

# BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL

Pre-Registration Information  
for the  
2023-2024 School Year

Class of 2026  
(current 9th graders)

## RCSD Graduation Requirements (24 credits + 1 endorsement from next slide)

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3.5 credits
Business & Technology	1 credits
Art	1 credit
College & Career Readiness	1 credit
Health	0.5 credit
PE	0.5 credit
Electives	5.5 credits
Testing	Must pass Subject Area Tests for: Algebra I, Biology I, English II and US History

For a comprehensive list of requirements, please refer to [MS Diploma and Graduation Requirements](#).

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



**ENDORSEMENT OPTIONS**

## Traditional with Career Technical Endorsement



Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects	
English	4	English I	English II
Mathematics	4	Algebra I	
Science	3	Biology I	
Social Studies	3½	1 World History ½ U.S. Government ½ Mississippi Studies	1 U.S. History ½ Economics
Physical Education	½		
Health	½		
Art	1		
Career & College Readiness	1	Must occur in the students junior or senior year, or in the students completion of a 4-year course of study.	
Technology or Computer Science	1		
CTE Electives	4	Must complete a 4-course sequential program of study to be a completer in CTE	
Additional Electives	3½	Electives must meet the advanced elective requirements in the IHL CPC	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>		

### Additional Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of 2.5
- Earn silver level on ACT WorkKeys
- Earn two additional Carnegie Units for a total of 26

Must successfully complete one of the following:

- One CTE dual credit course or the Community College approved CTE articulated dual credit
- Work-Based Learning experience or Career Pathway Experience
- Earn a State Board of Education approved national credential

# CAREER & TECHNICAL ENDORSEMENT

Traditional Diploma with Academic Endorsement



Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	English I                      English II
Mathematics	4	Algebra I + two (2) additional math courses above Algebra I
Science	3	Biology I + two (2) additional science courses above Biology I
Social Studies	3½	1 World History                      1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government                      ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Art	1	
Career & College Readiness	1	Must occur in the students junior or senior year, or in the students completion of a 4-year course of study.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Additional Electives	7½	Electives must meet the advanced elective requirements in the IHL CPC
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	

**Additional Requirements**

- Earn an overall GPA of 2.5
- Courses must meet MS IHL college preparatory **required** curriculum (CPC)
- Earn MS IHL and Community College readiness benchmarks (ACT sub scores of 17 English and 19 math or completion of appropriate college-ready courses in senior year or SAT equivalency)
- Earn two additional Carnegie Units for a total of 26

Must successfully complete one of the following:

- One AP course with a C or higher and take the appropriate AP exam
- One IB course with a C or higher and take the appropriate IB exams
- One academic dual credit course earning a C or higher

# ACADEMIC ENDORSEMENT

# Traditional Diploma with Distinguished Endorsement



Curriculum Area	Carnegie Units	Required Subjects
English	4	English I                      English II
Mathematics	4	Algebra I + three (3) additional math courses above Algebra I
Science	4	Biology I + three (3) additional science courses above Biology I
Social Studies	4	1 World History                      1 U.S. History ½ U.S. Government                      ½ Economics ½ Mississippi Studies                      ½ Intro to Geography
Physical Education	½	
Health	½	
Art	1	
Career & College Readiness	1	Must occur in the students junior or senior year, or in the students completion of a 4-year course of study.
Technology or Computer Science	1	
Additional Electives	8	Electives must meet the advanced elective requirements in the IHL CPC
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	

## Additional Requirements

- Earn an overall GPA of 3.0
- Courses must meet MS IHL CPC **recommended** curriculum
- Earn national college-readiness benchmarks on each subtest established by ACT (sub scores of 18 in English and 22 in math) or SAT equivalency
- Earn four additional Carnegie Units for a total of 28

Must successfully complete one of the following:

- One AP course with a B or higher and take the appropriate AP exam
- One IB course with a B or higher and take the appropriate IB exams
- One academic dual credit course earning B or higher

# DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ENDORSEMENT

# CLASS OF 2026 COURSE SELECTION

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- ◆ **ENGLISH:** English II, Academy English II, Honors English II
- ◆ **MATH:** Algebra I, Geometry, Honors Geometry, Algebra II, Honors Algebra II  
(math course progression: Algebra I → Geometry → Algebra II → Adv. Math option)
- ◆ **SCIENCE:** Biology I, Physical Science, Chemistry, HS Human A & P (HS students only)  
Earth Space, Zoology I, Zoology II
- ◆ **HISTORY:** US Gov, Economics, AP Gov, AP Economics
- ◆ **4 Elective Blocks:** Refer to the back of your course selection sheet for a list of elective classes.

Electronic copies are available in your counselor canvas course and the counselor webpage.

**Counselors will meet with students to enter course selections beginning February 6- schedule is posted in your Counselor Canvas Course in the PreRegistration Module! HAVE YOUR SHEET COMPLETED AND READY... We cannot enter your courses without the sheet completed and signed by your parent/guardian!**

10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASSES

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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**Please visit the RCSD website by clicking the link below to view the curriculum guide. You will be able to look up classes by department and name for course details.**

**[RCSD CURRICULUM GUIDE](#)**

**\*\*BHS does not offer every course listed in the RCSD curriculum guide\*\***

**COURSES**



# ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

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The following are AP courses offered to sophomores:

- AP World History
- AP Government
- AP Economics

**\*\*Please note that there is an end of the year AP exam that the student must take to receive the full 1.10 weight of the class. The cost for the exam is \$97 (cost could possibly change). If a student receives free or reduced lunch, there is a significant discount on the cost of the exam. There will be a \$40 deposit required due by October.**

AP COURSES

# CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

(LOCATED AT THE HINDS RANKIN CAMPUS)

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- Architecture and Drafting
- Automotive Services
- Business Fundamentals/Marketing
- Collision Repair
- Construction/Carpentry
- Culinary Arts
- Digital Media Technology
- Early Childhood Services
- Health Sciences
- Simulation & Animation Design
- Welding

CTE (Vo-Tech) Applications are now available in the Counselor's Office. They are due back on Friday, February 10.

Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

CTE PROGRAMS

# Top 10% of the Class of 2026

**We will recognize the Top 10% of your graduating class at your graduation ceremony in May of 2026. In order to qualify and compete academically for this recognition you must meet the minimum course requirements:**

- **Dual Credit Comp I and Comp II  
(or AP Language and AP Lit)**
- **Two Advanced level Math classes (dual credit, Advanced Math Plus, Calculus, AP Statistics)**
- **1 upper level science course (dual credit, forensics, genetics, microbiology, AP or Physics)**
- **AP World and AP US History**
- **1 additional AP course of your choice**
- **In your senior year, you must take an upper level ELA and math/Physics course and you can choose between an upper level science or history course. Physics cannot count as both math and science upper level course.**

**\*\*Exception: If you are missing only one requirement from the senior year section (last bullet point above) and you have at least- 12 total advanced level courses OR 10 total advanced level courses plus you are an academy/cte completer then you will still be considered a Top 10% qualifier\*\***

# TOP 10%

# EARLY DISMISSAL and/or LATE ENTRY

## IMPORTANT INFO TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR NOW...

In order to receive early dismissal and/or late entry your SENIOR year, you have to have the following ACT subscores:

- **English= 17**
  - **Math= 19**
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If you do not meet that requirement, you **HAVE** to meet all 4 of the requirements below:

- ❑ **have the required 2.5 overall GPA**
- ❑ **have passed or met all MAAP assessments (state test) requirements for graduation**
- ❑ **be on track to meet diploma requirements (passing all required classes)**
- ❑ **be concurrently enrolled in Essentials for College Math and/or Essentials for College Literacy or a course above your junior year English and/or Math course**

Early Dismissal/Late Entry

# Graduation Ceremony Recognitions

## HONOR GRADUATES

### HONORS:

Students graduating with an 85 - 94.9 GPA without rounding will be honor graduates (Example: 85.0 is an honor GPA but an 84.9 is not an honor GPA).

These students will wear a silver cord at graduation.

### HIGH HONORS:

Students with a 95 or higher without rounding will be high honor graduates. (Example: 95.0 is a high honor GPA but a 94.9 is an honor GPA).

These students will wear a gold cord at graduation.

## DISTINCTIONS

AP Distinction- must have at least two AP classes.

DC Distinction- must have at least three DC classes.

Distinguished Service- must have at least

200 service hours. Service hours forms must be turned in to Mrs. King in the counseling office (suz500@rcsd.ms)

<https://bhs.rcsd.ms/counseling-pbis/service-hours-verification-form>

Class of 2026

# COLLEGE INFORMATION

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- ◆ **COMMUNITY COLLEGE**- You automatically meet admission requirements for a community college by earning your high school diploma from BHS and taking the ACT!
- ◆ **4 YEAR PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN MISSISSIPPI**- In addition to meeting grad requirements for BHS, you need 2 advanced electives:

Advanced Electives: 2 Carnegie units

- Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II
- Option 2: Foreign Language I and one unit from Option 3
- Option 3: (1) Any combination of an advanced level course
- above the required Carnegie units in: (a) English, math, science, computer science and/or (b) any Advanced Placement (AP), Academic or Career and Technical Dual Credit (DC), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) course. (2) Completion of any two-year Career and Technical course may count as one unit. *Example: completion of both Health Sciences I & II will count as an advanced elective.*

## MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC UNIVERSITY ADMISSION STANDARDS

[http://www.mississippi.edu/admissions/downloads/freshman\\_admission\\_requirements\\_2022.pdf](http://www.mississippi.edu/admissions/downloads/freshman_admission_requirements_2022.pdf)

- ◆ **OUT-OF-STATE UNIVERSITY**- Please check that school's website and search for entering freshman admission requirements. See your counselor if you need help with this.

COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

# College is Expensive...Plan Ahead!

## STATE AID

Must enroll full-time at an [approved postsecondary institution in Mississippi](#)

### HELP-Higher Legislative Education Plan for Needy Students

- \*Minimum GPA of 2.5
- \*Minimum ACT score of 20
- \*Meet [income limitations](#).
- \*Must meet curriculum requirements: [HELP Curriculum Checklist](#)

### MTAG- Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant

- \*Minimum GPA of 2.5
- \*ACT score 15-28

### MESG- Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant

- \*Minimum GPA of 3.5
- \* ACT score 29-36

# STATE AID

# SOCIAL MEDIA

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**BHS Counselor Instagram: @brandonhs\_counselors**

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# SOCIAL MEDIA



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & ATTENTION

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