

Spring Branch Academic Institute

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SBAI is a public K-12 school that provides educational opportunities for highly, profoundly, and exceptionally gifted students in Spring Branch ISD. The mission of Spring Branch Academic Institute is to provide highly gifted children tailored opportunities in academics, as well as support in their social-emotional growth, matched to their individual abilities, strengths, interests, needs, and learning styles.

To qualify as a student at SBAI, individuals must earn an IQ score of 145 or greater placing them three standard deviations above the mean. It is considered a school within a school which allows students to have access to both academic and social opportunities from the host campus: Stratford High School. This allows for over 200 course offerings that prepare students to solve real-world problems with an independent mindset.

Advanced Coursework Opportunities

English I-IV: AAC, AP, DE, DC AP Capstone Algebra I: AAC Geometry: AAC Algebra II: AAC, DE Pre-Calculus: AAC, DE Calculus AB/BC: AP Statistics: AP Linear Algebra: Honors Number Theory: Honors Multivariable Calculus: Honors Biology I: AAC Biology II: AP Chemistry I: AAC, DE Chemistry II: AP Computer Science I: AP Environmental Science: AP Physics I-II: AP	U.S. Government: AP Economics: AP Human Geography: AP U.S. History: AP, DE World History: AAC, AP Psychology: AP French III-V: AAC, AP Spanish III-V: AAC, AP Music Theory: AP Studio Art: AP
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Grading and Ranking Procedures

SBAI does not rank its students. Cumulative grade averages are based solely on SBAI coursework and are weighted in favor of Advanced Placement, Honors, or Advanced courses. Raw grades are shown on the transcript: A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=0-59, P=Pass (equivalent to a 70 or above). 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). Weighted GPA is on a 6.5 scale. Additionally, COVID-19 impacted Spring 2020 grading policies and students passed or failed courses without being awarded letter grades.

Curriculum

Students must complete the State of Texas Foundation High School Graduation Program with an Endorsement that requires a total of 26 credits as follows:

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
World Languages	2
Fine Arts	1
Physical Education	1
Elective Credits	7

Students may select their endorsement from the following areas: STEM, Business and Industry, Public Service, Arts and Humanities, and Multidisciplinary Studies.

School Information

Student Enrollment	2022-2023
Freshmen	16
Sophomores	11
Juniors	14
Seniors	9

Student Achievements

National Honor Society
JHU CYS Members
Texas Aerospace Scholars of NASA
Genes in Space Winner
State Competitors in Athletics
Tommy Tune Award Nominations
National Debate Contestants
Published Authors
Scholastic Key Award Winners
State Band and Orchestra Members

Athletics and ExtraCurricular Activities

SBAI high school students can participate in various student clubs and organizations offered by Stratford High School including the following UIL, Class 6A sponsored programs:

Athletics
Cheer/Dance
Academic Clubs
Service Organizations
Fine Arts
Special Interest Clubs
Spirit Groups
Yearbook and Journalism

Test Score information

SAT	SBAI Mean	National Mean
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	686	528
Math	714	523
Total	1400	1051

AP Exams	2020	2021
Total AP Students	12	29
Total AP Exams	20	76
Score of 3+	19	74
AP Scholars	3	15

State Rankings

Spring Branch Academic Institute Elementary and Middle Schools have been ranked as the number one school in their respective categories by Children At-Risk and Texas School Guide. SBAI High School will be ranked in 2022 with the completion of our first graduating class.

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