

Planning for College

Grade Point Average (GPA)/Class Rank/Transcript Application Process

IB/AP Program

Counseling at BHS

Graduation Requirements/TAKS

PSAT

Preparing for the 11th grade PSAT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

Become familiar with the test with any or all of the following methods:

- See free practice test at www.collegeboard.com.
- Sign up for free after school course when it is offered.
- Borrow or buy SAT workbooks and practice, practice, practice.
- Buy SAT CD's and practice, practice, practice.
- Take an SAT prep course.

Take challenging courses every year.

SSD – For students with disabilities – Apply to College Board early for extended time. See Ms. Hill, Counselor, during lunch for an application.

Night and weekend school/Summer School/Virtual School/On-Line Classes

Free/Reduced Lunch and Fee Waivers

SAT I – Reasoning Test /SAT II – Subject Tests/ACT/AP/IB/THEA/THEA Exemptions

Enhancing the High School Experience-

- community service
- job experience
- job shadowing
- extracurricular activities
- leadership
- awards and honors

College Application Process – www.collegeboard.com Click on “college matchmaker”

- Considerations (location, major, size, how competitive, cost, housing, etc.)
- Narrowing the list/College Visits/College Fairs- Search engine www.collegeboard.com Click on “college matchmaker”, Go to College Fairs – i.e. April 2, 1-4, George R. Brown Convention Center
- Begin a resume
- Top 10% rule – See www.collegefortexans.com for more detail.
- Deadlines (Postmarked by or received by?)
- Financial Aid – www.fafsa.ed.gov www.collegefortexans.com
- Scholarships – Internet searches, counselor, See Senior Bulletin and Helpful Websites on the counselors page of www.bellaire.org
- NCAA www.ncaa.org
- College Center near auditorium – open during lunch – great resource

Your counselor is equipped and knowledgeable to answer questions you have about any topic on this page. If you have any questions, please ask your counselor during lunch or after school. If your counselor is not in his/her office when you come by, please leave a note for him/her and you will receive a permit in one of your classes to return.

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”
