



# BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL



## CARDINAL KICKOFF

A Night  
for  
Prospective Students



**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

Online Via Recordings and Teams Talks

6:00 pm - Welcome from Mr. McDonough

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# Bellaire High School

World Languages Magnet School

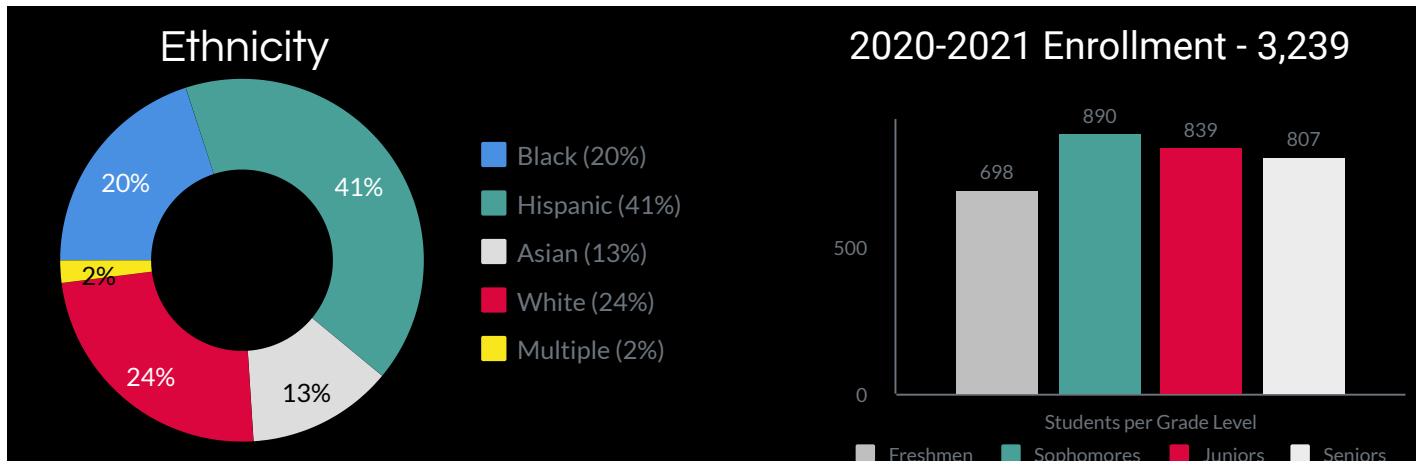
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Houston Independent School District | Principal: Michael McDonough

School Profile 2019-2020 | CEEB School: Code 440557

## Demographics

Bellaire High School opened in the fall of 1955. The school is a four-year Title I comprehensive public high school serving the needs of an urban, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural student body through a diversity of programs and activities.



## Extracurricular Activities

Bellaire High School offers a wide range of extracurricular activities including 12 UIL Athletic Programs, Choir, Orchestra, Guitar, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts, Dance, JROTC, Yearbook, Student Newspaper, FFA, Debate and over 126 student lead clubs and organizations.

## Academic Standards

Course Level	100-90	80-89	79-75	74-70
IB, AP, Pre-AP, Dual Credit	5	4	3	2
College Prep, Academic	4	3	2	1

Due to COVID the HISD was not able to administer a free SAT to all students in the Spring of 2020.

## 2019 Mean SAT Scores

Public Schools	Bellaire	Texas	National
Reading/Writing	548	513	502
Math	551	509	533

## 2019 Mean ACT Scores

	Bellaire	Texas	National
English	25.6	19.4	20.1
Math	25.5	20.7	20.8
Reading	25.8	21.4	21.1
Science	24.8	20.7	20.8
Composite	25.5	20.6	20.9



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## 2020 National Merit

12 National Merit Finalists  
11 National Merit Semi-Finalists  
38 National Merit Commended

## International



44 IB Diplomas  
Awarded in 2020

## 2020 AP Scholars

AP Scholar	155 scholars
AP Scholar with Honor	64 scholars
AP Scholar with Distinctions	270 scholars
National AP Scholar	99 scholars



Uniquely, most of our IB and AP courses are combined, which prepares the students to test in either program.

## AP, IB\* or Pre-AP Advanced Coursework Offered

### English 3-4\*

### Mathematics

Algebra 1  
Algebra 2  
Calculus AB/BC  
Geometry  
IB Math SL/HL\*  
IB Math Studies\*  
Pre-Calculus  
Statistics

### Science

Astronomy\*  
Biology\*  
Chemistry  
Environmental Systems\*  
Physics

### Social Studies

European History  
Human Geography\*  
Macroeconomics\*  
Microeconomics\*  
U.S. Government  
U.S. History  
World Geography  
World History

### Fine Arts

Art 1-4  
Visual Arts\*  
Music\*

### Foreign Language

Arabic 4-5\*  
French 4-5\*  
German 4-5\*  
Hebrew 4-5\*  
Hindi 4-5\*  
Italian 4-5\*  
Japanese 4-5\*  
Latin 4-5\*  
M. Chinese 4-5\*  
Russian 4-5\*  
Spanish 4-5\*

### Other

Computer Science  
Debate 1-4  
Newspaper 1-4  
Psychology\*  
Yearbook 2-4  
TOK\*

### Dual Credit

English 4  
Computer Graphics  
Principles of Info. Tech.  
Web Mastering/Design

## Class of 2020 Post Graduation

88% report pursuing higher education  
69% report attending a public college/university  
19% report attending private college/university  
74% report attending an in-state college/university  
14% report attending an out-of-state college/university  
4% report enlisting in the military



2020 Bellaire High School graduates are attending over 125 different colleges and universities.

## 2020 AP Testing Data

Subject	Total Exams	% of 3,4,5
Biology	102	93%
Calculus AB	85	74%
Calculus BC	125	92%
Chemistry	21	71%
Chinese Language	34	94%
Computer Science A	60	98%
Computer Science Principles	103	99%
English Language	289	75%
English Literature	186	67%
Environmental Science	187	60%
European History	29	93%
French Language	28	79%
German	14	93%
Human Geography	64	94%
Italian Language	28	89%
Japanese Language	10	80%
Latin	10	20%
Macroeconomics	209	66%
Microeconomics	59	78%
Music Theory	14	64%
Physics 1	86	76%
Physics C: E & M	17	94%
Physics C: Mechanics	50	90%
Psychology	102	76%
Spanish Language	77	91%
Spanish Literature	15	87%
Statistics	89	85%
U.S. Government	201	72%
United States History	325	77%
World History	261	72%



The Class of 2020 was awarded over 23 million in scholarship dollars.



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# Bellaire High School

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\*Non UIL Sport



## **Course Selection FAQ**

### **What is the difference between the course levels?**

- **Academic** – This level fulfills the requirements set out by the State of Texas.
- **College Prep** – This level is more rigorous than Academic, but it is still a 4 pt. class
- **Dual Credit** – This level is offered in 2 or 3 content areas in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students could simultaneously receive college credit while earning their high school credit.
- **Pre AP, AP, IB** – These levels are the most rigorous and are 5 pt. classes.
- **IB** – International Baccalaureate is a rigorous two year program in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Students must take classes and exams in 6 prescribed subjects. There is some choice within each subject.
- **AP** – Advanced Placement is a program designed and regulated by the College Board. Students take college level classes and corresponding exams. Universities often award credit for high scores on AP exams.
- For more information about choosing a level visit <http://bit.ly/bhslevels>

### **How do I know which level of class I should take?**

Students should consider their work ethic, ability, and previous experience. A good rule of thumb to help determine which level to choose is to look at the student's scores on a norm-referenced test such as Stanford, Iowa, or ERB. Students who score in the 85th percentile and above on this type of test or have been successful in Vanguard/GT classes in middle school should consider the Pre-AP level. For students who score in the 70-85 percentile, College Prep level may be a good fit. To assist the students with choosing their class levels, BHS Counselors will provide handouts at the middle school visits and parent nights which will have examples of the differences between the levels. Additional information is available on our website at <http://bit.ly/9bhslevels>

### **If College Prep and Academic are both 4 point classes, why would I take College Prep?**

College Prep provides additional rigor and is often the right fit for a student who wants to move up to a Pre-AP, AP or an IB class the following year.

### **How do I try out for athletics, Belles, JV Cheer, or the eMotion Dance Troupe?**

Every sport, Belles, JV Cheer, and eMotion have different requirements, requiring a try-out and an updated physical from the doctor. For more information, directly contact the coach of the sport you are interested in, Ms. Denman for Belles, Coach Perez for JV Cheer, or Ms. Kent for eMotion. A list of email addresses and upcoming tryout dates is on the Bellaire High School website and in this booklet.

### **What if I want to take a class that is not listed on the Course Selection Sheet?**

There are many classes offered at Bellaire that are not included on the 9<sup>th</sup> grade course selection sheet. Students have to meet prerequisites for many of the other courses we offer.

### **Is there block scheduling at Bellaire?**

No, Bellaire is on a traditional schedule with seven class periods a day.

### **What are my child's graduation requirements?**

Students will enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade under the 26-credit Foundation High School Program with an endorsement and take Algebra II. This will allow them to earn a Distinguished Level of Achievement and become eligible for automatic admission into state universities if they graduate in the top 10% of their class (with the exception of The University of Texas, which is usually top 6%.) For more detailed information, visit the grad plan section of the Cardinals Nest/ 9<sup>th</sup> grade student information section on our website at: [www.bellaire.org](http://www.bellaire.org)

# HISD'S PRESCRIBED GRADUATION PLAN

**FOUNDATION  
GRADUATION PLAN**

**ENDORSEMENT**

**DISTINGUISHED LEVEL  
OF ACHIEVEMENT**

**4 ENGLISH**  
ELA 1, 2, 3,  
ADV. ENGLISH

**3 MATHEMATICS**  
ALG. 1, GEOMETRY, ADV.  
MATH (\*ALG. 2)

**3 SOCIAL STUDIES**

**3 SCIENCE**

**2 FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

**1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**1 FINE ARTS**

**½ \*HEALTH**

**4½ \*ELECTIVES**

*\* Pending Board approval*



**S.T.E.M.**  
(Science,  
Technology,  
Engineering, and  
Mathematics)

- 1 ADV. MATH OR CTE MATH
- 1 ADV. SCIENCE OR CTE SCIENCE
- 2 ELECTIVES



**BUSINESS AND  
INDUSTRY**

- 1 ADV. MATH OR CTE MATH
- 1 ADV. SCIENCE OR CTE SCIENCE
- 2 ELECTIVES



**ARTS AND  
HUMANITIES**

- 1 ADV. MATH OR CTE MATH
- 1 ADV. SCIENCE OR CTE SCIENCE
- 2 ELECTIVES



**PUBLIC  
SERVICES**

- 1 ADV. MATH OR CTE MATH
- 1 ADV. SCIENCE OR CTE SCIENCE
- 2 ELECTIVES



**MULTI-  
DISCIPLINARY**

- 1 ADV. MATH OR CTE MATH
- 1 ADV. SCIENCE OR CTE SCIENCE
- 2 ELECTIVES

**ONE  
ENDORSEMENT**

**FOUR CREDITS  
IN SCIENCE**

**FOUR CREDITS  
IN MATH,  
INCLUDING ALGEBRA 2**

**22 CREDITS**

**26 CREDITS**

**TOP 10%  
AUTOMATIC ADMISSION TO  
STATE UNIVERSITIES**

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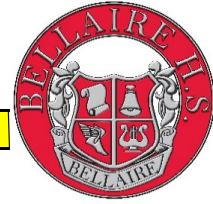
# Bellaire High School 9th Grade Course Worksheet

Before choosing course levels, consult the BHS 9th Grade Course Leveling Guide, if needed. Input course selection choices into the student Google form.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ HISD #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one. I am a: Zoned Student OR Transfer Student- MAGNET CTE IB



1. Did you take any High School credits in Middle School? YES NO

List HS Classes taken: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Choose a level for English 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic  
(Eng1157)

\_\_\_\_\_ College Prep  
(SCH9601ab)

\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AP  
(ENG1153)

## 3. Which Math and Science class combination do you need to take? Choose from either Choice A, B, OR C (NOT All.)

Choice A: \_\_\_\_\_ Alg. 1 & \_\_\_\_\_ IPC  
(MTH2157) (SCI4157) OR \_\_\_\_\_ Alg. 1 & \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AP IPC  
(MTH2157) (SCI4153)

Choice B: If you have credit for Algebra 1, choose from the courses below. Choose one Math and one Science option.

Geometry* _____ Academic (MTH2257)	Biology _____ Academic (SCI4257)	IPC* _____ Academic
(*Prerequisite: Alg. 1) _____ College-Prep	_____ College-Prep	(*If you took _____ Pre-AP
_____ Pre-AP (MTH2253)	_____ Pre-AP (SCI4253)	Biology in 8th.)

Choice C: If you already have credit for Geometry, choose from the courses below. Choose one Math and one Science option.

Algebra 2* _____ Academic (MTH2357)	Biology _____ Academic (SCI4257)	Chemistry* _____ Academic
(*Prerequisite: Alg. 1, Geom.) _____ College-Prep	_____ College-Prep	(*If you took _____ College-Prep
_____ Pre-AP (MTH2353)	_____ Pre-AP (SCI4253)	Biology in 8th.) _____ Pre-AP

## 4. Choose a level for World Geography to fulfill your Social Studies credit.

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic  
(SST3157)

\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AP  
(SST3153)

## 5. Choose a Foreign Language course.

(You must take 2 credits in the same language to graduate from HS. If you have earned one HS credit from MS, choose Level 2.)

_____ Arabic (ARB5010)	_____ Hebrew (OTH5001)	_____ Latin (LAT5510)
_____ Chinese (CHN5810)	_____ Hindi (HND5917)	_____ Russian (RUS5617)
_____ French (FRN5117)	_____ Italian (ITL5517)	_____ Spanish (SPN5717)
_____ German (GER5217)	_____ Japanese (JPN5410)	_____ Native Spkr. Spanish (SPN5739)

Level of Foreign Language: \_\_\_\_\_ One \_\_\_\_\_ Two \_\_\_\_\_ Two Pre-IB/Pre-AP

## 6. Choose a Physical Education course. \*

No Audition or Try-Out Required:

Audition/Try-Out Required:

_____ PE (PEH9441)	_____ Marching Band (PEH9591) (1st sem. will count as PE, 2nd sem. will count as Fine Art.)
_____ Beginning Dance (PEH9444)	_____ Belles (SCH9617)
_____ JROTC (PEH9311)	_____ eMotion Dance Troupe (PEH9444)
	_____ JV grade Cheer (PEH9571A)
	_____ Athletics: _____

\*Two semesters of PE or PE equivalent must be completed by end of spring semester, Junior year.



### 7. Choose an Elective.

#### FINE ART Choices:

<input type="checkbox"/> Art 1 (ART7201) <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-AP Art 1*(ART7202) <input type="checkbox"/> Theater 1 (THR7331)		<input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra ** (ORC7891) <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Piano (MUS7771) <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar 1 (MUS7805)	<input type="checkbox"/> Choir (G: MUS7511)(B:MUS7521) <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Percussion <input type="checkbox"/> ***** Band (Choose under PE section.) <input type="checkbox"/> Music Appreciation(MUS7840)
* Portfolio Review Required.		**Audition Required.	

#### CTE Choices:

(See CTE Guide for more information on each course.)

- ☐ Principles of Agriculture (AFN8101)
- ☐ Principles of Business, Mkt, Finance (BMA8401)
- ☐ Principles of Audio, Visual, Comms. (AAV8301)
- ☐ Principles of Distribution & Logistics (TDLN601)
- ☐ Principles of Hospitality (HTO8901)
- ☐ Foundations of Computer Science (TAC6110)
- ☐ PAP Computer Science 1 (TAC6113)

#### 1/2 credit Elective Choices: (Choose 2)

- ☐ Health\* (HLT9470)
- ☐ Speech (SPH1915)
- ☐ Prof. Comm. (AAV8334)

\* A graduation requirement but can be taken online.

#### OTHER Elective Choices for 9th grade:

- ☐ Debate Honors 1\* or 2\*(ELA1960/4)
- ☐ A second foreign language: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ IB ITGS\*\* (ELC9707) (\*\*For IB Candidates Only)

\*Requires a significant commitment outside of school hours.

#### My Course Selections:

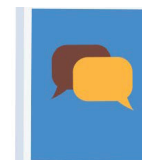
1. English: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Math: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Science: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Social Studies: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Foreign Language: \_\_\_\_\_
6. PE: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Elective: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bellaire Clubs 2020-2021

Acapella Club	Dessert Club	Hebrew Club	Orchestra and Piano	Swim/Dive/Waterpolo
Action in Africa	Dubsmash Club	Hindi National Honor society	Origami Club	The ASL Club
African American Association-AAA	EASA (East African Student Association)	Interact	Public Health Community Club)	The Thrive Club
African Cultural Club	eMotion Dance Company	International Student Association (BISA)	Partners in Health Engage	Three Penny Press
American Cancer Society	Ethics Bowl	Italian Club	PAWS club	TriM (Modern Music Masters) NHS
Amnesty International	Family Career and Community Leaders of America-FCCLA	Japanese Club	Photo Society	UNICEF Club
Arabic Club	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	JROTC	Ping Pong Club	Vietnamese Student Association
Asian Arts Club	Feminist Club	Junior States of America	Quiz Bowl	Wake Up Call Club
Band	FFA	K-Pop Club	Red Bird Productions	Wake-Up Call Club
Belles	Filipino American St Association	Key Club	Red Cross	Water Polo Team
Best Buddies	Film Society	Lacrosse	Robotics Team - Impact 2585	Women in STEM
Birdkeepers	Fishing and Outdoors club	Latin Revolution	Rock Climbing Club	Womens Lacrosse
Booster	Food for Houston	LLULAC	Russian Club	Write Club
Business Prof. of America	Free the Captives	Maple Street Journal	Salvation Army	Young Democrats
Cardinals for Israel	French National Honors Society	Math Club	Science (UIL)	Young Investors Club
Cardinals That Do Good	Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Medical Club	Self-Defense Club	Young Republicans
Carillon Yearbook	Future Problem Solvers	Model United Nations	Skateboard Club	YoungLife
Chess Club	Gardening Club/ Project Pig	Mu Alpha Theta	Society of Journalists	
Chinese Club	Gay Straight Alliance	Muslim Student Assoc.	Spanish National Honor Society	
Chinese NHS	Generation in Hope	Name That Book Club	Student Council	
Choir	German Club	National Beta Club	Students Demand Action	
Computer Science Club	Girls Who Code	No Labels Club	SEA ARK Enviromental	
Data Science Club	Guitar Club	Opt For Action	Students Without Borders	



# Cardinal Connection



Text: @cards2025  
To: 81010

You will receive text notifications from BHS with information and reminders for 9th grade students only. You'll be notified about things like Cardinal Camp registration, try-outs, meetings and other opportunities in the summer.

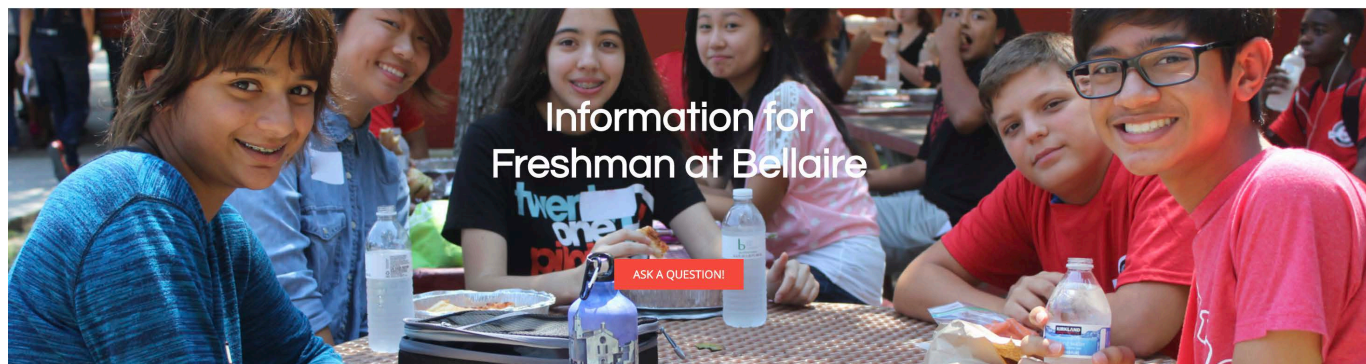


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On Bellaire's Website Visit the Website for Freshmen  
Under Students > Select Freshmen Information -  
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