

Academic Profile

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2010-2011

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Type	Private, Christian, Southern Baptist, college preparatory
Accreditation	Association of Christian Schools International (A.C.S.I.), recognized by Texas Education Agency
Location	North Central San Antonio
Present Enrollment	230 K-12 (45 in grades 9-12)
Teaching Faculty	26 full-time and 3 part-time
Pupil-Teacher Ratio	20 to 1 (grades 1-12)
Calendar	2 eighteen-week semester grading periods (4 nine-week quarters); 50 minute class periods; 5 days per week

CURRICULUM

Castle Hills First Baptist High School offers two graduation plans to meet the individual needs of high school students. These plans include advanced achievement and college preparatory. Highest-level courses offered in subject areas are: Biology H, Calculus H, Chemistry H, English Dual Credit H, Government/Economics H, Physics H, and Spanish III Dual Credit H.

HONORS COURSES are available in every discipline. Students with five honors courses graduate with "Honors."

DUAL CREDIT college level courses are offered in English and Spanish. Additional dual credit courses may be taken online with administrative approval.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE – Students are required to take two years of foreign language and a third and fourth year is offered.

ELECTIVE PROGRAMS offered are Art, Yearbook, Band, Choir, Theater Arts, Photography and Computer Technology.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE CALCULATION

Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated utilizing semester grades. Honors and Dual Credit college level courses are "weighted" to compensate for the difference in degree of difficulty. Five points per semester are added in the Cumulative Average for Honors courses and ten points are added for Dual Credit courses. They are not applied to the actual numerical grade. The following is our grading system: A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, Failing = below 70.

CLASS RANK

Castle Hills First Baptist School ranks only the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the purpose of college admissions and/or scholarship services. Other students are not ranked because these students would be ranked higher if they were in a less competitive and/or larger school. For comparison purposes only, students may use the following suggested scale: 95% and above = top 10%, 91%-94.99% = top quarter, 87%-90.99% = top half, 81%-86.99% = third quarter, 70%-80.99% = fourth quarter. The grade range for each senior class is determined by the grade ranges in comparable large area high schools and is subject to change each year.

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from Castle Hills First Baptist High School on the recommended high school plan, each student must successfully complete 26 ½ credits and have earned a grade of 70 or above in each class. The Advanced Achievement Graduation Plan (AAP) requires additional course work and requirements. A minimum graduation plan is available pending Superintendent approval.

Credit	Department	Subjects
4	Bible	Bible 9, Bible 10, Bible 11, Bible 12-required each year in attendance at CHFBS
4	English	English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12
½	Speech	Speech Presentation, Speech Analysis and Debate
½	Health	Health - Physical, Spiritual, Emotional
4	Social Studies	Geography, World History, American History, Government ½ & Economics ½
4	Mathematics	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Trig & PreCal, Calculus
4	Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 4 th Science TBD
2	Foreign Language	Spanish I, II, III, IV
1 ½	Physical Education	General PE (or fulfill some PE requirements through sports participation)
1	Technology	Computer Application, Desktop Publishing/Yearbook
1	Fine Arts	Art, Band, Choir, Drama, Photography, Desktop Publishing/Yearbook
(½ AAP)	Elective	
26 ½	Total Credits Required (Note: Full year course = 1 credit, Semester course = ½ credit)	

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OUR GRADUATES HAVE ATTENDED OR ARE ATTENDING

Abilene Christian University
Baylor University
Hardin-Simmons University
Harvard Law School
His Hill Bible College
Howard Payne University
Kings College
Liberty University
Mary Hardin Baylor
North Texas State University
Oklahoma Baptist University
Palm Beach Atlantic University

Pensacola Christian College
San Antonio College
Southwestern University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Trinity University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at San Antonio

STUDENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Organizations include National Honor Society, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Annual Awards Banquet, High School Retreat, Christmas Banquet, Junior/Senior Banquet, Homecoming Spirit Days, and Senior Trip.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Serving in our community is an integral part of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and individual classrooms at Castle Hills First Baptist School. Students and faculty alike have reached into our communities through ministries including Manna Food Ministry, visiting nursing homes, adopt a highway, volunteering for the Elf Louise Project and praying and sending letters to our servicemen overseas. Many Castle Hills First Baptist School students have spent weekends and/or vacations building Habitat Homes and performing mission work in various countries.

STANDARDIZED TESTING AND COUNSELING SERVICES

All of our students take the Stanford Achievement Test each spring. Our students consistently score well above average when compared to students in other private and parochial schools as well as compared to the national average.

Our tenth graders are given the PLAN Test each fall in preparation for the ACT exam and to assist them with career choices and interests. Our tenth and eleventh graders take the PSAT each fall and have counseling services available to them to help with their college and career planning. Our students score well above the national average on the SAT exam and CHFBS has had several Commended and National Merit Finalists over the past several years.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to lead students, in partnership with families, to know Christ and make Christ known. The Scripture promises that if we "train a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). It is our vision that the young people at Castle Hills First Baptist School will go on to influence their generation for Christ.