HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HIGH SCHOOL

PLANNING

HANDBOOK

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to High School at Harvest Christian Academy! I look forward to working with you over the next four years of your high school career. Together we will work to make your high school years a time of fun, memories, working hard, achieving, preparing, and growing in Christ. We must partner together and each play our vital role. Students, it is time for you to take that next step in taking ownership of your learning. And parents, it is time for you to allow your student to take that ownership while giving your continual support. I will be here along the way to help guide, support, and intervene when needed.

Remember students, your high school career is the springboard to your future. The grades you earn, the activities in which you are involved, and your foresight in planning ahead will have the greatest impact on being accepted to the colleges of your choice.

My expectation is that we will all be active participants in this high school process. Although the information in this handbook should provide you with answers to many of your questions, I want to assure you that my office is always open for you. I welcome your calls, emails, and visits. I believe that regular and honest communication between counselor, students and parents is the key to a positive experience.

I look forward to coming along side of you during these next four years!!

Sincerely,

Carli Lopez

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA

Bible	8 semester credits
English	8 semester credits
Science	6 semester credits
Math	6 semester credits
Social Studies	6 semester credits

(must include U.S. History and Economics/Government)

Foreign Language	4 semester credits
Phys. Ed.	1 semester credit
Health	1 semester credit
Technology or Fine Arts	3 semester credits

(must include at least one of each)

Communications	1 semester credit
Electives	8 semester credits

TOTAL: 52 Semester Credits

Additional Requirements:

Cumulative GPA of 2.3 or above at time of graduation

ENGINEERING SCHOLAR

Bible	8 semester credits
English	8 semester credits
Science	6 semester credits
Math	8 semester credits
Social Studies	6 semester credits

(must include U.S. History and Economics/Government)

Foreign Language	4 semester credits
Engineering	7 semester credits
Computer Science	2 semester credits
Phys. Ed.	1 semester credit
Health	1 semester credit
Communications	1 semester credit
Intro to Business	1 semester credit

TOTAL: 53 Semester Credits

Additional Requirements:

No semester grade below a 70

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR

Bible	8 semester credits
English	8 semester credits
Science	6 semester credits
Math *(must include Pre-Calculus)*	6 semester credits
Social Studies	6 semester credits

(must include U.S. History and Economics/Government)

Foreign Language *(same language)*	6 semester credits
Phys. Ed.	1 semester credit
Health	1 semester credit
Technology or Fine Arts	3 semester credits

(must include at least one of each)

Communications	1 semester credit
Electives	7 semester credits

TOTAL: 53 Semester Credits

Additional Requirements:

No semester grade below a 70

Cumulative GPA of 3.7 or above at time of graduation

Two AP courses or two college courses

ARTIST ACADEMY

Bible	8 semester credits
English	8 semester credits
Science	6 semester credits
Math	6 semester credits
Social Studies	6 semester credits

(must include U.S. History and Economics/Government)

Foreign Language	4 semester credits
Artist Academy Core	4 semester credits
Artist Academy Electives	5 semester credits
Phys. Ed.	1 semester credit
Health	1 semester credit
Communications	1 semester credit
Intro to Business	1 semester credit
Electives	2 semester credits

TOTAL: 53 Semester Credits

Additional Requirements:

No semester grade below a 70

FOUR YEAR COURSE PLAN

	REQUIRED	OPTIONS	RECOMMENDED

GRADE 9	Bible
	Math
	English
	PE/Health
		Science (3 years required)
		Social Studies (1 additional year)
		Spanish (2 years required)
		Fine Arts (2 Semesters required)
		Tech (1 semester required)
			2 of the following:
			    Science
			    History
			    Spanish
			1 of the following:
			    Fine Arts
			    Tech

GRADE 10	Bible
	Math
	English
	Spanish
		Science (3 years required)
		Social Studies (1 additional year)
		Spanish (2 years required)
		Fine Arts (2 Semesters required)
		Tech (1 semester required)
			Science
			1 of the following:
			    Fine Arts
			    Tech
			    Social Studies

GRADE 11	Bible
	Math
	English
	US History
		Science (3 years required)
		Spanish (2 years required)
		Fine Arts (2 Semesters required)
		Tech (1 semester required)
		PE
			Science
			1 of the following:
			    Fine Arts
			    Tech
			    Spanish

GRADE 12	Bible English Government/Economics	Math Science (3 years required) Spanish (2 years required) Fine Arts (2 Semesters required) Tech (1 semester required) PE	

HCA REQUIREMENTS AND SAMPLE OF COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	HCA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	HCA DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR	STATE UNIVERSITIES & OTHER SELECTIVE COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS	HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGE RECOMMENDATIONS
ENGLISH	8 Credits	8 Credits	8 Credits (with emphasis on written/oral communication and literature)	8 Credits (Honors and AP Level when possible)
MATH	6 Credits	6 Credits (including pre-Calculus)	6 Credits (including Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Algebra)	8 Credits (including trigonometry or pre-calculus)
SOCIAL STUDIES	6 Credits	6 Credits (including U.S. History, Economics, Government)	6 Credits (including 1 year of U.S. History and 1-2 years from other social sciences)	6-8 Credits (to include 1 year of U.S. History and 1 year of World or European History)
SCIENCE	6 Credits	6 Credits	6 Credits of Lab Science (Biology, Chemistry or Physics)	6-8 Credits of Lab Science (Biology, Chemistry or Physics)
FOREIGN LANGUAUGE	4 Credits	6 Credits	4 Credits	6-8 Credits
ELECTIVES	8 Credits	6 Credits	4-6 Credits	4 Credits
HEALTH	1 Credit	1 Credit		
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1 Credit	1 Credit		
TECHNOLOGY	1 Credit	1 Credit		
BIBLE COURSES	8 Credits	8 Credits		
FINE ARTS	2 Credits	2 Credits		
COMMUNICATION	1 Credit	1 Credit		

TESTING TIMELINE AND PREP

TESTING TIMELINE

GRADE 9	GRADE 10
March- PSAT Late Spring- MAP Testing	March- PSAT Late Spring- MAP Testing
GRADE 11 October- PSAT/NMSQT March- SAT Spring- ACT (Outside of HCA)	**GRADE 12** Optional SAT/ACT

TEST PREP

COLLEGE BOARD/KHAN ACADEMY

Once the PSAT has been taken, students should create a College Board account at www.collegeboard.org. College Board has partnered with Khan Academy and when those two accounts are linked, students will have personal practice made available to them based on their PSAT scores. It is a free site that has produced tremendous growth.

IN HOUSE/AFTER SCHOOL AT HCA RECOMMENDED

During winter of junior year, we offer a test prep class at HCA prior to the March SAT date.

COLLEGE PLANNING

GRADE 9

Start Strong!

Naviance

Christian College Fair at HCA

Khan Academy Test Prep

GRADE 10

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Christian College Fair at HCA

Talk to college representatives during lunch visits

GRADE 11

Naviance

Christian College Fair at HCA

College Fair at Elgin Community College

Career Fair at HCA

Talk to college representatives during lunch visits

Begin Visiting Colleges

Test Prep

GRADE 12

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Christian College Fair at HCA

College Fair at Elgin Community College

Career Fair at HCA

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Visit Colleges

Test Prep

BUILD YOUR RESUME

Athletics

Fine   Arts

Math Team

National Honor Society (NHS)

Student Council

Theater

Volunteer Work

Worship Team

NAVIANCE

Naviance is a comprehensive, web-based platform that is designed to help students engage in self-discovery assessments, career exploration, college searching and post-secondary preparation throughout their high school career.

Self-Discovery – Through participation in a variety of Naviance assessments, students will learn more about themselves, their personalities, their inherent strengths, interests and learning styles. This personal understanding and perspective will support and engage students both in and out of school while also supporting their career exploration.

Career Exploration – Naviance houses an impressive database of career clusters, career pathways, and career profiles for students to discover. The platform offers a wealth of information about the types of work activities performed while also highlighting the knowledge, skills and abilities deployed in each career. With these resources at their fingertips, students may think critically about careers that may be a good fit and the plan of study required to pursue a given career.

College Research, Application & Post-Secondary Preparation – No matter what your student's post high school plans are, whether it be college or a career, the Naviance tools will help them explore the possibilities. Naviance has a robust college database to facilitate the college search and scholarship search process. Naviance will also serve as a one-stop-shop for college application management, transcript requests and letter of recommendation requests. *All7seniors7are7 required to submit their college application transcript requests through Naviance.*

Assessments

StrengthsExplorer®: A student favorite! Asseses 10 talent themes and identifies students' 3 strongest emerging talents.

Career Interest Profiler: Career interest assessment for students based on Holland's Interest Codes. Students will gain access to their top Holland Code matches.

Career Cluster Finder: Online questionnaire that helps students discover career clusters that are most interesting to them. Can retake at any time!

Career Key: Career assessment for middle and high school students based on Holland's interest codes.

Learning Style Inventory: Assessment to help determine a student's ideal learning and productivity conditions.

MI Advantage: Empowers students to develop and make optimal use of their strengths in the pursuit of goals and interests, both in and out of school.

Do What You Are: Helps students identify their natural tendencies. They gain confidence and greater self-awareness to help them make better decisions and take advantage of their strengths.

Career Planning Tools

Road Trip Nation: A crowd pleaser and super engaging tool! A career exploration tool that inspires students to discover new pathways, interests, and ambitions. Included are more than 3,500 full-length video interviews from thought and industry leaders, chronicling their narratives and personal journeys of success!

Explore Careers and Clusters: Students browse career and career cluster profiles to learn more

about careers of interest! Students gain access to skill/degree requirements, typical job tasks, and average national wages from O*NET and the Bureau of Labor *Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.*

College Planning Tools

SuperMatch™: An extensive search tool that helps student find the right fit for college. Students select from a list of college decision factors and rank their importance. As selections are made, the best-match colleges appear with information about why the college(s) is a good match.

Colleges I'm Thinking About List: Students can stay organized by adding their favorite schools they've researched to the Colleges I'm Thinking About list in Family Connection.

Colleges I'm Applying To List: As students identify the colleges to which they will apply, they can add them to the Colleges I'm Applying To list in Family Connection.

College Match: Universal Overlaps: Matches students based on colleges on their lists, system will identify colleges that commonly overlap with the colleges in the student's list based on data from the entire Naviance Network.

College Match: ActiveMatch: Matches students to colleges seeking applicants like this student. **Student names are not given to colleges when using this feature.

College Resources: Provides a list of web resources about colleges, financial aid and other key topics in the college admissions process.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO IN NAVIANCE STUDENT?

Naviance is available to students, but it is also available and recommended as a tool for parents as well. Familiarize yourself with the college and career resources and have conversations with your students about what they are doing and learning from within the system.

- View updates, links and resources via Naviance Student home page
- Read and send email messages to school staff
- View student course records
- Monitor student progress during the college application process
- Monitor student college interest
- Research colleges and add to 'Colleges I'm Thinking About List'
- Research enrichment programs and scholarships
- Review their student's career assessment results
- Research careers
- Take surveys
- Review student's resume
- View student's GPA and test scores
- View a list of tasks their student needs to complete via the My Planner tab
- Comment on student's goals and tasks

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