

Academics at FISD

At Frenship ISD, we offer on-level courses as well as advanced courses in many courses in core (English, math, science, and social studies) and elective areas.

On-Level Courses

- Aligned to state curriculum standards (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills - TEKS)
- Non-Weighted when calculating Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Serves a broad range of students
- Provides a foundation if students decide to take an advanced academic course in the future

Advanced Academic Courses

- Increased rigor and depth
- Vertically aligned to Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit expectations
- Weighted credit when calculating GPA
- Qualities of successful students:
 - Self-motivated
 - Challenged in and out of the classroom
 - Demonstrate problem solving skills
 - Exhibit time management skills



Frenship ISD Advanced Academic Programs



Heritage Middle School

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What are Advanced Academic Courses?

Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP)

Preparatory for Advanced Placement or Dual Credit courses providing the opportunity for increased rigor and depth within the content area. Students work independently as well as collaboratively beyond the scope of the on-level course within that content area.

Pre-Advanced Placement/Gifted and Talented (Pre-AP/GT)

Preparatory for Advanced Placement or Dual Credit courses providing the opportunity for increased rigor and depth within the content area. Students become self directed learners through the opportunities of project based learning. Students typically thrive in creative inquiry based environments.

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP courses in all content areas are designed to provide all students with increased rigorous instruction based on standards developed by The College Board. Students enrolled in these high school courses only receive college credit based on the AP exam score. Students must be prepared to work on a college level in order to attain academic success.

Dual Credit

Dual Credit courses in all content areas are designed to provide students the opportunity to simultaneously gain college and high school credit. Courses are aligned to the standards set by our partnering institutions of higher education, Angelo State University and South Plains College. Students must be prepared to work on a college level while in high school in order to attain credit.

Heritage Middle School Course Offerings

Grade 6

- Pre-AP/GT English Language Arts - Students who are identified as GT focus on higher level critical thinking skills related to reading and writing while incorporating creative project applications.
- Pre-AP Math - Students engage in advanced mathematic concept exploration including real world application.

Grade 7

- Pre-AP/GT English Language Arts - Students who are identified as GT focus on higher level critical thinking skills related to reading and writing while incorporating creative project applications.
- Pre-AP Math - Students engage in advanced mathematic concept exploration including real world application. Mathematic concepts include grade 7 math standards as well as a portion of grade 8 math standards.

Heritage Middle School Course Offerings, Continued

Grade 8

- Pre-AP/GT English Language Arts - Students who are identified as GT focus on higher level critical thinking skills related to reading and writing while incorporating creative project applications.
- Algebra 1 - Students focus on linear functions, solving systems of equations, quadratic equations, and rational expressions. Preparation for the STAAR End of Course Exam is a component of this course. High School credit is earned. Pre-requisite– successful completion of Grade 7 Pre-AP Math
- Pre-AP Science - Students engage in various lab based application of science concepts while increasing exposure to higher level critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Pre-AP Social Studies - Students engage in an in-depth study of time periods within United States history. This course emphasizes the analysis and use of primary source documents and graphics.

