



# ST. BRENDAN HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### 2024-2025

2950 SW 87 Avenue, Miami, FL 33165 · 305-223-5181 · www.stbrendanhigh.org · CEEB Code: 101097

#### MISSION STATEMENT

St. Brendan High School provides a Catholic educational experience to young men and women that inspires a passion for learning by fostering intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual development through academic excellence and mutual respect.

#### ADMINISTRATION

Ivette G. Alvarez, MSED  
Principal

Guillermo Ramos, EdS  
Vice Principal of Operations

Maria Victoria Chacon, MSED  
Vice Principal of Curriculum & Instruction

Patricia Alvarez, MS  
Director of Academics & Instruction

Robert Del Riego, MSED  
Director of Student Affairs

#### GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

Kassandra Rivero, MS  
Grade Level Counselor, 9th grade

Amanda Parlade, MSW  
Grade Level Counselor, 10th grade

Aymee Vives, MS  
Grade Level Counselor, 11th grade

Lily Kirschner-Sanchez, LCSW  
Director of Guidance, 12th grade

Jennifer Mendez, EdS  
Director of College & Career Counseling

Leticia Acevedo, MS  
College & Career Counselor

#### SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Founded in 1975, St. Brendan High School is an archdiocesan school in a suburban area of Miami, Florida whose primary objective is to provide a secondary Catholic education to young women and men in grades 9 through 12. Students of Hispanic descent comprise 96% of the student population. Females comprise 73% of the student body, while male students make up 27%. A tuition-based school, 84% of students receive Florida state scholarships and 15% of students receive additional financial aid. Students at St. Brendan High School are served by 9 administrators, 6 school counselors, and 82 instructors. The majority of whom hold graduate and post-graduate degrees. St. Brendan High School is a College Board AP Capstone School, Pre-AP School and the recipient of the Female Diveristy Award. It is also an Apple Distinguished School, Green Apple School, Florida Green School, STEM certified, and fully accredited by Cognia.

#### ENROLLMENT

Total enrollment in grades 9-12 .....	1332
Class of 2025 .....	312
Class of 2026 .....	331
Class of 2027 .....	359
Class of 2028 .....	330

#### GRADING SYSTEM

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

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SCALE</u>	<u>PHASE 1 STANDARD</u>	<u>PHASE 2 COLLEGE PREP</u>	<u>PHASE 3 HONORS</u>	<u>PHASE 4 AP</u>
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

#### SCHOOL ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

St. Brendan High School is affiliated with the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA), competing interscholastically in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, swimming, soccer, softball, tennis, track, cheerleading, dance, and volleyball. Students who meet the academic requirements can be inducted into the 16 Honor Societies. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in over 30 clubs whose primary focus is service learning.

## **CURRICULUM (2024-2025)**

### **HONORS LEVEL COURSES**

Accounting I	Business Management	French III	Spanish Literature
Acting IV	Calculus	Health Explorations	Spanish III
American Mosaic	Chemistry	Italian III	Spanish IV
Anatomy and Physiology	Constitutional Law Studies	Mandarin III	Speech I
Applied Engineering Technology I	Criminal Justice	Physics	Speech II
Applied Engineering Technology II	Dance Technique III	Portfolio	Statistics
Art History	Debate	Pre-Calculus	United States Government
Band IV	Economics	Psychology I/II	United States History
Biology	English I	Robotics I	Vocal Ensemble IV
Broadcasting III	English II	Robotics II	Web Design
Broadcasting IV	English III	Robotics III	World History
Business Law	English IV	Spanish for the Professions	

### **PRE-AP COURSES**

Algebra I	Biology	Geometry with Statistics	English II
Algebra II	Chemistry	English I	

### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES**

Art History	Chinese Language & Culture	French Language & Culture	Spanish Language & Culture
Biology	Computer Science A	Human Geography	Spanish Literature & Culture
Calculus AB	Computer Science Principles	Italian Language & Culture	Statistics
Calculus BC	Drawing	Microeconomics	United States Government & Politics
Capstone Research	English Language & Composition	Pre-Calculus	United States History
Capstone Seminar	English Literature & Composition	Psychology	World History: Modern
Chemistry	Environmental Science		

### **DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES OFFERED THROUGH ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY**

Anatomy and Physiology H	Criminal Justice H	Principles of Computer Science	Theology IV/Global Studies
Business Management	English IV H	Pre-Calculus H	United States History H
Calculus I H	Honors Spanish Literature		

### **TESTING DATA AND AWARDS (2023-2024)**

<b>National Merit &amp; Recognition Programs</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>AP</b>	<b>Students</b>
11 Merit	SBHS Top 5%	1480	SBHS Top 5%	32	Number of AP Students	320
64 Hispanic	SBHS Top 50%	1270	SBHS Top 50%	26	Exams Passed	589
	Florida Mean	970	Florida Mean	19	AP Total Scholars	134
	National Mean	1030	National Mean	20	AP Capstone Diploma	19

### **POST HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT**

100% matriculation to college  
 90% matriculation to 4-year Florida college or university  
 10% matriculation to 4-year out-of-state university

### **FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP**

69 Academic Scholars  
 60 Medallion Scholars

## **ACADEMIES 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:

Law and Global Business

Medical Sciences

STEM

Visual and Performing Arts

St. Brendan offers the Alpha Program for students who have demonstrated high achievement and the Champagnat Program for students with special learning needs. St. Brendan offers an International Program for students from select European Schools. These students are paired with host families and enroll at the school for one marking period in the fall. St. Brendan also offers four world languages: Spanish, French, Italian, and Chinese. St. Brendan utilizes a semester academic calendar. Seven credits per year is the maximum course load. The academic program is organized on a modified block schedule, as follows:

Monday – Periods 1 – 7

Tuesday and Thursday – Periods 1 – 4

Wednesday and Friday – Periods 5 – 7

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Minimum of 28 credits

Minimum cumulative unweighted grade point average of 2.0

ACT examination administered at the district level (ADOM)

100 community service learning hours

Fulfillment of financial obligations

One full faith-based retreat

Minimum credits per content area as follows:

English – 4 credits

Mathematics (Alg 1 or higher) – 4 credits (4 years)

Theology – 4 credits

Science – 3 credits

Social Sciences – 3 credits

World Languages (same language) – 2 credits (2 consecutive years)

Personal Fitness and Health – 1 credit

Art – 0.5 credits

Computer Science – 0.5 credits

Electives – 6 credits

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING**

Students are required to fulfill a minimum of 25 hours of community service per year, with a graduation requirement of 100 hours. There is no limit to the number of hours students can earn. Every graduating class, on average, completes approximately 65,000 hours of community service learning. In the second semester, students must present a project outlining their community service learning experience in conjunction with the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. St. Brendan High School's Community Service Learning Program is intended not simply as an exercise in the satisfaction of a certain number of hours of service to the community, but rather is intended to help students learn from service in a real and meaningful way, and grow in their Catholic faith.

## **IMPORTANT LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

[St. Brendan High School Homepage](#)

[Curriculum Guide](#)

[Faculty and Staff Directory](#)

[College Visits – SCOIR](#)

College Counselors - Jennifer Mendez, [jmendez@stbhs.org](mailto:jmendez@stbhs.org), ext. 560

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*“Led by Christ, who changes our hearts and the world”*

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