

Information for New Students (9/07)

Recommended Diploma Graduation Requirements for students beginning high school in 2007-08

English Language Arts	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits (at least 3 in High School)
To include Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2	
Science	4 credits (at least 3 in High School)
Three of these credits to include Biology and two other credits to be chosen from these 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
Students may take Debate (1 credit) and test out of comm. App.	
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	

Recommended Diploma Graduation Requirements for students beginning high school in 2006-07 or earlier

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	
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Bellaire Website – www.bellaire.org Parent Handbook and more!

TAKS – 9th Grade students take 2 tests: Reading and Math.
10th Grade students take 4 tests: ELA, Math, Sci, and Soc. St.
11th Grade students take 4 tests: ELA, Math, Sci., and Soc. St.
Must Pass the 11th grade EXIT level tests to graduate!

Financial Aid – Apply for assistance at www.fafsa.ed.gov after Jan 1 of the senior year.

PREP HeadQuarters

Register NOW so that you can receive important information about college and scholarships!

Step 1: Go to www.prephq.com

Step 2: Go to School / Program ID

Step 3: Type txbellaire

Step 4: Press "Enter"

Step 5: Click on "Click here to register"

Step 6: Type Last Name and Student ID and click "continue to next step"

Progress Reports/Report Cards

<u>Fall Semester</u>	October 12	November 16	January 11
<u>Spring Semester</u>	February 27	April 23	June 4 (mailed home)

SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT/EXEMPTION PROGRAMS FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS

Following is information about various scholarships available to students of Texas. Detailed information about these and other scholarships can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/pdf/0539.pdf>

<http://www.collegefortexans.com/formsapps/>

<http://thecb.state.tx.us>

Texas Grant

The purpose of the program is to provide a grant of money to enable well-prepared eligible students to attend public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education in Texas. The priority in making awards is to provide continued funding to recipients already enrolled in the program who are in college and are making progress towards their degrees. You apply for the TEXAS Grant when you complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or other application as required by your college's financial aid office. Funding is limited, so you need to submit your application as soon as possible after January 1 of your senior year. The financial aid office at each college and university will determine if TEXAS Grant is part of the aid package that is offered to you. <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Scholarship Program for Early High School Graduates

The Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program is a financial assistance program for students who graduate from high school in fewer than four years.

Texas B-On-Time Loan Program

The purpose of this award is to provide no-interest loans to eligible students to enable those students to attend all public and private or independent institutions of higher education in Texas.

Loan Forgiveness. A student who receives a Texas B-On-time loan shall be forgiven the amount of the student's loan if the student is awarded an undergraduate certificate or degree at an eligible institution with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale or the equivalent:

Top 10 Percent Rule for Admissions

To be eligible for automatic admission to any public university in Texas, a student must:

1. Graduate in the top 10 percent of his or her class at a public or private high school in Texas with a **recommended or distinguished achievement program diploma**, or
2. Enroll in college no more than two years after graduating from high school; and
3. Submit an application to a Texas public university for admission before the institution's application deadline (check with the university regarding specific deadlines).
4. Students admitted through this route may still be required to provide SAT or ACT scores, although these scores are not used for admissions purposes. Students must also take the THEA test, unless exempted from the test requirement. Check with the admissions office regarding THEA, SAT, and ACT requirements

Admission to a university does not guarantee acceptance into a particular college of study or department, however. For more information, see www.collegefortexans.com.

BHS POLICIES RELATED TO ATTENDANCE

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

1. Students absent from school for any reason must report to the Attendance Office upon arrival to school the day following an absence. The Attendance Office will be open to process notes from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and at lunch each day.
2. Students must present a written parent excuse (English or Spanish) to the Attendance Office no later than 3 days following the absence. This note must contain: student's full name, date of note; date(s) of absence; specific reason for absence; parent/guardian signature; and phone number where parent/guardian can be reached to verify note.
3. Students will not be permitted into class without a Student Absence Form (see reverse for form). Each teacher will sign the note as proof of notice. The student will retain a copy of the signed copy for his/her records.
4. Any student forgetting to bring an excuse note following an absence will be temporarily given a form marked UNEXCUSED until a note is brought to school, and the absence is changed to EXCUSED.
5. See Student Absence Form on back for examples of excused and unexcused absences. Note: college visits, religious holidays, and vacation days must be approved by the student's Assistant Principal in writing in advance.
6. Students absent 5 or more consecutive days must have a doctor's note for absences to be excused.

CREDIT RESTORATION

1. Credit Restoration is a procedure students must follow in order to regain credit for a course(s) passed during a semester for which credit has been denied due to excessive unexcused absences (denied at 5 or more).
2. Credit restoration may be earned through detention or community service.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

1. All students must sign out to leave early in the Attendance Office – NO EXCEPTIONS! Failure to follow procedure will result in an unexcused absence for all classes missed.
2. A student requesting to leave early must present a note to the Attendance Office to obtain a permit. The Attendance Office will be open to process the notes from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and at lunch each day.
3. This note must contain the following: student's full name; date, time, and reason for leaving early; parent signature; and telephone number to reach for verification. Approval will not be granted without verification.
4. At the time of dismissal, the teacher signs the permit and the student reports to the Attendance Office to sign out. No further action is required.
5. If a parent forgets to send a note, the parent should phone the student's Assistant Principal to have the student released from class. The parent must then report to the Attendance Office with proper photo ID in order to sign their student out at the appropriate time. A parent should bring the note to the Attendance Office at that time. The student may not sign out himself/herself without prior written note.

TARDY TO CLASS/SCHOOL

1. Students are considered tardy to class upon arrival after the Tardy Bell (a one-minute warning bell sounds in advance). Every tardy is recorded. Any exceptions must be presented to the Assistant Principal.
2. At the sound of the Tardy Bell, teachers will close the door to their classrooms and begin instruction.
3. Student tardy to class will report to the designated location to sign in.
4. Students must present school ID to obtain a tardy pass and sign in on the tardy sheet.
5. A stamped time/date pass will be issued to each student and the tardy information will be recorded in the computer.
6. Student takes pass directly to class and begins the lesson. Note: the tardy line at 1st and 2nd periods tends to be long and students are responsible for making up missed work.
7. On the 5th tardy, a student will be sent/given a detention notice for the following detention date. Detentions are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Students will also be assigned a detention for no ID 2 times.
8. Students must see their Assistant Principal to reschedule a detention. Students have 1 week to make-up a missed detention.
9. Students will receive the following consequences for each additional tardy: 6th (see Assistant Principal and 2nd detention); 7th (1 day SRC); 8th (2 days SRC); 9th (3 days SRC); 10 or more (suspension).

BHS CLINIC GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

STUDENT HEALTH & SAFETY: Bellaire has two full-time registered nurses who are available for health counseling, health screening, evaluating vision and hearing problems, as health resource person for health classes and for emergencies and illnesses as they arise. Students with serious or long-term health problems should see the nurse during the first week of school so adjustments in schedules may be made if needed.

SCHOOL NURSES:

1. Daryl A. Lott, RN, BSN
 2. Ramona Wiltz, RN, BSN
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1. You must have the appropriate Permit to be seen in Clinic – not the Hall Pass but “Teacher’s Referral to Principal of Nurse” Form. Obtain from teacher.
 2. No student will be seen without a permit except in extreme emergencies, such as asthma attack, insulin reaction, fainting, bleeding, seizure or serious injury.
 3. Students are not to come to the Clinic at the end of the period nor between classes. Report to your next period teacher for a permit. (The teacher whose class you are missing must give permission.)
 4. The clinic is also open during all lunch periods, at which time students may visit without a note.
 5. At all times, the student must sign in and out on the Nurse’s Daily Registry – showing time he/she arrived in the clinic and time left the clinic. **IF YOU DON’T SIGN IN, THEN YOU HAVE NOT BEEN THERE.**
 6. Students who feel ill and go home without going through the clinic and attendance office will be considered truant and are subject to disciplinary action.
 7. You must be evaluated by Nurse to be excused from school via the Clinic. **THE NURSE WILL CALL PARENT.**
 8. Should you call your parent to pick you up before coming to the Clinic, you will be sent to your Asst. Principal for approval to go home.
 9. You will not be seen in the Clinic if you are not in dress code, including shoes.
 10. Report injuries to nurse. Sports injuries should also be reported to your Coach.
 11. If you are feeling faint or light-headed, do not leave the classroom alone to come to the Clinic.
 12. If you have a Chronic Health problem, see the Nurse if you have not done so already.
 13. If a student has any of the following symptoms before coming to school, then your parent should allow you to stay home. Students are not allowed to remain in school with the following conditions:
 - Fever of 100.4 or more
 - Suspected contagious condition
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Cannot remain comfortably in class
 - Undetermined rash
 14. Medication: You must strictly adhere to these policies adopted by the HISD school board. **These Guidelines apply to ALL medications – both prescription and over-the-counter.** School board policy prevents nurses and teachers from administering aspirin or medications of any kind at school **WITHOUT** proper consent.
 - A student may not carry medication with him/her except for students with Asthma. House Bill 1688 passed by the 77th Legislature and signed into law, allows a student with asthma to possess and self-administer prescription asthma medicine - inhalers. (See that a back-up prescription is kept in the Clinic for emergencies).
 - Medications need to be kept locked in the clinic.
 - A written medication permission form with the original signatures of both a parent and the prescribing physician must accompany all medication including self-administration prescriptions for Asthma.
 - Each medication must be in its original container with an affixed prescription label listing the patient’s name for whom the drug was prescribed, the drug name, and the proper dosage and administration information.
 15. Personal Products are available in the Clinic for \$.25.
 16. If you have any problems or concerns, feel free to come and talk with the Nurse. Referrals will be made as indicated.
 17. Bellaire High School Clinic Website: **www.bellaire.org/Clinic**

Refer any questions to the nurse