

# The Sophomore Bulletin

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South Houston High School Class of 2011

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## Welcome Back Sophomore Class!

This publication, *The Sophomore Bulletin*, will be published periodically during the 2007-2008 school year. All sophomores are encouraged to read the bulletin and to share them with their parents. If at any time you have questions about information in the bulletin, please see the appropriate counselor.

Homerooms:

10-01 to 10-24: Mrs. Capelo

10-25 to 10-26: Mrs. Coon

Special population:

Mrs. Hogan

The faculty and staff of South Houston High School would like to welcome back all sophomores!

The counseling department will still service students by their current grade level; therefore, Mrs.

Capelo is the counselor for students in homerooms 10-01 to 10-24, Mrs. Coon is the counselor for students in homerooms 10-25 to 10-26, and Mrs. Hogan is the counselor for students in

special programs. Parents and/or students may contact Mrs. Capelo by email at [ycapelo@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:ycapelo@pasadenaisd.org). Counselors are also available before school at 7:00 and after school until 3:00. Students who need to see their counselor during the day need to fill out a blue **Request to See the Counselor** form (available in the counseling office. Return the form to Mrs. Brogan or Mrs. Harris, the counselors'

secretaries, and they will give it to the appropriate counselor.

The counselor will call for you at her earliest convenience.



## Grade Promotion Policy

Grade classification is tied to total units of credit earned by August 26, 2008. In order for a sophomore to progress to the junior class next year, he/she must have earned at least **10 total credits**. Students who plan to graduate in **2011** must have earned **19 credits** in order to be classified as a senior next school year. All students must earn **26 credits to graduate** from high school and graduate on the Texas

Recommended Plan.

This plan's minimum requirements include: 4 credits of English, 4 credits of math to include Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2, 4 credits in Science, including Biology, Chemistry and Physics, 4 credits of Social Studies, including World Geography, World History, US History, Government and Economics, 2 credits of the same Foreign Language, 1 credit in Technology, 1 credit in Fine Arts, 1.5 credits in PE or an equivalent, .5 credit in Health, .5 credit in Speech, and the remaining 3.5 credits in electives.

## Make-Up Time

It is important to attend school on a regular basis to ensure a student receives proper credit. Students cannot be absent more than **three** days per course per semester without a **doctor's excuse** or the student becomes responsible for completing **make-up time**. A student can provide up to **eight** doctor's notes. After the eighth note, the student will begin to owe **make-up time** whether there is a doctor's note or not. If the student **owes make-up time** and fails to serve the time, the student will be denied credit in those classes, **even if the student passed the class**. Students who want to make-up time need to attend **tutorials** with their teachers.

### Important Dates:

Oct. 8th-10th-  
Registration for PSAT

Oct. 10-End 1st 6 weeks

Oct. 15—PSAT

Nov. 14—End 2nd 6  
weeks

Nov. 17-20 & Dec. 1-4  
Reg. for Night School

Nov. 8—Spanish Credit by  
Exam

Nov. 18-Academic Excel-  
lence Ceremony

Nov. 24-28-Thanksgiving  
Holidays



# Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test—PSAT

The **PSAT** will be given on **Wednesday, October 15th** during the school day, periods 1-4. **Juniors and sophomores** may take the test; students currently in **honor's or Pre-AP classes or Algebra 2** are registered to take the test and are especially encouraged to take the test during both the **sophomore** and **junior** years.

The **PSAT** measures reading, writing, and math skills that are needed for college. Test takers will receive a **score report** so that they can compare their scores with those of other students who are planning to attend college. The test can also provide sophomores the opportunity to evaluate their current academic abilities and **tar-**

**get** any weaker areas before taking the **PSAT again next October.**

Sophomores may register for the PSAT beginning **October 8th** through **October 10th** by paying **\$13 cash** to Mrs. Brogan in the counseling office **before school, after school, or during lunch.**

# Early High School Graduation

The state of Texas provides a \$2,000 scholarship to students who complete all high school graduation requirements in only **three years** instead of four.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must plan to attend a **four-year university** or attend a **two-year junior college**. The scholarship cannot be used at a

technical school or trade school.

Eligible students also must have **ONLY** attended high school in the state of **Texas**, must be a **US citizen**, and must have completed **all graduation** requirements within **36 months**.

Early graduation students will need to attend sessions of both summer school and night school.

Each .5 credit course taken in night school is **\$100**, and each .5 credit course taken in summer school is **\$60**. On average, the typical expense for graduating in three years runs about **\$1000**. The cost depends upon the number of **credits** each student has earned. Typically, students wanting to graduate early should already have at least **7 credits** from last year.

# Planning for the Future

**Sophomores** can start planning now for their futures. It is time to begin investigating and researching colleges and/or possible careers.

When investigating colleges, consider academics, entrance requirements, location, and cost. Take notes and make a folder for each college possibility. Feel free to explore the following websites for more information about colleges, and careers. Plan ahead!

### College website information:

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com),  
[www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com),[www.act.org](http://www.act.org),  
[www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov), and  
[www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)

### Career website information:

[www.careervoyages.gov](http://www.careervoyages.gov),  
[www.myfuture.com](http://www.myfuture.com), and  
[www.careerkey.org](http://www.careerkey.org)

Happy exploring!

## Texas Academy of Math and Science

The Texas Academy of Math and Science (TAMS) is a residential, early college entrance program at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. This program serves students who want to pursue careers in math, science, or engineering. To apply, sophomores must be **Texas residents** who will have completed both **Geometry and Algebra 2** by the end of the 10th grade. Students must also take the **SAT** and must score a minimum of **1100**, with at least **600** on the math section. Interested and qualified students can contact TAMS at 1-800-241-TAMS or visit their website at [www.tams.unt.edu](http://www.tams.unt.edu).

