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SPRING BRANCH ACADEMIC INSTITUTE



Houston's Premier Destination for Highly Gifted Learners



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As parents, you recognize the profound impact that a challenging and enriching educational environment can have on your child's growth. At Spring Branch Academic Institute (SBAI), we provide exactly that—an advanced, tailored academic experience that fosters both the intellectual and emotional development of highly gifted learners. Our school-within-a-school is designed to challenge and inspire while also offering access to the extracurricular and social opportunities that a traditional educational setting provides.

Nestled in Houston's prestigious **Energy Corridor** and part of the renowned **Spring Branch ISD**, SBAI is a unique school that meets the specialized needs of highly gifted students. Here, your child benefits from **individualized, rigorous curriculum** designed to push their intellectual boundaries; while still enjoying the **full range of athletics, fine arts, clubs, and student organizations** from their comprehensive host campuses. SBAI seamlessly blends the best of both worlds: the focus and depth of a rigorous learning environment with the vibrant, well-rounded opportunities of a larger school community.

SBAI'S VISION:

Preparing for T-2-4 Success

At SBAI, we don't just prepare students for the next level of education; we equip them with the skills needed for a lifetime of success. Our goal is to ensure every student is on track to meet **SBISD's T-2-4 vision**.

We guide students toward becoming **T-2-4 Ready Graduates**—individuals who excel not only academically, but who also possess the **emotional intelligence, resilience, and problem-solving skills** required to thrive in higher education and beyond. Our curriculum, rooted in advanced academic programming, focuses on developing the **Core Characteristics** necessary for students to be leaders in an ever-changing world.



Why SBAI is the Ideal Choice for Your Highly Gifted Learner?

Highly Specialized Instruction

Each student's academic path is carefully crafted based on their unique abilities and needs, ensuring a pace and depth that appropriately challenges them intellectually while encouraging creativity and independent thought.

Academic Acceleration & Enrichment

We offer accelerated programs that allow students to dive deeply into subjects of interest, from honors-level English and Social Studies to advanced math and science, designed to stretch their thinking beyond the typical classroom experience.

Multi-Age Learning Environment

SBAI fosters a multi-age setting where students work collaboratively across grades, gaining leadership skills and opportunities while benefitting from age-appropriate intellectual challenges.

Access to Traditional Campus Extracurriculars

Unlike other specialized schools, SBAI students are fully integrated into Spring Branch ISD's rich extracurricular offerings, including athletics, fine arts, student organizations, and community service opportunities—all of which are vital in fostering well-rounded individuals.

A Holistic Education for the Highly Gifted

At SBAI, we believe in educating the **whole child**. While our curriculum is rigorous, it is also designed to nurture the interpersonal and leadership skills necessary for gifted learners to excel both inside and outside the classroom. Our students have access to:

Sports

From competitive athletics to recreational teams, SBAI students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports available through our host campuses.

Fine Arts

SBAI students can engage in visual arts, music, theater, and dance programs, enriching their academic experience with creative expression.

Student Leadership

Through opportunities in student council, honor societies, and interest-based clubs, SBAI students gain invaluable experience in leadership, collaboration, and community building.



Tailored Pathways to Higher Education

At SBAI, we believe that one size does not fit all. Our curriculum is designed with **flexibility and personalization** at its core, allowing students to pursue academic acceleration in areas that align with their strengths and passions. This includes:

Advanced Academic Courses (AAC) and Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Students can accelerate through college-level coursework in subjects like English, Math, Science, and History.

University of Texas OnRamps Courses

Through our partnership with the University of Texas, SBAI students have access to dual enrollment courses, earning both high school and college credit in core subjects.

Personalized Learning

Whether a student is interested in research, STEM innovations, or humanities studies, SBAI offers a highly individualized approach to learning that prepares them for success in a competitive collegiate environment.



Our Unique Curriculum: Rigorous, Enriching, and Focused

SBAI students are challenged academically through a curriculum designed specifically for highly gifted learners, integrating both traditional subjects and specialized content.

Humanities:

In English Language Arts and Social Studies, we use resources from the **College of William & Mary Center for Gifted Education**, helping students hone their critical thinking and analytical writing skills. They also have the option to enroll in the rigorous 2-year AP Capstone program.

STEM:

Our math curriculum incorporates the **Art of Problem Solving** to build both logical reasoning and creative problem-solving abilities. We build an appreciation for the beauty of math, and offer multiple math competition opportunities at the local, state, national, and international level. Our lab based science program, drawn from the **Smithsonian National Science Center**, gives students opportunities to engage in real-world experiments and develop scientific reasoning skills.

How to Apply

A Seamless Process for Qualifying Students

The application process is managed by Advanced Academics Services. Admission to SBAI is based on academic criteria and a lottery system. To apply, students must demonstrate **exceptional giftedness** (a score of 145 or above on qualifying assessments).

- **For more information on SBAI's application process, visit:** <https://www.springbranchisd.com/about/departments/academic-performance/connective-academics/advanced-academics/advanced-studies-sbai>
- **The application process** is transparent and straightforward, ensuring qualifying students can easily navigate the steps to enroll. We are committed to creating an inclusive, supportive learning community for all highly gifted students in Spring Branch ISD.



SBAI's Commitment to College and Career Readiness

Graduation from SBAI means more than just completing coursework—it means preparing your child for success in the twenty-first century. SBAI students graduate with the **Texas Foundation High School Graduation Program**, earning 26 credits and participating in a program that fosters college and career readiness.

- Individualized Supports for College and Career Readiness
- Dual Enrollment Opportunities
- Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Our students leave SBAI not only prepared for college but also equipped with the executive functioning, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills that employers and universities alike are seeking.

SBAI By the Numbers

SBAI is proud to have the **highest average SAT score** of all public school in the Houston area with an impressive **1492**. SBAI Dragons also boast an **average ACT score of 32**. **One hundred percent** of eligible SBAI High School students take Advanced Placement exams each year. Average Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Enrollment (DE) courses per SBAI Graduate is 14. Among the graduates over the last four years, 100% are AP Scholars with more than half graduating with the title of **AP Scholar with Distinction**. Additionally, more than half of the graduates have earned the prestigious **AP Capstone Diploma**. SBAI graduates are well prepared to succeed the rigors of top colleges and universities.



Where highly gifted students thrive in an educational community.

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