software
Development

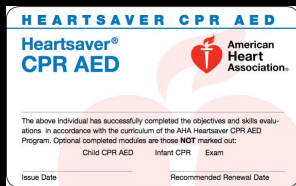


Cybersecurity

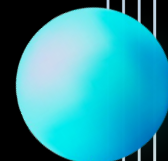
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Education & Training

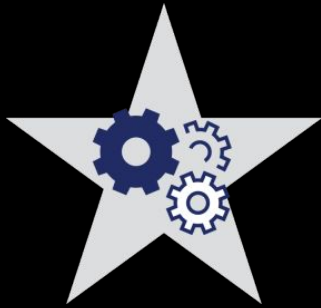


Culinary Arts



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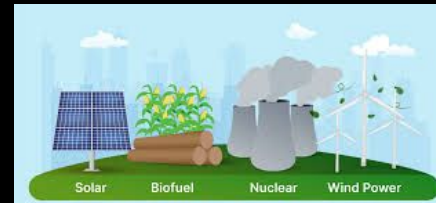
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**Engineering
Foundations**



**Renewable
Energy**



CTE: How to Enroll

Students pick their endorsement when entering 9th grade, but there is time to change and still complete endorsements before 10th grade for most programs.

Talk to counselors and ask CTE teachers for help selecting the right course.





Thank You!

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