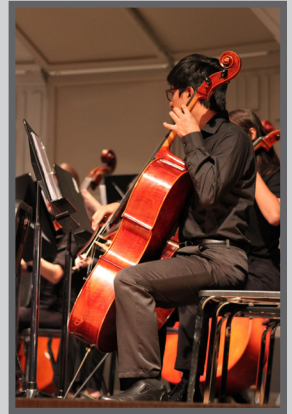


WELCOME TO THE RIVER



FRESHMAN GUIDE

BRADEN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Freshman Pirates and Families,

We welcome you to the Pirate Nation and the program planning process. We hope we are able to assist and contribute in developing your academic plan. Together we will continue Braden River High School's tradition of excellence.

Throughout this guide are descriptions of each course offered at BRHS. You must meet all the prerequisite requirements for courses you select. Please make sure you read the material thoroughly to accurately make your selections.

Our staff at Braden River High School always works with the best interests of our students in mind. We believe that students should take the most challenging academic program available to maximize their academic potential. A student's family plays a vital role in this selection process. Your encouragement and support will enrich your child's academic experience at Braden River High School.

We extend our best wishes for a successful year at Braden River High School and look forward to providing you the best academic experience possible.

Educationally Yours,

Carl Auckerman

Carl Auckerman

Principal

THE 'RISING' FRESHMAN TO DO LIST

The FRESHMAN GUIDE

This Freshman Guide is a useful resource to quickly identify courses and opportunities available to 9th graders at BRHS.

The BRHS CURRICULUM GUIDE

Review the Curriculum Guide posted on the BRHS website under Registration & Enrollment. <https://www.manateeschools.net/Domain/2910>

The Curriculum Guide (CG) has valuable information about BRHS including Course Descriptions and requirements. From information on Bright Futures Scholarship to Graduation Requirements, the CG should be read thoroughly and "bookmarked" on your computer and/or smart phone.

TALK, TALK, TALK - and ASK QUESTIONS

Make sure you are talking to your parents/guardians and teachers as you prepare for high school. And, don't be afraid to ASK QUESTIONS.

Some of the decisions you make prior to starting high school could impact your entire Freshman year. Make sure you are asking your teachers about the courses you should take in high school and talk to your friends and family about getting the most out of 9th Grade. Above all, don't be afraid to do your RESEARCH & ASK QUESTIONS.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Make sure you are checking the BRHS school website for the latest information on what is going on. Have your parents/guardians (or you) join the Facebook & Twitter page so you can hear the latest updates. Of course, listen up for any announcements at school and those automated phone messages about upcoming auditions, orientations, and 9th Grade opportunities.

MAKE A 4 YEAR PLAN

It is never too early to set goals and plan out what courses you will be taking over the next 4 years. Want to take a College Class your Junior Year? What to try out for a Drama Production or a School Sport? Set your High School Goals early and make the most of your 4 years at BRHS.

ACADEMIES

A PERSONALIZED PLAN FOR EVERY STUDENT

Braden River opened its doors in 2005 with 650 freshmen and sophomores in attendance. The school had plans to do something that had never been done in Manatee County; to create an entire school focused on both the rigor of college preparation and the real-world application of career skills. Throughout the implementation of career academies, this goal has been realized. BRHS is home to four nationally certified academies:

Arts & Communications Academy
Business & International Studies Academy
Engineering & Leadership Academy
Science Technology & Health Academy

Academies continue to ensure that students are a part of a "small learning community" that assists each student in reaching his/her identified educational and career goals. Academies are a type of "school-within-a-school" that provide a smaller environment where students feel connected to a specific group of teachers and students that have similar interests and plans.

ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS

Every student at Braden River High School is in one of the four academies. Academies allow for work-based learning, industry certifications and job shadowing opportunities centered on different career fields. Students have the opportunity to switch to a different academy each year to explore what each academy has to offer.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject	24-Credit High School Diploma
Minimum GPA	2.0 on a 4.0 Scale (unweighted)
Standardized Assessments	Grade 10 FAST ELA Reading Assessment
	B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 EOC Assessment
English	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits: Must have Algebra 1 and Geometry
Science	3 Credits: Must have Biology
Social Studies	3 Credits: World History US History US Government/Economics
Electives	.5 Credit Financial Literacy 1 Credit in HOPE (Health & Physical Education) 1 Credit in an Art or CTE course 7.5 Additional Credits

AVAILABLE CLASSES

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Academic Track

Honors Track

AP Track

English 1

English 1 Honors

English 1 Honors
English 2 Honors

MATH

Academic Track

Honors Track

AP Track

Algebra 1A
Algebra 1

Geometry Honors

Algebra 2 Honors
Geometry Honors

SCIENCE

Academic Track

Honors Track

AP Track

Environmental
Science

Agriscience
Foundations

Biology Honors
Environmental Science

Biology Honors

SOCIAL STUDIES

Academic Track

Honors Track

AP Track

World Cultural Geography
Financial Literacy

World Cultural Geography
Financial Literacy

AP Human Geography

ELECTIVE CURRICULUM

Career and Technical Ed.

Accounting I

Digital Information Technology

Agriscience Foundations

Digital Photography

AP Computer Science Principles

Game Design

Applied Engineering

Marketing Essentials

Applied Robotics

TV Production

Commercial Art Technology

Foreign Languages

Spanish I

Spanish IV

Spanish II

AP Spanish

Spanish III Honors

AVAILABLE CLASSES

ELECTIVE CURRICULUM CONTINUED...

Performing Arts

Band

Jazz Band

Beginning Dance Techniques

Men's Choir

Beginning Women's Glee

Music Theory

Color Guard Techniques

Percussion Techniques

Guitar

String Orchestra

Intermediate Women's Choir

Theatre I

Supporting Curriculum

JROTC - Leadership Education & Training 1

AVID

HOPE (Health and Physical Education)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

26 CLUBS

Book Club	Academic Team	HOSA	Youth In Action	TSA
Black Pearls	National Honor Society	SWAT	Junior Advisory Board	FBLA
Mu Alpha Theta	Spyglass Newspaper	FFA	Environmental Club	FCA
Artillery Art	Dungeons & Dragons	SGA	Students Stand Up	
Drama Club	Senior Advisory Board	Key Club	Next Step	Captain's Cargo
International Thespian Society			Asian Culture Club	

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SPORTS

F O O T B A L L

G O L F

V O L L E Y B A L L

S O C C E R

B A S K E T B A L L

T R A C K

W R E S T L I N G

B A S E B A L L

W E I G H T L I F T I N G

T E N N I S

C R O S S C O U N T R Y

S O F T B A L L

F L A G F O O T B A L L

C H E E R L E A D I N G

S W I M M I N G

COLLEGE & CAREER READY

Starting as soon as 9th Grade, students can earn Industry Certifications and College Credits while still in high school.

In the classroom, BRHS students have to opportunity to take a variety of courses that prepare students for Industry Certifications in the Adobe Creative Suite, Engineering Certifications, Entrepreneurship and much more...

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses are rigorous classes offered at BRHS that, after successful completion of an AP Exam, students can potentially earn college/university credit.



The AP Capstone Diploma is an innovative diploma program offered at BRHS that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are valued by colleges.

BRHS has agreements with USF, SCF & MTC where students earn post-secondary credit and training. Students can be Dual Enrolled with any of these three programs going part & full time while still attending BRHS.



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REMEMBER:

Review the Curriculum Guide on the BRHS Website. (Scan the QR Code)

Talk to your Family & Teachers for input on what courses you should take.

Complete the Course Request Form. (Example below)

WE ARE 3R

Braden River High School

9th Grade Request 2024-2025

Student Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Middle School: _____

1. ACADEMIC CLASSES - Teachers must approve and sign-off one class from each section. Teacher signature required.

English	Math	Science	Social Studies
English 1 ____ 1001310	Algebra 1A ____ 1200370	Environmental Sci ____ 2001340	AP Human Geo ____ 2103400
English 1 Hon ____ 1001320	Algebra 1 ____ 1200310	Biology Hon ____ 2000320	World Cul Geo / ____ 2103300
English 2 Hon ____ 1001350J	Geometry ____ 1206310		Pers Fin Literacy ____ 2102372
ESOL English 1 ____ 1002300	Geometry Hon ____ 1206320		
Eng Lang. Dev. ____ 1002380	Algebra 2 ____ 1200330		
	Alg 2 Hon ____ 1200340		
	Math for Coll Lib Arts ____ 1207350		

2. PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Please select one of the choices below.

____ HOPE - In the classroom ____ HOPE - Online through FLVS ____ HOPE - Waiver JROTC or sports

3. ACADEMY - You must select one of the following academies.

____ Arts & Communications ____ Business & International Studies ____ Engineering Design & Leadership ____ Science Technology & Health

4. ELECTIVES - Select 8 electives, rank by priority (1-8).

Courses with * must have teacher approval or a completed application.

Arts & Communications	Business & International Studies	Engineering Design & Leadership	Science Technology & Health
Comm Art 1 ____ 8718010	Digital Info Tech ____ 8207310	AP Comp Sci Prin* ____ 0200335	Ag Found ____ 8106810
TV Video Prod 1 ____ 8201510	Accounting 1 ____ 8203310	AVID* ____ 1700390	Agritechnology ____ 8106800
Yearbook 1* ____ 1006331	Game Design ____ 8208120	App Engin Tech 1 ____ 8401110	
Music Theory ____ 1300300	Marketing ____ 8827110	Dig. Photo 1 ____ 8201310	
AUD Concert Band* ____ 1302300	Spanish 1* ____ 0708340	Found. Robotics 1* ____ 9410110	
AUD Jazz Band* ____ 1302500	Spanish 2* ____ 0708350	JROTC 1 ____ 1801300	
Guitar ____ 1301320	Spanish 3 Hon* ____ 0708360		
Percus. Tech* ____ 1302420			
Color Guard* ____ 1305300			
Women's Glee ____ 130360G			
Mens Choir ____ 1303360			
AUD Choir* ____ 1303300			
Beg. Dance Tech ____ 0300310B			
Beg. Theatre ____ 0400310B			
AUD Orchestra* ____ 1302360			

AUD = Audition Only

I have carefully chosen my courses based on graduation, college entrance, and Bright Futures requirements (see Curriculum Guide).

I have confirmed I meet the prerequisites for the courses I have chosen.

I understand once school begins my schedule will not be changed.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date



Scan for
registration
Info