

California Tamil Academy



World Language Program

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT PROGRAM - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. My son/daughter is currently studying at CTA. What is the registration procedure to register HSCP Tamil 1?

Yes, you can register for HSCP Tamil 1 if they are in 7th grade or higher in regular FUSD School.

[Click Here for HSCP Registration Procedure](#)

[Click Here for HSCP Registration Form](#)

[Click Here for HSCP - Discipline Policies Form](#)

2. What is the deadline for the students to submit their registration form for the HSCP Program?

On or before September 15, 2013 (FUSD does not allow any exemption).
Submit your Registration form to HSCP Officer.

3. Is CTA a FUSD approved language school?

Yes, CTA is a FUSD approved language school. Please see the following link of list of approved language schools.

[Foreign Language Schools Approved by FUSD for Credit](#)

4. How many hours per week are the classes?

Five hours per week.

Course will be offered by CTA Fremont School outside of the class time.

Sunday : 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

Fall Semester (1) : September – January

Spring Semester (2) : February – June

5. How many credits can we gain with one school year of class?

If courses are taken at the High School (i.e 9-12) each course completed with a grade C or higher will get 10 credits.

6. Are there any prerequisites to begin in HSCP Program?

YES. Have to be in 7th grade or higher in regular FUSD School to enroll in HSCP. It is strongly recommended to begin with Tamil 1 which is Intro to Tamil. Tamil 2 has to be taken after Tamil 1 and Tamil 3 after Tamil 2, and so on. CTA offers four levels of Tamil courses.

7. Can my son/daughter skip HSCP Tamil 1 and directly enter HSCP Tamil2?

Yes. However, Student needs to meet the following conditions

- The student needs to be in 8th grade or higher in regular School.
- CTA will conduct an evaluation test to identify student's readiness to enter HSCP Level 2. The evaluation will test skills in reading, writing and conversation to demonstrate the student has mastered the equivalent of HSCP Level 1. Student must score grade B or higher in the evaluation test.
- CTA management approval required

8. Is there any special test we must take to enter the HSCP program? How are the credits awarded during the course?

There will be no entrance test to register in Tamil 1. There will be weekly quizzes and scheduled exams during the semesters. There will be comprehensive grading at the end of every Semester. A passing grade is C. This grade will affect **GPA** in High School.

Electives are earned in Jr. High, and **Credits** earned in High School

9. How do these credits transfer into my High school transcript?

CTA will provide a list of students enrolled in the program to FUSD right after the registration period closes (usually middle of September). CTA provides grades to FUSD at the end of each semester. FUSD will appropriately forward to the registrar for obtaining the transcripts in High school. Course taken in Junior High will not show up in the High school transcripts; rather will show the course level taken in High school. Example: If course Tamil 1 was taken in 8th grade (Junior High), and Tamil 2 in High school, then only Tamil 2 will show up in the high school transcript (It is implied that Tamil 1 was already taken, and this is the 2nd year of Tamil language)

10. What is the max # of credits we can earn? Is that # enough to satisfy FUSD High School graduation requirements and/or University of California admissions requirement?

Currently CTA offers 4 levels of courses. Each course is 2 semesters, and when completed with a passing grade of C, will get 10 credits, when taken during High school years (grades 9-12). Therefore, the students can earn 40 credits if all the four courses are taken, and earned grade C or higher in High school. When taken in Jr. High, will not count towards credits, but will count for number of years study of the Foreign Language Tamil. Example: If Tamil 1 and Tamil 2 were taken in 7th & 8th grade and Tamil 3 and Tamil 4 were taken in high school, University of California will give 4 years of credit towards foreign language. However, high school transcript will show only 20 credits for foreign language.

UC & CSU requirement is 2 years of a single foreign language (for example – cannot mix 1 year of Spanish and 1 year of Tamil) and it can be taken either at High School or Junior High School. However, FUSD requirement is 1 year of Foreign Language or Fine Arts. Please refer to FUSD high school catalog and University materials for current and up to date requirements.

11. Can I take these courses at Junior High School? What will I learn?

Yes. The course can be taken at Junior High too to satisfy the Foreign Language requirements. However, these are Electives. Therefore, may conflict with other Electives, as they are limited to 2 per year in the Junior High schools. Tamil requires 2 semesters to complete one course. Discuss with your Junior high school counselor and make your decision.

12. Will there be any transportation?

Students will have to make arrangements on their own to come to the CTA school.

13. Will I get credit for what I have done in CTA?

All the students from CTA could have studied some/most of the materials, depending on the grades they have completed at CTA. However, FUSD mandates that all students put 160 hours per year, and pass the exam in order to gain the credits, just like any other Foreign Language course like Spanish or French.

14. If I have question whom should I contact?

Please refer CTA website at <https://www.catamilacademy.org/contacts.html#fremont> for HSCP officer and Principal contact details.

15. Where can I access the FUSD Catalogs?

a. Student Resources (Look for Secondary Students):

<http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us//Domain/30>

b. Jr. High School Catalog - Click below link

[FUSD Jr. High School Catalog](#)

c. High School Catalog - Click below link

[FUSD High School Course Catalog](#)

NOTE: Always check the FUSD website and High school catalog for current updates