



# Spring Woods High School

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Accreditations/Memberships:  
 Texas Education Agency; The College Board  
 CEEB/ACT School Code: **443451**

*Spring Branch Independent School District (SBISD) is located just west of downtown Houston along Interstate 10. The district encompasses 44 square miles and about 188,000 residents who represent the world's cultural and economic spectrum. Home to nearly 32,000 students, SBISD traditionally ranks among the highest in Texas when it comes to college readiness indicators.*

## About Spring Woods High School

- Comprehensive public high school (grades 9-12) offering challenging, college bound high school experience for a diverse student body where 75% of students qualify for free/reduced lunch. Through high quality teaching, the integration of technology, and a wide range of electives and enrichment experiences our students are challenged to understand and engage in our global society.
- Over the past six years, Spring Woods has nearly tripled the percentage of students offered college scholarships, reaching \$4 million in 2016.
- Strong relationship with area businesses and colleges provides students with job shadowing opportunities, mentors and college scholarship support
- Partnership with Houston Community College offers students a full Early College program where they can earn up to 30 college credit hours while still in high school
- Specialized programs for students with specific career/academic interest: Health Occupations Students of America, highly competitive debate and UIL academic teams
- Co-curricular program includes award-winning fine arts program with state-of-the-art facilities for band, orchestra, choir, art theater and dance, as well as other academic and special interest clubs, National Honor Society, and student government, The SWHS Debate team is nationally recognized.
- UIL sponsored athletic programs, Class 6A: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball

### STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Seniors	493
Juniors	537
Sophomores	600
Freshmen	560
<b>Total</b>	<b>2190</b>

### SCHOOL PERSONNEL

<b>PRINCIPAL</b> Jennifer Collier
<b>ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL</b> Horacio Fernandez
<b>12TH GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL</b> Denis Blais
<b>11TH GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL</b> Katie Kavanagh
<b>10TH GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL</b> Laura Lensgraf
<b>9TH GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL</b> Hasina Romney
<b>REGISTRAR</b> Candice Ayala <a href="mailto:candice.ayala@springbranchisd.com">candice.ayala@springbranchisd.com</a>
<b>POST-SECONDARY COUNSELOR</b> Lawanda Jenkins
<b>12TH GRADE COUNSELOR</b> Farah Ranjbaran
<b>11TH GRADE COUNSELOR</b> Melissa Lynch
<b>10TH GRADE COUNSELOR</b> Jose Garcia
<b>9TH GRADE COUNSELOR</b> Jennifer Dyer and Monica Villalpando

### ACADEMICS/CURRICULUM

- Variety of course levels including Advanced Placement (AP) with GT embedded, Pre-Advanced Placement with GT embedded, Grade Level, and Dual (high school & college) Credit (DC)
- Complementing the Spring Woods High School offerings, Spring Branch ISD maintains The Guthrie Center which provides career and technology opportunities for all students in the district in Agriculture Science, Computer Animation, Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Architectural CAD, Computer Networking, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Electronics, Hotel Management, Media/Video Technology, and Naval Junior ROTC
- Modified 7 Period Day: Each class meets 50 minute 3 days/week and 90 minutes 1 day/week
- 18 weeks/semester; 9 week grading period

### ADVANCED COURSES

<b>English I:</b> Pre-AP	<b>French III:</b> Pre-AP
<b>English II:</b> Pre-AP	<b>French IV:</b> AP
<b>English III:</b> AP, DC	<b>French V:</b> AP
<b>English IV:</b> AP, DC	<b>Spanish III:</b> Pre-AP
<b>Geometry:</b> Pre-AP	<b>Spanish IV:</b> Pre-AP
<b>Algebra II:</b> Pre-AP	<b>Spanish V:</b> AP
<b>Pre-Calculus:</b> Pre-AP	<b>Studio Art:</b> AP
<b>Calculus AB:</b> AP	<b>Human Geography:</b> AP
<b>Calculus BC:</b> AP	<b>Environmental Science:</b> AP
<b>Statistics:</b> AP	<b>Art History:</b> AP
<b>Biology I:</b> Pre-AP	<b>European History:</b> AP
<b>Biology II:</b> AP, DC	<b>Physics II</b>
<b>Chemistry I:</b> Pre-AP	<b>Computer Science:</b> AP
<b>Chemistry II:</b> AP	<b>Statistics:</b> AP
<b>Physics I:</b> AP	
<b>U.S. Government:</b> AP, DC	
<b>Economics:</b> AP, DC	
<b>World Geography:</b> Pre-AP	
<b>U.S. History:</b> AP, DC	
<b>World History:</b> Pre-AP, AP	
<b>Psychology:</b> AP	

## TESTING PROFILE

Class of 2015, Mean Scores

SAT (Taken by 57% of seniors)				
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Total
Spring Woods	437	474	424	1335

  

ACT (Taken by 28% of seniors)		Composite
Spring Woods		19.8

  

Advanced Placement		2014	2013
Total Students Taking Exams		259	311
Total Exams Taken		554	672
Percentage of Students Earning 3 or Higher		45.9%	39.5%

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Class of 2015

American Musical and Dramatic Academy  
 Angelina College  
 Austin Community College  
 Baylor University  
 Blinn College  
 Brigham Young University  
 Clemson University  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Drexel University  
 Ferris State University  
 George Washington University  
 Houston Baptist University  
 Houston Community College  
 Johnson & Wales (CO)  
 Kansas State  
 Lamar University  
 Lone Star College  
 Louisiana State University  
 Loyola University (LA)  
 LSU  
 Lubbock Christian University  
 Mary Hardin Baylor  
 Navarro College  
 New York University  
 North Texas  
 Notre Dame  
 Oklahoma Christian University  
 Oklahoma State  
 Our Lady of the Lake University  
 Prairie View A&M University  
 Penn State  
 Rice University  
 Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design (CO)  
 Sam Houston State University  
 San Jacinto College  
 SCAD  
 SMU  
 Southwestern University  
 St. John's University (NY)  
 St. Mary's University  
 Stephen F. Austin State University  
 Sul Ross  
 Temple University  
 Texas A&M - College Station  
 Texas A&M - Corpus Christi  
 Texas A&M - Kingsville  
 Texas State University  
 Texas Tech University  
 Texas Woman's University  
 Trinity University  
 Tyler College  
 University of Central Florida  
 University of Houston - Main  
 University of Houston - Downtown  
 University of Mary Hardin Baylor  
 University of Nevada Las Vegas  
 University of Oklahoma  
 University of Southern Mississippi  
 University of Tampa  
 University of Texas - Arlington  
 University of Texas - Austin  
 University of Texas - San Antonio  
 Washington State University

## DISTRICT GRADING SCALE/ CLASS RANK

	GT/AP/IB Pre-AP*	Grade Level/ ESL/Dual Credit/ Early College
<b>A = 90-100</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>B = 80-89</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>C = 75-79</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>D = 70-74</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>F = Below 70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

(An expanded grading scale includes special education)

\*Weighted grade points are awarded for only one course per year, grades 9-12, in each of the four core curricular areas (English, math, science, social studies). GPA is determined by dividing the total grade points by the number of courses attempted. Courses not included in the calculation of GPA include those taken as correspondence/online, credit by examination and those taken in summer school and middle school.

Spring Branch ISD reports class rank outside the top 10% only for those students who make a formal request to have it included on their transcript.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete the State of Texas Recommended High School Graduation Program that requires a total of 26 credits, as follows:

• English	4
• Mathematics	4
• Science	4
• Social Studies	4
• World Languages	2
• Fine Arts	1
• Health Fitness	1
• Speech Communication	½
• Electives	5½

The Distinguished Achievement Program requires students to complete the 26 credit requirements, a third year of a world language and four additional advanced measures to be chosen from test data, college courses and an original research project. Special permission is required to graduate under the state's Minimum Plan of 22 credits.

## SPRING WOODS HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS STORIES

### Scholarships Awarded

- 2 Posse Scholarships
- 2 Jones Scholars
- 2 Rodeo Scholars
- \$4 Million Worth of Scholarships handed out

### Debate Team Successes

- 2015: 2nd Place in UIL Congressional Debate
- 2015: 2nd Place in Persuasive Speaking in the state
- 2015: Ranked 9th in the state in the Texas Forensic

### Our Band is Marching to Success

- 2015: All bands received sweepstakes @ 2015 UIL concert and sight reading contest

### Showstoppers in Spring Woods Theater

- Nationally qualified actors and technicians for 16 consecutive years
- 11-time UIL District Champions

- 3-time UIL Area Champions
- International Thespian Honor Society
- Scholarships awarded to SWHS students to College of Choice
- 4-time Best Musical Nominee with the Tommy Tune Awards, as well as multiple Individual Nominations
- 1st Place with Texas Renaissance Festival One Act Play Competition
- 20 years with ComedySportz High School League
- Reigning ComedySportz High School League National Champions

### Our Choir is a Singing Sensation

- All six choirs won sweepstakes at UIL Concert and sight reading contest.
- One student was selected to sing in the Texas All State Choir.

### Sports and More...

- Tennis Team currently has four active USTA Players
- 2014 Girls Regional Semis
- 2014-2015 Soccer Coach of the Year
- 294 Spring Woods Men Soccer Regional Finalists

- Girls Track – 4x100 Regional Champs
- Girls Track – 4x200 Regional Champs
- Boys Soccer – District Champs Regional Quarterfinalists