

9th Grade Parent Orientation



Colorado River Collegiate Academy

Creating Ability Through Effort

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Attendance
- Credits – Transcripts
- Testing
- Questions and Answers

Welcome

CRCA is an Early College High School – What exactly does this mean?

- Completion of an Associate Degree and High School Diploma simultaneously
- 60 college hours and 26 high school credits – Dual Credit
- Trade Offs:
 - More academic work inside and outside the classroom
 - More rigorous academic work combined with greater focus
 - Less traditional high school activities
 - Fewer students in classes
- Needs:
 - Academic supports – RTI periods, Tutorials – before school and after school
 - Fantastic teachers who know their stuff and love students
 - Support at home

Introductions

- Martin Conrardy – Principal
- Linda Autrey – Assistant Principal
- Rick Longoria – Counselor
- Maggie McBride – College Access Specialist

Attendance

1. I must attend school 90% of the time to receive credit for my courses.
2. I will have truancy charges filed on me if I miss three days of school within a four week period and these absences are unexcused.

Attendance

3. There are very limited reasons for excused absences.

- A school district shall excuse a student from attending school for:
 - (1) the following purposes, including travel for those purposes:
 - (A) observing religious holy days;
 - (B) attending a required court appearance;
 - (C) appearing at a governmental office to complete paperwork required in connection with the student's application for United States citizenship;
 - (D) taking part in a United States naturalization oath ceremony; or
 - (E) serving as an election clerk; or
 - (2) a temporary absence resulting from health care professionals if that student commences classes or returns to school on the same day of the appointment.
 - (3) a school district may excuse students for absences that result from illness.

Attendance

It matters. Your student must come to school!

97.3% ADA Last Year

Credits and Transcripts



- Summer school is for acceleration at ACC.
- No CRCA student has failed a high school course and had to attend summer school at Bastrop ISD.

Credits and Transcripts

- CRCA students earn one half (1/2) credit each semester for each class they are in.
- At Christmas Break, your student should have a half credit for:
 - PAP English 1
 - Algebra 1 or PAP Geometry
 - PAP Biology
 - Social Studies Research Methods
 - Practical Writing (TSI Prep Course)
 - Personal Fitness
 - BIM 1

Credits and Transcripts

3.5 Credits

By Christmas

Credits and Transcripts

- The process repeats itself the second semester – one half credit for:
 - PAP English 1
 - Algebra 1 or PAP Geometry
 - PAP Biology
 - Social Studies Research Methods
 - ***EDUC 1300 – 1st College Course***
 - Personal Fitness
 - BIM 1

Credits and Transcripts

7 Credits

By Memorial Day

Credits and Transcripts

- Your student will begin a college transcript in January.
- College grades determine future financial aide.
- Don't let your grades in college classes ever fall below a C.

Testing

- This year, your student will take three (3) different and very important tests.
 1. TSI – Texas Success Initiative (October 3 – 7)
 - Writing
 - Reading
 2. PSAT – Pre SAT for 9th grade students (February 24th)
 3. STAAR EOC –State of Texas End of Course exams
 - English 1 EOC (March 28)
 - Algebra 1 EOC (May 1 – 5)
 - Biology EOC (May 1 – 5)

Testing - TSI

- The TSI is the state mandated exam students must take and pass in order to enroll in college courses.
- Students who pass the TSI reading and writing by December of their 9th grade year take EDUC 1300 in the spring semester. Students who pass the TSI reading and writing during the spring semester (no later than the third Friday in May), take EDUC 1300 during the first summer session.

Testing - TSI

- CRCA students take the TSI in reading and writing beginning the first week of October in their freshman year. All CRCA 9th graders must pass the reading and writing portions of the TSI by the end of their freshman year in order to continue at the Colorado River Collegiate Academy.
- Students who do not pass the TSI reading and writing exams by the end of their 9th grade year are matriculated back to their home high school (BHS or CCHS).

Testing - TSI

- Cut Scores – Passing Scores

- **Reading – 351**

- **Writing – 363 & 4 on Essay**

Or

5 on Essay

Testing - TSI

- Students will have multiple times to retest after the October 3 – 7 testing.
- Retesting will be on Saturdays @ 9:00 in the morning.
- Parents must provide transportation to the retests and students must sign up in advance.
- 20 spots for Saturday retesting.

Testing – STAAR EOC

- Students must pass 5 EOC exams to graduate from HS in Texas.

1. English 1
2. English 2
3. Algebra 1
4. Biology
5. US History

- CRCA Students must pass these test the 1st time they take them.