



SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPRING BRANCH ACADEMIC INSTITUTE

DRAGONS



CO-LOCATED WITH STRATFORD HS, 14555 FERN DRIVE, HOUSTON, TX 77079

Highly & profoundly gifted students (145+ IQ) seeking an academically rigorous and collaborative environment with all the attributes and activities of a traditional 2,000+ student high school, attend Spring Branch Academic Institute (SBAI).

SBAI is a public, magnet, K-12 school-within-a-school. SBAI high school students have access to both academic and social opportunities from the host campus, Stratford High School, and join them in athletics, fine arts, electives, and many core curriculum classes, while also having access to some more advanced, critical-thinking focused or Socratic-seminar-style SBAI courses. This school-within-a-school model provides over 200 course offerings that prepare SBAI students to solve real-world problems with an independent mindset.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

SBAI HS: 58
STRATFORD: 2,385

SBAI 2024 CLASS NATIONAL MERIT

3 Finalists (21% of class)
4 Commended (29%)
2 Hispanic Scholars(14%)

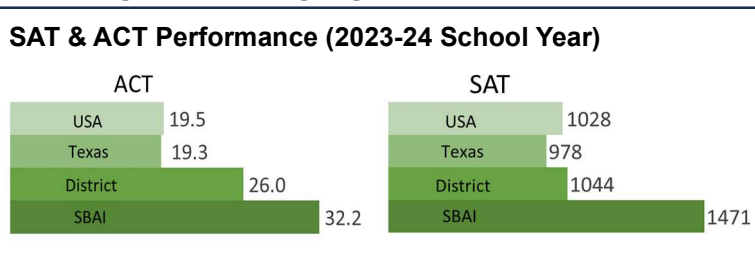
PARTICIPATION IN UIL WITH STRATFORD

90% SBAI STUDENT PARTICIPATION
50+ UIL AWARDS

CLASS OF 2025

SBAI: 10
STRATFORD: 566

SBAI High School Highlights



Advanced Placement/College Level Program

100% eligible SBAI HS Students take AP exams each year

Avg AP or DE (U of Texas) courses per SBAI Graduate: 14.2

Among 29 graduates over the last 3 years, SBAI applauds:


- 15 AP Scholars with Distinction (52%)
- 7 AP Scholars with Honor (24%)
- 5 AP Scholars (17%)
- 17 AP Capstone Diplomas Earned (59%)
- 48 UTexas OnRamps Courses completed for possible UTexas college credit while in high school

Diverse Student Body

47.8% Students of Color

8.4% Economically disadvantaged

37% Dual Language ability; 6 Languages spoken at home



College Bound

100% of SBAI graduates continue education

93% of SBAI graduates attend 4-year institutions

\$3.3M Merit Aid awarded across 14 student class of 2024

Advanced Coursework Opportunities

ENGLISH

English I: AAC
 English II: AAC
 English III: AP, DE
 English IV: AP, DE, DC

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I: AAC
 Geometry: AAC
 Algebra II: AAC, DE
 Pre-Calculus: AP, DE
 Calculus AB/BC: AP, DE

POST-AP CALC BC COURSES

Linear Algebra
 Number Theory
 Multivariable Calculus
 Undergrad Topics in Math

WORLD LANGUAGES

French III: AAC
 French IV, V: AP
 Spanish III: AAC
 Spanish IV, V: AP

SCIENCE

Biology I: AAC
 Biology II: AP
 Chemistry I: AAC, DE
 Chemistry II: AP
 Physics I: AP
 Physics C: AP
 Environmental Science: AP

SPECIALTY

AP Capstone Seminar: AP
 AP Capstone Research: AP
 Computer Science I: AP
 Music Theory: AP
 Studio Art: AP
 Psychology: AP

HISTORY

World Geography: AAC
 World History: AP
 US History: AP, DE
 US Gov't: AP
 Economics: AP

*DE Courses are taught via Univ of Texas, considered fully equal to AP courses. DC Courses via Houston Community College. AAC indicates Advanced Academics Course.

Grading and Ranking Procedures

SBAI does not rank its students. Cumulative grade averages are based solely on coursework, weighted in favor of Advanced Placement/DE, Honors, or Adv Academics courses. A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=≤59. MS indicates Met Standard, awarded in Spring 2020/district Covid impact. Weighted grade points are awarded for only one course per year, in each of the four core curricular areas (English, math, science, social studies). Weighted GPA is on a 6.5 scale.

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

SBAI high school students participate in student clubs and organizations offered by Stratford High School including:

UIL, Class 6A Sponsored Programs:

Baseball	Tennis	Theater
Football	Track & Field	Marching Band
Cross Country	Volleyball	Choir
Swimming & Diving	Journalism	Speech & Debate
	Orchestra	

School Sponsored Programs:

Academic Clubs	Yearbook	Fine Arts
National Honor Societies	Service Organizations	Cheer/Dance Spirit Groups

Curriculum

SBAI graduates routinely surpass the State of Texas's "Distinguished Level of Achievement with Endorsement" High School Graduation Program by gaining well beyond the 26 credits required, including exceeding in Foreign Languages, Fine Arts, and Athletics:

	Required	SBAI Average
English	4	6.4
Mathematics	4	6.3
Science	4	5.5
Social Studies	3	4.2
World Languages	2	4.1
Fine Arts	1	2.9
Physical Education	1	2.0
Other Electives	7	3.8
TOTAL	26	35.3

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

College Matriculations

100% of SBAI graduates continue their education with 93% attending 4-year institutions. Schools in bold indicate at least one of our 29 graduates so far attending.

- American University
- Auburn University
- Baylor University
- Boston Conservatory
- Carnegie Mellon University**
- Clemson University**
- Colorado School of Mines**
- Elon College
- Furman University
- Houston Community College**
- Louisiana State University**
- Oberlin College
- Penn State University
- Reed College
- Rice University**
- Rollins College**
- SCAD
- Southern Methodist University
- Stanford University**
- Texas A&M University**
- Texas State University**
- The Oberlin Conservatory of Music**
- The Ohio State University
- The University of Texas - Austin**
- Trinity University
- University of Colorado
- University of Georgia
- University of Houston**
- University of Illinois
- University of Michigan - Ann Arbor**
- University of Mississippi**
- University of Missouri
- University of Ohio
- University of South Carolina
- University of Washington-Seattle Campus
- William & Mary

SBAI's Class of 2025 (4th Graduating Class)

SIZE	VARIED INTERESTS	AP SCHOLARS	TESTING
SBAI HS: 10 Stratford: 566	10 out of 10 have multiple awards for excellence in Fine Arts, Debate, and/or Athletics, in addition to being outstanding scholars.	6 With Distinction 3 Scholars 6 Capstone Diploma Candidates	Class average SAT score is 1461

SBAI is ranked in the TOP 2% of TEXAS HIGH SCHOOLS according to Niche

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