



Boulder High School

COMMUNITY

Purpose Statement

Boulder High School is known as "A Place for Everyone." Our purpose is to ensure that a community of excellence is cultivated and achieved for EVERY student. As the oldest, and one of the most prestigious high schools in Colorado, we embrace the legacy of greatness that the educators and community before us established through academics, athletics, arts, and activities. Boulder High School's passionate educators will commit to an intentional focus on, and collective ownership of, building a positive culture and climate with a focus on student academic growth leading to meaningful preparation for life beyond high school. We are dedicated to creating a supportive, inclusive, and forward-thinking community where every student is empowered to grow, achieve, and thrive.



BOULDER HIGH VISION

At Boulder High School innovation, critical thinking and creativity are cultivated so that individual potential is actualized, and all members of our school community are actively engaged in pursuing their dreams.

BOULDER HIGH MISSION

The mission of Boulder High School is to graduate civically engaged students who are college and career ready.

BOULDER HIGH SCHOOL VALUES

- all students, staff, family and community by embracing diversity and respecting individual strengths.
- high expectations for all students, addressing unique learning needs through differentiated instruction.
- academic pursuit, creativity, physical health, and the social emotional wellness of students.
- collaboration based on trust, integrity, listening, compassion, accountability, respect, transparency and presuming positive intent.
- our school is a place for everyone where societal inequities will not be a barrier to student learning.



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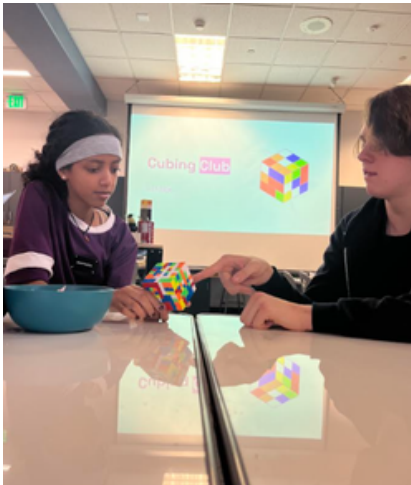
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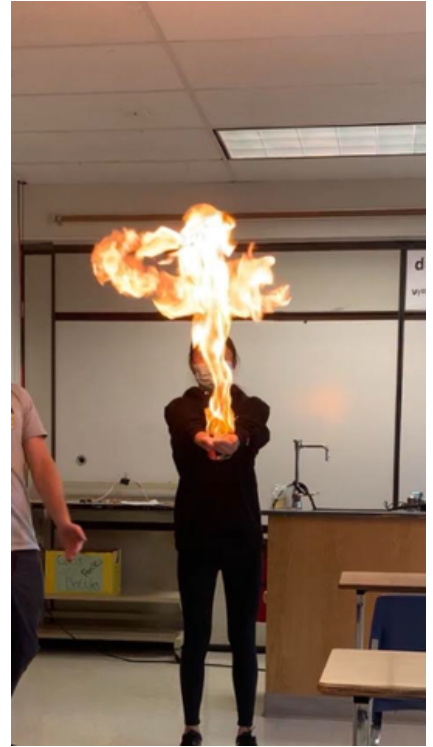


Graduation Requirements

In the Boulder Valley School District, a student must successfully complete a minimum of 240 credits, and 120 of these credits must be earned in grades 11-12. Ten credits are equivalent to one full year of study in a specific subject.



Language Arts -40 credits
Physical Ed- 15 credits
Social Studies- 30 credits
Health- 5 credits
Math- 30 credits
Fine Arts- 5 credits
Science- 30 credits
Practical Arts- 5 credits
World Language- 10 credits (level 2+)
Electives- 70 credits



Attendance:

At Boulder High School, we take pride in holding our students to high standards for attendance because we believe that the first step toward success is showing up.

Regular attendance gives students the opportunity to engage in learning, build relationships with teachers and peers, and develop the skills and knowledge they need to be successful.

When students are present and engaged in their classes, their effort is reflected not only in their learning, but also in their academic progress and achievement. We recognize that maintaining consistent attendance can be challenging, and we are committed to partnering with students and families when concerns arise. Our goal is to take a proactive, supportive approach, identifying barriers, connecting families with resources, and helping every student build strong attendance habits that support their success at Boulder High School and beyond.

AP Classes

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

Boulder High has been designated by the Boulder Valley School District Board of Education as an AP Focus School and awards a Boulder High AP Achievement Recognition Cord. The AP program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. It allows high school students to undertake college-level academic learning in AP courses and gives them the opportunity to show that they have mastered the advanced material by taking AP exams. Note that, in some cases, scheduling conflicts may impact a student's AP course load. Students can receive credit, advanced placement, or both from thousands of colleges and universities that participate in the AP program.



The AP Achievement Recognition Cord

Boulder High School offers an AP Achievement Recognition Cord for students who meet the College Board criteria. To be eligible for a BHS AP Achievement Recognition Cord, students must qualify for one of the following AP Scholar Awards from the College Board before May 1 of their graduation year: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction, AP International Diploma.

AP and Advanced Course Options (weighted 5.0 scale)

World Languages

Any World Language, Level 4
AP French
German 3-Pre AP
AP German
Spanish Language Arts Advanced
AP Spanish 5
AP Spanish Literature & Culture
AP Latin
AP Japanese
Latin 3-Pre AP

Social Studies

AP European History
AP U.S. History
AP Human Geography
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP World History
AP Psychology
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
AP African American History
AP Art History

Science

Research Seminar in Science
Anatomy Physiology Advanced
Astronomy Advanced
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics C
AP Environmental Science
Biology Advanced
Chemistry Advanced
Physical Science Advanced
Physics Advanced

Mathematics

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Precalculus
Precalculus Advanced AB & BC
Algebra 1 Advanced
Algebra 2 Advanced
Geometry Advanced
AP Statistics
Calculus 3

Visual Art

AP Art & Design
AP Music Theory

Language Arts

AP English Language & Comp.
AP English Literature & Comp.
9th Grade English LA Advanced
10th Grade English LA Advanced

Computer Science

AP Comp Science Principles
AP Comp Science A

College Concurrent Enrollment Opportunities

Boulder High School is actively increasing college concurrent enrollment opportunities for all content areas. We emphasize courses that have "guaranteed transfer" credits to Colorado state schools. Specific courses with this embedded opportunity are outlined in our course catalog during course registration.

Career & Technical Education: Electives and Pathways

Business: We offer a variety of college-oriented business classes that enable students to consider their interest in pursuing a business major or minor in college. Upon graduation, students who complete two business classes receive the BVSD Pathway Completion Certificate. Students are encouraged to join the Future Business Leaders of America and compete in business competitions at the district, state, and national levels.

Computer Science: At BHS computer science is much more than installing software, using a word processor, creating a presentation or setting up a Facebook page. We offer a variety of computer science courses, from AP Computer Science Principles (introduction to programming) to AP Computer Science (Java programming) and C++ Programming. In these dynamic classes, students learn critical thinking skills as well as create apps or games for Android devices and iPhones.

Design Tech: Our Millennium Lab is the best-equipped facility of its kind in the district, with multiple state-of-the-art 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC routers, and state-of-the-art software. Students are offered hands-on engineering/project opportunities that go from design to physical model. Once trained, students have free and independent access to all equipment. Classes include Design Tech, Architecture, Drafting, and Robotics. STEM scholarships are available for seniors.

Video and Production: Our students direct and produce a weekly Panther Television newscast that is shown in all classes. The course supports the use of production technology and journalism skills.

Family & Consumer Science: Catering broadens understanding of food, encompassing diet, nutrition and food preparation in a lab setting. It includes hands-on instruction, cooperative activities, projects, and speakers. pro start classes provide opportunities for competitive cooking. Life Management and Personal Relationships (formerly LOYO) classes offer seniors information and practice for real-life experiences. All classes in the family and Consumer Science are aligned with the vocational organization Family, Career, Community Leaders of America.



The Arts: Electives and Pathways

The Arts Focus Pathways: Boulder High School is recognized as the official Arts Focus Pathway school in BVSD! BHS boasts a robust array of course offerings in the visual and performing arts. The AFP is an exciting program for students who have a passion for the visual and performing arts to earn an endorsement for completing courses in the arts, mentor with local artists, and make art an integral part of their lives. Colleges, universities, and employers will recognize the creative problem solving, innovative ideas, and collaboration of this select group of emerging visual and performing arts students. We offer over 30 courses in the visual and performing arts that qualify for this endorsement.



Visual and Performing Arts Course Offerings:

Visual Arts:

Photography 1 - 4

Draw & Paint 1 - 4

Digital Art & Design 1 - 3

Ceramics 1 - 4

AP Art & Design

Theatre:

Theatre 1 & 2

Technical Theater

Music:

Concert Band 1 & 2

Jazz Band 1 - 3

Wind Ensemble

Orchestra 1 - 3

Chamber Orchestra

Guitar 1

Concert Choir

High Altitude Choir (Select Concert Choir)

Aria Choir (Soprano & Alto Select Choir)



World Languages

Boulder High offers the most options for world languages in BVSD: Spanish, French, German, Latin, and Japanese. Studying a world language broadens students' perspectives by introducing them to new customs, literature, art, food, music, history, and more. Students need at least 10 credits of a world language, level 2 or higher, for graduation. Many colleges require three years of a world language for admission, but we highly encourage students to take a world language through at least level 4.



We Celebrate DIVERSITY!

Boulder High School is truly a place for everyone! We welcome students of all backgrounds, cultures, and identities, and have a student population that is rich with all types of diversity! It is something that makes our school shine! Our student population is comprised of 40% students that identify as a minority ethnicity and we celebrate and value all student backgrounds within our school culture. We have an expectation of excellence for all students, and provide a range of courses to ensure academic growth and high achievement for EVERY student!

AVID Program (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

AVID is an academic, regularly scheduled elective class based on writing as a tool of learning, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading to learn. AVID classes are open to all grade levels. Students are engaged in a curriculum that is intended to support student achievement in high school and in college. For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Jill Campbell @ jill.campbell@bvsd.org.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Teacher Advisory Time:

Students can receive homework/assignment help, make-up tests, etc. from teachers at the end of the last class on Wednesdays.

Adelante!:

The Adelante! program offers support to first generation students and their families. Services include tutoring, mentorships, materials, and supplies, parent and community outreach, access to ACT and AP preparation, coaching for transition to post-secondary opportunities and more. Contact Faire.Stanley@bvsd.org for more information.

Support Team (SST):

The SST is an interdisciplinary team that works with parents/guardians to support students who are struggling for a variety of reasons: academic, behavioral, medical and/or psychological. The team develops an intervention support plan and monitors the progress of the student.

Interventionist Services:

Our prevention/interventionists are employed by Boulder County Mental Health Partners. We also have a social worker and a school psychologist who provide confidential services for students, families, and staff.

Culturally and Linguistically diverse Education (CLDE):

We provide services for students who qualify for Emergent Bilingual support and also support a thriving Newcomer program, which welcomes students that are new to the United States. Contact: jennifer.grierson@bvsd.org

Special Education:

Students are staffed into special education. Our special education department serves students according to their needs in the least restrictive environment. We offer a range of services to meet the individual needs of students, with most receiving services in the general education classroom. sandra.blome@bvsd.org; kimberly.hillinger@bvsd.org; alena.branson@bvsd.org

Freshman Seminar and Panther Pride:

This class is required for all freshmen. It meets once a week during the first semester of freshman year and helps create an involved and academically engaged freshman class within the larger BHS community by promoting academic, social and emotional success. This is achieved through student-to-adult and student-to-student mentoring during weekly opportunities designed to develop skills and optimize achievement at the high school level. Contact christopher.smith@bvsd.org for more information.



Team Rowdy-BHS STUDENT SPIRIT!:

At Boulder High, we place a strong emphasis on student involvement, school spirit, and creating a positive fan experience. We want our students to have the opportunity to be loud, proud, and enthusiastic in supporting our programs. Through cheer, student sections, chants, and positive encouragement, we promote an energetic and spirited environment where students can express their school pride while supporting our athletes and representing Boulder High with Champion Caliber Character.

Boulder High School is excited to have its own student-run newspaper! Students in the newspaper class are the student reporters, editors, and photographers who work together to create and produce a printed student newspaper called "The Owl". Students can register for the newspaper class under Language Arts. The stories are also published on The Owl Website.



Panther TV is a student-led program that operates as the announcements for BHS Students each week. Our video and film classes learn the intricacies of video production, marketing, and interviews while interacting with other students and teachers to create programming.

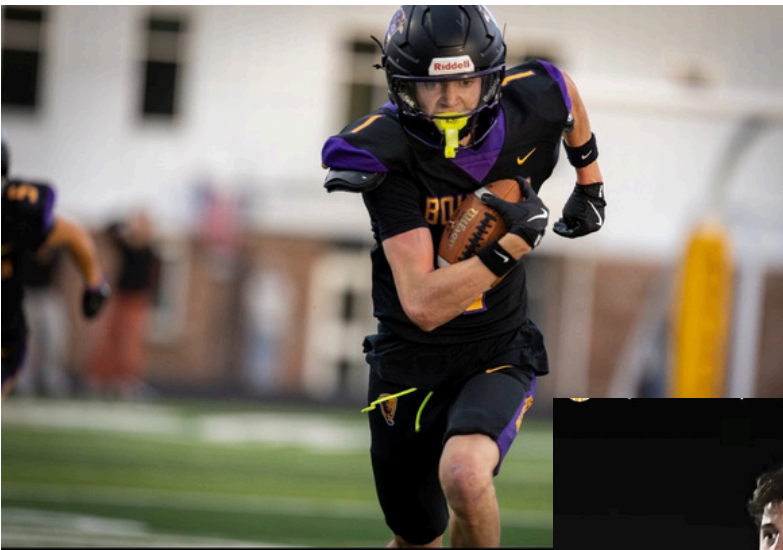


Jambalaya is the student literary magazine that is produced each spring. All Students can enter works of poetry, flash fiction, short stories, and artwork. As of this year, a team of students will work on the editing process as well as the marketing and distribution of the magazine. Each year the art department runs a cover contest to promote Jambalaya.



Athletics

Boulder High school has a rich tradition in athletics dating back to 1910. Throughout the years, our athletic teams have continued our winning traditions with many league, regional, and state championships. BHS coaches have been honored with numerous coaching awards. We assist student athletes in improving their individual talents, learning to work together as a team, and developing leadership life skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. Boulder High School is grateful to our parents and community members who continue to support our school and truly embody our motto "Still the First."



Fall Sports

Girls Cross
Country
Boys Cross Country
Football
Boys Golf
Boys Soccer
Girls Softball
Boys Tennis
Girls Volleyball
Poms
Cheers
Girls Gymnastics
Field Hockey

Winter Sports

Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball
Girls Swim and
Dive
Wrestling
Poms
Cheers
Nordic Ski
(Nederland)
Alpine ski
(Nederland)
Boys Hockey
(Monarch)

Spring Sports

Baseball Girls
Golf Girls Lacrosse
(Centaurus)
Boys Lacrosse Girls
Soccer
Boys Swim and
Dive
Girls Tennis
Track and Field

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Activision Club
Art Club
Asian Student Alliance
(ASA)
Astronomy Club
Baking club
Black Student Alliance
Chess Club
Creative Writing Club
Crochet Club
D & D Club
Ethics Bowl
Fashion Club
FBLA
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Film Production Club
German Club
Girls Who Code Club
Gender and Sexuality
Alliance (GSA)
Japanese Club
Jewish Culture Club
Improv
Knowledge Bowl
Latin club
Math Club
Mock Trial
Model United Nations
Music Appreciation Club
National Art Honor Society
National Honor Society
Pep Band
Philosophy Club
Robotic Club
Rotary Club
Ski and Snowboard Club
Stock Club
Spanish Club
Theatre Guild /Thespian Society
TRI-M Music Honor Society
Ultimate Frisbee Team-Coed
Women's Empowerment Club
Yoga Club
ZONTA Club

