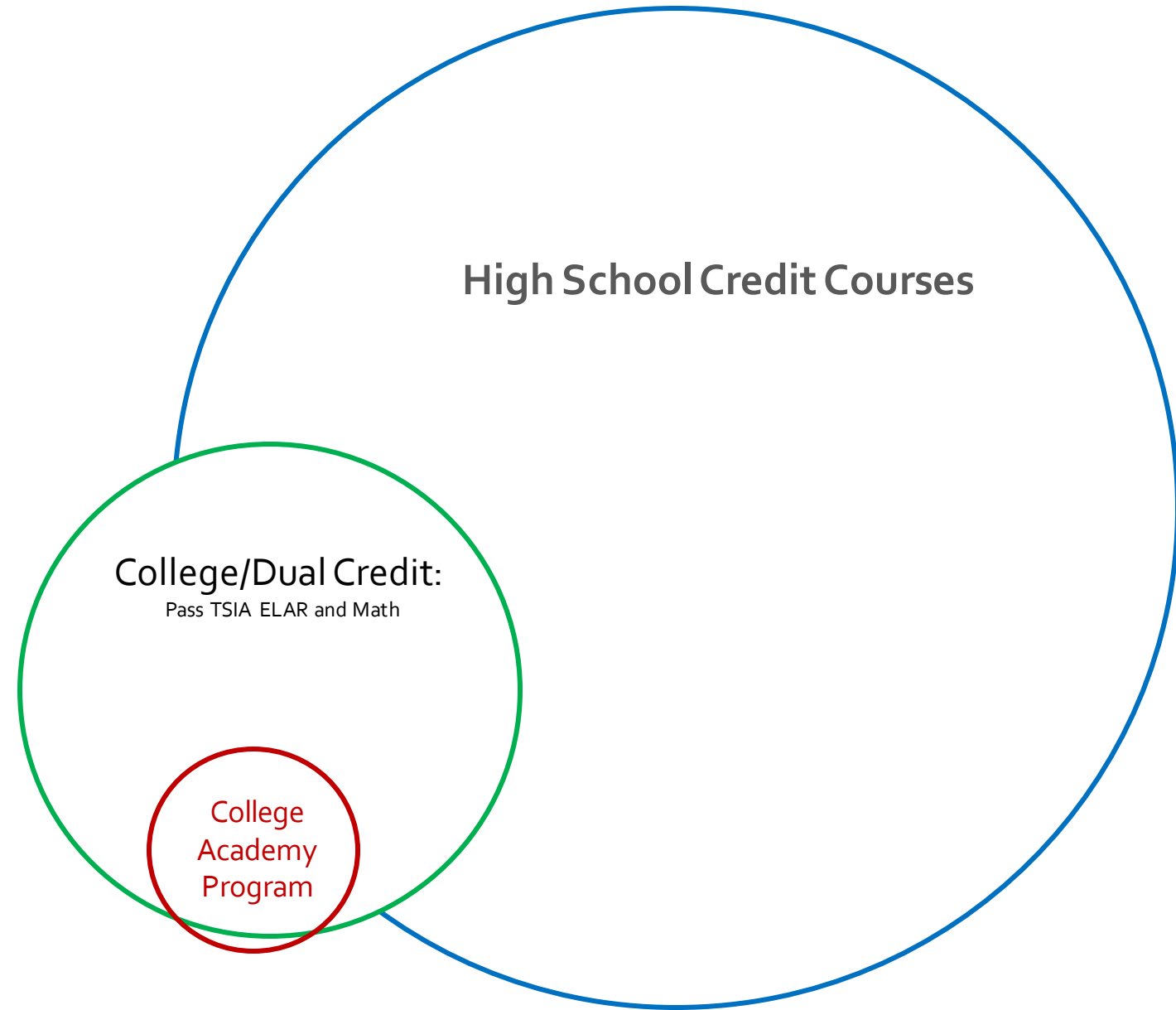


HSHS College Academy Orientation

College/Dual
Credit

VS

College
Academy
Program



College and Dual Credit

College Academy

	College/Dual	College Academy
High School/College Credit	Y	Y
Weighted High School GPA Credit*	Y	Y
Priority in Course Selection <small>(online class periods & early release)</small>	Y	Y
Core Complete Certificate (42+ hrs)*	Y	Y
Save Money College Tuition	Y	Y
More Housing Options	Y	Y
NTCC/TX Scholarship (FAST)	Y	Y
HSHS CA Scholarship (one course)		Y
Jr & Senior Reimbursements*		Y

Student
Eligibility
for
College
Academy

- Students currently in the 8th grade with a weighted GPA 3.0 or higher that qualify for two high school honor courses and pass all STAAR tests* may apply.
- Current high school students with the same standards who were not previously accepted may also apply.

**Applications are being accepted based on GPA and honors criteria and will be reviewed after STAAR test scores are released.*

College Academy Program

- As freshmen, Academy Scholars will be enrolled in the Academy Seminar college preparatory course.
- Scholars who successfully pass their TSIA Reading and Writing may begin college coursework spring of their freshman year.
- The majority of college courses will be delivered online. Time may be built into the high school schedule for students to complete online college coursework.
- Scholars must finish the College Academy Seminar course with a 95 or higher, maintain A's and B's in college course work, as well as other requirements listed in the College Academy Handbook to continue in the program and be eligible for reimbursements junior and senior year.

Is my student ready for College Academy?

Yes, maybe so...

- Independent Learner
- Internally Motivated
- High Academic Interest
- Post High School Mindset
- Academically Ready to Play for Varsity

Maybe not yet...

- "Forced" or "Helped" Learner
- Outwardly Motivated
- Higher Extra Curricular Interest
- Short Term Mindset
- Need Play Time on Junior Varsity

What are your senior year vs freshman in college goals?

Most college courses are 3 hours.

Collegiate Scholar (local award)	Attend a Junior College	Core Complete (in state guaranteed transfer-see next slide)	Associates Degree
12 Hours by fall 2027 (senior year)	stay around 18 hours through HS	42-44 hours	60+ hours

Currently only 15 hours are factored into high school GPA.

Core Complete Option

- If you plan to attend a public university in Texas, the Core Complete program can simplify the transferring process.
 - Completing the Core Curriculum at NTCC eliminates the need to transfer courses individually, as they transfer all together to replace the core curriculum at the receiving institution.
 - From The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board:
 - “If you plan to receive a bachelor's degree from a public university, Texas law requires that you complete a core curriculum of 42* credit hours. Each college or university identifies which of its courses fit into the core curriculum. If you complete the core curriculum with grades of "C" or better and transfer, the entire core curriculum transfers and substitutes for the core curriculum you would have taken at your new school.
 - “You may have to take additional course work if your transfer school has a larger core curriculum than the school you came from. If you complete only part of the core curriculum before you transfer, each course you completed should apply to the new school's core curriculum.”
- [College For All Texans - Transferring Tips](#)
- Students who plan to attend private or out-of-state universities can still benefit greatly from the College Academy by selecting courses from the receiving institution's core.

YES! I want to
begin the
College
Academy
Program.

STAAR Scores are expected in May to confirm eligibility. For now:

- First: Read full College Academy Guidebook
- Second: Fill Out Application with Essay
by **May 16**
(both online: hsisd.net → campus → high school → CA)
- Third: Look for Acceptance Letter in Summer
- Fourth: Still good? You do not have to return to counselor.
- Fifth: Make sure College Academy Seminar is on your newest Fall 2024 Schedule in August

If you have ANY questions,
please contact me!

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(remember we will soon be on summer hours! 😊)