

Hartford High School



What to expect:

As you settle into the tenth grade experience, it's a great time for you to take on new challenges. Your tenth grade courses will build on what you started last year, and you will begin to make choices about courses that will help you achieve the career you choose.

It is not too early to explore career paths, technical schools, colleges, college majors and career goals.

Make the 10th grade count!

Classes and Tests

Your classes will increase in difficulty as you progress through high school, so don't let down your guard. Keep your grades as high as possible. When you need help, ask your teacher, see your counselor or principal - ask for help.

During second semester, you will take the ACT ASPIRE, which includes English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing.

At some time this year, please consider taking the **ACT**.

The **ACT** is an aptitude test that measures what you have learned so far, and colleges use it to see if you are progressing at the correct rate to be prepared for college classes after you graduate.

How to plan:

GPA - Grade Point Average

GPA is calculated by adding the points earned from your grades and dividing that total by the number of grades you added. Points are awarded as follows:

A = 4 points, B = 3 points, C = 2 points, D = 1 point, and F = 0 points.

So, if you have 7 classes that give grades for credit, you will add all the points from those grades and divide the total by 7. That will be your *GPA*. Athletics, study halls and yearbook do not count for *GPA*.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from Hartford High School, you must pass 24 credits of coursework. A high school credit is earned by passing two semesters of high school coursework or one semester of a college course. The 24 credits must include: 4 credits of English, 4 credits of Math, 3 credits of Science, 3 credits of Social Studies, 0.5 credit each of P.E., Health, Economics, Computer Skills, Oral Communication, Fine Art, and 6 credits of Career Focus Courses.

Keep a notebook or a Google Doc file: Include your test scores, your awards, and a list of extracurricular activities, volunteer work, club participation, and leadership positions you have held. You should also include a resume and transcript.

What to do:

- Keep your grades UP!**
- Start thinking about careers.**
- Visit with your counselor about careers and education after high school.**
- Go to www.tasselttime.com and log in with username-hustlers and password-beavers.**
- Start researching colleges and universities.**
- Visit some colleges if possible.**
- Prepare for tests.**
- Discuss your plans for the future with your parents.**
- Take an ACT if possible.**

Practice websites for all tests may be found at counselor.webnode.com by clicking the Test Prep tab.

Please keep in mind that you will face new challenges every year. When you do, remember this: there are many people at school who can help you. In addition to your counselor, you can talk to your teachers, the school nurse, the principal or one of many other concerned adults at Hartford High School. If you have a need, we are here - please ask!

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