

Phoenix High School Information



Phoenix High School Mission Statement and Purpose

Phoenix High School (PHS) is committed to providing appropriate and quality educational experiences that assist students in developing personal responsibility, successful academic behaviors, and positive relationships. PHS staff embraces the commitment to continuous improvement, collaboration and accountability that will allow students to graduate prepared for continuing education or the workforce.

Phoenix High School is a competency-based alternative school for at-risk students in Elgin ISD and is registered as a state accredited alternative campus with the Texas Education Agency (TEA). PHS seeks to prevent students from dropping out of school as well as to recover those who have already left the school system. It is not a disciplinary campus, and students are not placed by any other agency or school. Students graduating from Phoenix High School do so with the state high school diploma, meeting the requirements of the Foundation Graduation Program with Endorsements as set forth by the TEA. Phoenix High School does not offer a GED program. Teachers at PHS utilize a blended model of the district adopted curriculum and computer based education. This blended model of instruction allows for high levels of student accountability giving students a level of flexibility to move through requirements for courses.

Curriculum Philosophy and Framework

Phoenix High School differs from a traditional high school in how students attend their school day. Two attendance tracks allow for flexibility in how students schedule their school day. Students work with PHS faculty to develop personal “road maps” to graduation. They are expected to work at a pace that will allow them to graduate with their initial cohort, while fulfilling state requirements for graduation. Students are expected to earn one half credit every three weeks or three credits in a semester, even though many are able to complete additional classes. Successful completion of courses is based on students exhibiting competence in the subject areas through completion of lessons and testing. Students have the ability to relearn and to show mastery of all subjects. Students at Phoenix High School are required to take and pass the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) exams and meet state and local course requirements to be eligible for graduation. STAAR End Of Course (EOC) exams will be administered to students based on the state testing calendar.

It is important that all parties in the application process know that Phoenix High School is a second chance for a student to stay in school and receive a full high school diploma. Phoenix High School will follow the policies and procedures set forth by the Elgin Independent School District, as contained in the Parent/Student Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct. If a student is not regularly attending class, is truant, or if the student is not ready for the individual responsibility that is required to perform, the student may be withdrawn from the school. There is set criteria and students will withdraw and return to Elgin High School if they receive three strikes. This criteria and strike system is outlined in the Phoenix High School handbook.