



ST. BRENDAN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide 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.

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Founded in 1975, St. Brendan High School is a Catholic, coeducational institution located in a suburban area of Miami, Florida. Serving students in grades 9 through 12, the school is dedicated to providing a rigorous secondary education grounded in Catholic values. St. Brendan's student body is composed of approximately 96% Hispanic students, with females representing 74% and males 26%. As a tuition-based institution, the school is committed to accessibility—84% of students benefit from Florida state scholarships, and 15% receive additional financial assistance. Students are supported by a dedicated team of 14 administrators, 6 school counselors, and 82 faculty members, the majority of whom hold graduate or post-graduate degrees. St. Brendan High School is proud to be a College Board AP Capstone and Pre-AP School, and a recipient of the AP Female Diversity Award. It is nationally recognized as an Apple Distinguished School, a Green Apple and Florida Green School, and is STEM certified. The school maintains full accreditation through Cognia, reflecting its commitment to continuous improvement and academic excellence.

ENROLLMENT

Total enrollment in grades 9-12	1320
Class of 2026	317
Class of 2027	340
Class of 2028	328
Class of 2029	335

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 a proud member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), offering students the opportunity to compete at the interscholastic level in a wide range of sports, including baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, swimming, soccer, softball, tennis, track, cheerleading, dance, and volleyball. Academically, students who meet the qualifications may be inducted into one or more of the school's 16 esteemed honor societies. Beyond the classroom, St. Brendan fosters a vibrant campus life with more than 30 student-led clubs, many of which emphasize service learning and community engagement.

CURRICULUM (2025-2026)

HONORS LEVEL COURSES

Accounting I	Business Law	English III	Psychology I/II
Acting IV	Business Management	English IV	Spanish for the Professions
American Mosaic	Calculus	French III	Spanish Literature
Anatomy and Physiology	Chemistry	Health Explorations	Spanish III
Engineering/Robotics I	Constitutional Law Studies	Italian III	Spanish IV
Engineering/Robotics II	Criminal Justice	Leadership Communication Skills 1	Statistics
Art History	Dance Technique III	Leadership Communication Skills 2	United States Government
Band IV	Debate	Mandarin III	United States History
Biology	Economics	Physics	Vocal Ensemble IV
Broadcasting III	English I	Portfolio	Web Design
Broadcasting IV	English II	Pre-Calculus	World History

PRE-AP COURSES

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

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	Physics 1: Algebra-Based	United States History
Capstone Seminar	English Literature & Composition	Pre-Calculus	World History: Modern
Chemistry	Environmental Science	Psychology	

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 IH	Honors Spanish Literature		

TESTING DATA AND AWARDS (2024-2025)

National Merit & Recognition Programs	SAT	Score	ACT	Score	AP	Students
1 Merit Finalist	SBHS Top 5%	1460	SBHS Top 5%	32	Number of AP Students	364
4 Merit Commended	SBHS Top 50%	1280	SBHS Top 50%	25	Exams Passed	731
63 Hispanic Recognition	Florida Mean	950	Florida Mean	19	Pass Rate	92%
	National Mean	1030	National Mean	20	AP Total Scholars	158
					AP Capstone Diploma	28

POST-GRADUATION OUTCOMES

100% of graduates pursue higher education
 90% attend a 4-year college or university in Florida
 9% enroll at 4-year institutions out of state
 1% enter the Armed Forces or Military Academies

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

80 Academic Scholars
 48 Medallion Scholars

UNIQUE PROGRAMS

St. Brendan High School is the only Catholic high school in South Florida to offer a comprehensive Academies Program, providing students with the opportunity to explore focused areas of study similar to college majors. Each academy offers real-world learning experiences by connecting students with internship and job-shadowing opportunities that align with their chosen fields. Students choose from one of four specialized academies:

Law and Global Business

Medical Sciences

STEM

Visual and Performing Arts

St. Brendan offers two distinctive academic tracks: the Alpha Program, designed for high-achieving students seeking advanced coursework, and the Champagnat Program, which supports students with special learning needs through personalized instruction.

The school proudly offers the College Board AP Capstone Program, an innovative diploma program that develops students' skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, and presentation with the goal of preparing them for college and beyond.

St. Brendan also hosts an International Program in partnership with select European schools. Visiting students are matched with local host families and attend classes for one marking period during the fall semester.

Students may also choose from four world languages: Spanish, French, Italian, and Chinese.

Operating on a semester-based academic calendar, students may take up to seven credits per year. The academic program follows a modified block schedule:

Monday – Periods 1 – 7

Tuesday and Thursday – Periods 1 – 4

Wednesday and Friday – Periods 5 – 7

COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING

St. Brendan High School is committed to forming students of character through meaningful service rooted in Catholic values. All students are required to complete a minimum of 25 hours of community service per year, totaling at least 100 hours for graduation. However, there is no cap on the number of service hours students may earn. Collectively, each graduating class completes an average of 65,000 hours of community service.

During the second semester, students present a reflective project that highlights their service experiences and connects them to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, reinforcing the Catholic mission of the school.

The Community Service Learning Program is designed not merely to fulfill an hour requirement, but to provide students with opportunities to engage meaningfully with their communities, reflect on their impact, and grow in faith, empathy, and leadership.

IMPORTANT LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

[St. Brendan High School Homepage](#)

[Curriculum Guide](#)

[Faculty and Staff Directory](#)

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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



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