

BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL

Pre-Registration Information
for the
2025-2026 School Year

Class of 2026
(current 11th graders)

RCSD Graduation Requirements (24 credits + 1 endorsement)

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| 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 Ready | 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 2026 COURSE

SELECTION

- ◆ **ENGLISH:** Essentials for College Literacy, English IV, AP Lang, AP Lit, DC Comp I, DC Comp II, DC American Lit I, DC American Lit II
- ◆ **MATH:** Algebra II, Advanced Math Plus, Essentials for College Math, SREB Math Ready, Dual Credit, or AP
(math course progression: Algebra I → Geometry → Algebra II → Adv. Math option)
- ◆ **SCIENCE:** Chemistry, Physics, Forensics, Microbiology, Zoology I, Zoology II, Genetics, Physical Science, Human A&P, Earth and Space Science, Dual Credit, or AP
- ◆ **HISTORY:** US Government, AP US Government, Economics, AP Economics, DC Western Civ 1, DC Western Civ 2- You are more than likely finished with history requirements after this year.
- ◆ **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.

YOUR SHEET MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 3RD!

Counselors will meet with students to enter course selections beginning February 6th-

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!

12TH GRADE CLASSES

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

The following are AP courses offered to seniors:

- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Government
- AP Economics
- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP Chemistry
- AP Statistics
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Biology
- AP Studio Art- Drawing
- AP Pre Calculus
- AP Calculus
- AP Physics
- AP Seminar
- AP Research
- AP African American Studies
- AP Cyber Security

****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.**

AP COURSES

Students must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA to be eligible to take dual credit course.

The cost for taking dual credit courses is \$50 per credit hour plus \$25 per credit hour for the textbook fee. For example, if you were to take Comp I, that is a 3 hour course, so the total cost would be \$225.

Hinds will bill you for this at the beginning of the semester that you take the course. *April ACT deadline

| Course | ACT requirement/Pre-requisites |
|-------------------------|---|
| English Composition I | ACT Eng. Subscore 17 |
| English Composition II | English Composition I |
| American Literature I | English Composition II |
| American Literature II | English Composition II |
| College Algebra | ACT Math Subscore 19 |
| College Trigonometry | College Algebra or ACT Math Subscore 22 |
| General Biology I | ACT Subscores: Eng. 17 Math 17 Reading 17 |
| General Biology II | General Biology I |
| Western Civilization I | ACT Subscores: Eng. 14 |
| Western Civilization II | ACT Subscores: Eng. 14 |
| Music Appreciation | Must have ACT score on file |
| Spanish I | Must have ACT score on file |
| Spanish II | DC Spanish I |

DC COURSES

IMPORTANT DUAL CREDIT INFORMATION

IF you DO NOT have the ACT score you need to sign up for a dual credit class when you meet with your counselor to enter your course selections in February, you CANNOT sign up for the class.

- The **APRIL 5th ACT is the LAST ACT** that will be used to qualify for taking a dual credit course for Fall 2025.
- It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to come to your counselor to change your course selections if you make the ACT score you need and want to take a course.
- You will be required to sign a document stating that you understand that it is your responsibility to do so.

DC COURSES

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

EARLY DISMISSAL and/or LATE ENTRY

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

- **English= 17**
- **Math= 19**

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

Top 10% Scholars

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, 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

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

- ◆ **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 BHS graduation requirements, 2 advanced electives
Advanced Elective Options: (2 Carnegie units needed)
 - *Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II
 - *Option 2: Foreign Language I and Advanced World Geography
 - *Option 3: Any combination of English, Mathematics higher than Algebra I, Science higher than Biology I, Advanced Elective category, or any AP course

Please visit the links below for more detailed info on admission to a Mississippi 4-year university:

[MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC UNIVERSITY ADMISSION STANDARDS](#)

- ◆ **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!

MS Financial Aid

- MTAG - \$3,000 over 4 years
 - 2.5 GPA
 - 15 Composite ACT
- MESG - \$10,000 over 4 years
 - 3.5 GPA
 - 29 Composite ACT
- HELP Grant - free tuition over 4 years
 - 2.5 GPA
 - 20 Composite ACT
 - meet income requirements
 - meet curriculum requirements
- FAITH Scholarship
 - applies to current and former foster youth
 - see website for more details

STATE AID

SOCIAL MEDIA

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BHS Counselor Facebook: @brandoncounselors

BHS Counselor Instagram: @brandonhs_counselors

Brandon High School Facebook: @BrandonHighRCSD

Brandon High School Instagram: @brandonhighschool

SOCIAL MEDIA



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & ATTENTION

Please contact your counselor if you have any questions!

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