



BELLAIRE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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EXPLANATION OF CURRICULUM 2010- 2011

The No Child Left Behind Act requires all Title I school to provide to parents a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the campus. The State Board of Education adopted the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) as the curriculum for all Texas schools. The TEKS identify what students should know and be able to do at every grade level and in every course in the foundation and enrichment subjects as they move successfully through schools. These learning standards will help ensure that all students can meet the challenges they will face in the 21st Century.

- Each student must become a more effective reader
- Each student will have to know and apply more complex mathematics
- Each student needs to develop a stronger understanding of science concepts, especially in biology, chemistry, and physics.
- Each student must master social studies skills and content necessary to be a responsible adult citizen.
- Each student must master a wider range of technology.

To view the descriptions of the TEKS online, visit:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=6148>. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact Mr. Thornhill with the information listed below and this information will be provided to you.

The HISD curriculum, which is based on the TEKS, includes non-negotiable objectives that must be taught at every grade level; however, individual schools are held accountable for innovative instructional programs and results. Every student will be provided equal access to rigorous instruction and academic programs. HISD recognizes, however, that some students may need extra assistance to obtain high academic achievement, and this assistance is available through the Title I program. HISD will include parents in appropriate decision-making opportunities to support student academic achievement.

At Bellaire the State and HISD curriculum is taught, supplemented, and enriched through Special Education, Advanced Academics (Pre-AP, AP, IB, and Vanguard Neighborhood Program), World Languages Magnet, English as a Second Language, and Career and Technology Education.

Please refer to the student handbook that was given to every student for additional information.

If you have further questions or comments, please contact the Title I Coordinator, David Thornhill at 713-295-3704 during school hours, by e-mail at dthornhi@houstonisd.org, or please stop by Mr. Thornhill's office in the library for more information.