



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 2025 CLASS NATIONAL MERIT	PARTICIPATION IN UIL WITH STRATFORD	CLASS OF 2026
SBAI HS: 45 STRATFORD: 2,385	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Finalists (30% of class) • 4 Commended (29%) • 2 Hispanic Scholars (14%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% SBAI STUDENT PARTICIPATION • 50+ UIL AWARDS 	SBAI: 15 STRATFORD: 610

SBAI High School Highlights

SAT & ACT Performance (2024-25 School Year)

SAT

USA	1028
TEXAS	978
DISTRICT	1044
SBAI	1492

ACT

USA	19.5
TEXAS	19.3
DISTRICT	26.0
SBAI	31.9

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 I: AAC
English II: 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
- Football
- Cross Country
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Journalism
- Orchestra
- Theater
- Marching Band
- Choir
- Speech & Debate

School Sponsored Programs:

- Academic Clubs
- National Honor Societies
- Yearbook
- Service Organizations
- Fine Arts
- Cheer/Dance
- Spirit Groups

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	VARIED INTERESTS	AP SCHOLARS	TESTING
SBAI HS: 15 Stratford: 610	15 out of 15 have multiple awards for excellence in Fine Arts, Debate, and/or Athletics, in addition to being outstanding scholars.	• 6 With Distinction • 3 Scholars • 11 Capstone Diploma Candidates	Class average SAT score: 1509

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



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