

COLLEGE ACADEMY

BOARD UPDATE

April 11, 2025

The Goal of College Academy

Our goal is for each SBISD College Academy student to obtain an Associate of Arts Degree from HCC prior to graduating from high school.





RISE College Academy at Northbrook High School

- 44 students in '24-'25
- 43 students anticipated for '25-'26



Tiger College Academy at Spring Woods High School

- 42+ students anticipated for '25-'26
- Transfers are being considered for enrollment

RISE College Academy at Northbrook High School

- Year 1 retention rate: 97%
- Passing rate for dual credit courses: 99%
- Passing rate for OnRamps courses: 99%



RISE at NHS Student Supports

- Students participate in a cohort experience which promotes peer bonding and support
- Students receive 1:1 check-ins from an Academic Achievement Specialist, which is an NHS campus unit dedicated to the RISE College Academy
 - ~ Well-being
 - ~ Academics
 - ~ Action planning
- An October morale boost: Teacher encouragement letters
- Advisory time has been structured to meet student needs. This provides work time, de-stress opportunities, academic support, etc.

RISE at NHS

Student Reflections

- *The courses are not that bad. Sometimes the work can get stressful, but I'm still pushing through so far. I would say it's manageable.*
- *I am grateful for the considerations the staff has adapted for us, and I think the changes have been working great for us.*
- *I feel like RISE really teaches us independence and reliability because all our work must be done by a deadline.*
- *A great part of the RISE program is the friends you make, and knowing people in RISE is important because you know you have a support system.*
- *I feel like the support we are getting from the administration is going well.*



Tiger College Academy At Spring Woods High School

Recruitment began with individual student consultations, which included a review of the following:

- Student performance, course rigor, and attendance
- Alignment of graduation program requirements
- Extracurricular participation

Next Steps

- Prepare for RISE Cohort 2
- Finalize the degree plan for Tiger College Academy
- Prepare students of incoming cohorts
- Include College Academy in on-going parent talks for elementary and middle schools



Thank You.