

Academic Planning
Helping Students Succeed
2009-2010

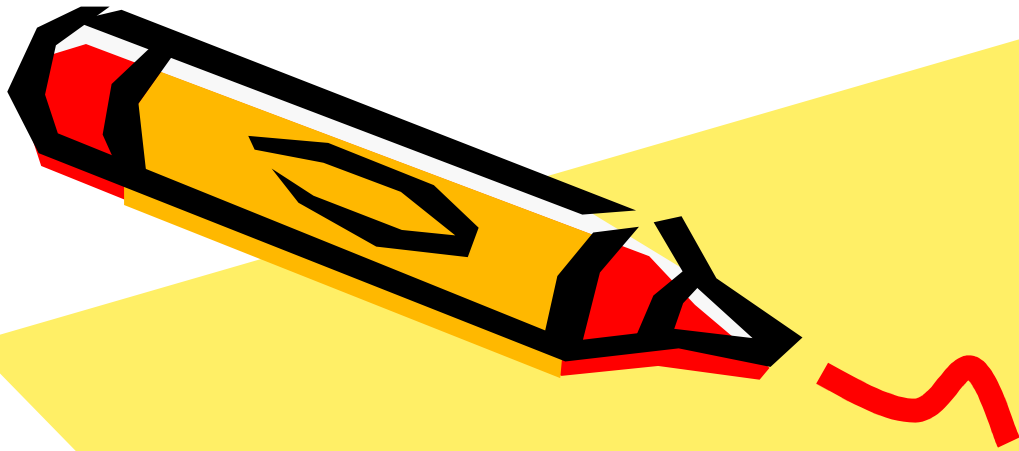




8th - 12th Grade

Advantage Academy, Grand Prairie
Advantage Academy, North Duncanville
Advantage Academy, Rowlett
Advantage Academy, Waxahachie





The Common Goal

To help students become a wage earner
in a very competitive global workforce
and to have the opportunity
to pursue a College degree.





Plan

Begin high school with your career goals in mind and plan backwards

Career goals determine level of post-secondary education

4 Year Bachelor's Degree

2 Year Associate's Degree

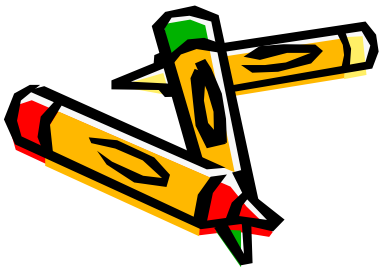
Technical Certification

Post-secondary plans determines the pathway in high school



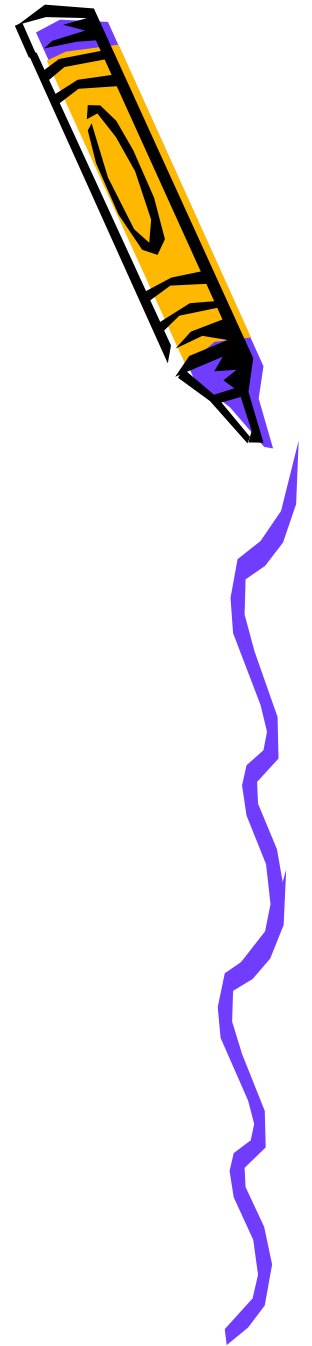
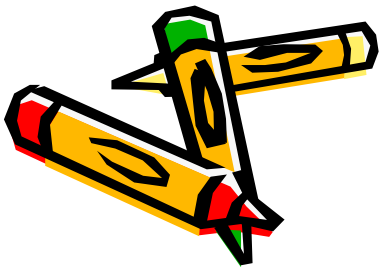
"PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS"

- An individualized educational plan, a Career Plan, that is driven by what a student wants for his/her future.



Set an Appointment with the Campus Advisor:

- In order to:
 - Review student Transcript and supporting student documentation;
 - Requirements for graduation;
 - Personal Career Plan;
 - Plans for full-time employment or College Education.



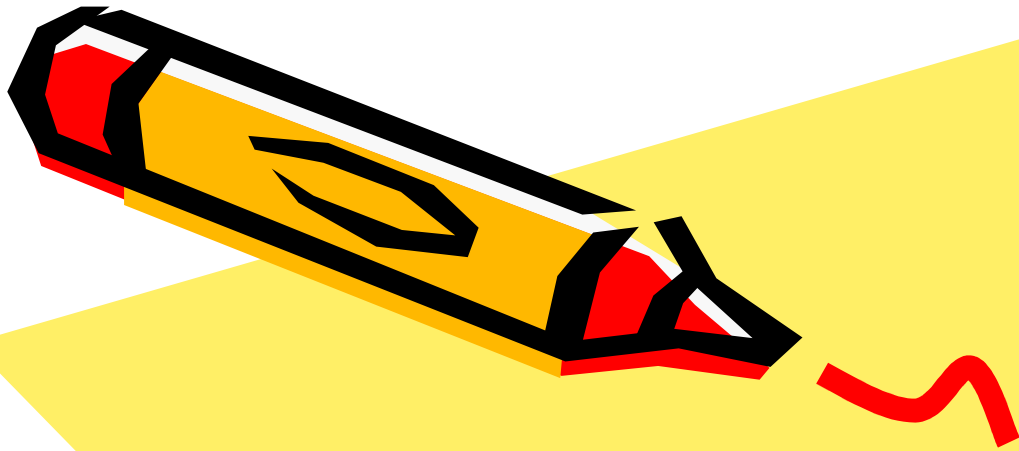


NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

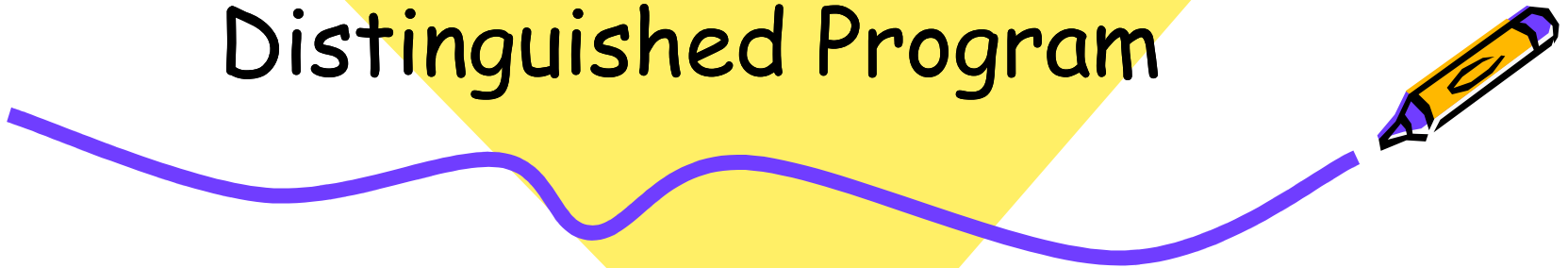
STUDENTS ENTERING 9TH GRADE IN THE
2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR AND
THEREAFTER

(26 credits-Recommended Plan)





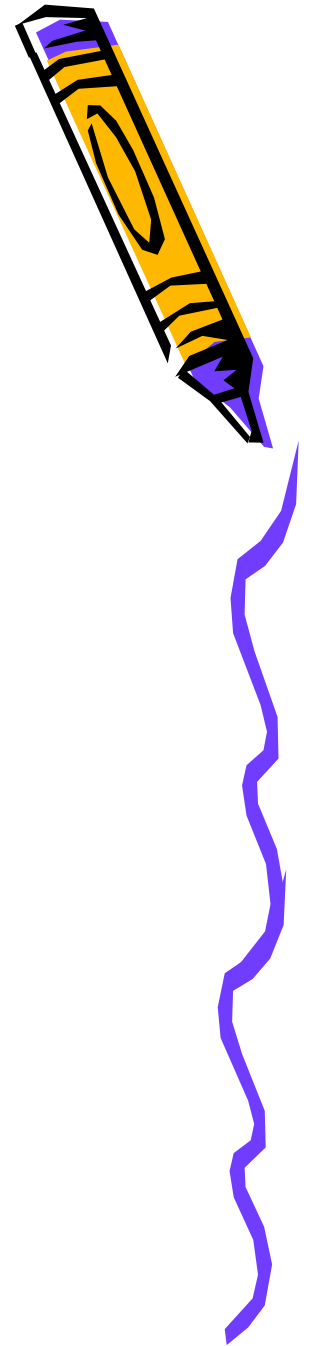
The State of Texas* offers:
Recommended Program
Minimum Program
Distinguished Program



English

- 4 credits
- English I or ESL I or Pre-AP
- English II or ESL II or Pre-AP
- English III or AP
- English IV, AP, or concurrent enrollment in College English courses

*AP Students have to pass the College Board examination for college credit.



Mathematics

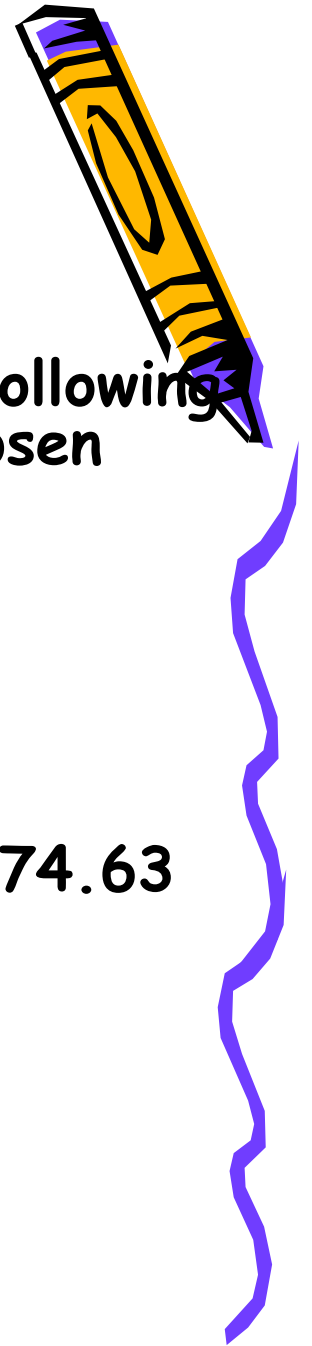
- 4 credits
- Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II are required.
- The additional credit may be chosen from the following: 4th SBOE approved mathematics course (see TAC 74.63 for possible courses).



Science

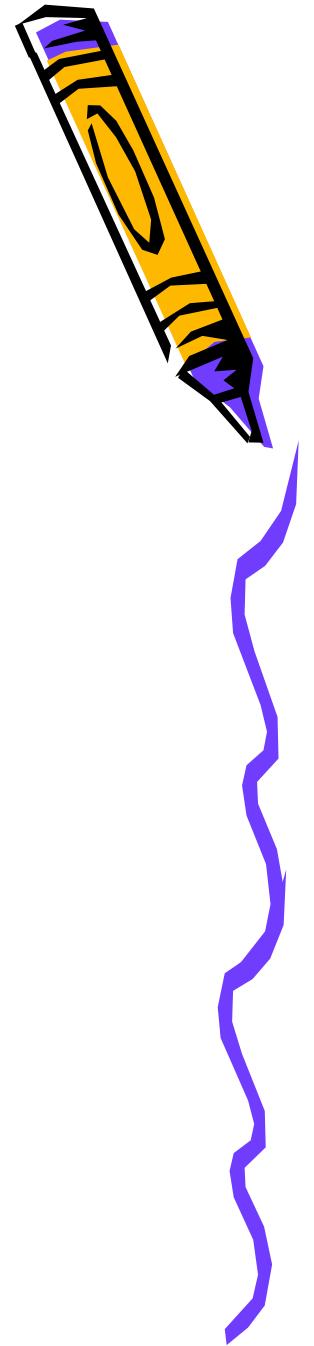
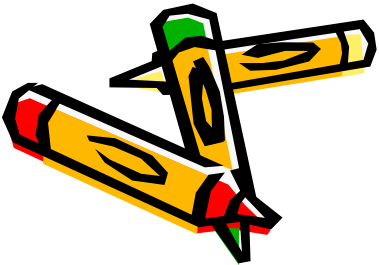
- 4 credits
- One credit must be Biology
- Students must choose two credits from the following areas. Not more than one credit may be chosen from each of the following areas:
 - Integrated Physics & Chemistry (IPC)
 - Chemistry
 - Physics

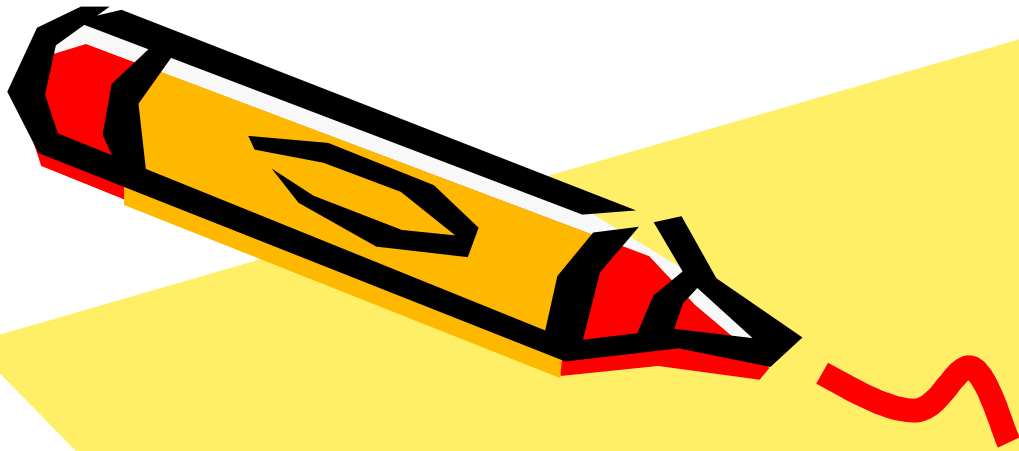
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Social Studies & Economics

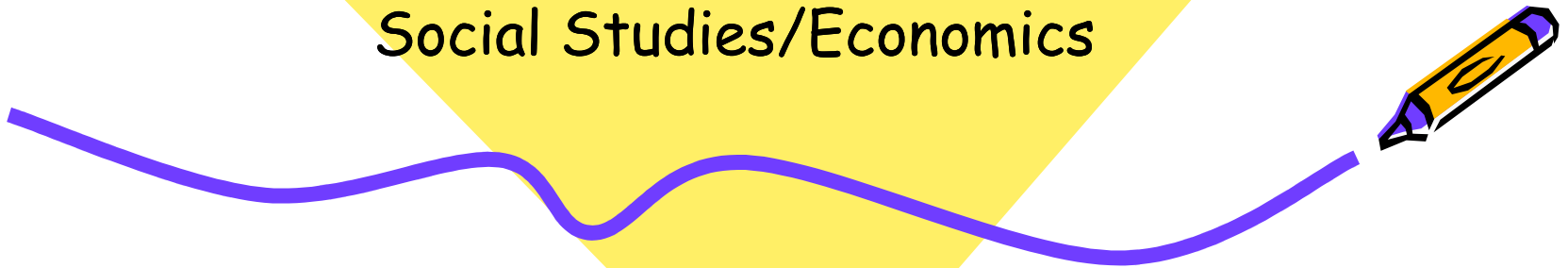
- 4 Credits
- World Geography
- World History
- US History
- US Government (0.5 credit)
- Economics (0.5 credit)





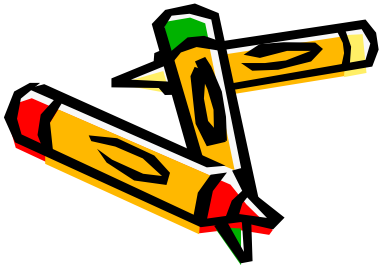
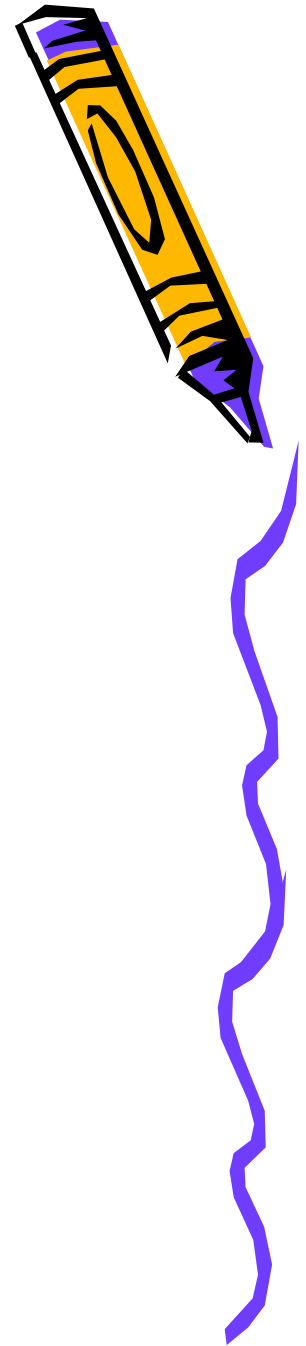
Thus the name: The 4X4

4 Credits of English, Math, Science, and
Social Studies/Economics



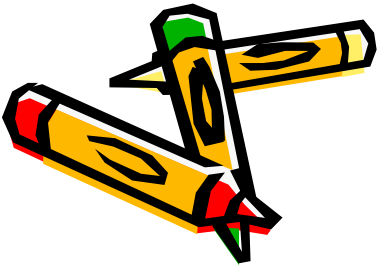
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)

- 2 credits in a foreign language:
 - Any two levels in the same language.
 - For example, Spanish I and II



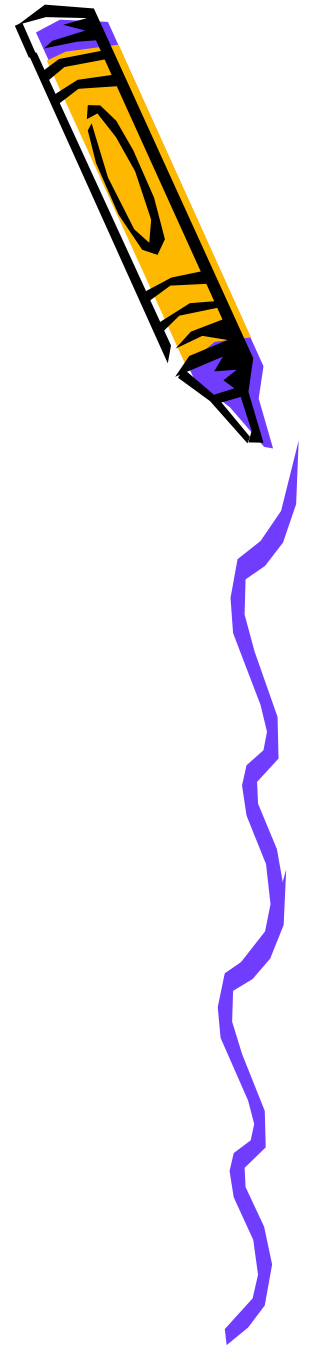
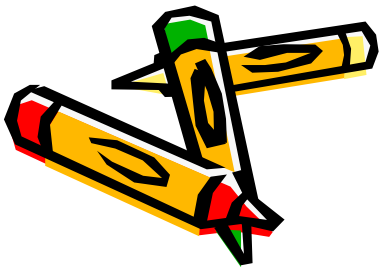
Health

- Not required:
 - Health Education (0.5 credit) may be taken in order to count as an elective.



Physical Education

- 1 credit
 - Students may earn no more than 2.0 credits in Physical Education toward state graduation requirements.



Technology Applications

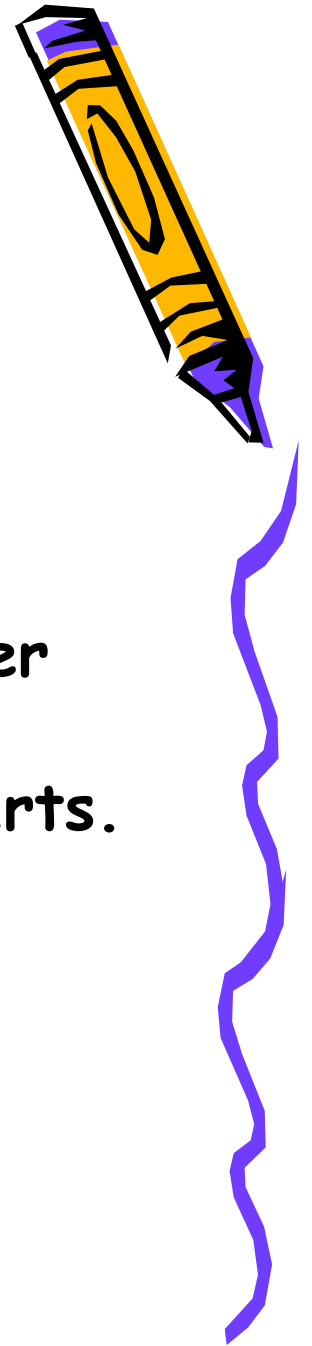
Not required

- Computer and Technology classes may be taken to count as elective credit.
 - Some of the classes that are currently available are: Keyboarding, Career Connections, Family and Career Connections, Computer Applications, BCIS I, BCIS II, Introduction to Desktop Publishing, Database Fundamentals, and IT Academy.
 - The IT Academy class focuses on preparing students for certification opportunity in Microsoft Office 2007 programs, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, and Outlook).



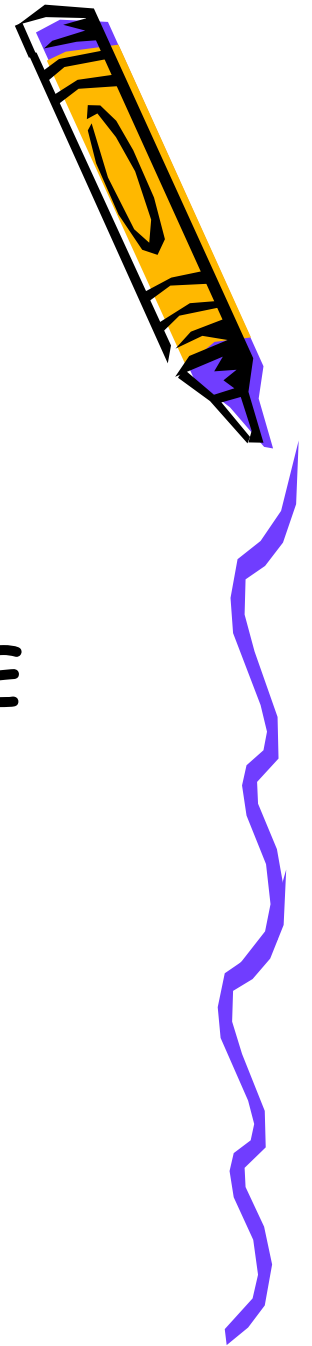
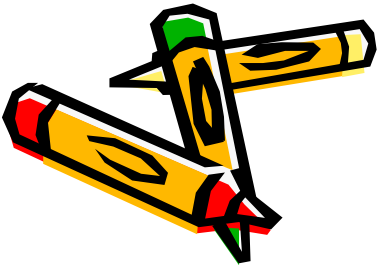
Fine Arts

- 1 credit
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Speech

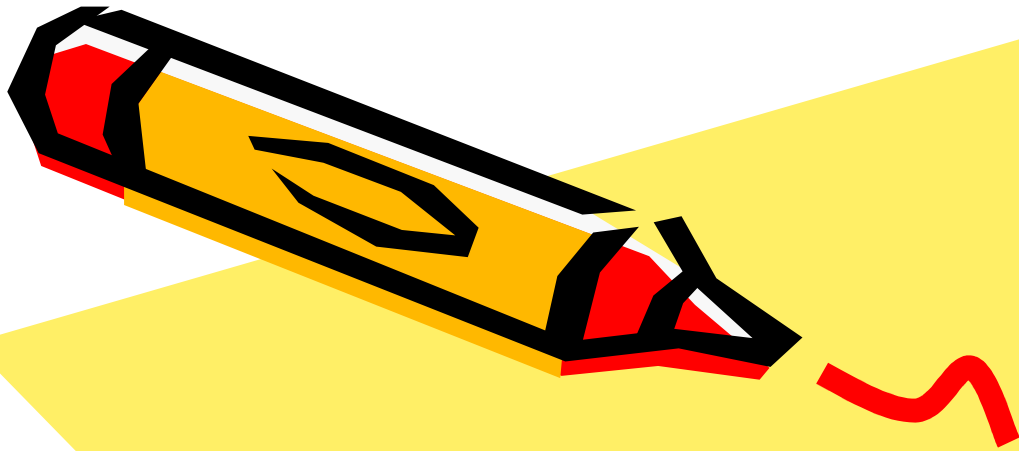
- 0.5 credit required:
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ credit required per current SBOE rule, may count as an elective.



Electives

- 6 credits:
 - May be selected from the list of courses specified in 74.51 relating to High School Graduation Requirements.





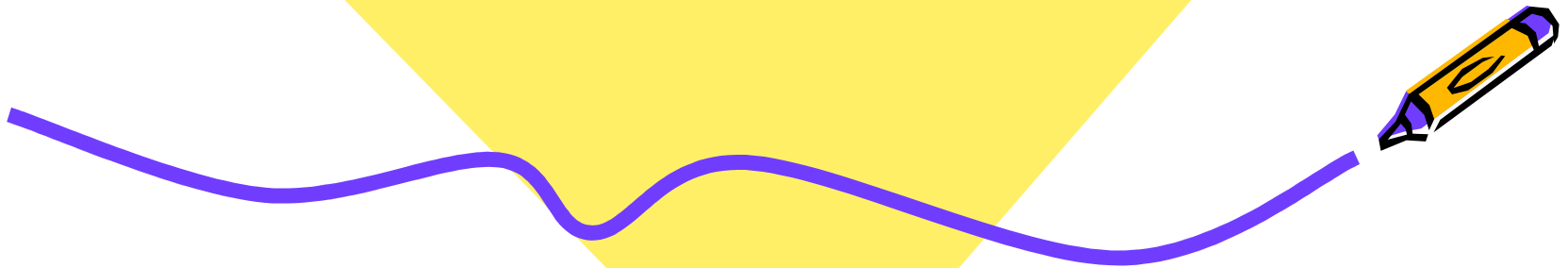
Total

26 Credits





Advanced Measures



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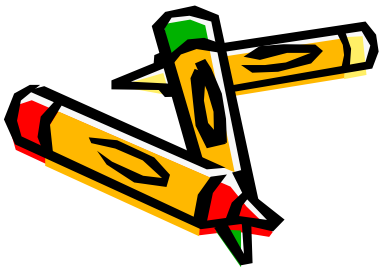


- Apply for **Pre-AP** and **AP** classes;
- Apply for **Dual Credit Classes**
 - Dallas Community Colleges, www.dccd.edu;
- Consider **Student Internship** positions for experience and exposure such as:
 - AAFES, www.aafes.com
 - Contact Guidance Counselor for application and interview requirement.
 - Charlton Methodist Hospital-Volunteer Services Department
- Register for the **PSAT** and **SAT** exams early;
- Start planning for College early-
 - Talk with the Campus Principal and Counselor;
 - Start visiting Colleges now;
 - Look at www.collegeboard.com for College Planning, Scholarships and Grants, PSAT and SAT requirements;
 - Contact LULAC for additional assistance with College Planning.



College Entrance Exams

- **ACT and PSAT**, 10th Grade;
- **ACT and SAT**, 10th and 11th Grade;
- Can take or retake in 12th Grade in order to heighten scores for college entrance requirements.



Pre-AP ELA Classes, 9th & 10th

- Students who desire and are ready to do college-level work.
- Eligible with a current GPA of 3.0 = 90%, based on a 4.0 scale
- Student must maintain 3.5 GPA=85% on a 5.0 grading scale.
- Student must complete agreement and abide by course requirements.

New District Policy for 2009-2010.

Pre-AP classes are not eligible for college credit.



AP ELA Classes, 11th & 12th

- Students who desire and are ready to do college-level work.
- Eligible with GPA of 3.0 = 90%, based on a current 4.0 grading scale.
- Student must maintain 3.5 GPA=85% on a 5.0 grading scale.
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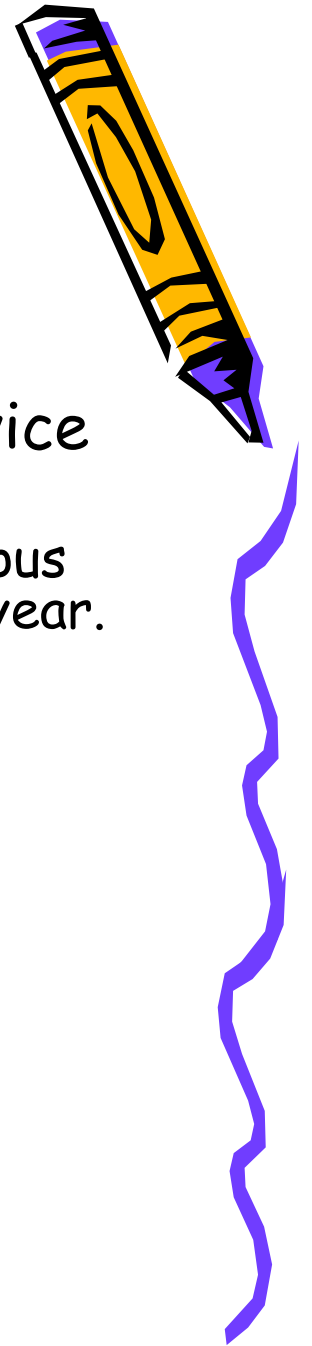


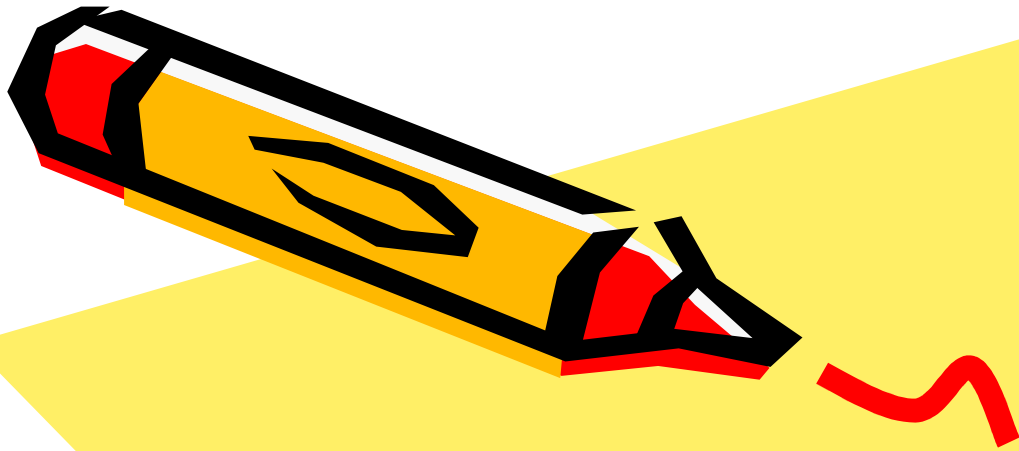
AP classes are eligible for college credit if a student passes the College Board Exam.



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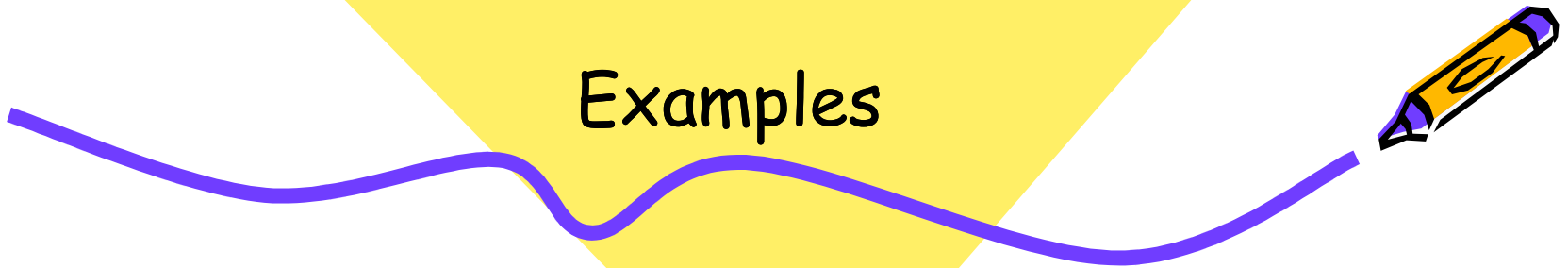
- Consider Job Interests,
www.txworkforcecommission.com;
- Volunteer for at least 10 hrs. Community Service a year;
 - Community Service hours will be tracked by all campus Social Studies teachers for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Start a student resume now;
 - List personal interests and hobbies;
 - List Clubs and Organizations you are involved in;
 - Talents you have;
 - Rewards you earned;
 - Volunteer hours you complete;
 - Jobs held;
 - List References you build for recommendation.



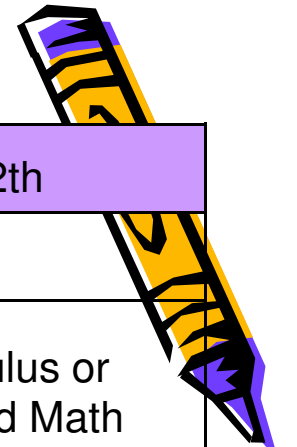


How will the 4X4
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schedule?

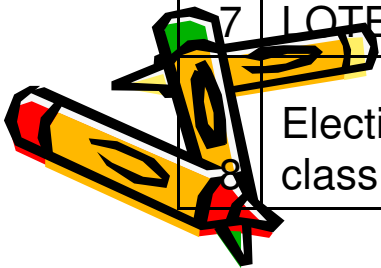
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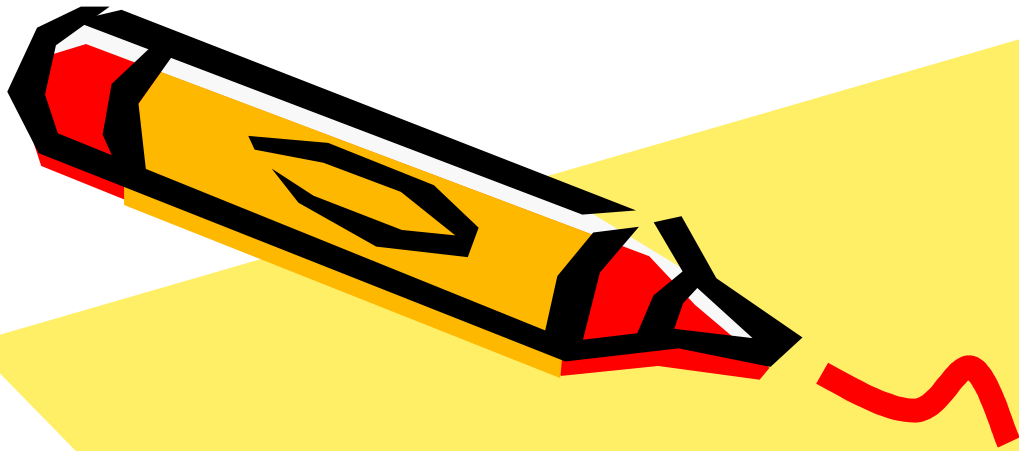


Sample - Recommended Plan



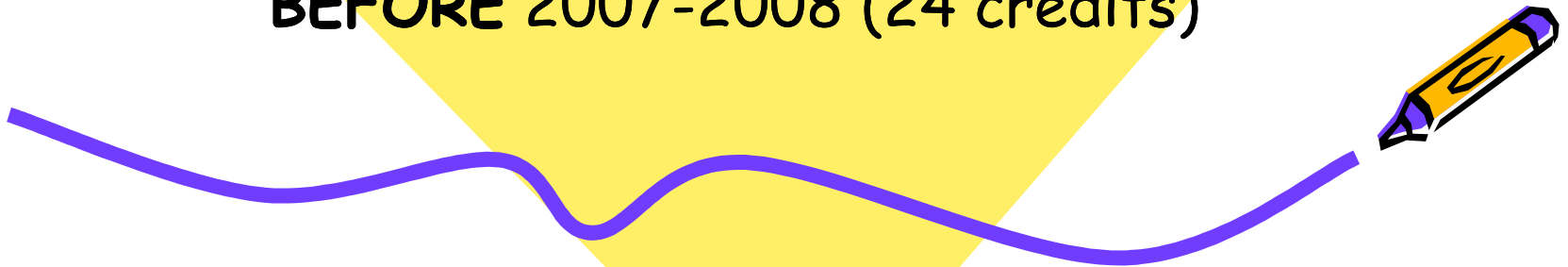
	9th	10th	11th	12th
1	Eng.I	Eng. II	Eng. III	Eng. IV
2	Alg. I	Geom	Alg. II	Pre Calculus or Lab based Math
3	W. Geography	W. Hist	US Hist	Gov/Economics
4	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	IPC or Lab based science
5	P.E. /Health	Speech	Fine Art	Elective-CTE class IT Academy
6	Fine Arts	PE/Elect	Elective or CTE Family and Career	Elective or *Dual Credit Class
7	LOTE-Spanish I	LOTE-Spanish II	Elective -Cultural Linguistics (Bible)	Elective or *Dual Credit Class
	Elective-CTE class, BCIS I	Elective-CTE Class-BCIS II	Elective	Elective or *Dual Credit Class





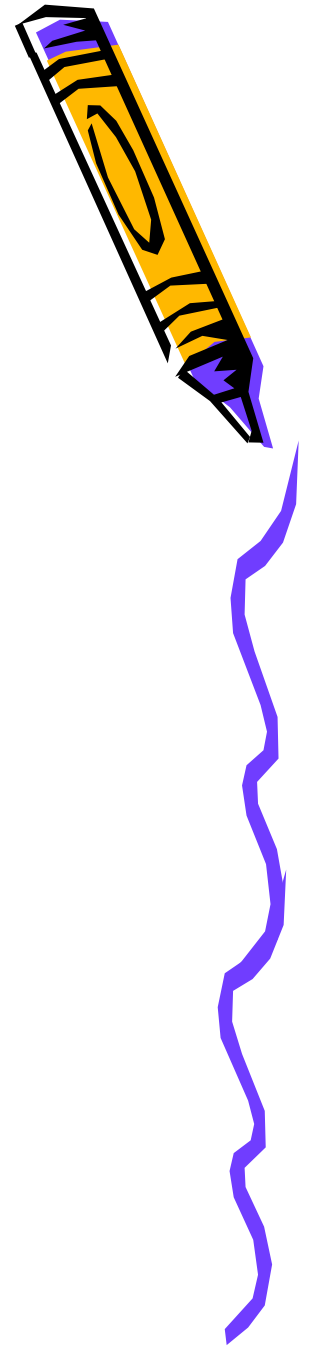
OLD GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

STUDENTS WHO ENTERED 9TH GRADE
BEFORE 2007-2008 (24 credits)



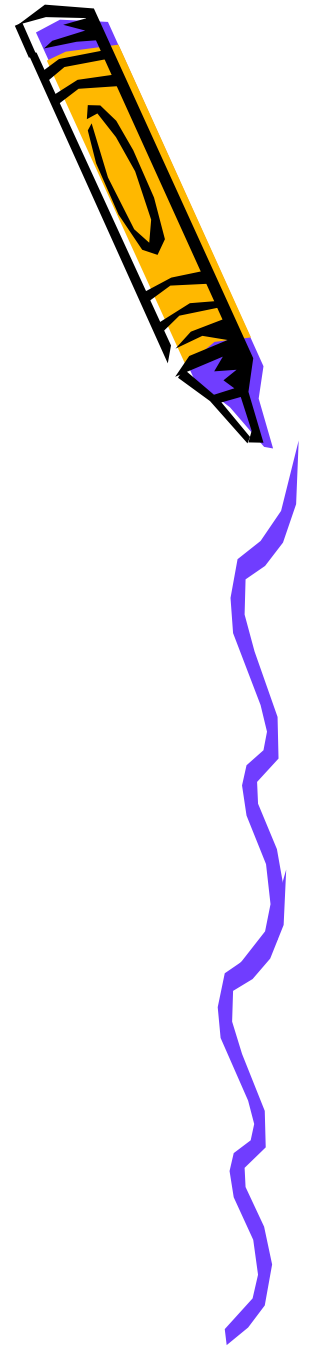
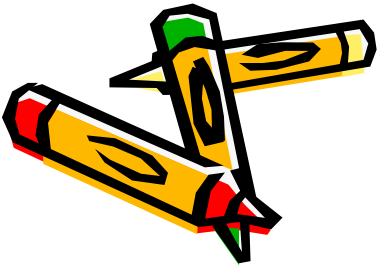
English

- 4 credits
- English I
- English II
- English III
- English IV



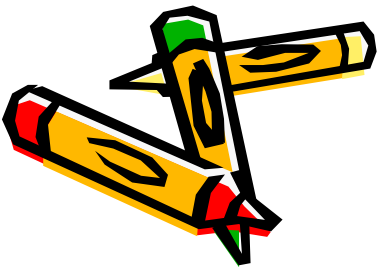
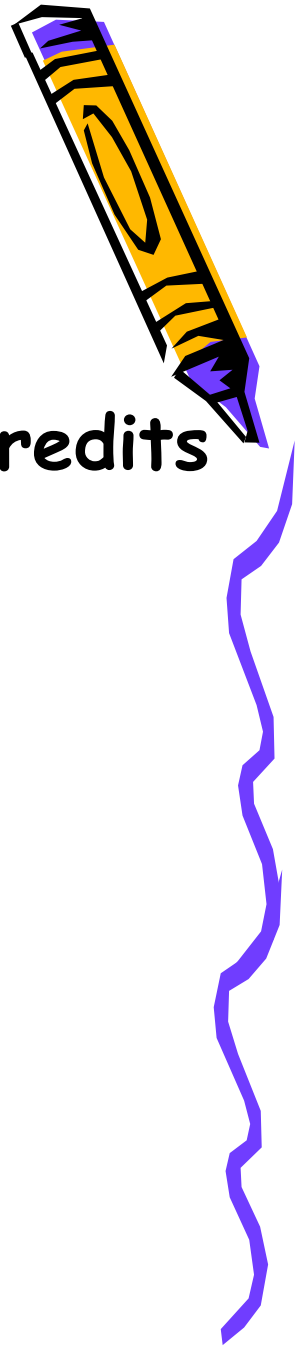
Mathematics

- 3 credits:
 - Must include:
 - Algebra I
 - Geometry
 - Algebra II



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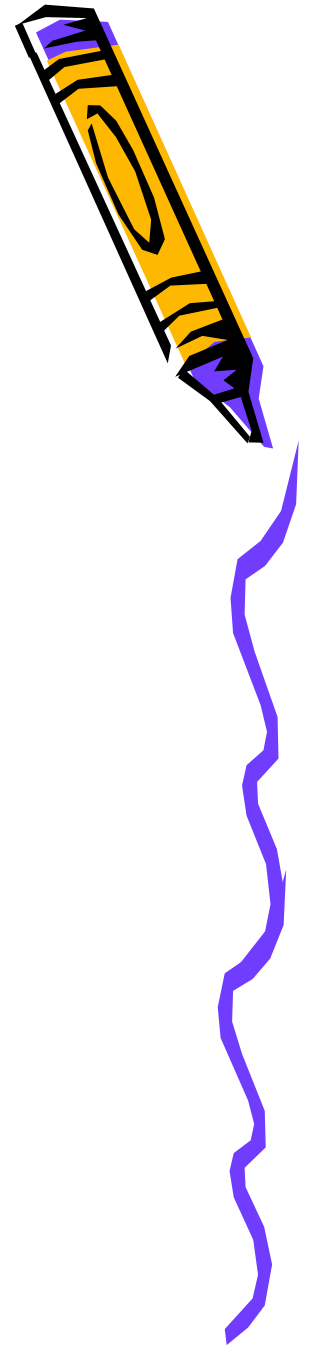
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Social Studies & Economics

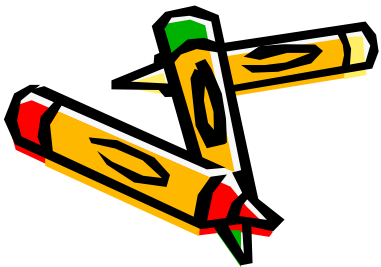
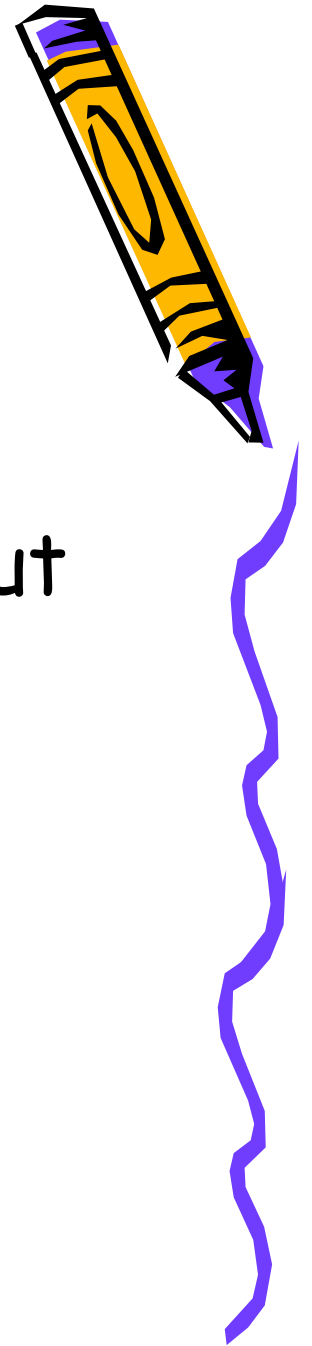
4 Credits of Social Studies:

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- US Government (.5 credit)
- Economics (.5 credit)



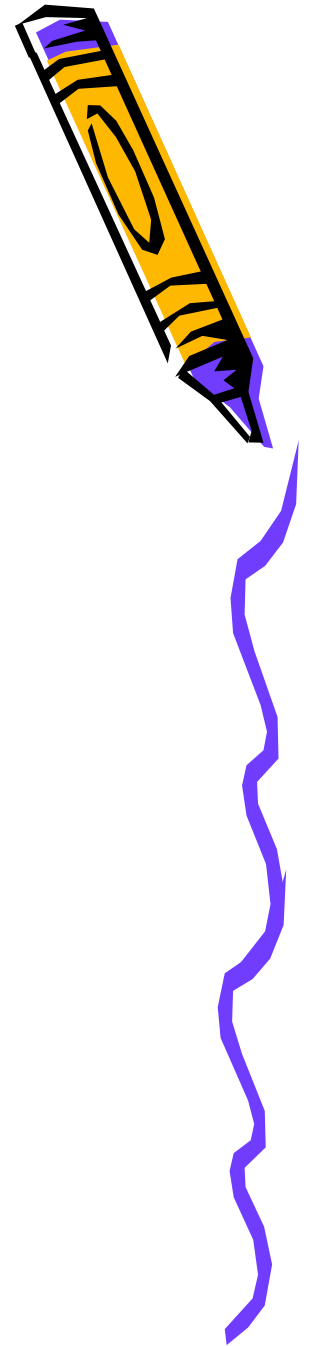
Physical Education & Health

- 1 credit required in P.E.
- .5 credit not required in Health, but may count as an elective.



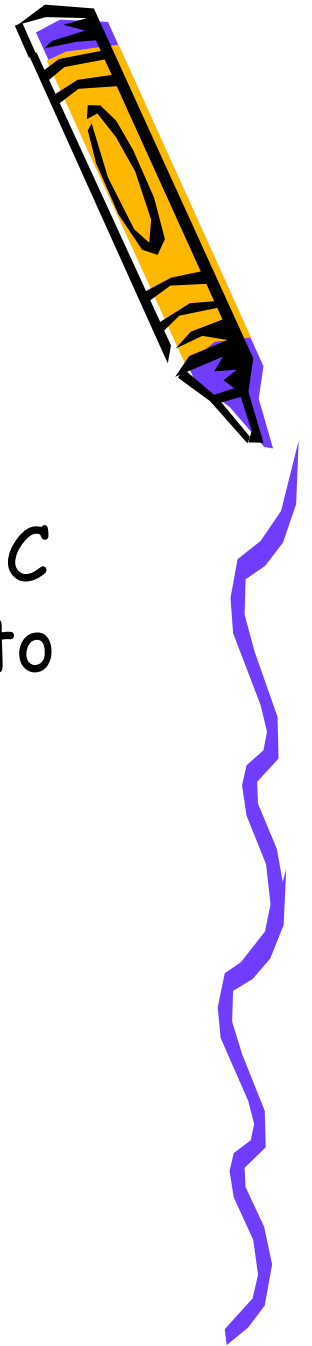
Foreign Language

- 2 credits of Foreign Language:
 - Any two level in the same language.



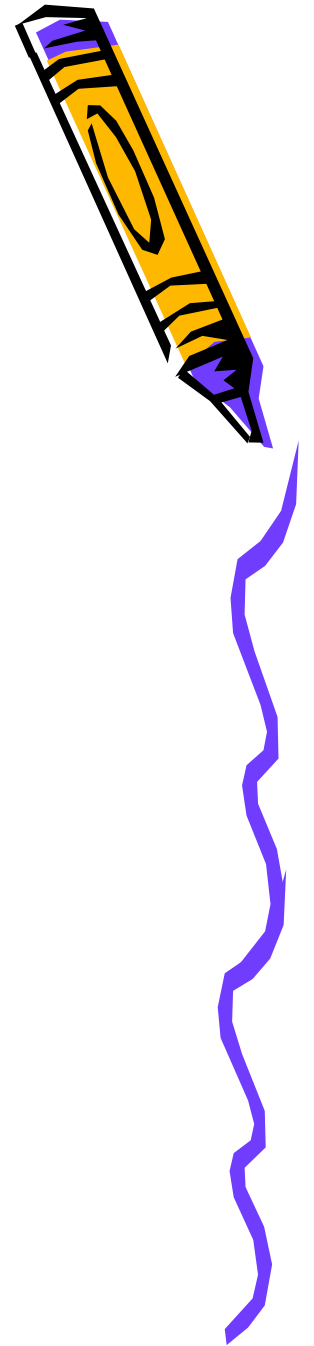
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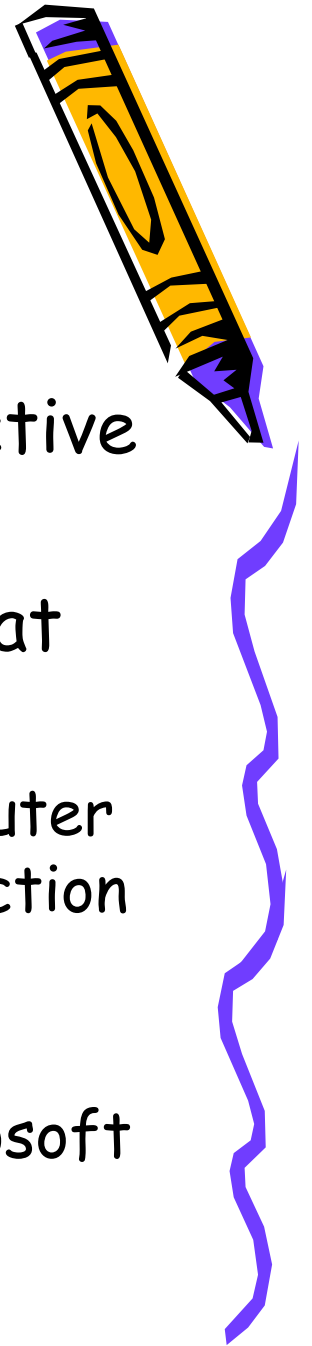
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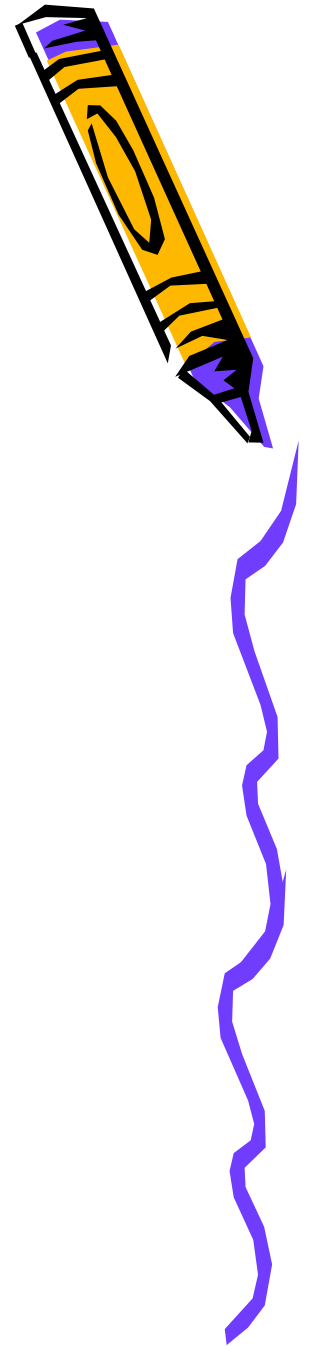
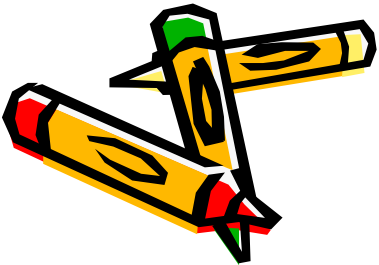
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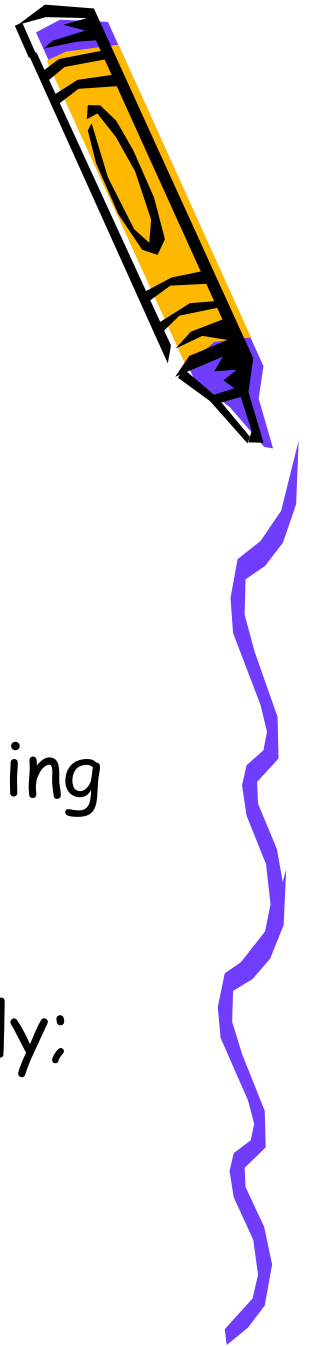
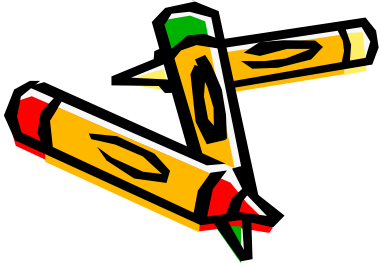
Electives

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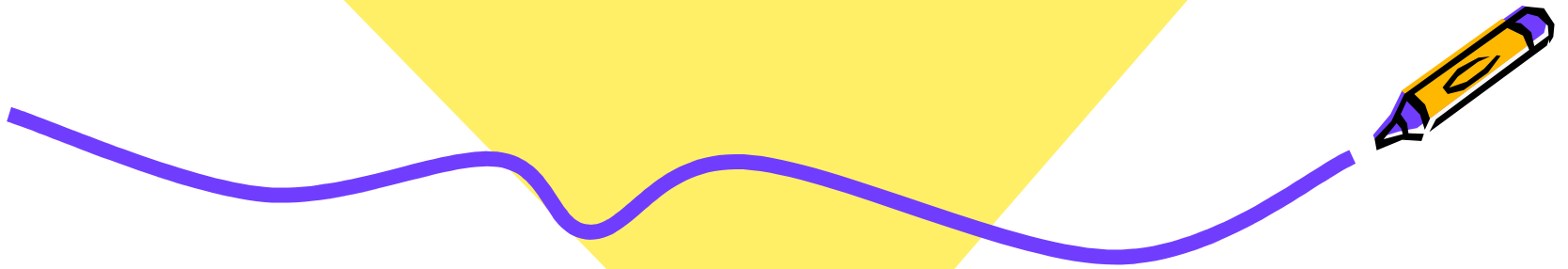
What to do?

- Plan ahead!
- Consider **Summer School** for course recovery;
- **Get required classes** out of the way as a Freshman;
- Talk with the Campus Advisor about enrolling in **dual credit** for course acceleration, especially over Summer;
- Create and update a four-year plan annually;
- Work closely with your Campus Advisor.





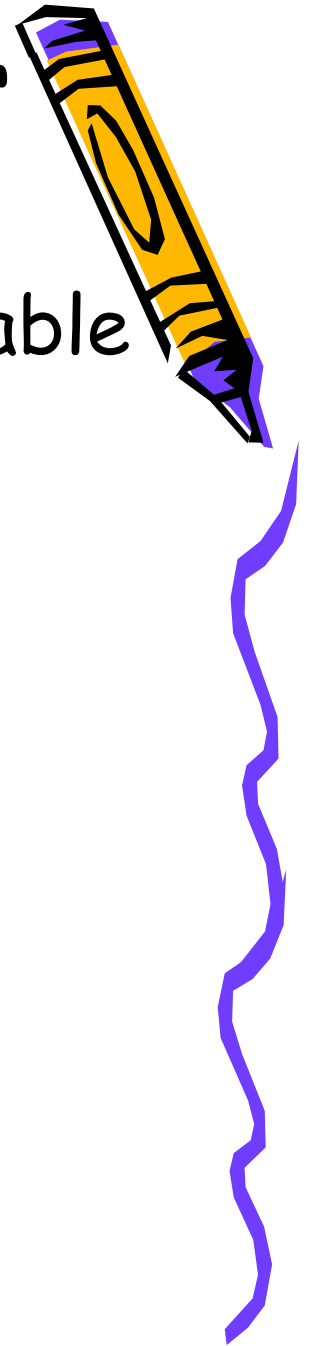
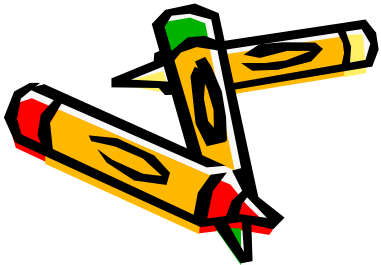
Campus Clubs



TAC Clubs are available for exposure, not credit

Examples of TAC clubs that may be available
on campus:

- Fine Arts
- Destination Imagination
- Yearbook
- Newspaper
- Technology Club
- Pax United, Peers Making Peace





Campus Advisors

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Waxahachie Campus, Isabel Green,

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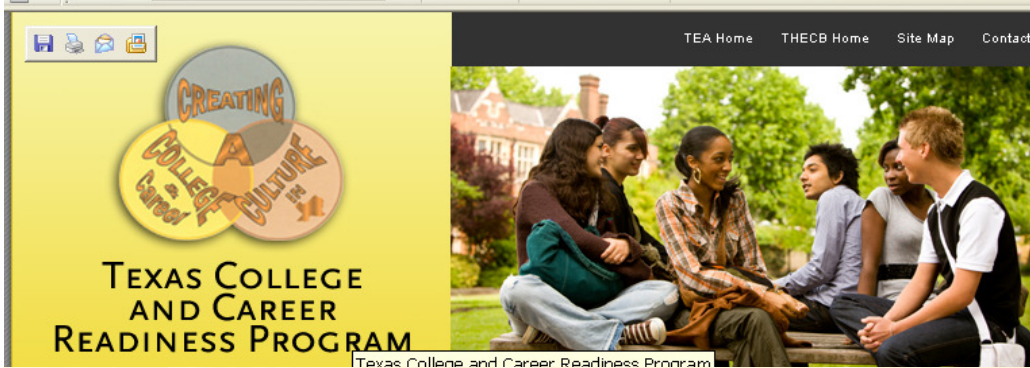
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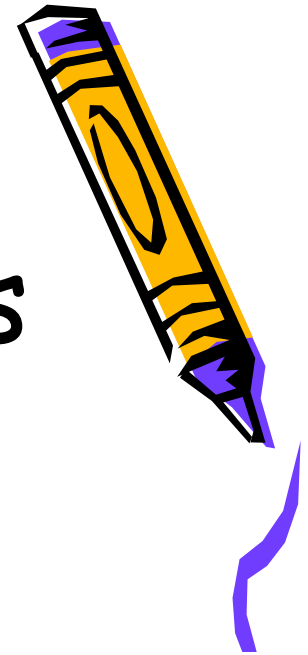
Rowlett Campus, Steve Cipriano,

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Other Resources



<http://www.txccrs.org/index.ht>



- Phase 3 resource review work is underway for the English Language Arts vertical team and the Math vertical team will be conducting their reviews in the summer of 2009. [More...](#)
- Phase 2 secondary curriculum alignment (gap analysis) with the College and Career Readiness Standards is now complete for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. [More...](#)



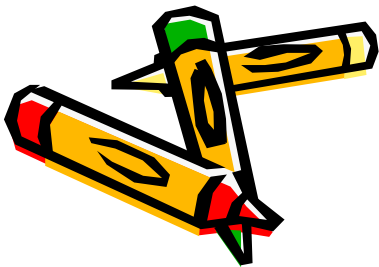
Frequently Asked Questions about Dual Credit

Updated 6/19/07

1. What are dual credit courses? The term “dual credit courses” is somewhat misleading.

http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/gted/Dual_Credit_QA61907.pdf

“dual credit” earned is college credit and high school credit for one course. Courses through which a student may earn dual credit may be taken at the high school or at a college and may be taught by a high school teacher with appropriate credentials or by regular college faculty. The high school and college work together to determine appropriate high school credit to be awarded upon successful completion of the course.

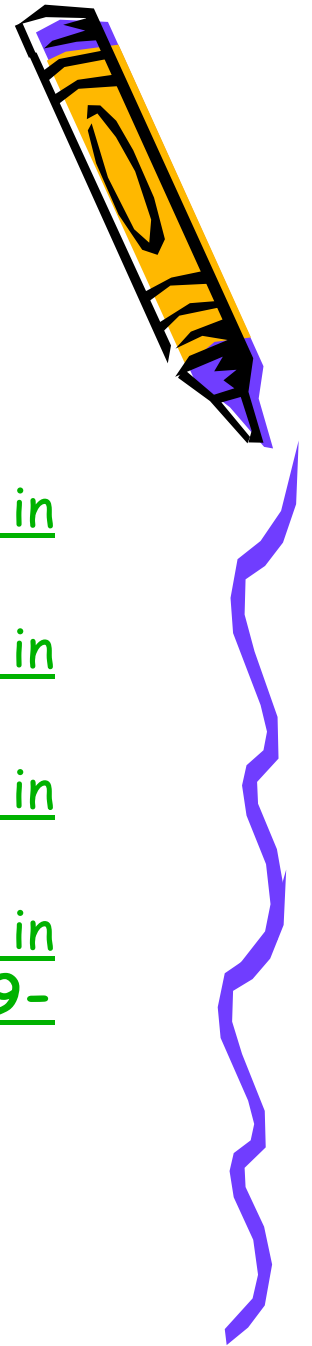
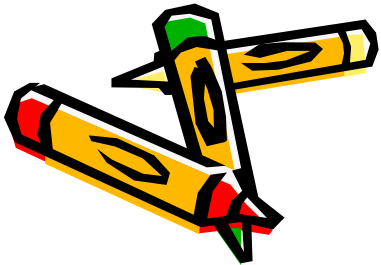


State of Texas

Graduation Requirements,

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/curriculum/ugr.html>

- *Graduation Requirements - for Students Entering Grade 9 in 2007-08 and thereafter
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- *Graduation Requirements - for Students Entering Grade 9 in 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2003-04
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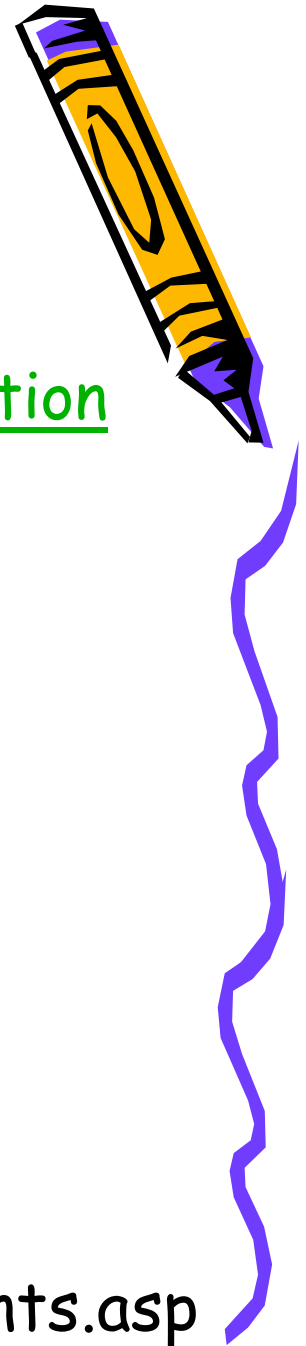


Texas' Workforce,

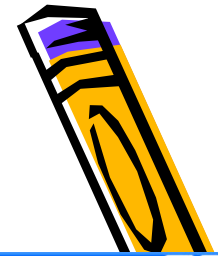
- Starting the Job Search and Interview Conversation
- Career Information Hotline
- Career Success: The World is Waiting
- Texas CARES Featured Career
- Career Success: Ready for the World
- Succeed At Work Why Study This??
- Succeed at Work Express Youth Advisory Group
- High School Graduation Plan
- Texas CARES Version 7



<http://www.cdr.state.tx.us/parents/parents.asp>



www.AchieveTexas.org



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AchieveTexas

Lifelong Success for All Students

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What is Achieve Texas?

Welcome to **AchieveTexas** which is a new education initiative designed to prepare all students for a lifetime of success. It allows ALL students to achieve excellence by preparing them for secondary and postsecondary opportunities, career preparation and advancement, meaningful work, and active citizenship.

AchieveTexas is a system designed to help students (and their parents) make wise education choices. It is based on the belief that the curricula of the 21st century should combine *rigorous* academics with *relevant* career education. When schools integrate academic and technical education, students can see the "usefulness" of what they are learning. The system also facilitates a seamless transition from secondary to postsecondary opportunities.

This initiative uses the sixteen federally defined Career Clusters of the States' Career Clusters initiative (www.careerclusters.org) as the foundation for restructuring how schools arrange their instructional programs. A Career Cluster is a grouping of occupations and broad industries based on commonalities. The sixteen Career Clusters provide an organizing tool for schools, small learning communities, academies, and magnet schools. Career Pathway models have been developed for each of the Career Clusters. These models represent a recommended sequence of coursework based on a student's interest or career goal.

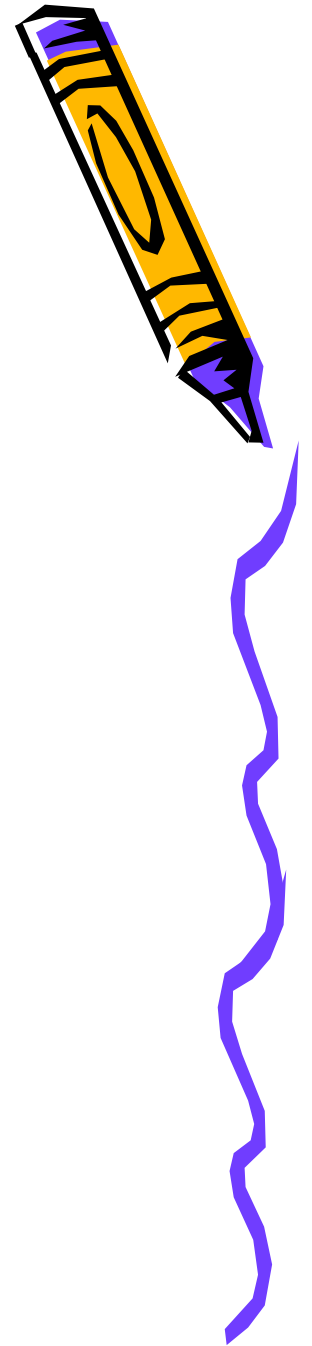
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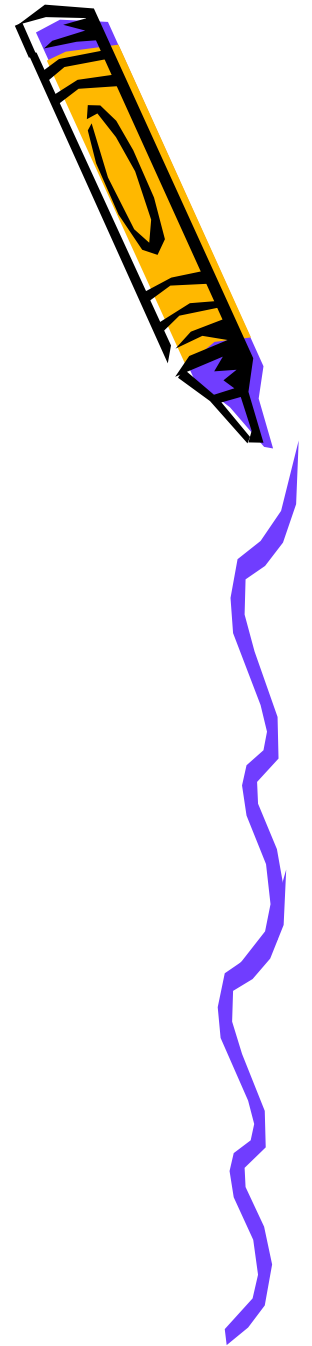
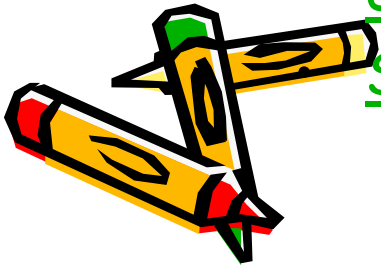
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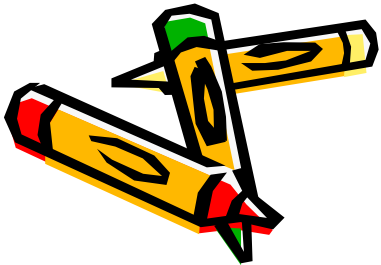


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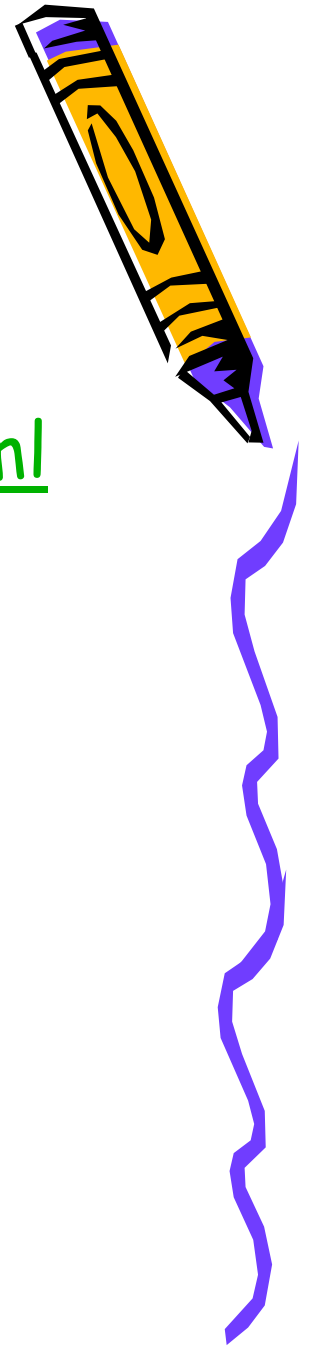
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