



MATAGORDA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Barbara Marchbanks Superintendent

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Re: College readiness test

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next year our school will expand to include grades 9-12. We will be offering the usual core classes for high school such as Biology, Algebra, Geometry, US History, ELA, as well as other core classes. We will also be offering Career and Technology Education classes (CTE) such as business, agriculture, media, computer, and other classes. Some of our course work will be offered through Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) and students will be able to receive dual credit for high school and college credit.

In order for our 8th grade students to be able to begin to take college or trade school classes in 9th grade they will need to take a college readiness test called the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) test before receiving college credit. A WCJC representative will be on campus to give the TSI test to all of our 8th grade students on April 5. This cost of this test is free for your students for the first attempt. Students need to be encouraged to do their best on this test. Passing the test will open up opportunities for your child to take college and/or trade school classes in future years.

In the 9th grade all Matagorda students will be taking art appreciation class for dual credit through WCJC. The cost of this class will be covered by the school through an agreement with WCJC. All high school students are required to take a fine arts class to graduate from high school and this art appreciation class will cover that requirement and your child will also receive their first college credit in 9th grade! After completing this art appreciation class successfully, your child will be able to try other selected college or trade school classes throughout high school. Through this program some students may be able to complete an Associate degree by the time they graduate from high school.

Matagorda ISD is excited about offering high school and college classes for your students beginning next year! We will be following up with more information in the next couple of months and we will host a meeting next month for parents to help their child select their schedule of classes for high school.

Sincerely,

Barbara Marchbanks
Superintendent Matagorda ISD