



SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021

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CEEB Code: 101097



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Brendan High School is to provide our students with an authentic Catholic educational experience characterized by a safe and diverse environment of academic excellence, mutual respect, and the holistic development of the individual: intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually. Thus, our school community builds its unity through a lived experience of faith, culture, innovation, and charity.

ADMINISTRATION

Jose Rodelgo-Bueno, PhD
Principal

Guillermo Ramos, EdS
Assistant Principal

Patricia Alvarez, MS
Instruction Director

Maria Victoria Chacon, MS
Curriculum Director

GUIDANCE & COUNSELING

Ivette G. Alvarez, MS
Director of Counseling

Lily Kirschner-Sanchez, LCSW
Director of Guidance, 9th grade

Amanda Parlade, MSW
Grade Level Counselor, 10th grade

Victoria Repp, MS
Grade Level Counselor, 11th grade

Leticia Acevedo, MS
Grade Level Counselor, 12th grade

Jennifer Mendez, EdS
College Counselor

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Founded in 1970, St. Brendan High School is a comprehensive private four-year Catholic high school enrolling approximately 1,200 students in grades 9-12 in Miami, Florida. The 12th grade class size is 304 students. Students of Hispanic descent comprise 87% of our student population. Female students comprise 65% of our student body, while male students make up 35%. Thirty percent of our student population is on some form of financial assistance. The students at St. Brendan High School are served by administrators, counselors, and 82 instructors. The majority of them hold either a Masters, Specialists, or Doctoral degree. St. Brendan High School is an AP Capstone school, STEM certified by AdvancED/SACS-CAS1, and accredited by AdvancED/SACS-CAS1.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

St. Brendan is the only Catholic high school in South Florida offering a comprehensive Academies Program. Academies work similar to college majors, with students enrolling in one of four programs that focus on specific areas: Medical, STEM, Law & Business, and Visual and Performing Arts Academies. St. Brendan offers the Alpha Program for students who have demonstrated high achievement and the Champagnat Program for students with special learning needs. An agreement with European schools allows for the enrollment of a group of Spanish and Italian students, who are hosted by school families. St. Brendan also offers four world languages: Spanish, French, Italian, and Chinese. St. Brendan utilizes a semester academic calendar. Seven credits per semester is the maximum course load. The academic program is organized on a full block schedule, as follows:

Monday – Periods 1 – 7
Tuesday & Thursday – Periods 1 – 4
Wednesday & Friday – Periods 5 - 7

SCHOOL ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

St. Brendan High School participates in the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), competing interscholastically in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, lacrosse, swimming, soccer, softball, tennis, track, and volleyball. Students, who meet the academic requirements, are inducted into the 15 Honor Societies offered at St. Brendan. In addition, St. Brendan students have the opportunity to participate in over 30 clubs and organizations, as well as multiple service learning projects on and off campus.

GRADING SYSTEM

Un-weighted GPAs are based on the standard 4.0 point scale.
Weighted GPAs are based on the phase level of the course taken.
Rank is exact, weighted, and is reported on transcript and school reports.

		Phase 1 (Standard)	Phase 2 (College Prep)	Phase 3 (Honors)	Phase 4 (AP)
A	100-90	4	4.5	5.0	6.0
B	89-80	3	3.5	4.0	5.0
C	79-70	2	2.5	3.0	4.0
D	69-60	1	1.5	2.0	3.0
F	59-0	0	0	0	0



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SAT	Score
SBHS Top 5%	1475
SBHS Top 50%	1130
Florida Mean	1020
National Mean	1060

ACT	Score
SBHS Top 5%	32
SBHS Top 50%	21
Florida Mean	20
National Mean	21

Florida Bright Futures	Students
Academic Scholars	51
Medallion Scholars	56

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a range of credits between 25 - 28 credits, maintain a 2.0 un-weighted grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and earn 100 hours of community service learning projects. The graduation requirements are as follows:

English – 4 credits	World Languages – 2 credits
Mathematics – 4 credits	Personal Fitness & Health – 1 credit
Theology – 4 credits	Fine Art – 0.5 credit
Social Sciences – 3 credits	Computer Science – 0.5 credit
Science – 3 credits	

STANDARDIZED TESTS OFFERED

ASPIRE – Grades 9 - 10	PSAT – Grades 9 - 11
ACT – Grades 11 - 12	SAT – Grades 11 - 12

HONORS LEVEL COURSES

The St. Brendan High School's curriculum offers 48 Honors Level Courses in the following core academic areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences, Art, Business, and World Languages.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Biology	Calculus AB	Calculus BC
Capstone Research	Capstone Seminar	Chinese Language
Computer Principles	English Language	English Literature
Environmental Science	French Language	Human Geography
Italian Language	Microeconomics	Physics 1
Psychology	Spanish Language	Spanish Literature
Statistics	Studio Art : Drawing	US History
World History	American Government	Chemistry

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

Anatomy Honors	AP Calculus AB & BC	AP English Literature
AP Psychology & Psychology Honors	AP Spanish Language	AP Spanish Literature
AP Statistics & Statistics Honors	AP US History & US History Honors	Calculus I Honors
Criminal Justice	English IV Honors	Forensic Science
Pre – AP Calculus Honors	Pre - Calculus Honors	Sociology
Web Design	Forensic Science	Theology III



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National Merit Scholarship Program
9 National Hispanic
6 National Merit

Advanced Placement	Students
Number of AP Students	312
AP Total Scholars	88
AP Capstone Diploma	13
Exams Passed	457

Post High School Placement
100% matriculation to college
43% matriculation to 4-year Florida college
49% matriculation to 4-year Florida university
8% matriculation to 4-year out-of-state university

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COVID-19 IMPACTS DURING 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

St. Brendan moved towards a 100% virtual platform for the 4th quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. The months and dates impacted were March 17th thru June 3rd, 2020. Summer school was also on a virtual platform through June 30th. The grading scale remained the same, while final exams were not administered or factored into students' final grades. Many Juniors were unable to sit for standardized tests due to testing center cancellations.

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At the onset of this academic year, St. Brendan continues to engage in a 100% virtual learning environment with a transition to full block schedule. Teaching methodology and student learning has shifted due to the longer 90 minute teaching block. Teachers have been encouraged to use alternate forms of assessment to monitor student learning objectives during the virtual learning environment period. In addition, "home" work assignments have been reduced to limit the amount of screen time while learning virtually. The grading scale remains the same with students continuing to earn number grades for their academic performances. Seniors continue to face testing center cancellations due to the high volume of positive COVID-19 cases within Miami-Dade County.

Administration and staff have conducted virtual New Student Orientation, Freshman Parent Orientation, Back to School Night, and Senior College Night with live Q&A's after each virtual event. A mentoring program has been initiated on campus where Seniors have been paired with Freshmen, in order to serve as a "go to" peer buddy as the Freshmen transition into the rigor of high school curriculum. Clubs, school organizations, and honor societies will be launched virtually by the end of September. Students are encouraged to engage in non-contact service opportunities to earn the community service hours required for graduation. Non-contact service opportunities may include packing sandwiches for the homeless, delivering backpacks for low-income students in the community, sending care packages to soldiers.

St. Brendan's athletic program has implemented Phase I of the "Return to Play" plan for Fall sports. The plan includes outdoor conditioning with no physical contact and limited student participation.

St. Brendan's "Return to School" plan is fluid and is being evaluated on a weekly basis. St. Brendan is a participating member of the system of schools under the Archdiocese of Miami (ADOM); therefore decisions are ultimately made by ADOM regarding the "Return to School" plan.

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