

# SPRING BRANCH ACADEMIC INSTITUTE

A K-12 school designed to engage and challenge top tier students in Spring Branch ISD

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 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:** 45

STRATFORD: 2,385

#### SBAI 2025 CLASS NATIONAL MERIT

- 3 Finalists (30% of class)
- 4 Commended (29%)
- 2 Hispanic Scholars (14%)

## PARTICIPATION IN UIL WITH STRATFORD

- 90% SBAI STUDENT PARTICIPATION
- 50+ UIL AWARDS

#### **CLASS OF 2026**

**SBAI: 15** 

STRATFORD: 610

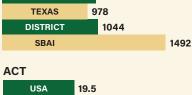
### **SBAI High School Highlights**

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#### SAT & ACT Performance (2024-25 School Year)

#### SAT

USA





#### **Advanced Placement/College Level Program**

- 100% eligible SBAI HS Students take AP exams each year
- Among 39 graduates over the last 4 years, SBAI applauds:
  - 22 AP Scholars with Distinction
  - 5 AP Scholars with Honor
  - 8 AP Scholars
  - 22 AP Capstone Diplomas Earned

#### **Diverse Student Body**

- 73% Students of Color
- 51% Dual Language ability; 8 Languages spoken at home

#### **College Bound**

- 97% of SBAI graduates continue education
- 95% of SBAI graduates attend 4-year institutions

## **Advanced Coursework Opportunities**

#### **ENGLISH**

English II: AAC English III: 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

#### 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
Geoscience: DE

#### **SPECIALTY**

Capstone Seminar: 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 &
- Journalism

- Diving
- Orchestra
- Speech & Debate

#### **School Sponsored Programs:**

- Academic Clubs
- Fine Arts
- National Honor Societies
- Cheer/Dance

Yearbook

- Spirit Groups
- Service Organizations

#### 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:

Curriculum	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	7	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**

97% of our 39 SBAI graduates continue their education with 95% attending 4-year institutions. Schools listed below indicate student acceptance offers - ones in bold indicate attendance.

- American University
- Auburn University
- Baylor University
- Brandeis University
- Bentley University
- Boston Conservatory
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Clemson University
- College of the Holy Cross
- Colorado School of Mines
- Columbia University
- Elon College
- Fordham
- Furman University
- Georgia Tech University
- Georgetown University
- Houston Community College
- Kenyon College
- Louisiana State University
- McGill University
- Northwestern
- Oberlin College
- Oberlin Conservatory of Music
- Ohio State University
- Penn State University
- Purdue University
- Reed College
- Rice University
- Rollins College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Southern Methodist University

- Stanford University
- Texas A&M University
- Texas State University
- Trinity University
- Tulane University
- University of Arkansas
- University of California, Los Angeles, Davis, San Diego, Irvine
- University of Colorado
- University of Georgia
- University of Houston
- University of Illinois
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan, **Ann Arbor**
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri
- University of Ohio
- University of Richmond
- University of South Carolina
- University of Texas, **Austin, Dallas**
- University of Tulsa
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington, Seattle
- Villanova University
- Wesleyan University
- · Washington University, St. Louis
- · William & Mary

## SBAI's Class of 2026 (5th Graduating Class)

#### SIZE

**SBAI HS: 15** Stratford: 610

#### **VARIED INTERESTS**

15 out of 15 have multiple awards for excellence in Fine Arts, Debate, and/or Athletics, in addition to being outstanding scholars.

#### **AP SCHOLARS**

- 6 With Distinction
- 3 Scholars
- 11 Capstone Diploma **Candidates**

#### **TESTING**

Class average SAT score: 1509

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



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