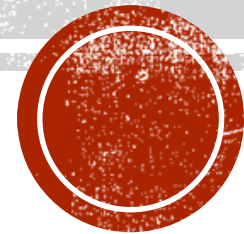


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JUNIOR INFO SESSION**





# FACES & PLACES TO KNOW . . .



# ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Wells

Principal



FRONT OFFICE

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Mr. Wallace  
Freshmen



**B300 OFFICE**

Ms. Beasley  
Sophomores



**B300 OFFICE**





# ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Mr. Serviente  
Juniors



**C200 OFFICE**

Mrs. Lawler  
Seniors



**C200 OFFICE**

# DEAN OF INSTRUCTION



**Mrs. Falcon**  
**D300 Office**

# SECURITY GUARDS

Officer Gratts



**EVERYWHERE!**

Mr. Tutak



**PARKING LOTS**



# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Officer Shayne Kotara

# EVERYWHERE!





# BHS COUNSELORS

## ALL LOCATED IN THE FRONT OFFICE

- Mrs. Travis  
A-Dez



- Mrs. Holt (Ramsey)  
Di-GOZ and  
SPED Special Services



- Mrs. Blankenship  
Gr-Maz



- Ms. Stevenson  
Mc-Rz



- Mrs. Larson  
S- Z

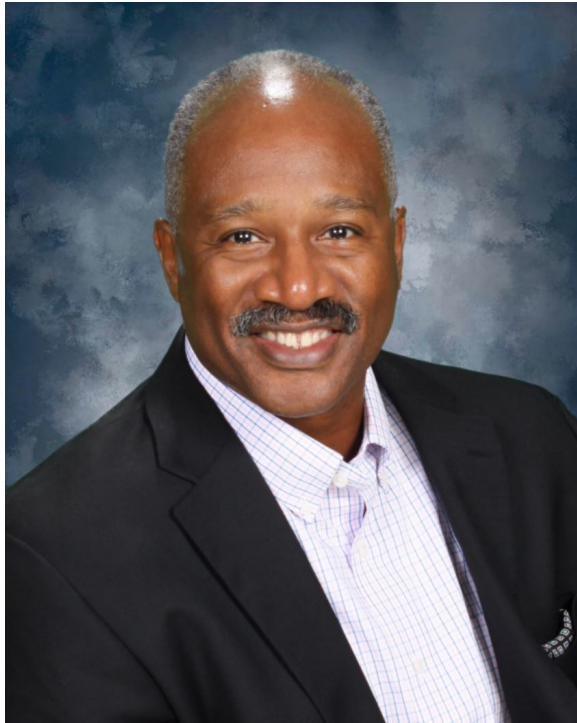


**NEED TO SEE YOUR COUNSELOR?**  
**[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/BHSCOUNS](https://tinyurl.com/BHSCOUNS)**

# CRISIS INTERVENTION COUNSELORS

- Mr. Richard Griffin

A - J



D300 OFFICE

- Ms. Sara Mellado

K - Z



D300 OFFICE

PERSONAL, SOCIAL,  
AND EMOTIONAL  
SUPPORT

# STUDENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST



■ Mrs. Griffith

LOCATED IN THE  
LIBRARY

# COUNSELING STAFF

Mrs. Johnston

Secretary



- General information concerning the counseling department
- Transcript requests
- Homework requests

Mrs. Adams

Registrar



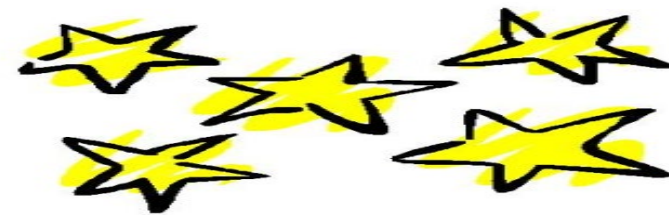
- Transcripts
- Sending and receiving records
- Reports cards
- Data entry





# 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 ISD 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

**26 Credits  
To  
Graduate**

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



# ENDORSEMENTS

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



# TYPICAL JUNIOR SCHEDULE



1.0 credit English

1.0 credit Social Studies

1.0 credit Mathematics

1.0 credit Science

3.0 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 you 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. See Ms. Wright in the front office to obtain a form.**
- **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 a .5 credit for every class you pass.
- 10th Grade: 6 credits
- 11th Grade: 12 credits
- 12th Grade: 19 credits
- Graduate with at least 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			
<b>END OF COURSE</b>									
English I : II Spring 2014			English II: II Spring 2015			Algebra I : III Spring 2014			
Biology : II Spring 2015			US History:						
<b>Schools Awarding Credit</b>									
2015 220902010/220902010			2013 220902010/			2014 220902010/220902010			
	S1	S2	AVG	CR		S1	S2	AVG	CR
<b>LANGUAGE ARTS</b>									
13/14 ENG 1:3	80			.50					
13/14 ENG 1		87		.50					
14/15 ENG 2	76	82		1.00					
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>									
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					
<b>SCIENCE</b>									
13/14 IPC:3	82			.50					
13/14 IPC		80		.50					
14/15 BIO	80	76		1.00					
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>									
14/15 W HIST	92	85		1.00					
<b>P. E./EQUIVALENT</b>									
13/14 SUBATH1:3	100			.50					
13/14 SUBATH1		100		.50					
14/15 SUBATH2	100			.50					
14/15 SUBATH2		96		.50					
<b>OTHER LANGUAGE</b>									
13/14 SPAN 1:3	70			.50					
13/14 SPAN 1		93		.50					
14/15 SPAN 2	82	83		1.00					
<b>FINE ARTS</b>									
13/14 ART 1:3	96			.50					
13/14 ART 1		89		.50					
<b>CAREER/TECH ED.</b>									
14/15 GRAPHDI	83			.50					
14/15 GRAPHDI		75		.50					
Page 1 of 1									
<b>Credit Totals:</b>			State 14.00	Local .00					
Date of Class Rank: 06/09/2015					Texas Grant Academic Indicator: 1				
Rank: 327 Class Size: 516					Date of Certificate:				
GPA: 85.667					Date of Graduation:				
Quartile: 3					Graduation Program Type: RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM				
Date Printed: 09/16/2015					Advanced Measures:				
<u>Official Signature</u>									
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 for 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](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)





# PSAT

- Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> @ BHS
- The PSAT test will be administered to all 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade students at BHS.

# APPLY: SAT/ACT SIGN UP AND SCORES

## SCHOOL CODE: 445137

- ⦿ Students must arrange for the scores be sent straight from the testing company. You can request scores be sent from:

**SAT:** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

**ACT:** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- ⦿ If you have not taken either exam, please schedule one **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. Or look at your school and see if it is not required due to COVID.
- ⦿ You may take them again and some schools “superscore” your best scores together.



# COLLEGE BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS AND CHECK LIST

Check out [this link](#) to review College Board Opportunity Scholarships

- Build your college list
- Practice for the SAT
- Explore scholarships
- Strengthen your college list
- Complete the FAFSA
- Apply to colleges
- By completing these steps, you are automatically eligible to receive College Board scholarships!

# ASVAB (ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY)

- Scheduled for September 21, 2021 in the Lecture Hall.
- It is offered free of charge.
- This is a required test for students considering the military, but it is offered to any junior or senior student wishing to discover areas in which they excel. Sign up is in the Counselor's Office. Results will be received in December and discussed with the students.
- Sign up [here](#)



# 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

- **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 RESOURCES

- **Homework Help Hours**
  - Every Monday & Wednesday 3:30 – 5:30 in the BHS Library
  - A quiet place to study
  - Help available in core subject areas by BHS Teachers
  - English, Social Studies, Math, Science
- **Aggie Homework Hotline**
  - <https://education.tamu.edu/aggie-homework-helpline/>

# TIPS



**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

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



# 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, 2021

**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 TikTok/Snapchat/Instagram/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 and Canvas
- Look at social media 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!!



- Check your grades & attendance in Skyward!
- Students who are new to BISD may have a staff member look up their username and password.
- Stop by the counseling office if you need help!





# OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

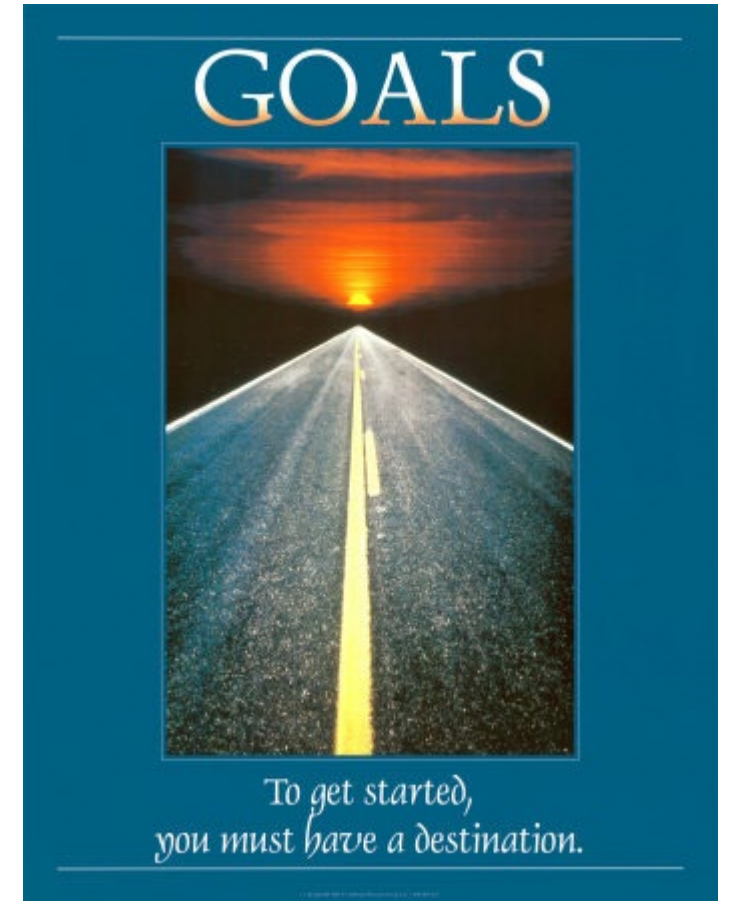


- **Driving:** VOE forms can be obtained from Mrs. Robyn Wright in the front office. Please allow 24 hours. Her extension is 8028.
- **STAAR/EOC:** There are 5 tests required for graduation. English 1 & 2, Biology, Algebra 1 and US History. Make-up tests begin December 7, and US History tests for Juniors begins May 4.
- **ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING** dates are determined by College Board. All AP test dates fall during the first two weeks of May. Specific information for particular tests can be looked up at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).
- **PREVIEW DAYS/COLLEGE VISITS** Still trying to decide on a college? Visit! Take advantage of preview days offered by colleges and universities. Check the university websites for preview days or contact the admissions office to obtain information about a campus visit.
- **[Mental Health Student Support Presentation](#)**



# FINAL THOUGHTS

- Begin building a resume
- Advocate for yourself
- Get to know your teachers
- AP / Counselor



# STAY CONNECTED

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

BHS Counseling Canvas Page

Follow us on Twitter @Birdville\_High

Instagram: @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.



# QUESTIONS?

ASK YOUR COUNSELOR DURING YOUR JUNIOR CONFERENCE OR USE QR CODE TO CONTACT YOUR COUNSELOR!



# HELPFUL LINKS

- Not sure about college majors and careers? This short interest survey can show you which career clusters match your interests.
  - <http://careerwise.minnstate.edu/careers/clusterAssessment#>
- Interested in Personality types and Enneagrams? You'll need to create free accounts to view/save results.
  - <https://www.16personalities.com/>
  - <https://cloverleaf.me/enneagram>



We appreciate  
you!