

Advance Math is a course to "bridge the gap" between high school math and the college algebra. 1st Semester: Algebra - quadratic equations; theory of quadratic equations; graphing; systems (linear and quadratic); progressions; infinite series; determinants, and partial fractions. 2nd Semester: Inequalities; permutations and combinations; probability; introduction to analytic geometry and introduction to Differential Calculus. Prerequisite: Algebra and Plane Geometry.

Music

The A & M Consolidated High School Band includes the best music published in all forms and all types for the modern high school band. Contest participation, trips, concerts, parades, assembly programs, and various public appearances constitute the activities. Marching is taught in all phases. Prerequisite: Student must have band director's consent to enroll in band.

The A & M Consolidated High School A Capella Choir is fairly new, but is rapidly becoming recognized as one of the finest in the state. Their activities include public appearances, a program of Christmas music, the Spring Concert, Choir trips, and many other varied performances. Prerequisite: Student must have the choir director's consent to enroll in the choir.

Physical Education

Physical Education offers a variety of activities. Major and minor sports in which students may participate are basketball, volleyball, soccer, tennis, badminton, softball, ping-pong, conditioning exercises, archery, and touch football.

The physical education period is a time for relaxation through group participation in an activity. It is also time for working as a group, developing good sportsmanship and learning skills. Prerequisite: None

Science

Biology is the study of living things, both plants and animals, and of their relationship to each other. Activities include observation of microscopic plant and animal life, dissection of preserved animals, field trips, and plant and insect collections. Prerequisite: None.

Botany, advanced study of plants and their relation to each other and other living things. Includes detailed study of plant structure, plant environment and reproduction of plants. Prerequisite: Chemistry

Chemistry is the study of the material substances of the world and the changes they undergo. One learns to distinguish between facts and theories using research. One does this by making accurate measurements and observations, recording the results, and reporting them. There are both lecture periods and laboratory work. Prerequisite: Junior standing or special permission.

Physics involves the principles of mechanics, heat, light, sound, and electricity. The course includes recitation, problem-solving, lectures, demonstrations, and experiments. Skill in mathematics is very important and it is recommended that the student take trigonometry. Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing.

Zoology is the advanced study of animal life. Beginning with very primitive animals through the study of vertebrates. Special emphasis will be placed on structure, relationship of animals to each other, environment and importance of animals to man. Prerequisite: Chemistry.

Social Studies

American History is a record of the past in America that helps us to understand the present, and to prepare for the future. Students should be stimulated to study motives and viewpoints, and to become wiser, more democratic citizens. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

Civics is a study of the national, state, and local governments and how they can be preserved by the intelligent performance of civic duty. Prerequisite: Senior standing.

Texas History is designed to help each student trace the development of Texas from earliest Spanish exploration to our present-day contribution as a state of the United States. A student will become acquainted with the color and history of Texas, as well as arousing pride in him about the achievements and advantages of this great state. Prerequisite: Senior standing.

World History is the history of the world; the study beginning with primitive man and covering thousands of years up to modern history. Prerequisite: None.

Spanish

Spanish I strives to help the student in speaking the language, and to help him gain a friendship for the language and the people who speak it. One learns to read the language, write it in its simplest form, and to understand the spoken language. Prerequisite: None.

Spanish II continues the practical, conversational approach to Spanish with more emphasis on idiomatic Spanish. Prerequisite: Spanish I.

Speech

Speech I is the fundamental course in speech designed to help pupils overcome stage fright and to gain the ability to express their ideas before a group. This course deals with public speaking and helps one to organize his thoughts and materials. Included are units in discussion, debate, parliamentary procedure, radio and oral reading. Prerequisite: None.

Speech II includes advanced courses in public speaking, drama, radio, T.V. work and debate, etc. Prerequisite: Speech I or by special permission.

Vocational

Vocational Agriculture is a course to prepare young men to take their places in any one of the many vocations in the field of agriculture. It includes instruction and practice in the production, manufacturing, processing and distribution of all kinds of agricultural products, such as crops, livestock and poultry. Three years of Vocational Agriculture are offered. Prerequisite: Ability to participate in entire Agriculture program, projects, etc.

Summer School

One unit of credit is the maximum amount which can be secured in a summer school of eight weeks. No student is allowed to take more than 1/2 course in English during a summer session unless he is repeating the course. No credit is accepted for summer work except courses taken in an accredited high school. Summer school is designed to benefit irregular students, including those who are behind in their work and those who desire to take special courses.

A & M Consolidated High School does not offer summer school work. However, our students may attend the Bryan High School summer sessions. Bryan's summer school usually begins on the Monday following graduation and runs for eight consecutive weeks. The fees for summer are due to be paid in advance on the first day of the summer session as follows:

1/2 credit course	\$15.00
1 credit course	25.00

This rate is subject to change without notice before the summer school begins. If any change in fees occurs, Bryan will let us know prior to the opening of summer school.

Married Students

Married students are expected to carry normal loads of school work. They need not take physical education or belong to clubs; however, they will be expected to attend school regularly, attend to their home and children on their own time and not on school time.

Classification of Students

A student is a freshman until he has earned 4 credits.

A student is a sophomore until he has earned 9 credits.

A student is a junior until he has earned 14 credits.

Students with 14 or more credits are classified as seniors.

Class Changes

Any changes in class schedules should be made through the office of the principal the first three days of each semester. No changes will be made thereafter, except for the convenience of the school or the good of the student.

Reporting to Parents

Parents can get the most comprehensive report by coming to the school and discussing with the teacher the problem of an individual student. Parents are always welcome. It is suggested that the principal be contacted in order that he may arrange a conference with the teacher or teachers the parents may desire to see.

If any student is below seventy after three weeks of a six-week term, his parents will be notified and invited for a conference with the teacher or teachers of the subject in which the pupil is failing.

Marking System

Report cards are issued every six weeks on Friday of the seventh week.

They are to be examined and signed by the parents and returned by the student within three days. Report cards issued when subject is completed may be kept by the student.

Grades are based on daily class work, individual participation and regular tests. The semester average in each subject is the average grade of the three six weeks' periods and the final examination.

Explanation of Grades

90 - 100Outstanding	70 - 79Average
80 - 89Above Average	Below 70	...Failing

Please note that all first semester INCOMPLETES must be completed before the end of the second semester. All second semester INCOMPLETES must be completed before the beginning of the fall semester.

Any student dropping a course after having taken it for six weeks may be given an "F" on the office records.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

The Guidance and Counseling office is available to all students to provide additional and specialized help in vocational, social, personal, educational or other areas. Students may ask the high school secretary to arrange for an interview with the counselor or students may use the student telephone to call the counselor to arrange for a suitable time.

A Career Day is held each year to provide opportunities for all students to meet with counselors and specialists in various fields.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

At a time when our entire nation is searching its conscience for the key to a more productive participation in political activities by all our citizens, it is especially fitting to recognize the important work student councils are doing to further good clean government. Government, politics, and statecraft are like life itself...they are what we make them. A government cannot rise higher than its source.

There is no better place for our future citizens to learn the arts of successful service to the public than in their own school governments. These experiences teach that there are at least two sides to every public question and that majority rule itself must respect the rights and views of all minorities.

The student council is not "just another club" - it is and should be the most important student organization in our entire school. It is the only school organization which includes everyone and that touches in some way the lives of all who are in school.

The A & M Consolidated High School Council, affiliated with the National Association of Student Councils and the Texas Association of Student Councils, is an organization of students elected by students.

This organization helps to develop student responsibility, initiative and school pride. It promotes worthy citizenship training, provides a means for youth expression, and promotes school welfare and student cooperation. Students learn to be good citizens by doing what good citizens do!

Some of the activities of the Student Council include those of acting as student advisory committee on matters concerning presentation of assemblies, care of campus and buildings, fire drill procedures and records of same, and participation in social and educational activities.

Clubs Offered in A & M Consolidated

It is the purpose of the administration and faculty of A & M Consolidated High School to provide a suitable club for every student in the school. The Clubs' purposes and programs are in harmony with the philosophy of the school. Clubs normally meet the third Tuesday of each month. Membership is optional; however, it is strongly urged that each student participate in at least one club. Clubs that a student may join are listed below:

Future Homemakers of America

The FHA is a national organization of pupils studying home-making. The Future Homemakers of America brings together local, state, and national groups interested in working toward better home and family living, provides opportunities to share in solving problems important to home life, and sponsors group projects. The club includes members of the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes.

Future Farmers of America

The FFA has grown into one of the largest youth organizations in our country. It wields a terrific importance in the future of agriculture in America. Leadership and judging work to aid the improvement of crops and livestock are stressed.

Future Teachers of America

The Cornella Sloop Club, of Future Teachers of America, is a group of young people who, in a few years, will be helping to alleviate the critical shortage of teachers. Valuable experience is gained by being a "helper" for elementary teachers. In the spring, the club is honored with a supper by the Alpha Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Future Nurses of America

This is an organization which enables those who are interested in nursing as a career to study the profession. As their projects, the club may visit the local hospitals and other places of interest.

Math Club

Higher Math is a club where students may obtain more knowledge in the higher maths.

Slide Rule Club

Slide Rule is a club for the students who wish to increase their knowledge in higher mathematics. In Slide Rule the members learn to multiply, divide, find the tangent of an angle, and to take logarithms.

Latin Club

The Latin Club consists of members who have taken Latin at least one year or are taking Latin. This club is a new organization and has already taken in many interesting activities. One of the high lights of the year is the Latin Banquet which they sponsor.

Library Club

This club is for all students who are interested in helping with the library, library procedure, or reading. Exceptionally good for future librarians.

Speech Club

The Speech Club is open to all who are interested in speech activities - extemporaneous speech, debate, poetry reading, dramatic interpretation, declamation, and others. Members enter speech tournaments at other schools and in the Inter-scholastic League.

Science Club

The purpose of this club is to stimulate interest in all fields of science for future application to one's vocation, avocation, or hobby. Its program includes discussion of interesting current developments in science, frequent field trips and sponsoring the annual Science Fair.

Art Club

Art Club gives the students who enjoy drawing or handicraft an opportunity to perfect their art. Frequent field trips are made.

Auto Mechanics

This club is designed to help the students understand the general makeup of a car and how to repair one.

Major Athletics Club

An organization for boys who have participated in the major sports: football, basketball, baseball and track.

"C" Club

The "C" Club is a club consisting of all boys who have earned letters in any of the sports offered. These athletes work hard and must maintain a good scholastic average to belong.

Pep Squad

This club was formed to promote the spirit of A & M Consolidated. Any girl may join this organization provided she is willing to provide her own uniform and attend athletic events. Some after-school practice in marching is necessary.

4-H Club

This club was formed in order to interest young people in better practices of farming and homemaking through demonstration and projects, and to make improvements in home and community life. Sponsored by County Officials.

Outstanding Organizations in A & M Consolidated High School

The Student Council

The Student Council is made up of students' representatives from each homeroom in A & M Consolidated and is directed by Student Body Officers and a Sponsor appointed by the principal. All Student Council members must have been in the A & M Consolidated Schools the preceding year, and maintained a good passing grade to be eligible for this organization. Any student who is elected to the Council and does not maintain grade averages and proper attitudes may be removed from the Council. Regularly scheduled meetings will be held.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is the outstanding scholastic society of A & M Consolidated High School. It has a membership limited to the upper 10 percent of the Junior and Senior Class (combined). Membership is based on the four ideals of the

Publications

The Tigers' Tale is the school paper written by the Tigers' Tale staff. The purpose of this paper is to inform the students and the public of school activities and to give students training in journalism.

The Tigerland is the school yearbook, which is edited each year by a student annual staff and the sponsor. It provides a collection of pictures, stories and articles of the year's activities.

The annuals are usually distributed to students on a designated evening in August. The party is held on the slab, refreshments are served, the individual to whom the yearbook is dedicated is revealed, and the signing of yearbooks follows.

The Student Handbook, revised with the assistance of the Student Council, is edited for the purpose of familiarizing the student with the rules, regulations, activities and traditions of the A & M Consolidated Schools.

Awards

Merit awards shall be awarded to the most outstanding students in the following fields: Science, English, History, Math, Home Economics, Speech and Drama, Spanish, Latin, Commercial, Agriculture, Art, Craftsmanship, Slide Rule, Choral, Band and outstanding service to the school (sweaters with letter "C"). These awards are open to any student who exhibits the most achievement and promise in these respective fields.

SERVICES TO STUDENT AND FACULTY

Lost and Found

A lost and found box is kept in the library. Articles found are to be turned in immediately. If a student loses something, he should report it to the office at once and then check with the Lost and Found periodically to see if it has been turned in.

It is suggested that each student see that his name is plainly marked upon all articles such as jackets, raincoats, caps, fountain pens, etc. This will facilitate matters in getting the lost article back to the rightful owner. It is also recommended that teachers discourage students from bringing expensive articles or large sums of money to school with them.

Library

All book shelves are open. Select the book you want, then take the book to the charging desk to be checked out. Most books may be kept for fourteen days, but overnight books must be checked out after school and returned before 8:15 the next morning. Reference books and current magazines may be used in the library without checking them out, but MAY NOT be taken from the library. Use the books and magazines at the tables, and before the end of the period please return them to the circulation desk. No book may be taken from the library unless it is checked out at the desk. Students must replace books which they have damaged or lost. Books must be returned on the specified date. Five cents per period is collected for overdue reserve books. Five cents per school day for other overdue books.

Treat the books with utmost care and respect. Books are public property and must serve and be shared by many people. If treated with care, they will last longer. As a result, the library will have more money to purchase other books.

Study Hall

Reasonable amount of quiet is necessary to enjoy reading or studying in the library. Enter the room quietly, take your seat and immediately go to work. Ask the librarian for help whenever needed.

Registration

Students are registered through the counselor and principal during the spring semester. Future plans and careers, scholastic grades and test information are discussed with the student; and suitable courses are selected for the next year. Parents are particularly welcome to assist in your selection of your courses.

Transcripts

Your transcript is an official record from the Principal's office of the credits earned and the grades made while in the high school. Seniors are entitled to copies of their transcript to be sent to the college of their choice.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Attendance

Article No. 2892 of the Compulsory Education Law provides that every child in the state who is seven and not more than sixteen years of age shall be required to attend school, unless there is a lawful exemption.

Every effort should be made to secure regular attendance. Absence and tardiness become habitual and these habits go through life with the student. The State Department allots teachers according to the total number of days present of all students. We are certain that, in the past, had all parents realized the value of each student's daily attendance, both to the school and, more important, to the student, they would have allowed no unexcused absences.

School work missed for unexcused absences cannot be made up. For the excused absences, the parent must notify the principal by telephone or in writing. Excused absences are for:

1. Personal illness.
2. Serious illness or death in the immediate family.
3. Doctor appointments when after school or Saturday appointments are not available.
4. Absences for school business, school activities, or participation in activities approved by the school.
5. Hardship cases are to be determined by the high school principal.

EXCUSE SLIPS

All excuses and requests should be taken to the office before school in the morning and after lunch in the afternoon. When the pupil returns to school after an absence, he must bring an excuse signed by a parent or guardian explaining the absence, and obtain a permit from the office to return to classes. This permit should be shown to each classroom teacher and should be left with the last-period teacher at the end of the day. If a pupil wishes to leave school during the day to visit a doctor, dentist, etc., he must bring a request by parent or guardian and obtain a permit from the office. If it becomes necessary for a student to leave a class or study hall, he should obtain a permit signed by his teacher.

Students who fail to bring the excuse from home will have "excuse pending" written on their admission slip. Failure to bring one within three school days will forfeit right of student to have absence excused. No changes will be made after the grades are posted on the school grade sheets.

TARDINESS

A pupil who is not seated in his chair in class when the bell rings will be counted tardy. Tardiness will be considered by the teacher in evaluation of the student's work and will be reported to parents.

The only excused tardiness will be for those students riding school buses, and then only if the bus is late because of weather or breakdown. This excuse must be obtained from the office before going to class. The office issues no excuses for tardiness from one class to another.

SCHOOL DAY

Pupils are not to be taken out of scheduled classes for other activities.

1. Exception is made in case of contestants in approved interschool contests, taking place during school hours or at such a distance that contestants cannot leave after school and arrive in time to play.
2. Exception may be made when students are on a field trip or engaged in some other authorized activity.

CORRIDOR PASS

A corridor pass must be in the hand of any student who is out of the classroom after the tardy bell sounds. The study hall and library are considered classrooms. (This rule does not apply to students going to or from club meetings, assembly programs and class meetings.)

PASSING PERIOD RULES

During this period the student may talk to his friends, but must make no loud noises. Pupils are asked to keep to the right and not to block traffic. Sufficient time is allotted to get from one class to another.

DISCIPLINE

There will be little need for rules and penalties if the student will remember that they are citizens of a community and have duties as well as rights. The student who has consideration for the other person will not find himself in trouble. He will find the administrative staff and teachers are older friends who are eager to help in every way.

The most severe penalty the school will impose is to deny a student the privilege of attending school. This penalty will be imposed for repeated violations of the rules, regulations, or for complete indifference to the objectives of the school.

Punishment or severe penalty may result immediately if a student is apprehended for disobedience, quarreling, stealing, truancy, profane or unchaste language, continued idleness, forging names of parents or guardians to excuses, offering as genuine excuses those signed by unauthorized persons, for persistent violation of any of the other regulations of the schools. For any action that will bring discredit to the school or whose presence in the school would be detrimental to the educational program.

One of our chief aims is to teach students self-control. Inasmuch as some students have not learned discipline themselves, it is necessary for the school to do whatever is needed to assist the student to form habits of self-control.

CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students are responsible for any damage they do to the buildings, furnishings, and books. Bills for damage must be paid before the student receives credit for his work.

VIOLATIONS OF LAWS - GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Any student found guilty of an infraction of civic laws, other than minor traffic violations, shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities until such time as a panel consisting of representatives of the Faculty shall meet to determine if his/her actions warrant re-instatement.

TEXTBOOKS

All books must be kept neatly and substantially covered. These books are issued to you free of charge and you are responsible for them and their care until they are checked back to the issuing teacher. If text books are lost or damaged, they must be paid for by the student before any exam or credits are given.

APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR SCHOOL

Students should present a clean, neat appearance at all times. Fridays have been set aside as "Sport Clothes" day. Girls may wear Bermuda shorts or slacks only on Friday.

CAMPUS

The campus should be kept beautiful. Special care should be taken of flowers and shrubs. Use the sidewalks. No paper or rubbish of any kind should be dropped on the campus. Trash receptacles will be placed in designated areas.

TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS

Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited. Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct is to be observed. Students must not throw things on the floor or out of the windows. Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion. Students must not place objects or their feet in the aisles as this might cause someone to fall in getting on or off the bus. Students must board and leave the bus in an orderly manner. No smoking will be allowed on the bus. No open knives or sharp-pointed articles should be held by any student while on the bus. Bus drivers have same authority as a regularly assigned teacher.

REFUSAL TO ABIDE BY RULES IS SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR A STUDENT TO BE BARRED FROM RIDING THE BUS AND/OR SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL!

SPECIAL BUS TRIPS

The same rules above apply on special trips, except that students may sing. Students may be required to sweep and clean the bus if it is left unclean.

Students who ride a school bus to football games, basketball games, and other school activities, must return on that bus. The only exceptions to this rule are:

1. Parents may ask the bus sponsor for permission to bring their own child home with them after a game.
2. Parents may send bus sponsor a written request, signed by them, stating that their child may return with a designated party.
3. No shorts or blue jeans will be worn on out-of-town trips when representing our school.

Only students and designated adults are allowed to ride school buses.

STUDENT VEHICLES

1. Students who drive cars to school will not circle the campus during the noon hour, before or after school, as the added traffic in the school zone endangers student pedestrians.

2. Students are not allowed to sit in parked cars on or at the campus.

3. High school students may park in the parking lot provided for them east of the covered slab or on Holik Street. High school students will not be permitted to park in the gym area except when they are attending games and other affairs being held there.

4. Cars will not be driven by students going to or returning from a class in the gymnasium or some other area. Special permission may be obtained from the principal only in hardship cases.

SMOKING

Students shall not smoke in the school or on the campus.

NOON HOUR

Students may leave the school grounds during the noon hour only when the pupil's parents have filed their written consent with the principal. Conduct of students during the noon hour, whether on or off the campus, must be in accord with school regulations and policies. Any failure to abide by these can result in a loss of the students privilege to leave the campus during the noon hour.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Hot lunches will be served in the School Cafeteria located in the Elementary School. Single tickets may be purchased from the first period teacher; a month's or two weeks' supply of tickets may be purchased from the school secretary.

Students bringing lunches to school should eat in designated areas. On good days students should eat outside the building and remain outside during the noon hour.

MONEY RAISING PROJECTS

Entertainment and assemblies sponsored within the school system must have the authorization of the principal and superintendent of schools. Money raising projects should be held to a minimum. All money raising projects should be agreed upon by faculty sponsors and submitted to the administration for approval.

Nothing shall be sold in the school building during the school day except with special permission.

The use of money in connection with the election of any student to school office is prohibited.

USE OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

Announcements for the day are made at the beginning of the school each morning, immediately before the first afternoon period and just before school is dismissed in the afternoon. If one wishes to make an announcement he should write out the announcement and have it signed by the sponsoring teacher. All announcements should be in the office not later than 5 minutes before they are to be made.

FIRE DRILL

Fire drills are conducted for two purposes:

1. To train occupants to leave the building orderly in case of fire.
2. To teach self-control in time of emergencies in later life.

These aims can be accomplished only when military discipline is required of all occupants. Teachers and janitors, as well as pupils, must take part in the drills.

Signals

Fire	March out of building	3 bells
Halt	Stop where you are and remain quiet and alert	1 bell
Return	March back to rooms	2 bells

RESPONSE TO FIRE SIGNAL

When the alarm sounds, everyone should march quickly and orderly out of the building through his respective exit. There should be no running, talking or pushing in the halls. Students should not stop to get wraps or books. In the safety zone all should turn, face the building and remain in line until the return signal is given.

WITHDRAWING FROM SCHOOL

Students who move out of the A & M Consolidated School District or who wish to withdraw from school for any reasons will proceed as follows:

1. Pick up clearance sheet from Principal's office;
2. Clear his record with every subject teacher (return all books);
3. Clear his record with club sponsor;
4. See his homeroom teacher and clear with him;
5. See school librarian and clear with her;
6. Return clearance sheet to the principal. If all records are clear, the principal will issue the student his book record card, which he will need to enter another school.