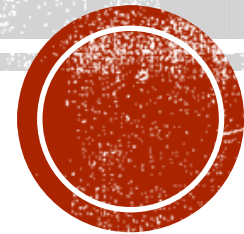


**BIRDVILLE HS 2021-2022
FRESHMEN INFO SESSION**





FACES & PLACES TO KNOW . . .



ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Wells

Principal



FRONT OFFICE

DEAN OF INSTRUCTION:



■ Mrs. Falcon

D-300 OFFICE

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS:

- Mr. Wallace
- Freshmen



B-300 OFFICE

- Ms. Beasley
- Sophomores



B-300 OFFICE

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS:

- Mr. Serviente
Juniors



C-200 OFFICE

- Mrs. Lawler
Seniors



C-200 OFFICE

SECURITY GUARDS:

- Officer Gratts



EVERYWHERE!

- Mr. Tutak



PARKING LOTS

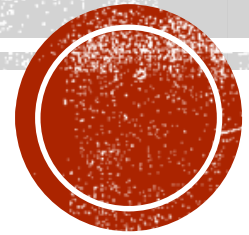
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

- Officer Shayne Kotara

EVERYWHERE!



WELCOME FRESHMEN CLASS



BHS COUNSELORS- ALL LOCATED IN THE FRONT OFFICE

■ Mrs. Travis
A-Dez



■ Mrs. Holt
(Ramsey)
■ Di-GOZ and SPED



■ Mrs. Blankenship
■ Gr-Maz



■ Ms. Stevenson
Mc-Rz



■ Mrs. Larson
■ S- Z

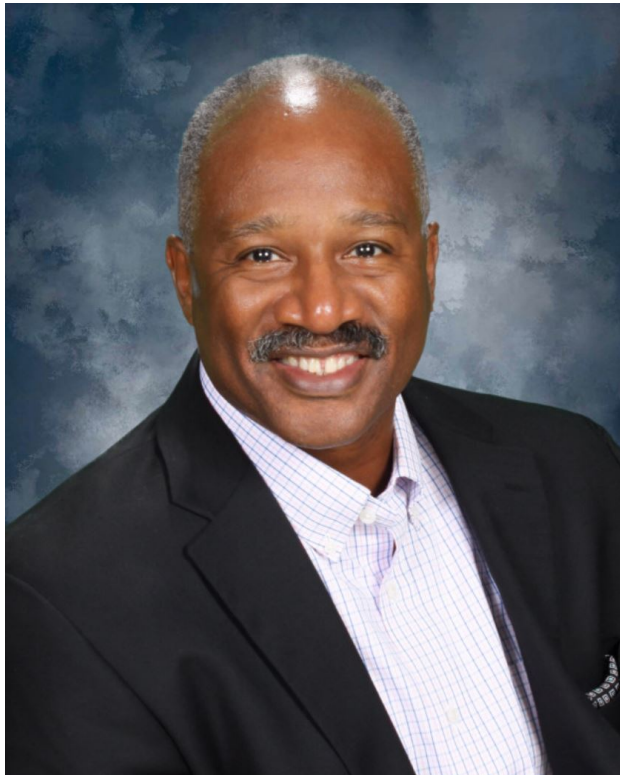


**NEED TO SEE YOUR COUNSELOR:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/BHSCOUNS](https://tinyurl.com/BHSCOUNS)**

STUDENT ASSISTANCE/CRISIS COUNSELORS:

- Mr. Richard Griffin

- A - J



D-300 OFFICE

- Ms. Mellado K - Z



D-300 OFFICE

**PERSONAL, SOCIAL,
AND EMOTIONAL
SUPPORT**

STUDENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST



■ Mrs. Griffith

LOCATED IN THE
LIBRARY

COUNSELING SECRETARY



- Mrs. Johnston

- GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT
 - TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS
 - HOMEWORK REQUESTS



REGISTRAR



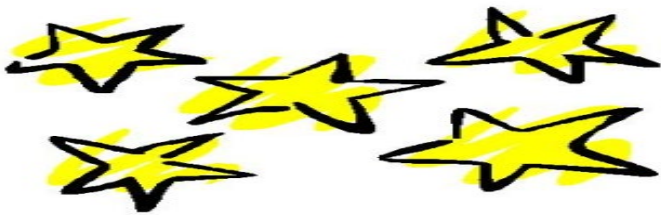
- Mrs. Adams

- TRANSCRIPTS
- SENDING AND RECEIVING RECORDS
- REPORTS CARDS
- DATA ENTRY



POINTS OF PRIDE

- **Birdville students are part of a comprehensive and challenging four-year course of study.**
- **Over 92% Birdville graduates attended a four-year or two-year college program.**
- **BHS offers several advanced placement courses and other unique instructional programs.**
- **Birdville High School consists of students who pride themselves on high academic and co-curricular achievements.**



BIRDVILLE HS HB5 GRAD REQUIREMENTS

4 English Credits

4 Math Credits

4 Science Credits

3 Social Studies Credits (strongly encouraged to take 4)

2 World Languages

1 Physical Education

1 Fine Arts

.5 Health/ .5 Speech

.5 Technology credit

5.5 Endorsement Electives

***Pass 5 EOC- Biology, Algebra, English 1, English 2, US History**

**26 Credits
To
Graduate**



ENDORSEMENTS

- **STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math)**
- **Business and Industry**
- **Public Services**
- **Arts and Humanities**
- **Multidisciplinary**



TYPICAL FRESHMEN SCHEDULE

1.0 credit English

1.0 credit Social Studies

1.0 credit Mathematics

1.0 credit Biology

.5 credit Health and .5 credit Speech

2.0 credits Electives (as determined by student and endorsement)

= 7 classes per semester

***You should never sit in a class you received prior credit- talk to your counselor if you have ?'s!**



GRADES AND GPA

- **GPA = Grade Point Average**
- **Starts this semester and goes through your senior year (middle school credits taken for high school credit also count in GPA)**
- **Cumulative GPA: every grade you've earned in high school**
- **Birdville High School Reports our GPA on a 100 pt. scale**
- **Rank is determined by GPA.**
- **Freshmen year is the foundation year for rank and GPA so start strong and stay strong.**
- **The key to a good GPA is good grades and good attendance.**



GOOD ATTENDANCE

- **State law – be in class for 90% of the semester.**
- **Only allowed 8 days before you are in danger of not getting credit for classes even if you are passing.**
- **If you no credit a class due to poor attendance, then it will be posted onto your transcript like this 95* but in the credit column it will say 0.**
- **This means you will have to repeat the class.**
- **Poor attendance directly impacts your grades which impacts GPA.**
- **You also run the risk of having truancy filed against your which means court appearances and fines.**
- **Drivers license information!**
- **When trying to obtain your driver's license you must have the Verification of Enrollment form. (café office)**
- **NO CREDIT = NO LICENSE for 7 months!**



PROMOTING TO THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL

- In order to promote to the next grade level, you must earn the correct number of credits.
- Each semester you earn .5 credit for every class you pass.
- In order to promote to grade 10, you must have 6 credits at the end of your 9th grade year.
- In order to promote to grade 11, you must have 12 credits.
- In order to promote to grade 12, you must have 19 credits.
- In order to graduate you must have 26 credits.



CONSIDERATIONS FOR COLLEGE

- Most colleges prefer students carry at least 4 academic classes per semester
- Students need to maintain or continually improve their GPA over each semester
- Most colleges re-compute academic GPAs
- Many colleges give **honors and AP** courses additional consideration when re-computing academic GPAs
- World language is a requirement for admission



RANK AND GPA

- **Rank:** your GPA compared to all the GPAs of other students in your grade-level
 - EX: 48/417
- **Transcript:** Academic Record of all your high school courses, grades, GPA, rank and if you've met your state testing yet or not
- **Quartile:** Your class is divided into 4 quartiles. The top quartile is the top 25% percent of the class, the second quartile is the top 50% etc. GPA also determines the quartile you are in.



SAMPLE TRANSCRIPT

- ✓ Personal information
- ✓ END of Course
- ✓ School awarding credit
- ✓ Grades and credits
- ✓ Performance Acknowledgements
- ✓ Endorsements
- ✓ Rank/GPA

STATE OF TEXAS
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECORD
(ACCREDITED)

John Doe Smith
Student ID: 123456
SSN : 4445566669
DOB : 01/12/1998
MALE
Non-Hispanic, Black
GRADE : 11

Parents/Guardian
John Doe Smith Sr.

9100 Mid Cities Blvd.
N RICHLAND HILLS TX 76180

Birdville ISD
Birdville High School
9100 MID CITIES BLVD
N RICHLAND HILLS TX 76180
CCBC: 445137

END OF COURSE
English I : II Spring 2014 English II: II Spring 2015
Biology : II Spring 2015 Algebra I : III Spring 2014
US History:

Schools Awarding Credit 2013 220902010/ 2014 220902010/220902010

	S1	S2	AVG	CR	S1	S2	AVG	CR
LANGUAGE ARTS								
13/14 ENG 1:3	80			.50				
13/14 ENG 1		87		.50				
14/15 ENG 2	76	82		1.00				
MATHEMATICS								
12/13 ALG 1:J3	70			.50				
13/14 GEOM:3	88			.50				
13/14 ALG 1		90		.50				
13/14 GEOM		83		.50				
14/15 ALG 2	83	82		1.00				
SCIENCE								
13/14 IPC:3	82			.50				
13/14 IPC		80		.50				
14/15 BIO	80	76		1.00				
SOCIAL STUDIES								
14/15 W HIST	92	85		1.00				
P.E./EQUIVALENT								
13/14 SUBATH1:3	100			.50				
13/14 SUBATH1		100		.50				
14/15 SUBATH2	100			.50				
14/15 SUBATH2		96		.50				
OTHER LANGUAGE								
13/14 SPAN 1:3	70			.50				
13/14 SPAN 1		93		.50				
14/15 SPAN 2	82	83		1.00				
FINE ARTS								
13/14 ART 1:3	96			.50				
13/14 ART 1		89		.50				
CAREER/TECH ED.								
14/15 GRAPHDI	83			.50				
14/15 GRAPHDI		75		.50				

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Credit Totals: State 14.00 Local .00

Date of Class Rank: 06/09/2015
Rank: 327 Class Size: 516
GPA: 85.667
Quartile: 3

Date Printed: 09/16/2015

Texas Grant Academic Indicator: 1

Date of Certificate:
Date of Graduation:
Graduation Program Type: RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Advanced Measures:

Official Signature

Passing is 70 or above 3=RECORDS OUTSIDE TX J=HS+PRIOR TO 9TH GRADE
P = Passing F = Fail
TX Grant 1,2,5 = Eligible
.grade - credit awarded by out-of-state entity or as part of passing yearly average.
* no credit due to excessive absences



HOW YOUR GRADES CAN AFFECT YOU

- **College:**
 - 4-Year Universities have a requirement for admissions, usually 3.0 or higher
 - 2-Year colleges do not have a requirement, but some of the programs do
- **Scholarships: FREE MONEY! 😊**
 - Many scholarships are based on your academic performance
 - The higher your GPA, the more scholarships you may be eligible for
- Colleges have their own scholarships they can give you, many based on GPA
- **Athletic/Activity Eligibility:**
 - No PASS NO PLAY
 - Overall passing average
 - Research shows that involvement in sports/activities/clubs helps make you a better student
 - Time management, commitment, teamwork, responsibility
- **Jobs/References:**
 - You are more hireable when you perform better
 - People you use as references or letters of recommendations will have better things to say!
- **EXEMPTIONS FROM FINAL EXAMS!**



NCAA REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **If you plan to play ANY sport in COLLEGE, you must make sure you are fulfilling all NCAA requirements.**
- ✓ **NCAA approved core courses for BHS can be found at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net**



PSAT

- 9th grade students who would like to take the PSAT need to register using this link AND pay \$18 for the test by October 8th.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO IMPROVE YOUR GRADE

- **Advocate for Yourself:**

- Connect with your teachers — big resource of information for your success!
- Teachers have tutoring hours posted on door
- Ask questions during class
- Seek help outside of class
 - Hearing information one time may not be enough to fully understand
 - Khan Academy

- **Meet with your Counselor:**

- Problem-solve areas where you can improve
- Check-in about progress



YOUR STUDY SKILLS

- **INVENTORY RESULTS**
- **Study Place**
 - No distractions, quiet
 - Same place each time you study or do homework
 - Have all the materials you need in one place
 - Read material **BEFORE** it's presented in class
- **Take notes in class**
 - And keep handouts and worksheets
 - Use these to prepare for upcoming tests/quizzes
- **Study for tests/quizzes!**
 - Don't do one cram session; study in smaller chunks the 3-5 days prior to the test
 - Review all notes (re-write them!) and handouts until you feel prepared
 - Ask questions before the test



YOUR STUDY SKILLS & TUTORING

- **Stay organized:**
 - Use tabs, separate folders, binders — whatever works for you!
 - Make sure you know where unfinished work can be found, and where the things you need to hand in are located.
- **Use a planner/calendar:**
 - Don't rely on your memory!
 - Helps you plan out your study time and be more efficient, especially if you have commitments outside of school!
- **Tutoring**
 - <https://education.tamu.edu/aggie-homework-helpline/>



BHS Counseling Corner

- Explore careers, colleges, and jobs with information found in the counseling office and library.
- Register for ACT/SAT and ask about fee waivers.
- Research and Apply for Scholarships
- Fill out College Applications
- Complete Financial Aid Forms
- Build resume



FRESHMEN YEAR TRANSITION & BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION



Settle into a routine

Take a strong academic load

Commit to volunteer projects

Get involved!

Talk with your parents consistently!

Visit colleges

Make smart decisions

Set goals!



JOIN A BHS SPORT



JOIN A CLUB OR ORGANIZATION

ASL Club	Family, Career, Community Leaders of America	JROTC
Art Club	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Math Club
Band	Fish Heads	Chinese Club
Best Buddies	Fishing Club	National Honor Society
Bus. Prof. of America	French Club	PALS
Character Counts	Golden Motion	RAWKIN HAWKS
Cheerleading	Green Teens	Science Club
Choir	Hawks in Harmony	Student Council
DECA	Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)	Sports Medicine (athletic trainers)
Drama	Journalism (Newspaper and Yearbook)	UIL Academics



COMMUNITY SERVICE

We believe young people bring vital resources to needs in their community and in turn gain valuable experiences that strongly impact their own lives.

VOLUNTEER!



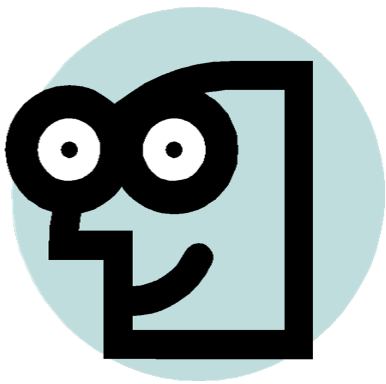
COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT

- **What:** 2021 BHS College Night
 - **When:** November 1st
 - **Where:** BCTAL
 - **Time:** 6-8 pm
- **FWISD College Night 9-20 link:** <https://www.fwisd.org/Page/325>.



G-RATED ONLY

Admissions, scholarship committees, employers, etc. are now checking Facebook/twitter, etc. Be clean and politically correct and don't post anything to anyone you don't want EVERYONE to see!!! It will impact your college, career and life.



SCHOLARSHIPS



- **Check counselor website**
- **Look at Facebook posts from counseling office about scholarships**
- **Use the internet it will be your best friend when searching for scholarships.**
- **Check with the school you are applying to.**
- **It's never too early to begin applying for scholarships!**
- **DO NOT PAY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS! THIS IS A SCAM!**



SKYWARD ACCESS!!



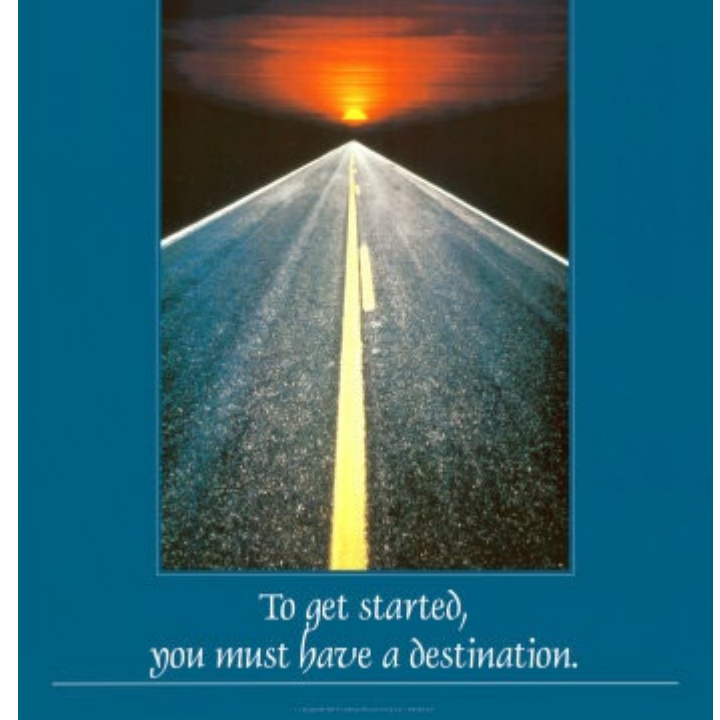
- Parents and students are encouraged to use Skyward access to stay current with grades and attendance. Parents can continue to use logins and passwords from previous years. New parents can get their logins/passwords from the front office with ID. This login will be used for Skyward, computer and Chromebook access, and most other applications within BISD. **Username:** First Letter of the Student's First Name + First Letter of their Middle Name + First 5 Letters of their Last Name + a 3 digit number. (ex Jane Doe Hawks would be JDHawks000)
- **Password:** Students will continue to use their password from the previous year. If they need to reset their password, you can email helpdesk@birdvilleschools.net (you will need your Student ID number) or a staff member can call the help desk at 5888 with the student's ID number ready.
- Students who are new to BISD may have a staff member look up their login and password.



FINAL THOUGHTS

- **1st semester sets the course**
- **Begin building a resume**
- **Advocate for yourself**
- **Get to know your teachers**
- **AP/counselor**
- **Mental Health Student Support presentation:**

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1M6YW0B2xq0KCSJipl_9ut87J8IJzitINqXovsyCUIo4/edit?usp=sharing



STAY CONNECTED

**Facebook: Look for updates on the
Birdville High School FB Page.**

BHS Counseling Canvas Page

**Twitter: Follow us on
Twitter@Birdville_High**



CRIME STOPPERS TEXT OR CALL 817-469-TIPS

This program allows students to provide anonymous tips to campus administration and local law enforcement about crimes and school violations. The students will receive a monetary reward ranging from \$10-\$1,000 if the tip proves instrumental in solving the crime.

CRIME STOPPERS **817-469-8477**
TARRANT COUNTY

About Us

How it Works

**ADULTS: SUBMIT A
COMMUNITY TIP**

**STUDENTS: SUBMIT A
CAMPUS TIP**

IT'S SAFE TO SAY...

WHAT YOU



SAW

WHAT YOU



HEARD

WHAT YOU



KNOW

DRUGS & ALCOHOL ON CAMPUS

- There are cameras EVERYWHERE!
- If you see something....say something!
- If you smell something....say something!
- You're not snitching, you're clearing your name.
- Do not "hold" something for someone else.
- If someone offers you a drink of their beverage that contains alcohol, do not drink it.
- If you're in the presence of someone with drugs or alcohol, you're guilty by association and will have also have consequences.
- Violation of our Drugs/Alcohol policy are immediate DAEP.



**WELCOME TO BHS AND
HAVE A WONDERFUL YEAR!**

We appreciate you!