



SOUTH TEXAS
Independent School District

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To: Dr. Marla M. Guerra, Superintendent
South Texas ISD Board of Directors

From: Jeff Hembree, Deputy Superintendent

Date: September 15, 2009

RE: EIC Local Policy Proposed Changes - First Reading

Attached is the South Texas ISD EIC Local Policy with proposed revisions. The major proposal is to require students in dual credit classes to earn a grade of 80 or better and students in Advanced Placement courses to take the Advanced Placement Examination in order to receive the highest Level 3 ranking weight. The anticipated desired result of this proposal is to further increase the number of students receiving a distinguished measure for dual credit classes (state requirement is a B or better in the class) and to further increase the number of students taking Advanced Placement Examinations.

All South Texas ISD dual credit classes are open and free of charge to all students. All South Texas ISD Advanced Placement classes are open to all students. The Advanced Placement examinations fees are subsidized by College Board and the State of Texas. All students receive a reduced fee for the examinations. Free and reduced lunch students can take Advanced Placement examinations for free.

The course listing has also been updated to reflect the state and local changes to courses. Courses in **bold** are additions; while course ~~struck through~~ are deletions or changes.

This policy will go through at least two readings to allow for thorough review and discussion. It should be a report only item on the September 22, 2009 South Texas ISD Board Agenda.

Thank you.

Marla M. Guerra, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Jeff Hembree
Deputy Superintendent

Enrique Moya, Jr.
Assistant Superintendent for Finance

CLASS RANK

Student grades shall be recorded in the counselor's office as numerical grades. Numerical grades shall be assigned grade points according to the table below for the purpose of ranking.

Beginning in the 2009-2010 school year and continuing in subsequent school years, a grade in a dual credit class must be 80 or higher in order to receive Level 3 weighting. Dual credit class grades lower than 80 will receive Level 2 weighting.

Beginning in the 2009-2010 school year and continuing in subsequent school years, a student must take the Advanced Placement Examination in the subject area directly related to the class to receive Level 3 weighting for an Advanced Placement class grade. During graduation year, a student must be registered to take the Advanced Placement Examination in the subject area directly related to the class to receive Level 3 weighting for an Advanced Placement class grade. Failure to register and take the Advanced Placement Examination in an Advanced Placement class subject will reduce the class grade to a Level 2 weighting for each of the two semesters of the class.

Students shall be ranked according to their accumulated grade points during grades 9-12, excluding those points earned during the ~~last six week~~ or fourth nine-week grading periods of the senior year.

GRADE POINT LEVELS

The following weighted grading scale shall be used in grades 9-12. Grade point averages shall be computed to the hundredth place for class ranking and honors determination.

Courses shall be classified as follows:

Level 1 With a Weight of 1.0
College Preparation Courses

Texas Education Agency Number

Biology	03010200
Environmental Systems	03020000
Chemistry	03040000
Physics	03050000
Integrated Physics and Chemistry	03060201
Algebra I	03100500
Algebra II	03100600
Geometry	03100700
Precalculus	03101100

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:
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Math Models with Applications	03102400
Music I Choir	03150900
Music II Choir	03151000
Music I Instrumental Ensemble	03151700
English I	03220100
English I SOL	03200600
English II	03220200
English II SOL	03200700
English III	03220300
English III SOL	03220300
English IV	03220400
Research/Technical Writing	03221100
Creative Imaginative Writing	03221200
Practical Writing Skills	03221300
Humanities	03221600
Journalism	03230100
Advanced Journalism Yearbook I	03230110
Advanced Journalism Yearbook II	03230120
Advanced Journalism Newspaper I	03230140
Advanced Journalism Newspaper II	03230150
Advanced Journalism Newspaper III	03230160
Photojournalism	03230800
Communication Applications	03241400
Theatre Arts I	03250100
Theatre Arts II	03250200
Reading Application and Study Skills	03270100

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Reading I	03270700
Reading II	03270800
Reading III	03270900
Economics	03310300
World Geography	03320100
U.S. Government	03330100
U.S. History	03340100
World History	03340400
Psychology	03350100
Sociology	03370100
Spanish I	03440100
Spanish I (mono)	03440100
Spanish II	03440200
Spanish II (mono)	03440200
Art	03500100
Art II Drawing	03500500
Art II Painting	03500600
Art III Drawing	03501300
Business Fundamentals Desktop Publishing	03580400
Digital Graphics/Animation	03580500
Multimedia	03580600
Webmastering	03580800
Health Education	03810100
Advanced Health	03810200
Foundations of Personal Fitness	03820101
Individual Sports I	03850104

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Individual Sports II	03850114	
Team Sports I	03860105	
Team Sports II	03860115	
Business Computer Information Systems I	12011200	
Business Computer Information Systems I	1201120T	
Business Communications	12011100	
Educational Development Business Fundamentals Introduction to Business		12011400
Keyboarding	12011500	
Recordkeeping	12011600	
Accounting I	12022100	
Banking and Finance	12022200	
Digital Media Business Image Management and Multimedia		1202230T
Bus Law	12022400	
Business Management	12022500	
Business Ownership	12022600	
Telecommunications and Networking	12022700	
Telecommunications/Networking	1202270T	
Word Processing Applications	1202280T	
Accounting II	12031100	
Accounting II	1203110T	
Business Computer Information Systems II	1203130T	
Administrative Procedures	12031200	
International Business	1203150T	
Introductory Health Science	1210120T	
Health Science Technology I	1210130T	
Nursing Aide/Patient Care	1210130T	

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Nursing Aide/Patient Care II	1210140T
Health Science Technology II	1210140T
Health Science Technology II Nursing Skills	1210140T
Health Science Technology II Radiology	1210140T
Health Science Technology III	12101500
Health Science Technology III Pharmacy Aide	1210151T
Health Science Technology III EMT-Basic	1210152T
Health Science Technology III Medical Lab	1210153T
Health Science Technology III Vocational Nursing	1210154T
Health Science Technology III Medical Assisting	1210155T
Scientific Research Design I	12112120
Anatomy/Physiology	12112130
Pathophysiology	12112150
Medical Terminology	1212122T
Clinical Nutrition	12121240
Pharmacology	12121250
Preparation for Parenting	12203210
Educational Development Child Development	12203310
Communication Graphics	12362640
Computer Multimedia and Animation Technology	12362680
Building Trades	12522703
Welding	12557901
Automotive Technician	12579102
Commercial Banking	N1205020
Telecommunications & Networking II	N1202272
Ready, Set, Teach I	N1220307

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Ready, Set, Teach II	N1220308
Student Leadership	N1290010
Careers in Education I	N1295003
Careers in Education II	N1295004
Community Based Instruction	SE000001
Adapted P.E.	SE000004

Level 2 With a Weight of 1.05 (Pre-AP/Adv. Courses)	Texas Education Agency Number
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Biology Pre-AP	03010200
Chemistry Pre-AP	03020100
Physics Pre-AP	03050000
Integrated Physics and Chemistry Pre-AP	03060201
Algebra I Pre-AP	03100500
Algebra II Pre-AP	03100600
Geometry Pre-AP	03100700
Precalculus	03101100
Precalculus Pre-AP	03101100
English I Pre-AP G/T	03220100
English I Pre-AP	03220100
English II Pre-AP G/T	03220200
English II Pre-AP	03220200
Creative Imaginative Writing Dual Credit	03221200
World Geography Pre-AP	03320100
World History Pre-AP	03340400
Spanish III	03440300

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Spanish III (mono)	03440300
Computer Science I	03580200
Computer Science II	03580300
Individual Sports III Dual Credit	03850124
Team Sports III Dual Credit	03860125
Principles of Engineering	N1237203
Computer Integrated Manufacturing	N12372T4
Architectural Graphics	1236262T
Introduction to Engineering Design	N12372T1
Digital Electronics	N12372T2
Engineering Design and Development	N1237205

Level 3 With a Weight of 1.08 (Level 3 courses completed after September 1, 2005 will have a Weight of 1.10)

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(AP/Concurrent/Independent Study Courses) Texas Education Agency Number

Precalculus Pre-AP	03101100
Independent Study/Math I	03132500
Independent Study/Math II	03132501
Independent Study/English	03221800
Social Studies Advanced Studies	03380001
Independent Study Technology Applications	03580900

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Business Independent Study	12061100
Health Science Technology III Medical Lab Dual Credit	1210153T
Computer Science II AP	A3580200
Biology AP	A3010200
Environmental Science AP	A3020000
Chemistry AP	A3040000
Physics I AP	A3050001
Physics II AP	A3050002
Calculus AP	A3100101
Calculus AP/Dual Credit	A3100101
Calculus II AP	A3100102
Calculus II AP/Dual Credit	A3100102
Statistics AP	A3100200
Statistics AP/Dual Credit	A3100200
English III AP/Dual Credit	A3220100
English III AP/Dual Credit G/T	A3220100
English IV AP	A3220200
English IV AP/Dual Credit	A3220200
English IV AP/Dual Credit G/T	A3220200
Economics AP	A3310200
U.S. Government AP	A3330100
U.S. History AP	A3340100
U.S. History AP/Dual Credit	A3340100
Psychology AP/Dual Credit	A3350100
Spanish IV AP Language	A3440100
Spanish IV AP Literature	A3440200

Art II AP

A3500300

Chemistry III AP/Dual Credit

M3020100

These provisions shall be subject to changes in weights or the introduction of new courses.

CLASS RANKINGS-
EXCEPTIONS

Grade points for the following courses shall not be used in computing averages for class rank and scholastic honors:

1. Summer school courses not taken in the District.
2. Correspondence courses.
3. Courses approved for local credit.
4. Credit by examination.
5. Courses completed at junior high/middle school.

Courses that receive more than one credit shall be counted only once in determining GPA designation.

HONOR STUDENTS

Honor students shall be designated following completion of the ~~fifth six week~~ ~~or~~ third nine-week grading period **of their graduation year** and **third nine-week** grades **during the graduation year** shall be treated as a semester grade in this computation.

The students with the highest accumulated grade point averages in the top ten percent of the class shall be designated as honor graduates with the highest-ranking student named valedictorian and the second highest-ranking student as salutatorian.

Summer graduates shall be ineligible for honors or recognition based directly on accumulated grade points.

Seniors who have been enrolled less than four semesters shall be given a rank that will place them in the original ranking. The valedictorian and salutatorian must be enrolled at least four complete semesters at STISD prior to graduation. In the event of a tie, two students may be designated as valedictorian and salutatorian for their respective positions.

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