



Harlingen Collegiate High School

Frequently Asked Questions

HCH General Campus Questions

- What is Harlingen Collegiate High (HCH)?
 - In partnership with The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV), Harlingen Collegiate High is designed to incorporate a rigorous curriculum that allows student the opportunity to engage in the college experience their 11th and 12th grade school year.
- Is Harlingen Collegiate High restricted to Harlingen?
 - No, Harlingen Collegiate High is an open enrollment campus that is available to any individual who would be interested in [submitting an application](#).
- What is the HCH start and end time?
 - Harlingen Collegiate High begins instruction at 7:55 AM with an end time of 3:45 PM.
- What is the HCH Mascot?
 - The Harlingen Collegiate High mascot is symbolized by the “Owl,” epitomizing knowledge and wisdom.

HCH Application Process

- Who can attend Harlingen Collegiate High?
 - Students in grades 9th and 10th, who are interested in Harlingen Collegiate High, must [submit an application](#) prior to the year of expected enrollment.
- Where can I apply?
 - Applications are submitted electronically and can be found on the HCISD webpage.
- Will my child have transportation to attend HCH?
 - Yes, residents of Harlingen will follow the traditional bus route to their zoned comprehensive high school and/or middle school, where a bus will be secured to transport to Harlingen Collegiate High.
- When will parents be informed of admissions status?
 - All HCISD specialty schools will be sending decision letters on March 11th and continue with rolling decision letters thereafter.
- How are students selected for acceptance to HCH?
 - Student applications are reviewed with the use of a rubric that considers grades, STAAR, attendance, discipline records and other pertinent student data.
- If a student is not accepted for next school year, are they able to reapply?
 - Yes, a student can apply during their 8th and 9th grade school year.

HCH Academic Questions

- What courses would be on a freshman schedule?
 - A freshman schedule will typically contain seven periods and the following courses which are dependent on individual course audits. English 1 PAP/Practical Writing, Geometry PAP, World Geography PAP, Biology PAP, Spanish 1, PE, HB5 pathway elective (Engineering, Education or Computer Science) and electives. The courses will be taught by HCH staff.
- What does the 11th and 12th grade year look like?
 - Students are fully enrolled in college level courses their 11th and 12th grade school year through UTRGV, with college level professors, where they are given the opportunity to complete their Academic Core and earn High School credits simultaneously.



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HCH Academic Questions, cont.

- What is the Academic Core?
 - The Academic Core is what is sometimes referred to as “college basics” and is an educational milestone (generally takes about 3 terms to complete) required of all students as a means to foster your critical thinking, expand your worldly horizons and establish the foundational soft skills for your transition into the real world.
- How many College Credit Hours will my child receive?
 - Harlingen Collegiate High is designed to graduate students with an Academic Core as defined by The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for the 2019-2020 School Year as 42 College Credit Hours, however our students will complete 48 due to the Texas High School Core Requirement. (Note: A Bachelor’s Degree requires 120 College Credit Hours in a respected field of study.)
- Is the Academic Core transferable to another University?
 - The Academic Core is accepted in full capacity at any public university within the state of Texas.
- Will my child’s GPA from Middle School transfer to HCH?
 - Yes, if a student’s GPA started in Middle School, it will be transferred to HCH.
- Do students take courses at UTRGV?
 - Although students are enrolled in UTRGV courses, the classes are held at the HCH campus.

HCH Pathway Questions

- Does Harlingen Collegiate High offer electives?
 - Harlingen Collegiate High is an academic focused organization that does not offer traditional electives, however, students at Harlingen Collegiate High benefit from a small community of students who are driven to succeed.
- What non-traditional electives are offered at HCH?
 - Students at HCH have the option to select one of four available pathways. [Academic Core](#), [Computer Science](#), [Engineering](#), or [Education](#).
- Does the campus have a Culinary Arts program?
 - Currently HCH offers pathways in Education, Engineering and Computer Science.

HCH TSI Questions

- Does my child have to be TSI (Texas Success Initiative) compliant to enroll at HCH?
 - All students are expected to be TSI compliant by the end of the first semester of Sophomore year in order to remain at HCH.
- What is the TSI Exam?
 - The TSI is a college entrance exam, as defined by the state of Texas, that students must register for and complete successfully in order to be enrolled in college level courses.
- If I took the TSI in 8th Grade, do I have to retake it?
 - If a student has taken the TSI in 8th grade, you may bring a copy of your score reports to our campus so that we may process, verify, and honor the transfer.
- Is there a fee to take the TSI Exam?
 - Yes, there is a \$5.00 examination fee for the TSI Exam; however, the fee is being waived at this time.



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HCH Extracurricular Activities Questions

- Can my child register for extra-curricular activities at a neighboring campus and still attend HCH?
 - Students are given the opportunity to enroll at Harlingen Collegiate High and simultaneously participate in an extra-curricular activity in an elective at a comprehensive campus, so long as it does not interfere with the student's academics.
- Will transportation be provided to students who register for an extra-curricular at a comprehensive campus?
 - Students who register for an extra-curricular course at the comprehensive campuses will be responsible for securing permanent and stable transportation.

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