

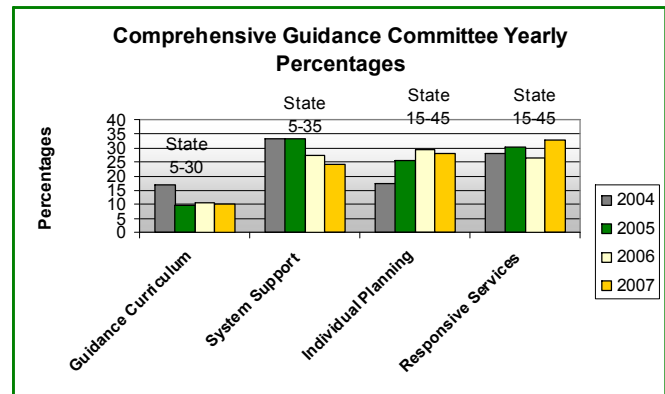
Of these students, 32 received AP Scholar recognition with 2 National AP Scholars. Dual enrollment students have increased over the past four years with proper guidance and screening by counselors.

Dual Enrollment	
2005	26
2006	34
2007	84
2008	90

These numbers reflect agreements with Texas Wesleyan University, Tarrant County College and UT at Arlington Honor College. The SST continues to explore other avenues for dual/concurrent enrollment.

Major Achievements

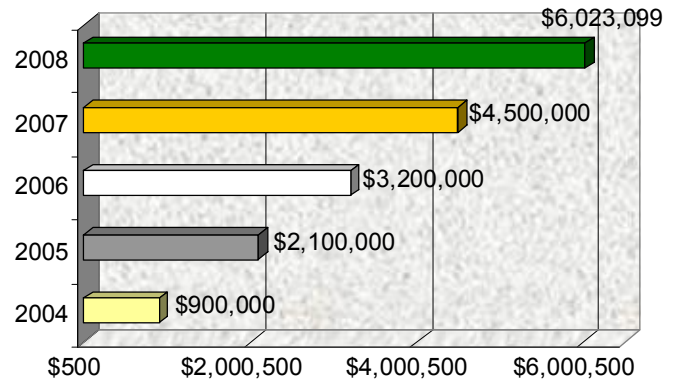
Birdville High School was honored to receive College Readiness Recognition from Texas ACT Council. This award was given for a significant increase in the number of students taking the ACT over the last five years. "Only 79 high schools in Texas were honored for their superior level of accomplishment," said Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice President and Southwest Regional Manager. Internal research has shown that a majority of BHS students perform more favorably on the ACT college readiness test.



Hourly documentation according to the state comprehensive guidance percentages is recorded every six weeks by counselors. An annual report is used to evaluate the design, coordination, and implementation, as outlined by Texas Standards for School Counseling. One goal is to move toward national standards alignment. BHS's Comprehensive Guidance Committee Yearly Percentages over the five years have matched state guidelines.

The philosophy of BHS is students should be recognized for accomplishments. One recognition given at the end of the senior year is a Senior Scholarship Awards Ceremony. DAP Scholars, Texas Scholars, top 10% students, valedictorian, salutatorian, national merit award winners, and students self reporting

Scholarships



scholarships are a few of the recognitions given at this ceremony. BHS is proud of the amount of scholarships students have earned over the years. Other recognitions go to underclassmen during athletic, career/ technology, and fine arts banquets. All grade levels are recognized each 6 weeks for honor roll and perfect attendance.

Beginning in 2008-2009 school year, a national program called AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, was implemented. Three sections comprising one tenth grade class and two ninth grade classes are divided by gender. This program is devised to help students acquire college level skills to be used after high school by incorporating college student tutors, Cornell note taking, organizational and writing skills and college fieldtrips for incentive.

Measurements

Measurement of students' attitudes and achievement drives the CIP, Comprehensive Guidance Program and many other areas. Collection of data by utilizing a variety of assessment tools and surveys is the major source of this information. The results from these tools and surveys help increase student achievement, expand opportunities, and promote student success in academic, career and personal/social domains, as well as guide the counselors with the SST in services management and responsiveness to the students' needs.

In the area of academics, several measurements are used. The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) is administered to all AVID students, and 10th and 11th grade students at district expense. Ninth graders, particularly pre-advanced placement students, are encouraged to purchase the test. Advanced Placement Exams are paid for by the district for students enrolled in AP courses and other students by request. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to take either SAT or ACT or both by counselors. TELPAS is administered by the ESL Coordinator to all students with limited English language skills to determine reading proficiency in English. Special Education assessment is done by the diagnostician, and/or the school psychologist to coordinate and develop programs for students with special needs.

In the area of careers ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is offered to 11th and 12th to determine aptitudes. The PLAN Test (pre ACT) is administered to all 10th graders as a continuation of EXPLORE given to 8th graders. The results of these tests help with career guidance. The exposure to the PLAN and EXPLORE test generally indicate BHS students will perform more successfully on the ACT than SAT. Career cruising is a web-based career/college system offering informal career interest surveys and general career information to students.