



# Stratford High School

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Accreditations/Memberships:  
 Texas Education Agency; The College Board  
 CEEB/ACT School Code: **443447**

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*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 Stratford High School

- Comprehensive high school (grades 9-12) offering strong college preparatory program of over 200 course offerings designed to prepare graduates to be independent thinkers, problem-solvers and adept in using technology
- More than 90% of SHS graduates continue their education
- America's Best High Schools, Newsweek magazine – 2010 (ranked #168), 2011, 2012, 2013
- Silver Medal School, U.S. News & World Report– 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
- Texas Education Agency Gold Performance Award – 2010, 2011, 2012
- College Readiness Award, Texas ACT Council – 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
- No Place for Hate® School, Anti-Defamation League – 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
- Power Review, a comprehensive final exam preparation program held on Saturdays, voluntarily attended by more than 50% of SHS students
- Co-curricular program includes academic clubs and honor societies like JETS, Academic Challenge, Odyssey of the Mind & National Honor Society, performing arts organizations, student publications, student government, service organizations, and special interest clubs
- UIL sponsored athletic programs, Class 6A: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball
- 115 faculty members; 30% hold advanced degrees

### STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Seniors	466
Juniors	507
Sophomores	613
Freshmen	523
<b>Total</b>	<b>2109</b>

### SCHOOL PERSONNEL

**PRINCIPAL**  
 Danny Gex

**ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL**  
 Pam Metcalfe

**12TH GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
 Dr. Laura Villafior

**11TH GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
 Valerie Johnson

**10TH GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
 Jeff McCord

**9TH GRADE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
 Carl Blaze

**REGISTRAR/LEAD COUNSELOR**  
 Gene Rutland  
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**12TH GRADE COUNSELOR**  
 Greg Fore

**11TH GRADE COUNSELOR**  
 Erin Fuller

**10TH GRADE COUNSELOR**  
 Jim Herrington

**9TH GRADE COUNSELOR**  
 Carrie Campbell-Bishop

**POST SECONDARY COUNSELOR**  
 D'Ann Franklin

**STUDENT SERVICES COUNSELOR**  
 Lynn Hollister

### ACADEMICS/CURRICULUM

- Courses offered at various levels to challenge each student's capabilities: Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP), Gifted & Talented (GT), Grade Level, Dual Credit (DC), Early College (EC) and Special Education
- Career & Technical training available along with cooperative work/ study programs
- Alternating Block Scheduling: 90 minute classes with 8 classes alternating 4 periods every other day
- 18 weeks/semester; 6 week grading period

### ADVANCED COURSES

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

## TESTING PROFILE

Class of 2016, Mean Scores

<b>SAT</b> (Taken by 80% of seniors)	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Total
<b>Stratford</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>1511</b>
Texas	466	478	449	1393
National	494	508	482	1484

<b>ACT</b> (Taken by 62% of seniors)	Composite
<b>Stratford</b>	<b>24.5</b>
Texas	20.6
National	20.8

<b>National Merit Recognition</b>	2016	2015
Finalists	NA	3
Semifinalists	2	3
Commended	NA	10
National Hispanic Scholars	NA	8
National Merit Achievement Scholar	NA	0

<b>Advanced Placement</b>	2015	2014
Total Students Taking Exams	554	596
Total Exams Taken	1372	1509
Percentage of Students Earning 3 or Higher	74%	66%
AP Scholars	111	134
AP Scholars with Honors	35	38
AP Scholars with Distinction	34	32
AP National Scholar	4	5

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Class of 2014-2016

Abilene Christian University  
 American University  
 Angelo State University  
 Art Institute of Houston  
 Austin College  
 Baylor University  
 Belhaven University  
 Berklee College of Music  
 Blinn College  
 Boston College  
 Brown University  
 California Institute of Technology  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 College of William and Mary  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Columbia University  
 Cornell University  
 Dartmouth College  
 DePauw University  
 Drexel University  
 Duke University  
 Eastman College of Music  
 Elon University  
 Emory University  
 Fordham University  
 Furman University  
 Georgetown University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Houston Community College  
 Howard University  
 Ithaca College  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Lamar University  
 Lehigh University  
 Lone Star College  
 Louisiana State University  
 Loyola University  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Manhattan School of Music  
 Michigan State University  
 Millsaps College  
 North Carolina School of Arts  
 North Texas State University  
 Northwestern University  
 Oberlin College  
 Ohio State University  
 Otterbein University  
 Ouachita Baptist University  
 Pepperdine University  
 Princeton University  
 Purdue University  
 Regis University  
 Rhodes College  
 Rice University  
 Sam Houston State University  
 Samford University  
 San Angelo State University  
 San Diego State University  
 Santa Clara University  
 Schreiner University  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Spring Hill College  
 Stanford University  
 St. Edward's University  
 St. John's University  
 Stephen F. Austin State University  
 Texas A&M University - College Station  
 Texas A&M - Corpus Christi  
 Texas A&M - Galveston  
 Texas A&M - Kingsville  
 Texas Christian University  
 Texas State University  
 Texas Tech University  
 Trinity University  
 Tufts University  
 Tulane University  
 U.S. Military Academy  
 U.S. Naval Academy  
 University of Alabama  
 University of Arizona  
 University of Arkansas  
 University of California - Berkeley  
 University of California - Davis  
 University of California - Los Angeles  
 University of California - San Diego  
 University of Cincinnati  
 University of Dallas  
 University of Houston - Main  
 University of Houston - Downtown  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Missouri  
 University of North Carolina  
 University of North Texas  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Oklahoma  
 University of Southern California  
 University of St. Thomas  
 University of Texas - Arlington  
 University of Texas - Austin  
 University of Texas - Dallas  
 University of Texas - Pan American  
 University of Texas - San Antonio  
 University of Texas - Tyler  
 University of Virginia  
 Wake Forest University  
 Yale 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.

For the Class of 2017, Spring Branch ISD will report class rank outside the top 10% only if students 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	1½
• 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.

\*Graduation requirements for classes after 2014 will be changing per state law.