

SCHOOL

Pre-Registration Information
for the
2025-2026 School Year

Class of 2029
(current 8th graders)

RCSD Graduation Requirements (24 credits + 1 endorsement)

English	4 credits (English I, II)
Math	4 credits (Algebra I)
Science	3 credits (Biology I)
Social Studies	3.5 credits (MS Studies, World, US, Gov, Econ)
Business & Technology	1 credits
Art	1 credit
College & Career Readiness	1 credit (11th/12th grade)
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

CLASS OF 2029 COURSE SELECTIONS

- ◆ **ENGLISH:** English I or Honors English I (there will be a summer reading assignment for Honors English I)
- ◆ **MATH:** Algebra I or Honors Geometry
(math course progression: Algebra I → Geometry → Algebra II → Adv. Math option)
- ◆ **SCIENCE:** Biology I
- ◆ **HISTORY:** World History or AP World History
- ◆ **4 Elective Blocks:** Refer to the back of your course selection sheet for a list of elective classes.

Course Selection Sheets are available in the BMS counseling office and online on the BHS Counselor webpage

Complete this form by February 4, 2025 and turn it into your BMS English teacher!

9TH GRADE CLASSES

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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

The following are AP courses offered to freshmen:

- AP World History
- AP African American Studies

****Please note that there is an end of the year AP exam that the students are encouraged to take. The cost for the exam is \$99 (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.**

For more information regarding Advanced Placement courses, please visit the link below.

<https://bhs.rcsd.ms/academics/advanced-placement>

AP COURSES

Top 10% Scholars

We will recognize the Top 10% of your graduating class at your graduation ceremony in May of 2029. 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, AP Math)**
- **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% SCHOLARS

BHS Academies

- Agriculture
- Culinary Arts
- Health Science
- Teacher
- Law and Public Safety

Applications are online and will be due on **Tuesday, February 4th!**

[Academies Application Link](#)

ACADEMIES

Distance Regression

- **JROTC**
- **Computer Science**
- **Graphic Design (Art Based)**

ACADEMIES

SOCIAL MEDIA

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BHS Counselor Instagram: @brandonhs_counselors

Brandon High School Facebook: @BrandonHighRCSD

Brandon High School Instagram: @brandonhighschool

SOCIAL MEDIA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & ATTENTION

Please contact your counselor if you have any questions!

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The End

LOOKING AHEAD.....YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Your future's so bright you have to wear shades!!!



Class of 2029



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	
Total	26		

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
Total	26	

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
Total	28	

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**

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>

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