

Bellaire High School 11th Grade College Information

1. IB Diploma See www.bellaire.org for more information
2. AP Tests Sign up between Feb. 1-15 during lunch in room S165
 Applications are in the counselors' office
3. GPA, Class Rank, and Transcript Application Process
4. Exit Level TAKS
 (ELA 2-21-06, Math 4-19-06, Soc. Studies 4-20-06, Science 4-21-06)
5. Graduation Requirements
6. Night and weekend school/Summer School/Virtual School/On-Line Classes – See Counselor
7. Free/Reduced Lunch (Rm. 109) and Fee Waivers (Ms. Hill, Counselor)
8. Advantages of a College Education – more career possibilities and more \$
9. Tests required for college admission – We recommend 1 in the spring, 1 in the fall
 SAT I/SAT II www.collegeboard.com OR ACT www.act.org
 Improve student scores with practice and challenging classes here at school
 THEA (for public schools in Texas) www.thea.nesinc.com
 THEA exemptions – See www.bellaire.org , Click on “Counselor Page”, then Senior Bulletin
 SSD – For students with disabilities - Apply to College Board early for extended time. See Ms. Hill, Counselor, during lunch for an application.
10. Enhancing the High School Resume-choose challenging senior year courses, community service, job experience, extracurricular activities, leadership, awards and honors
11. College Application Process
 - Shopping for colleges www.collegeboard.com Click on “college matchmaker”. There are many other search engines. See “helpful websites” on the counselor page at www.bellaire.org. See the websites, for example, for “Colleges of Distinction” and “Colleges That Change Lives”. Attend the national college fair at the George R. Brown Convention Center on Sunday, April 2, 1-4 p.m.
 - Considerations (location, size, major, cost, activities, etc.)
 - Narrowing the list/College Visits
 - Apply (Early Decision? Early Action?)
 - Top 10% rule – www.collegefortexans.com
 - Deadlines (Postmarked by or Received by?)
 - Essays
 - Request transcript/counselor recommendation form/allow 1 month not including holidays
 - Teacher recommendations (allow 1 month NOT including holidays)
 - Financial Aid www.collegefortexans.com, www.fafsa.ed.gov (FREE application)
 - Scholarships www.bellaire.org Click on “Counselor Page”
 - NCAA www.ncaa.org
12. What I wish I had known last year at this time....

Recommended Diploma Graduation Requirements

English Language Arts	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits taken in High School
To include Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2	
Science	3 credits taken in High School
To include Biology and two other credits to be chosen from these areas (no more than one credit may be chosen from each of the areas.): 1. Integrated Physics and Chemistry, 2. Chemistry, or 3. Physics	
Social Studies	4 credits
World Geography Studies, World History Studies, U.S. History since Reconstruction, U.S. Government, and Economics	
Languages Other Than English	2 credits in the same language
Fine Arts	1 credit
Communication Applications (Speech)	1/2 credit
Technology Applications (Computer)	1 credit
Physical Education	1 1/2 credits including Foundations of Personal fitness (one-half credit). (Limit of two credits.)
Students may substitute: Belles, marching band, cheerleading, JROTC, athletics, Dance I-IV, approved private program, or certain Career and Technology Education Courses.	
Health Education	1/2 credit
Electives	3 1/2 Credits
May include courses over and above those required	

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Mark your calendar!

March 2, 7 p.m., multipurpose room, "Drugs and Teens: A Bad Mix"
 April 2, 2-4, George R. Brown Convention Center, National College Fair
 April 27, 7 p.m., multipurpose room, "Effective Discipline for Teens"
