

# Academy of Health Science Professions Monthly Newsletter

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## Spring 2021 Dual Enrollment

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Students, if you are registered for a dual class this spring 2021, please keep in mind these very important points:

**Starting date for Spring 2021 classes is Tuesday, January 19, 2021.**

All dual classes taught by STC will continue to be online in Spring 2021. Some dual classes may require you to go to campus to complete any required labs.

**Blackboard Online Modules**-Must be completed for every online class, every semester

**Jagnet and Jagmail**-Please make sure you activate your Jagnet account if this is your 1st time taking a dual class. Please check your Jagmail once you activate and log into your Jagnet account.

**Passwords**-Your STC passwords expire every six months. Please update yours to avoid being locked out.

**Blackboard**-this is where your professors will post your syllabus and their contact information and most importantly: YOUR ASSIGNMENTS AND DUE DATES!

**Drop deadlines**- If you must drop a class please remember that there are two drop dates: A.) 100% drop before Census Date (Feb. 3, 2021); B.) A posted Drop on your STC transcript after Census Date and before Drop Deadline. If you fail to drop before the drop deadline, you will have a grade posted for that class. Drop deadline for Spring 2021: April 19, 2021.

**Textbooks**-If the dual class you are taking is at AHSP or any LJISD school, a textbook will be provided to you and we will coordinate a pick up date for your textbook. If you CURRENTLY have a dual class textbook you will need to turn it in IF YOU NO LONGER REQUIRE IT for the Spring 2021 semester.

**Independent courses**-If you requested and received an Independent course from STC, it will be your responsibility to purchase/rent your own textbook.

### CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH:

#### CITIZENSHIP

**Citizenship is being law abiding and involved in service to school, community and country.**

**Seek out community service events to add to your school resume, many colleges and scholarships will look for this when making decisions.**

### TSI New Exams and Scoring

Effective January 11, 2021 there will be a new TSI exam: ELAR, which will replace the current reading and writing exam. The passing scores are also going to change.

New passing scores will be:

ELAR: 945-990 AND Essay 5-8 OR 910-944 AND NRS Level 5-6 AND Essay 5-8

Math: 950-990 or 910-949 AND NRS Level 6

### Student Academic Performance and Attendance at AHSP & STEM

Students a reminder that it is essential that you log into all your online classes everyday. Your attendance will still be reviewed for credit approval. Some credit may be denied for students with excessive absences (failure to log into classes).

Passing grades are also required to advance to the next grade level. Students that have failed two six weeks so far will be placed on a credit recovery plan to help you graduate on time.

# All Juniors to test ACT on March 2, 2021

All juniors are scheduled to test ACT on a weekday at school on March 2, 2021.

After this exam, you can register for additional ACTs for any of the spring dates listed. We will conduct an ACT registration drive the week of March 8th, 2021. It is not mandatory that you register, only if you want to retest.

You have four fee waivers to use to pay for your exams in Spring, Summer or Fall 2021.

You also have SAT fee waivers to use if you want to test SAT as well.

## PSAT for Interested 10th and 11th grade - January 26, 2021

Any students interested in taking the PSAT (Pre-SAT) exam, the district is offering an exam date in January 2021. Please sign up with your AVID teacher.

The Pre-SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is given once during the fall semester at high schools all around the country to Juniors. The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT®. It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. At the 10th grade level it is for practice only, scholarship opportunities are at the 11th grade level only.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures: critical reading, writing and math skills

**Practice test available at:**

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

### Spring 2021 ACT test dates:

February 6, 2021-registration  
deadline (RD) 1/8/2021

April 17, 2021-RD: 3/12/21

June 12, 2021-RD: 5/7/21

July 17, 2021-RD: 6/18/21

### Spring 2021 SAT test dates:

March 13, 2021-RD:  
2/12/21

May 8, 2021-RD: 4/8/21

June 5, 2021-RD: 5/6/21

Please see your  
counselor for the fee  
waiver.

## **Tax Returns-Do Them Early, Do Them Right!**

**Juniors, your application for financial aid will open on October 1, 2021 and you will use your parent's income tax from 2020. Your parents are about to file their income taxes in January 2021, possibly earlier in December 2020, before we return to campus from Christmas break.**

**Please inform your parents that you will be using their 2020 income tax return for your financial aid and it needs to be done as early as possible and done correctly so you can apply for financial aid on October 1, 2021 when the FAFSA application opens. Your entire financial aid application is based on your parents income tax return. Please talk to your parents and inform them of this very important matter! There will be a parent meeting in January to provide them with more information.**



# Degree Plans



- At AHSP & STEM we have all students complete an application for STC every year. The degree plan we choose is the Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Plan. If you want to select a different degree plan, please discuss your choice with your counselor to see what modifications would need to be made. The Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Plan is the plan LJISD Early Colleges follow. The Academy is not an Early College, but we can help you earn a degree if you choose to do so.

Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Plan		
COURSE	DESCRIPTION	CREDIT HOURS
SPCH 1311 OR other elective on list	Component Area Option-Core Curriculum	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II-Rhetoric	3
HIST 1301	United States History I	3
HIST 1302	United States History II	3
GOVT 2305	Texas Government	3
GOVT 2306	Federal Government	3
BIOL 1406 OR other science course on list	Life and Physical Sciences Elective-Core Curriculum	4
BIOL 1407 OR other science course on list	Life and Physical Sciences Elective-Core Curriculum	4
MATH 1414	Mathematics Elective-Core Curriculum	4
ARTS 1301 OR MUSI 1306	Creative Arts Elective-Core Curriculum	3
SPAN 2313 OR other elective on list	Language, Philosophy & Culture Elective-Core Curriculum	3
PSYC 2301 OR other elective on list	Social and Behavioral Sciences-Core Curriculum	3
Course to be chosen by student	Elective-Field of Study	3
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<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>60</b>

A total of 19 courses are needed.

<u>At AHSP &amp; STEM we offer the following college courses:</u>	<u>At LJISD we usually offer the following college courses:</u>	Other ways to obtain college credit:  Independent courses- Requested by student; based upon need.  AP exams can also be used to obtain college credit, as well as CLEP exams.
ENGL 1301 & 1302	GOVT 2305	
HIST 1301 & 1302	GOVT 2306	
BIOL 1406 & 1407	SPCH 1311	
*FUTURE CLASS: BIOL 2401 & 2402 (A&P)	ARTS 1301	
MATH 1414	MUSI 1306	
MATH 2412	PSYC 2301	
MATH 2413	SPAN 2313	
MATH 2414	SPAN 2315	
MATH 2415	HIST 1301	
MATH 1442	HIST 1302	
PSYC 2301	*NEW COURSE: SOCI 1301	



# Senior Page of Events

Seniors,

- Please create your college accounts at each of the colleges you applied to see if you are lacking any information to finalize your applications. You often can upload information and documents at these accounts.
- Please review your financial aid tab to see if you were selected for verification and comply with sending in the required documents ASAP to avoid further delay.
- Bring in your immunization records to update in the school system. You are required to present to the colleges proof of your bacterial meningitis shot; the nurse can print out your records for proof, but they must be updated. Please call the school to coordinate a visit with the nurse.
- Lastly, please begin to print out your college acceptance letters as you receive them and any scholarship you have received so far, I must keep a binder with all this information.
- **SENIOR CHECKS:** Seniors, I need to hold individual meetings with each senior student to verify that you are on track to graduate. I will visit you in your AVID class to discuss the manner to set up our meetings by appointment times, at your convenience.

Event	Date/Time	Place
Senior Portraits at Home Campus	LJHS: Dec. 15, 16, 17 by assigned appointment PHS: JLHS: Dec. 14, 2020 & Jan. 28, 2021-set up your own appointment time	Home campus LJHS, PHS, JLHS
Josten's Cap and Gown Order Dates	Ongoing-order and pay online or in store	Online
Financial Aid State deadline	January 15, 2021	Online
Seventh Semester Ranking	February 3, 2021	Online
ACT Exam-For any senior that still needs to test ACT	March 2, 2021	AHSP
Final Senior Ranking	April 26, 2021	Online
Invitation for Honor Banquet distributed	April 26, 2021	Online
Honor Banquet for Top 25	April 30, 2021	TBD
GenTX Decision Day	May 2021	TBD
Graduation	June 6, 2021 LJHS-8:30am, PHS-12:30pm, JLHS-3:30pm	Payne Arena Hidalgo, TX
Senior Cap and Gown Pictures	TBA	TBA
Scholarship Awards Night	TBA	TBD