

# 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 any time with concerns or questions you may have and we can be reached at 832-649-2701

**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:

---The green-colored car tag should be placed on the front view mirror of the vehicle when picking up your child after school.

---Parents will not be allowed to enter through the front entrance doors during dismissal.

---Parents are to form a line near the student pick-up area at the rear of the building and an assigned staff member will alert the students by calling his/her name.

Please request a parent-teacher conference if you have any concerns regarding the academic progress of your child. Progress reports for academics and conduct are distributed bi-weekly and it is vital that you review and sign them. We strongly suggest that you not wait until mid-year or the end of the year to share your concerns. HGA is an open-door policy school, so we welcome all parents!

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

## U P D A T E S

**Benchmarks:** Benchmark assessments will be administered August 19th -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.

**ASP (After School Program):** The ASP begins on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and the hours will extend to **5:00 p.m.** on Monday through Thursday. The Friday schedule will remain 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 Parent Coalition** invites you to attend the first session 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, 9:00 and 6:00 p.m. and Thursday's at the Evergreen Campus, 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**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.

Sea el cambio que quiera ver en Elite College Prep!