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# DEPARTMENT OF COLLEGE, CAREER, AND MILITARY READINESS

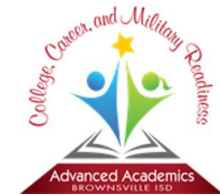


**Gifted and Talented, Early College High School (ECHS)/Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP)**

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# GIFTED AND TALENTED – STUDENT IDENTIFICATION



Identification of GT students was almost completed when the district was shut down due to Coronavirus. Therefore, the last assessment was not completed.

The department identified the students who qualified for GT services based on completed assessments.

- 1) Campuses were provided a list of students who qualified
- 2) Campuses were provided a list of students still pending the last assessment to possibly qualify with the recommendation GT services be provided to these students as well with GT placement pending

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# GIFTED AND TALENTED – STUDENT IDENTIFICATION



- For the 2020-2021 school year, the district is waiting for recommendations from TEA regarding the GT identification calendar and procedures to follow.

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# GIFTED AND TALENTED – SERVICING STUDENT



- Elementary – GT students will continue to be serviced in homogeneous groups by grade level. Weekly GT activities will be provided to teachers specifically for GT students. Students will work on the Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP) as required by TEA.
- Middle School – GT students will be serviced through core academic Honors courses. Cross curricular differentiated and creativity projects will be provided to the teachers on a weekly basis. Students will work on the TPSP Project.
- High School – Academic GT students will be serviced through core academic Honors, AP, and/or Dual Enrollment courses. Fine Arts GT students will be serviced in fine arts classes through working on the TPSP Project.

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# GIFTED AND TALENTED – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- TEA and BISD require that all teachers servicing GT students must have: 1) 30 core hours of GT training, and 2) and an annual update of 6 GT on-going hours per academic school year. All training must be completed by the end of the fall semester.
- All GT professional development was moved to virtual training at the beginning of this summer and will continue to be offered virtually throughout the 2020-2021 school year.
- The department will be purchasing access to an online GT program that will provide teachers the option of doing their core and on-going training via modules.
- The department will be purchasing training slots through Region I as an additional avenue for teacher professional development.

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# ECHS AND DUAL ENROLLMENT - NUMBE



ECHS/DUAL ENROLLMENT (TSC AND UTRGV)	2018-2019 (FALL, SPRING, AND SUMMER SCHOOL)	2019-2020 (FALL, SPRING, AND SUMMER SCHOOL)
ENROLLMENT	5626	7524
CREDITS EARNED	22,112	33,198
# OF COURSES OFFERED	85	91

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# ECHS/DUAL ENROLLMENT –SERVICING STUDEN



- All high school campuses will continue to offer dual enrollment courses through TSC (primary partner) and UTRGV (secondary partner) at no cost to students and/or parents.
- The goals of the district's ECHS/Dual Enrollment program are:
  - Graduate all students college ready
  - Increase the number of students participating in the program and earning college credits
  - Increase the number of students graduating core complete
  - Increase the number of students graduating with an Associate Degree

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# ECHS/DUAL ENROLLMENT – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- BISD and TSC will work together in providing virtual professional development for all dual enrollment instructors throughout the 2020-2021 school year.
- BISD and TSC will work together on providing virtual professional development for all district high school counselors throughout the 2020-2021 school year.
- The District will continue to host monthly virtual ECHS Cabinet, Director, and Counselor meetings.
- Campuses will continue to host virtual ECHS Steering Committee meetings.



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# AP – SERVICING STUDENTS



- Advanced Placements courses will continue to be offered virtually at all high school campuses.
- The goals of the district's AP program are:
  - Increase the number of students participating in AP courses/exams
  - Increase the number of students earning a passing score on an AP exam (3, 4, or 5)
  - Improve the quality of AP courses offered
- Students will continue to be informed of College Board on-line resources to supplement what they receive from their teachers. These are subject specific and include:
  - YouTube Channel (YouTube videos of nationally recognized AP teachers throughout the country)
  - Kahn Academy – Internationally recognized free on-line tutorial that has worked with the College Board in developing its AP content

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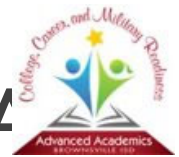
# AP – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- All AP professional development will be held virtually.
- Professional development for the 2020-2021 school year will center on using all of the College Board on-line resources developed by the College Board to help teachers. The upcoming school year's training will center on the effective use of AP Classroom – an online resource developed by the College Board

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# COLLEGE ADMITTANCE EXAMS – TSI, SAT, ACT



- TSI – TSI II implementation has been delaying until at least January 2021.
- SAT – Additional testing dates will be added to the fall calendar. SAT will release recommended guidelines to follow for testing when the new testing dates are released.
- ACT – Additional testing dates will be added to the fall calendar. ACT will release recommended guidelines to follow for testing when the new testing dates are released.
- The Higher Education Coordinating Board has given Texas colleges and universities the option to waive TSI requirements for the fall semester.
- Nationwide, some colleges and universities are waiving the SAT and/or ACT requirements.