



BRADEN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE

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COMMUNITY

Braden River High School is located in Manatee County (population 340,000+). BRHS opened in August of 2005 with 9th and 10th grades in a community of both skilled and professional families. The first graduating class participated in a commencement ceremony in June 2008.

SCHOOL DATA AND ACCREDITATION

BRHS is a comprehensive high school with an enrollment of over 1700 9th-12th grade students. Braden River is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

BRHS is a wall-to-wall academy high school currently consisting of the following:

- Arts & Communication Technology Academy
- Business & International Studies Academy
- Engineering Design & Leadership Academy
- Science Technology & Health Academy

The four academies were evaluated by the National Career Academy Coalition. All four academies met the requirements to be recognized as Model Status Academies in 2012 and this status has been maintained during the reaccreditation process completed in 2020.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The school year is divided into two eighteen-week semesters. One-half credit is awarded at the end of each semester for every course passed with a D or higher.

Grading Scale				
Letter	Numerical	Unweighted	Honors	AP/DE
A	90—100	4	4.5	5
B	80—89	3	3.5	4
C	70—79	2	2.5	3
D	60—69	1	1.5	2
F	0—59	0	0	0

GRADE WEIGHTING

All grades earned in Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses receive an additional quality point when calculating the weighted grade point average.

Honors courses receive an additional half quality point. Class Rank is based on a student's cumulative weighted GPA.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA, earn at least 24 credits, and meet the State of Florida's standardized testing requirements to receive a standard high school diploma.

The Class of 2025 is required to pass the Florida Standards Assessment in English Language Arts or earn a concordant score on the ACT, SAT or CLT. These students must also pass the Algebra 1 End-of-Course Assessment or earn a concordant score on ACT, SAT, PSAT, Geometry End-of-Course Assessment or CLT

Students also have the opportunity to earn additional merit accolades including the Merit Diploma Designation, Scholar Diploma Designation, Silver Seal of Biliteracy, and Gold Seal of Biliteracy.

Subject Area	Credits
English	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
PE/Health (HOPE)	1
Practical/Performing Art	1
Electives	8

ACCELERATED COURSE OFFERINGS

Mathematics

Honors Algebra 2
 Honors Geometry
 Honors Probability/Statistics
 Math for Data and Financial Literacy Honors
 Discrete Math Honors
 DE College Algebra (MAC1105)
 DE Statistics (STA2023)
 AP Pre Calculus
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 AP Statistics

English

Honors English 1
 Honors English 2
 DE Written Communications (ENC1101)
 DE Written Communications II (ENC1102)
 AICE English
 AP English Language
 AP English Literature

Science

Honors Anatomy & Physiology
 Honors Biology
 Honors Chemistry 1
 Honors Chemistry 2
 Honors Marine Science
 Honors Physics
 AP Biology
 AP Chemistry
 AP Environmental Science
 AP Physics

Social Studies

Honors World History
 Honors US History
 Honors Economics
 Honors US Government
 AP World History
 AP US History
 AP US Government

Foreign Language

Honors Spanish 3
 Honors Spanish 4
 AP Spanish

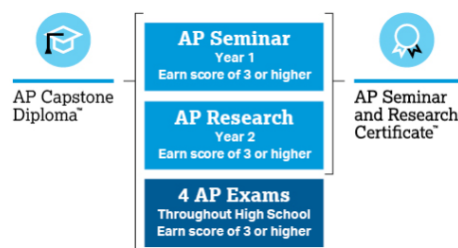
Academic Electives

AICE Psychology
 AP Capstone Research
 AP Capstone Seminar
 AP Computer Science
 Principles A
 AP Human Geography
 AP Music Theory

AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA

Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, Braden River High School has been approved by the College Board to offer the AP Capstone Diploma program. The AP Capstone Diploma is an innovative diploma program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges.

AP Capstone students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement in AP Seminar, AP Research, and four additional AP courses are proudly recognized for their achievements with this diploma.



BRHS STUDENT BODY

General Demographics	
Total Students	1719
Male	53%
Female	47%
Free & Reduced Lunch Status	55%
Exceptional Students (ESE)	24%
English Language Learners (ELL)	10%

Racial & Ethnic Data	
American Indian/Eskimo	> 1%
Asian	5%
Black/African American	9%
Hispanic/Latino	33%
Multiracial	5%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	>1%
White	47%

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT BRHS

Academic Club	Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)	Student Government Association (SGA)
Asian Cultural Association	International Thespian Society	Students Working against Tobacco (SWAT)
BRHS Book Club	Troupe—8474	Technology Student Association (TSA)
Chess Club	Junior Advisory Board (JAB)	The Spyglass Newspaper
Dungeons and Dragons Club	Key Club	
Drama Club	Mu Alpha Theta	
Environmental Club	National Honor Society (NHS)	
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)	Next Step (Academic/Career Guidance)	
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Senior Advisory Board (SAB)	
Future Farmers of America (FFA)		



SENIOR CLASS DATA : Four Year Averages

Postsecondary Plans		National Test Scores	
		ACT	SAT
43%	Plan to attend a 4-year university or college		
36%	Plan to attend a community college		
8%	Plan to attend a technical or trade school	English - 20	Evidence-Based Reading/ Writing - 547
6%	Plan to join a branch of the Armed Forces	Math - 20	Math - 524
8%	Plan to enter the workforce		

The State of Florida also recognizes students who have achieved rigorous course studies, have demonstrated mastery in a foreign language, and have earned industry certifications in various technology fields. These accomplishments are noted on the transcripts as the following:

Scholar Diploma Designation
Silver and Gold Seals of Biliteracy
Merit Diploma Designation

The Mission of Braden River High School is to empower students to be strong responsible leaders who value personal integrity, academic excellence, and civic involvement.