

2018 – 2019 COURSE CATALOG



The San Benito CISD does not discriminate on the basis of sex, handicap, race, color, and/or national origins in its educational programs. Admission into career programs is based on age, grade, aptitude and ability. Lack of English language will not be a barrier to admission and participate in any educational program.

High School Testing Guide

Must Pass ALL State Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR)

- ENGLISH I
- ENGLISH II
- ALGEBRA I
- BIOLOGY
- U.S. HISTORY

GRADE CLASSIFICATION

GRADE	CLASSIFICATION	CREDITS
9 TH	Freshman	<6.0
10 th	Sophomore	➤6.0– 12.5
11 th	Junior	➤13.0 – 19.5
12 th	Senior	20

FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM + Endorsements

- **The following requirements apply to students first entering 9th grade in the fall of 2014 and thereafter.**
- **FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM (FHSP): 22 Credits**
- Foundation is Required for all Endorsements

Continued: FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM + Endorsements

- **ENGLISH (4 credits)**

- **Must consist of** English I, II, III (ESOL I and ESOL II may be substituted for English I and II for students with limited English proficiency), and an additional/**advanced** English course

- **MATHEMATICS (3 credits)**

- **Must include** Algebra I, Geometry, and an additional/**advanced** math course beyond Algebra I

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- **SCIENCE (3 credits)**

- **Must include** one Biology credit, one credit selected from IPC, or Chemistry, or Physics; and one additional/**advanced**, lab-based science course

- **SOCIAL STUDIES (3 credits)**

- **Must include** U.S. History, one-half credit Government, one-half credit Economics, and World History or World Geography

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- **OTHER LANGUAGES (2 credits)**

- **Must consist of 2 levels in the same language**

- **FINE ARTS (1 credit)**

- **May include** Choir, Band, Orchestra, Dance, Art, Theatre Arts, Art History, or Music Theory I and II; Principles & Elements of Floral Design or Digital Art & Animation or any other fine arts course

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- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1 credit)**
- **May include** Athletics or PE (up to 4 credits), Foundations of Personal Fitness (.5 credit); Dance, Dance Team I, fall semesters of Marching Band or the first year of Cheerleading.
- **ELECTIVES (5 credits)-** Must include a communication
- **skills component(speech class) earned.**
- **TOTAL FHSP CREDITS: 22**

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- **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ENDORSEMENT :**
- **MATHEMATICS (1 credit)**
- **SCIENCE (1 credit)**
- **ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES (2 credits)**
- Electives must be chosen from the five endorsement categories of STEM, Business & Industry, Arts & Humanities, Public Services, and/or Multidisciplinary Studies
- **TOTAL CREDITS WITH ENDORSEMENT: 26**

RECOGNITIONS

Students have the opportunity to earn additional recognitions in the following areas.

- **DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT**

- A student may earn a distinguished level of achievement by successfully completing all curriculum requirements for the Foundation High School Program, plus each of the following:
 - o A fourth credit in mathematics, which must include Algebra II;
 - o A fourth credit in science;
 - o The requirements of at least one endorsement
- **A student must graduate with a Distinguished Level of Achievement to be considered for the Top 10% and eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university.**

CONTINUED: RECOGNITIONS

• **PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- A student may earn a performance acknowledgement in one or more of the following categories:
 - o AP test score of 3 or above;
 - o IB test score of 4 or above (*applies to transfer students only as the International Baccalaureate program is not offered in SBCISD*)
 - o Outstanding performance on the PSAT, the SAT or the ACT;
 - o Completion of at least 12 hours' college coursework with final grades of A or B (3.0 GPA or above);
 - o Bilingualism and bi-literacy; and
 - o Earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

ENDORSEMENTS - CHOICES

- **ENDORSEMENTS:**

- Students are able to earn one or more endorsements as part of their graduation requirements.
- Endorsements consist of a related series of courses that are grouped together by interest or skill set.
- Students must select an endorsement in the 9th grade.
- Students can choose from 5 endorsement areas.

FIVE ENDORSEMENT AREAS

- **1. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)**
- **2. BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**
- **3. PUBLIC SERVICES**
- **4. ARTS AND HUMANITIES**
- **5. MULTI-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE CREDIT

- DUAL CREDIT
- CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT
- ADVANCED PLACEMENT
- ADVANCED TECHNICAL CREDIT/
ARTICULATED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

SAN BENITO HIGH- DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

- TEXAS A& M UNIVERSITY – KINGSVILLE
- THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS – AUSTIN
- TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE - BROWNSVILLE
- TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - HARLINGEN

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

- San Benito High School offers Advanced Placement (**AP**) courses to students who are ready to engage in college level course content and rigorous academics.
- Courses are available in: **English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Spanish Language, and Art.**

Continued: Advanced Placement (AP)

- Students ENROLLED in an AP course MUST take the corresponding Advanced Placement examination and possibly qualifying for college credit.
- AP courses earn weighted grade points

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Administration

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