Frequently Asked Questions

Why Burleson Collegiate High School?
Burleson Collegiate High School is an advanced academic environment that provides motivated students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma as well as an Associate Degree, or up to 60 college hours from an accredited community college.

Who is eligible to apply to Burleson Collegiate High School?
All 8th grade students have access to the program; however, the BCHS core mission is to give prospective first-generation and other typically underrepresented students in higher education a no-cost solution to earning a two-year degree with transfer eligibility to a four year college/university.

Can students outside of Burleson ISD attend BCHS?
Students must reside in the BISD attendance area.

How do I apply?
Applications are available online and through middle school campuses. Students and parents must complete all parts of the application as well as attend interviews.

Who will teach the classes at BCHS?
BCHS teachers who teach high school courses will be employed by BISD. College instructors providing dual credit courses are employed by the college.

How many college hours will a student take?
Freshmen are expected to take one college course. Sophomores may take up to two college courses per semester. By the junior and senior year, most BCHS students will take up to 12 hours of college coursework in a semester. The goal is to graduate with an Associate degree by high school graduation to transition to a four year college or university.

Will college credits transfer to any college or university?
College credit will transfer to any Texas public university. Students interested in other institutes of higher education should check with them regarding their credit transfer policies.

Program Benefits

• High school diploma and opportunity to earn Associate degree.
• Financial savings - Students can save thousands of dollars in tuition & fees by completing college credits at BCHS at no cost.
• Technology as a central tool - Chromebooks provided for each student.
• Smaller learning environments with greater access to teachers and administrators.
• Project-based activities that are student centered and integrated with real world experiences.
• An easier transition to higher education

Program Savings

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Burleson ISD Mission Statement

The Mission of the Burleson Independent School District is to engage and support every learner with a rigorous curriculum so that they graduate college and career ready.

What is BCHS?

Burleson Collegiate High School is an early college high school that blends high school and college curricula simultaneously to give students the opportunity to earn up to two years of college credit (60 hours) or an associates degree, while they finish high school. Early college high schools make higher education more accessible and also help students become more comfortable in a higher education environment.

Extracurricular Activities

Part of high school is exploring a variety of activities, and while BCHS is a rigorous program, students will have opportunities to participate in:

- UIL Academics
- Intramurals
- Student Council
- Yearbook
- Clubs
- Social Activities

Applying to BCHS

- Informational meetings will be held for students and parents at all BISD Middle Schools.
- You must be an eighth grade student residing in BISD to apply.
- Applications are available online or in the counselor’s office of each middle school.
- Student/Parent interviews will be scheduled.
- Acceptance letters will be mailed.

BCHS Targets

- Engage first-generation college-going students in higher education.
- Provide dual credit at no cost to students.
- Offer coursework that mirrors a college setting, plus students receive intense academic counseling to help them develop skills essential for postsecondary success.
- Increase college enrollment and success rates for all students.
- Strengthen the connections between middle schools, high schools, and higher education to promote a college-going culture.

BCHS Panther Pride

Turning Today’s Learners into Tomorrow’s Leaders.