

High School Overview



Richland High School

Welcome!

Thank you for
coming tonight!

Couple of Things....

Yes, you are going to have a
high school student!

High School has
changed...and it's good!

Welcome!

Meet the RHS Counseling Staff!



Professional School Counselors

Trenia Miller, Lead Counselor (A-B)

Teresa Durant (C-Go)

Jordan Machun (Gp-Ma)

Vanessa Matschulat (Mb-Rob)

Bryan Teague (Roc-Z)

Crisis Counselors

Shelley Marshall (A-L)

Macie Ridgley (M-Z)

Graduation Coach

Jenai Alvarez

We work with students by alpha

Agenda



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Timeline



Graduation Requirements



Course Offerings



Submitting Course Requests

Timeline



*CTE = Career and Technical Education
**BCTAL = Birdville Center for Technology
and Advanced Learning

<i>November 15, 2024</i>	Information sent home to all 8th grade parents and students
<i>December 12, 2024 & February 13, 2025</i>	Counselors visit North Ridge Middle School College and Careers Class
<i>December 11, 2024 & February 12, 2025</i>	Counselors visit North Richland Middle School College and Careers Class
<i>February 26, 2025</i>	Course verification sheets sent to middle schools
<i>March 7, 2025</i>	Course verification sheets due to MIDDLE SCHOOL counselors

Graduation Requirements

26

Required credits

English (4 credits)

English I, English II, English III, and Advanced English course

Math (4 credits)

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Advanced Math course

Science (4 credits)

Biology, (Integrated Chemistry & Physics (IPC), Chemistry, or Physics), and 2 Advanced Science courses

Social Studies (3 credits)

US History, US Gov't/Economics, and World Geography or World History

ELECTIVES

Foreign Language (2 credits)

Health (.5)

Physical Education (1 credit)

Technology (.5)

Professional Communications (.5)

Fine Arts (1.0)

Endorsement Coursework/Electives (5.5)

Graduation Requirements

Endorsements



An **Endorsement** is...

A series of electives in an area of study designed to give students an opportunity to gain in-depth experience and knowledge within that specific area

Endorsements are available in five areas of study:

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

ARTS & HUMANITIES

PUBLIC SERVICES

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Students learn about endorsements in their college and career class and will choose an endorsement their 8th grade year.

(Credit to Pflugerville ISD)

Endorsements

House Bill 5: The Foundation HS Program



STEM

Science, Technology,
Engineering and Math

This path includes courses directly related to science (including Environmental Science), Engineering, and Advanced Mathematics, or a coherent sequence in some Career and Technical Education Courses



Business & Industry

Includes courses directly related to Database Management, Information Technology, Communications, Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Graphic Design, Architecture, Construction, Welding, Logistics, Automotive Technology, Agricultural Science and HVAC



Public Services

Includes courses directly related to Health Sciences, Education and Training, Law Enforcement, Culinary Arts and Hospitality and Tourism



Arts & Humanities

Includes courses directly related to Political Science, World Languages, Cultural Studies, English Literature, History and Fine Arts, Journalism and Broadcasting



Multidisciplinary Studies

Includes courses from the curriculum of each Endorsement area and credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content area sufficient to complete the Distinguished Level of Achievement under the Foundation High School Program

Graduation Requirements



Arts & Humanities



Business & Industry



Multidisciplinary Studies



STEM



Public Services

Endorsements are...

NOT SET IN STONE

RHS counselors meet with students individually each year to discuss electives and endorsements.

FLEXIBLE

Endorsements can be added or removed each year depending on student's elective choices.

NEEDED

Students need 26 credits with an endorsement for graduation.

[For more information please visit the
BISD Planning Guide on the BISD website](#)

Graduation Requirements



Also called End of Course Exam (EOC)

5 STAAR or EOC Exams Needed for Graduation

FRESHMAN YEAR

English 1
Biology
Algebra 1

SOPHOMORE YEAR

English 2

JUNIOR YEAR

US History

Students have to pass their class and STAAR exam. They are separate from each other. For example, a student can pass their English 1 class but fail the English 1 STAAR. The student would have to retake their English 1 STAAR exam again.

Graduation Requirements



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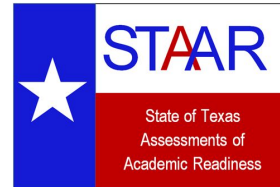
In summary, *Graduation Requirements* have 3 parts...



Credits



At least one Endorsement



Pass all STAAR Exams

Course Selection for Freshman Year

College and Career Class...



8th grade students take for one semester



Create a Personal Graduation Plan (PGP)



Use Focus to input course selections



High School Counselors visit each semester to answer questions and finalize course selections

8th Graders have already started High School

Algebra 1

Spanish 1

Technology classes

Speech (professional communications)

Health (lifetime nutrition & wellness)

College and Careers

Principles of Business, Marketing &
Finance

Regular vs Honors Classes

Regular Classes (on level)...

- *If you dislike a subject
- *If you struggle with the homework
- *If you have trouble passing the class
- *If you don't get the concepts easily

Regular vs Honors Classes

Honors Classes (faster
paced/more work)

- *If you like the class

- *If you can do the homework

- *If you have an A or B average

- *If you understand the content

Regular vs Honors Classes

Other Considerations...

- *Are you involved in a lot of activities
- *Do you have a good work ethic?
- *Are you organized?
- *Do what is best for YOU!

Regular vs Honors Classes

Remember...

- *Both options are available in all core courses: English, Math, Science, & Social Studies
- *One Advanced Placement (AP) course is offered in 9th grade: AP Human Geography
- *8th grade teachers can advise you on what to do!

Course Selection for Freshman Year

Students will fill out the **HS Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) worksheet** to plan their high school courses and choose an endorsement. Students will bring home the worksheet for parent review. Then students will input the worksheet information into Focus Progression Plan.

PGP is flexible - it can be changed! All students at RHS meet with their

High School Personal Graduation Plan (PGP)

MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Student ID# _____

Endorsement _____ 26 Credits Required to Graduate

	Completed in 8th grade +	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
1		English 1 OL or Honors	English 2 OL or Honors	English 3 OL or AP or Dual Credit	English 4 OL or AP or Dual Credit
2	Circle if taking Algebra 1	Algebra 1 OL or Hon or Geometry H or OL	Geometry OL or Hon or Algebra 2 OL or Hon	Algebra 2 OL or Hon or *Pre-Calculus	*Pre-Calculus or *Math Elective
3		Biology OL or Honors	Chemistry OL or H or AP	Science *Physics OL or H or AP	Science Elective

[Click here for link to High School Personal Graduation Plan \(PGP\)Form](#)

Course Selection for Freshman Year



An example of a TYPICAL 9th grade Schedule..

English 1 (on level or honors)

Algebra 1 (on level or honors)
Geometry if Algebra 1 was taken in 8th

Biology (on level or honors)

World Geography (on level, honors, or AP Human Geography)

Elective (recommended to start a foreign language in 9th or 10th grade)

Elective

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Don't repeat a course that you took in middle school for high school credit. Let your counselor know that you need a schedule change!

Course Selection for Freshman Year



BAND - Fine arts credit/receive PE credit fall semester, cost involved.

DRILL TEAM/ROYAL LINE - Tryouts are in the spring, cost involved.

CHEERLEADING - Tryouts are in the spring, cost involved.

ATHLETICS - Time before and after school, tryouts involved.

Courses are assigned by sport. Students need to write which FALL sport they are trying out for on the course registration form.

SPANISH - Sign up for Spanish 2 if currently taking Spanish 1 in 8th grade.

HONORS CLASSES - Prepare you to take dual credit and advanced placement courses.

Resources

[BISD Education Planning Guide](#)

[8th Grade Course Selection Card](#)

[8th Grade Athletic Information](#)

Submitting Course Requests



Parents and Students...

Log into Focus and review your Progression Plan

Students taking College and Careers 2nd semester will not have course requests until February 2025

Visit the BISD Educational Planning Guide

Use the guide to look up courses of interest and see different endorsement pathways

[BISD EDUCATIONAL PLANNING GUIDE](#)

Ask Questions

Please contact your College and Career teacher or RHS Counselors for questions about course requests

[RHS Counselor Link](#)

Submitting Course Requests



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February 26, 2025

Course verification sheets will be sent to the Middle Schools. This will give you one last opportunity to make any changes to your freshman course requests.

March 7, 2025

Course verifications sheets are due to **MIDDLE SCHOOL** counselors.

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