



BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Information Night

Congratulations, Class of 2027 — you made it to senior year.
Let's make this last lap the best one.

July 2026 · SENIOR YEAR KICKOFF



Meet Your Administrators

Mr. Jacob Veenstra

Head Principal

Dr. Brian Gaddie

12th Grade Principal

Dr. Jocelyn Whipps

11th Grade Principal

Dr. Lekeisha Sutton

10th Grade Principal

Mr. Clark Pullen

9th Grade Principal

Mr. Clay Garner

Principal of Operations

OPERATIONS & ATHLETICS

- **Mr. Cory Jordan** Transportation
- **Mr. Eugene Clinton** Athletic Director
- **Mrs. Kelsa Walker & Mr. Justin Hunter** Assistant Athletic Director



Meet Your Counselors



Lyndsey Best

Counselor



Tiffany Litwin

Counselor



Kendall Daniels

Counselor



Kayla Halstead

Counselor



Shelina Jones

Counselor

Phillip Nelson Career Coach — for career exploration, workforce readiness, and post-grad planning



Be Responsible



Senior Meetings

August 19 – September 16

We will go over your schedule and make sure you have all the courses you need in order to graduate. Make note of any state tests you may still need to pass.

- **There is zero room for error.**
- **Know exactly what you need to graduate.**
- **Take ownership of your education this year.**

ZERO

room for error in your graduation
requirements

Use your senior meeting to confirm every
requirement is on track.



Apply for College

1

Apply Online

Go to the college's website and find the “Apply Now” link (or similar) to begin your application.

2

Check for Scholarships

Look for a separate scholarship application for that college and complete it too, if available.

3

Send Your Records

After applying, request your transcript and a copy of your senior schedule be sent to each school.



Scholarship Search & Reporting

Start Searching Now

- It's never too soon — check ParentSquare, your school email, and the counselors' website often for new opportunities.
- Visit the Get2College Scholarship page for additional search engines and listings.

Build a resume now so you're ready to hand it to anyone writing your recommendation letters.

Report Your Offers for Recognition

Print every scholarship offer and keep it in a folder — you'll report these in spring for level recognition at graduation.



Bronze

Up to \$3,000



Silver

Up to \$30,000



Gold

Up to \$100,000



Platinum

Over \$100,000

Your level is announced as you walk the stage, and you'll receive a pin for your red stole.



Graduation Ceremony Recognitions

- **Top 10%** — Trophy and pin
- **High Honors** — 95+ GPA (unrounded) — Gold cord
- **Honors** — 85–94.9 GPA (unrounded) — Silver cord
- **Beta Club** — Gold and black medallion
- **National Honors Society** — White stole
- **National Vocational Honors Society** — Purple cord
- **Distinguished Service** — 200+ hours — Pin and honor announced
- **AP Distinction** — 3 AP courses — Honor announced
- **DC Distinction** — 3 DC courses — Honor announced
- **Scholarship Levels** — Pin and honor announced
- **Hinds Honors Cords** — Awarded for qualifying Hinds CC coursework

Begin turning in service hours to Mrs. King now — due shortly after Spring Break so we have everything for Senior Awards Day.



Take the ACT



Sign up at:

www.actstudent.org

Be sure to check each college's ACT scholarship test deadline! Several colleges use the October and December test dates as a cutoff for scholarship purposes.

BHS School Code **250325**

Test Site Code **195260**



Mark Your Calendar

October & December test dates are commonly used as scholarship cutoffs — don't wait until spring.



ACT Vouchers & Free Test Prep

ACT Vouchers

Must qualify for free/reduced lunch to receive benefits (form must be filled out each year).

- TWO free ACT tests
- College application fee waivers
- AP test discount
- TWO free SAT tests
- NCAA application fee

[Click here for the Free/Reduced Lunch Application](#)



Mastery Prep

FREE Online ACT Prep is available to every student through Mastery Prep.

Access it by logging into your RCSD ClassLink account.

Prepare for the ACT — on your schedule, at no cost.



FAFSA Help & Get2College

FAFSA / MAAPP Day

Dates Coming Soon

One-on-one appointments to help complete your financial aid forms will take place right here at BHS.

Watch ParentSquare and your school email for scheduling details.

Get2College

A great FREE resource to use throughout your senior year.



2616 Lakeward Drive, Jackson, MS 39216



601.321.5533

www.get2college.org

[Book an Appointment](#)



Senior Fees — Two Payments

1 Graduation Fee

\$85 participating in ceremony

\$25 not participating in ceremony

Deadline: August 31, 2026

Pay between June 22–Aug 31 for the normal \$85 rate.
Payments after Aug 31 incur a \$15 late fee, totaling \$100.

*Cash (counseling office) or online via MySchoolBucks only.
Unpaid fees post to PowerSchool as a fine after Aug 31.*

2 Cap & Gown

Ordered through Herff Jones — Graduate Services
(gradsouth.com)

Information Assembly

September 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the MPR

In-Person Orders

October 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria lobby

This is yours to keep — not a rental. Gowns from previous years cannot be reused.

IMPORTANT



Graduation Fee



[Graduation Fee with Ceremony](#)
[Graduation Fee without Ceremony](#)



Bookmark These Pages

BHS Webpage

bhs.rcsd.ms

Counselor Webpage

bhs.rcsd.ms/counseling-pbis

WHO TO CONTACT

Schedule / graduation requirements

Your assigned counselor (see Slide 3)

Scholarships & financial aid

Get2College or Phillip Nelson, Career Coach

Fees, caps & gowns

Counseling office, 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

General announcements

ParentSquare



Student Council

STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

President **Millie McKay**

Vice President **Joshua Bailey**

Secretary **Kelsey Clark**

Public Relations **Jace Walker**

Historian **Maggie Ingram**

**Denotes seniors*

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President **Mary Martin Herndon**

Vice President **Abby Luckey**

Secretary **Ruthie Adams**

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

- Ainsley Clark
- Blakely Cowart
- Kendall Goza
- Mackenzie Robison



Get involved this year. Student Council plans Homecoming, spirit weeks, and senior activities — reach out to any officer or representative if you want to help shape your last year at BHS.



Senior Year Logistics



First Day of School

Jersey/shirt sale info, Project Grad breakfast, and the senior caravan to school — details coming.



Student Communication

Follow @bhs_classof27 on Instagram for student-led updates.



Parent Communication

Join the Parent GroupMe: BHS Class of 2027.



Homecoming

September 18, 2026 — let's get every senior involved for a fun week together.



Senior Portraits

Deadline to take at Bruckner's (or submit from another photographer) is September 25 to be included in the yearbook.



Important Senior Year Dates

We'll share the Senior Important Dates sheet as a Google Doc that we'll update, clarify, or change as needed. When a date changes or is added, the school will send a ParentSquare alert and update the sheet. Keep this link handy — it's the most accurate source we have, covering the main events for the entire senior class.

[Class of 2027 Important Senior Dates](#)



Residency not turned in yet? Submit it ASAP at the admin office, Monday–Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.



Stay in the Know

Official BHS Channels

ParentSquare is different from teacher or club reminders — use the RCSD-provided snapcode and enter accurate info.

- Brandon High School — Facebook
- Brandon High School — Instagram
- Brandon Counselor — Facebook
- Brandon Counselor — Instagram

Parent-Led Communication

Not school-sponsored, but the main way Senior Parent volunteers coordinate.

GroupMe

Official communication method for Senior Parents
— CLASS OF 2027

Email

projectgrad39042@rcsd.ms

(monitored by Project Grad lead parents)



Senior Jerseys (Tonight at Midnight)



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SENIOR JERSEY ORDERS





SCAN HERE
TO ORDER YOUR
SENIOR JERSEY!





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Senior T-Shirts (Tomorrow at Midnight)



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SENIOR T-SHIRT ORDERS





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OFFICIAL
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SENIOR T-SHIRTS



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A BHS TRADITION

Senior Yard Signs

Show your Bulldog pride! Order details and deadlines will be announced on ParentSquare and the BHS website.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Graduation



Monday, May 10, 2027



Mississippi Coliseum — Fairgrounds



6:30 p.m.





ONE LAST THING

Save This Presentation

Scan the QR code to save this presentation and refer back to it all year long. It's also posted on the BHS website under the Counseling tab.



Link: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MJXdZ2IHyrp9e_01YmlaPHfhlNsM6VX3/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=101471070337835686046&rtpof=true&sd=true