

# Elite College Prep Academy

**Our mission is to develop strong critical thinkers that will graduate from four year competitive colleges by providing strict character development and a rigorous academic curriculum.**

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## Welcome back to another exciting school year!

We would like to extend a huge welcome to all of our families as we begin an enriching and exciting new school year with your child at HGA.

**Communication:** There will be monthly newsletters sent home to provide pertinent information. Please feel free to contact us at any time with concerns or questions you may have. We can be reached at (832) 649-2814

**Dismissal:** Your patience and cooperation is requested during the dismissal process.

As an increased safety measure and an effort to reduce wait time in the student pick-up area, the outline procedures must be followed:

--- 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students are dismissed thru the main entrance of the school. All students are escorted out by their teachers to the designated dismissal area.

---The designated dismissal area is located adjacent to the school parking lot.

---Students picking up siblings from the elementary must do so prior to exiting the building.

--- A grace period of 30 minutes will be given to ensure all students are picked up. After

the 30 minutes grace period, a fee of \$15 will be charged.

---Keep in mind that our school has a policy of NO cell phones or electronics. If confiscated, the parent must come to the office to retrieve it and pay a \$15 fee. All collected fees are applied to our scholarship account.

**School Uniforms:** All students must be in uniform. We need your cooperation with the following: Uniform pants must be “regular fit” and not “skinny fit”. No student 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> may wear shorts to school.

---HGA values its volunteers, but for the safety and well-being of students please report to the main office to sign in.

## U P D A T E S

**Benchmarks:** Benchmark assessments will be administered August 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> and ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) testing is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup>. The benchmark results are included in the student’s averages.

**New School Hours:** Effective on Monday, **August 25<sup>th</sup>** the hours will extend to **5:00 p.m.** on Monday through Thursday. The Friday schedule will remain the same from 7:45 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

All testing dates and holidays can be found on the school website at [www.hgaschools.org](http://www.hgaschools.org)

**Attendance:** Regular school attendance is a key factor in school success.

Minimize appointments during the week to avoid missing instruction. School begins promptly at 7:45 a.m.

**Holiday:** The school is closed on September 1<sup>st</sup> due to Labor Day.

**Empowered Coalition Program:** The Parent sessions will begin on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the Evergreen Campus. Thereafter, sessions will continue throughout the school year on Tuesday’s at the Elite Campus and Thursday’s at the Evergreen Campus.

**Community outreach:** HGA provides FREE adult computer, citizenship, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for community members.

For more information contact Ms. Martinez at 713-673-2477.

## School connection at home!

Homework does not need to be a source of stress to your family. Some strategies to make homework easier include beginning with a snack/exercise, establishing a routine, helping the student get organized, freeing up his/her schedule, being a role model, staying positive, and giving guidance not answers. Create a homework-friendly home environment that will allow your children to excel.

Be the change you want to see at Elite College Prep Academy!