



Spring Woods High School

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Accreditations/Memberships:
 Texas Education Agency; The College Board
 CEEB/ACT School Code: **443451**

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Spring Branch Independent School District (SBISD) is located just west of downtown Houston along Interstate 10. The district encompasses 44 square miles and about 188,000 residents who represent the world's cultural and economic spectrum. Home to nearly 32,000 students, SBISD traditionally ranks among the highest in Texas when it comes to college readiness indicators.

- Comprehensive public high school (grades 9-12) offering challenging, college bound high school experience for a diverse student body where 75% of students qualify for free/reduced lunch. Through experiences our students are challenged to understand and engage in our global society.
- Over the past six years, Spring Woods has nearly tripled the percentage of students offered college scholarships, reaching \$4 million in 2016.
- Strong relationship with area businesses and colleges provides students with job shadowing opportunities, mentors and college scholarship support
- Partnership with Houston Community College offers students a full Early College program where they can earn up to 30 college credit hours while still in high school
- Specialized programs for students with specific career/academic interest: Health Occupations Students of America, highly competitive debate and UIL academic teams
- Co-curricular program includes award-winning fine arts program with state-of-the-art facilities for band, orchestra, choir, art theater and dance, as well as other academic and special interest clubs, National Honor Society, and student government, The SWHS Debate team is nationally recognized.
- UIL sponsored athletic programs, Class 6A: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Seniors	505
Juniors	562
Sophomores	552
Freshmen	570
Total	2189

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

PRINCIPAL

Jennifer Collier

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Horacio Fernandez

12TH GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Katie Kavanagh

11TH GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Denis Blais

10TH GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Toby Day

9TH GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Geoffrey Dixon

REGISTRAR Candice Ayala

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POST-SECONDARY COUNSELOR

Lawanda Jenkins

12TH GRADE COUNSELOR

Brittney Landry

11TH GRADE COUNSELOR

Jose Garcia

10TH GRADE COUNSELOR

Jennifer Dyer

9TH GRADE COUNSELOR

Farah Ranjbaran and
Monica Avalos

ACADEMICS/CURRICULUM

- Variety of course levels including Advanced Placement (AP) with GT embedded, Pre-Advanced Placement with GT embedded, Grade Level, and Dual (high school & college) Credit (DC)
- Complementing the Spring Woods High School offerings, Spring Branch ISD maintains The Guthrie Center which provides career and technology opportunities for all students in the district in Agriculture Science, Computer Animation, Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Architectural CAD, Computer Networking, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Electronics, Hotel Management, Media/Video Technology, and Naval Junior ROTC
- Modified 7 Period Day: Each class meets 50 minute 3 days/week and 90 minutes 1 day/week
- 18 weeks/semester; 9 week grading period

ADVANCED COURSES

English I: Pre-AP
English II: Pre-AP
English III: AP, DC
English IV: AP, DC
Geometry: Pre-AP
Algebra II: Pre-AP
Pre-Calculus: Pre-AP
Calculus AB: AP
Calculus BC: AP
Statistics: AP
Biology I: Pre-AP
Biology II: AP, DC
Chemistry I: Pre-AP
Chemistry II: AP
Physics I: AP
U.S. Government: AP, DC
Economics: AP, DC
World Geography: Pre-AP
U.S. History: AP, DC
World History: Pre-AP, AP
Psychology: AP

French III: Pre-AP
French IV: AP
French V: AP
Spanish III: Pre-AP
Spanish IV: Pre-AP
Spanish V: AP
Studio Art: AP
Human Geography: AP
Environmental Science: AP
Art History: AP
European History: AP
Physics II
Computer Science: AP
Statistics: AP

TESTING PROFILE

Class of 2015, Mean Scores

SAT (Taken by 57% of seniors)	1st Reading	Math	Writing	Total
Spring Woods	437	474	424	1335

ACT (Taken by 28% of seniors)	Composite
Spring Woods	19.8

Advanced Placement	2014	2013
Total Students Taking Exams	259	311
Total Exams Taken	554	672
Percentage of Students Earning 3 or Higher	45.9%	39.5%

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Class of 2015

American Musical and Dramatic Academy
 Angelina College
 Austin Community College
 Baylor University
 Blinn College
 Brigham Young University
 Clemson University
 Colorado School of Mines
 Drexel University
 Ferris State University
 George Washington University
 Houston Baptist University
 Houston Community College
 Johnson & Wales (CO)
 Kansas State
 Lamar University
 Lone Star College
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola University (LA)
 LSU
 Lubbock Christian University
 Mary Hardin Baylor
 Navarro College
 New York University
 North Texas
 Notre Dame
 Oklahoma Christian University
 Oklahoma State
 Our Lady of the Lake University
 Prairie View A&M University
 Penn State
 Rice University
 Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design (CO)
 Sam Houston State University
 San Jacinto College
 SCAD
 SMU
 Southwestern University
 St. John's University (NY)
 St. Mary's University
 Stephen F. Austin State University
 Sul Ross
 Temple University
 Texas A&M- College Station
 Texas A&M- Corpus Christi
 Texas A&M- Kingsville
 Texas State University
 Texas Tech University
 Texas Woman's University
 Trinity University
 Tyler College
 University of Central Florida
 University of Houston- Main
 University of Houston- Downtown
 University of Mary Hardin Baylor
 University of Nevada Las Vegas
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Southern Mississippi
 University of Tampa
 University of Texas- Arlington
 University of Texas- Austin
 University of Texas- San Antonio
 Washington State University

DISTRICT GRADING SCALE/ CLASS RANK

	GT/AP/18 Pre-AP*	Grade Level/ ESL/Dual Credit/ Early College
A = 90-100	7	6
B = 80-89	6	5
C = 75-79	5	4
D = 70-74	4	3
F = Below 70	0	0

(An expanded grading scale includes special education)

*Weighted grade points are awarded for only one course per year, grades 9-12, in each of the four core curricular areas (English, math, science, social studies). GPA is determined by dividing the total grade points by the number of courses attempted. Courses not included in the calculation of GPA include those taken as correspondence/online, credit by examination and those taken in summer school and middle school.

Spring Branch ISO reports class rank outside the top 10% only for those students who make a formal request to have it included on their transcript.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation Program – Overview

Foundation High School Program
 A new, more flexible graduation program that allows students to pursue their interests as in place for all students who entered high school beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.

The program contains:

- A 22-credit Foundation Plan which is the core of the new Texas high school diploma
- Five endorsement options that allow students to focus on a related series of courses

Foundation Plan (22 credits)

English (4 credits)	English I	English II	English III	An advanced English course
Mathematics (3 credits)	Algebra I	Geometry	An advanced math course	
Science (3 credits)	Biology	Integrated Physics & Chemistry or an advanced science	An advanced science course	
Social Studies (3 credits)	W. History or W. Geography	U.S. History	U.S. Government (1.5 credit)	Economics (1.5 credit)
Languages other than English (2 credits)	2 credits in the same language or 2 credits in Computer Science			
Physical Education (1 credit)	Physical Education (1 credit)	Electives (8 credits)		

Foundation Plan with Endorsements (28 credits)
 Spring Branch ISD encourages every student to graduate with at least one endorsement.*
 Select an endorsement below to view specific graduation requirements:

- STEM
- Business/Industry
- Public Services
- Art/Literature
- Multidisciplinary

Enhancements

Additionally, a student may earn the Distinguished Level of Achievement and/or a Performance Acknowledgment for outstanding performance. The Distinguished Level of Achievement must be earned to be admitted to a Texas public university under the Top 10 percent automatic admission law.

Distinguished Level of Achievement	Performance Acknowledgments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundation Program requirements 4 credits in mathematics including Algebra II 4 credits in science 4 credits in English at least 1 endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least 10 credit hours 3.0 cumulative GPA PSAT, ACT, PLAN, SAT, or ACT Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam earning 2 national or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

* A student earning 3rd grade must include an endorsement for at least one year. A student may change or add an endorsement at any time.
 * A student may graduate without earning an endorsement if, after his or her sophomore year, the student's parent signs a form permitting the student to end the endorsement requirement.

Source: Texas Education Agency Graduation Tool

SPRING WOODS HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS STORIES

Scholarships Awarded

- 2 Posse Scholarships
- 2 Jones Scholars
- 2 Rodeo Scholars
- \$4 Million Worth of Scholarships handed out

Debate Team Successes

- 2015: 2nd Place in UIL Congressional Debate
- 2015: 2nd Place in Persuasive Speaking in the state
- 2015: Ranked 9th in the state in the Texas Forensic

Our Band is Marching to Success

- 2015: All bands received sweepstakes @ 2015 UIL concert and sight reading contest

Showstoppers in Spring Woods Theater

- Nationally qualified actors and technicians for 16 consecutive years
- 11-time UIL District Champions

3-time UIL Area Champions

International Thespian Honor Society
 Scholarships awarded to 51 HS students to College of Choice
 4-time Best Musical Nominee with the Tommy Tune Awards, as well as multiple Individual Nominations
 1st Place with Texas Renaissance Festival One Act Play Competition
 20 years with ComedySportz High School League
 Regional ComedySportz High School League National Champions

Our Choir is A Singing Sensation

- All six choirs won sweepstakes at UIL Concert and Sight reading contest
- One student was selected to sing in the Texas All State Choir

Sports and More..

Tennis Team currently has four active USTA Players
 2014 Girls Regional Semifinalists
 2014-2015 Soccer Coach of the Year
 2014 Sonna Woods Men Soccer Regional Finalists

Girls Track-4x100 Regional Champs
 Girls Track-4x200 Regional Champs
 Boys Soccer – District Champs Regional Quarterfinalists