



Houston Gateway Academy, Inc.

Elite College Prep Academy

Principal John R. Smith, Best Team Ever

Dates to Remember:

- ❖ March 3:
College Visit:
Texas A&M
University
- ❖ March 13:
Early
Dismissal
- ❖ March 16-20:
Spring Break
- ❖ March 27:
Open House
- ❖ March 30:
Spring Holiday
- ❖ April 7:
STAAR/EOC
Grade 7
Writing;
Grade 8 Math;
ELA I
- ❖ April 8:
STAAR/EOC
Grade 8
Reading;
ELA II
- ❖ April 10:
Good Friday
Holiday

Texas Education
Agency (TEA)
2019
Accountability
Ratings:
Coral Campus
"A" 92 Overall
Elite Campus
"A" 92 Overall

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR! As always, your scholar and their success is our main goal. Please continue encouraging them as the STAAR and standardized testing is near. We could not offer such a rich education to our scholars without the continuing effort and support that you all give.

Enrollment: Enrollment has begun for the next school year. We are now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 Fall Semester. All re-enrollment forms are due March 2nd.

College Trip: Our 12th graders will have the opportunity to take a site tour of Texas A&M University at College Station on Tuesday, **March 3**.

Spring Forward: Get ready to spring those clocks forward on Sunday, March 8th.

District-Wide Fundraiser: We are conducting our annual car raffle fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 each and the Grand Prize is a brand new Nissan Armada. We need everyone's support and cooperation to make our fundraiser a success. All proceeds will go towards scholarships, sports, clubs, and activities. Visit our website for official rules and other information. All raffle tickets are due March 12.

Spring Break: There will be no school on Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 20th.

Open House: Is your child performing to the best of his/her ability? Open House is Friday, March 27th from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to retrieve your child's report card for the third nine weeks. This is also an opportunity for you to talk to his or her teachers.

Cell Phone Policy: 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.

Attendance: Attendance directly affects your child's academic performance. Students arriving after 7:45 a.m. are considered tardy. If your child comes to school tardy three times within the same week, Saturday detention will be assigned. Students who are absent should submit a written excuse (parent's note or doctor's excuse) upon returning to school. Excessive tardies and or absences are referred to the district's truancy officer. Furthermore, high school students with excessive absences will lose credit for the semester.

Test-Taking Dos and Don'ts:

Dos: Make sure your children have eaten well on test days. Studies suggest that good nutrition is related to improved attention and concentration. Help your child by encouraging a good night's rest before exams. Children who are tired will have difficulty focusing on their work. Make the morning of test days pleasant. Stress will impair your children's ability to perform their best. Remind your children to dress comfortably, perhaps in layers, so that they are able to adjust to the temperature in the room. Ensure that your children make it to school on-time so that they do not miss any instructions and are allowed ample time to settle in and relax before the test begins.

Don'ts: Don't be too anxious about your children's test scores. Although it is important to let them know that the tests should be taken seriously, it is also important not to increase test-taking anxiety. Don't underestimate your influence on your children. Taking an interest in what they are doing at school and helping them prepare for tests will certainly have a positive impact on them.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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