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# BRENTWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

LEARNING WITH A HIGHER PURPOSE



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## WHY BRENTWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL?

Deciding where your child will spend his or her formative years is the single most impactful decision you will make in regards to their development. As you consider your options, please allow me to lay out the case for Brentwood Christian School (BCS).

### **BCS is a superior academic institution:**

Six-time defending TAPPS Academic State Champion; On national standardized tests, our elementary students score above the 90%, our middle school students score above 86%, and our high school students score significantly above state and national college entrance exams; BCS has a wide range of Advanced Placement offerings; Students leave BCS with strong academic scholarships and are headed to the college of their choice. This past year, the Class of 2023 left BCS with \$2,245,320 in scholarships.

### **BCS extra and co-curricular offerings are exemplary:**

BCS is the current holder of The Henderson Cup, awarded to the school with the highest aggregate rating of academics, arts and athletics. Simply put, by all merits, BCS is the best overall school.

**Arts:** The best Fine Arts facilities in central Texas; Drama, band, choir, and arts consistently place among the top schools in Texas, and are recognized locally and nationally; Wide range of musical, thespian, and art related offerings, both during and outside of school hours; BCS Band is the reigning state champion for TAPPS 4A.

**Athletics:** Competitive sports begin in the 5th grade; Wide range of fall, winter, and spring sports, as well as a supporting strength and conditioning program; Outstanding Lady Bellas dance team, including the Bitty Bellas program for our younger students. The BCS community comes en masse to the games and supports our Bears; The Bears have won state championships in multiple sports and placed as state runner-up in several others.

**After School:** On-site tutoring that is class-specific both during and after school; After school enrichment program for elementary students with rotating offerings per semester including options like piano, dance, math pentathlon and more; Robust and popular Extended Day program for elementary students allowing parents schedule flexibility and gives students opportunities for social and emotional growth.

### **BCS is a community:**

Numerous athletics, art, and academic events offered and students are encouraged to be involved in multiple activities so they can determine the gifts they have and should grow; Parent opportunities to engage, learn, and be a part of our students' educational and extracurricular journey – parenting seminars, financial peace classes, movie nights, babysitting nights, and so much more; Parent networking that allows you to get to know other families and rely on each other for support. You will see exactly how the environment your child is learning in fosters his or her personal development.

### **Above all else BCS is committed to Christ:**

Lessons are taught with a purposeful meaning and that is that God is the purpose and purveyor of all knowledge. All students attend chapel each week and pray to God each day; All students are required to treat each other and their teachers with respect and they are treated with respect in return; Expectations are known, consistent, and maintained – in a society that is losing its ability to maintain social discourse, BCS is emphasizing manners and discourse as expectations; Because BCS works in the light of Christ, everything we do is under an open and bright light, you will know what is happening with your child because you will be part of a community where bright lights are shined into every corner of what we do. We are proud of our daily offerings because we do all to the glory of God. As parents, you will be a part of your child's education through involvement and interactions with the students, teachers and administration. This is not only accepted, it is expected.

I have laid out many things for consideration, but in all honesty, I am only scratching the surface. BCS is a superior academic institution and provides an array of quality offerings that will give your child the ability to play, compete, perform, and grow. BCS families are incredibly loyal because of the collective commitment to giving our children the best opportunity for success and the spirit to succeed.

All of this is to say that at Brentwood Christian School, we will lead your student to love God. We will nurture him or her in a Christ-centered environment that emphasizes excellence and inspires them to develop their God-given talents for lives of Christian leadership and service. Why should you consider Brentwood Christian School? We believe in developing your whole child preparing them for the life lessons that will give them the ability to nurture friendships, impact their community, succeed in college, flourish in a future career, and rely on their relationship with God. It just doesn't get better than that!

As we say at BCS, It is a great day to be a Brentwood Christian Bear!

Jay Burcham, President



## **ADMINISTRATION**

**Jay Burcham – President**

**Julie Walker and Kyle Maxfield – Athletic Directors**

**Jason Montier – Fine Arts Director**

**Carol Johnson – High School Principal**

**Leah Smith – Middle School Principal**

**Jeremy Thornton – Elementary School Principal**

**MISSION:** Established in 1963, Brentwood Christian School is devoted to this mission: to lead students to love God and to nurture them in a Christ-centered academic environment that emphasizes excellence and inspires them to develop their God-given talents for lives of Christian leadership and service. Brentwood Christian School is a ministry of Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ.

**STUDENTS:** Brentwood Christian, a college preparatory school, currently enrolls 675 students, 263 in K4 through fifth grade, 158 in middle school, and 254 in high school. BCS welcomes students with a wide range of natural abilities from all religious, ethnic, and national origins who are seeking a solid Christian education. Minority enrollment is approximately 43%, with 13% Hispanic, 10% African-American, 7% Asian, and 13% biracial. Located in a wooded area in the northern part of the city, BCS draws approximately 50 percent of its students from Austin and 50 percent from surrounding towns.

**FACULTY:** Brentwood employs 48 full-time faculty, 36 full-time administration, and 25 part-time admin and staff. Ten teachers have been named Texas Christian Schools Association “Teacher of the Year,” and three have been named Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools “Fine Arts Teacher of the Year.” The National Christian School Association has recognized the previous school president, elementary principal, retired elementary librarian, and a current teacher as “Educator of the Year.” The former elementary librarian also was listed in “Who’s Who in America” for her creation of the nationally recognized Children’s Crown Award library program.

**ACCREDITATION:** Brentwood Christian School is accredited by the National Christian School Association (NCSA) as well as Cognia - AdvancEd, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) - the largest accrediting body in the world.

**ACHIEVEMENT:** Students in all grades Kindergarten through 12th grade take the MAP assessment (Measures of Academic Progress) three times per year to reveal a student’s continuum of learning and growth trajectory. MAP assessments are computer adaptive, revealing which academic skills and concepts students have mastered and the areas in which they need additional instruction. The average SAT score for the 2023 BCS graduates was 638 on ERW and 615 on Math for a total of

1253, significantly above the local, state, and national averages of 978-1028. The average ACT score was 25.3, also significantly above the national average of 19.5 and state average of 19.3.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROSPECTS:** The majority of each graduating class goes directly on to college, earning an average of over \$2,000,000 in scholarships. Most graduates select a Christian university, the University of Texas at Austin, or Texas A&M University. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has recognized 11 National Merit Scholars, one National Achievement Scholar, and 56 National Merit Commended Students.

**CURRICULUM:** All curriculum at BCS is written and taught from a consciously Christian perspective and meets or exceeds state and national standards. Elementary classes are self-contained except for daily music and physical education, and weekly Spanish, computer, and library instruction. Band, art, choir, and sports begin in fifth grade, with additional electives being added in sixth through twelfth. High school students may choose the standard, advanced, or distinguished scholar curriculum. Textbooks, adopted on a rotating basis after faculty review, include both Christian and major publishers.

**EXTRACURRICULAR:** Students from fifth grade through high school compete in extracurricular athletics, including baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, track & field, cross country, football, and volleyball. Teams compete in the Capital Area Private and Parochial Schools in grades 5-8 and in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools in high school. BCS band, choir, and drama groups rank high in statewide competitions. The student newspaper and yearbook have won numerous statewide recognitions. Student Council and Spiritual Life Committee play a significant role on campus. Honor clubs include National Honor Society, National Junior and Elementary Honor Society, and Thespians. Class retreats are traditions for grades 5, 6, 7, 9, and 12. Students work and raise funds for trips, including Washington D.C. in eighth grade and Europe for seniors.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** BCS parents are noted for their enthusiastic involvement and support. The BCS Association of Parents, Teachers, and Friends, the Athletic Booster Club, and the Fine Arts Benefactors provide leadership in volunteer and fundraising activities.



### **HISTORY OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

- 6-Time Reigning TAPPS State Academic Champions
- 3-Time Reigning TCSIT State Academic Champions in High school
- 2-Time Reigning TCSIT State Academic Champions in Middle School
- 2019 PSIA Middle School State Academic Champions
- Since 2009, BCS has been recognized as the TAPPS State Academic Champions a total of 9 times, the TCSIT State Academic Champions a total of 6 times, and has consistently been in the top 3 in state academics.

### **NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

- Eleven BCS students have been recognized as National Merit Scholars
- Fifty-six BCS students have been recognized as National Merit Commended Students
- One National Achievement Scholar

### **2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN 2023**

- Henderson Cup Winner – TAPPS top overall school in academics, athletics, and the arts.
- TAPPS 4A State Academic Champions
- Voted Best Private School and Best Preschool in Austin – Austin American Statesman
- Voted Favorite Private School in Austin – Austin Family Magazine
- Recognized as one of the top private schools in Austin through Niche.com
- College Board AP Honor Roll - Platinum in College Culture, Platinum in College Credit

#### **TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS 4A (9TH-12TH GRADE)**

- The majority of our high school athletic teams advanced to the playoffs
- Boys Track and Field - 2nd in State
- Girls Track and Field - 2nd in State
- Girls Cross Country - State Championship
- Boys Cross Country - 4th in State
- Boys Golf - Regional Qualifier
- Lady Bellas Drill Team - 2nd in State Dance Championship
- Girls Volleyball - 2nd in State
- Girls Soccer - Area Championship
- Swimming - 3 swimmers qualified for 5 individual events at State Meet
- Boys Basketball - Regional Finalist, Top 4 in TABC State rankings
- Baseball - 8th in State
- Softball - Area Qualifier

#### **PRIVATE SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION (1ST-8TH GRADE)**

- Theater - 3 All Star Cast, 2 Honorable Mention All Star Cast

- Art - 10 students earned on site drawing placement, 2 students earned State awards

#### **MATH PENTATHLON (K-7TH GRADE)**

- 1 gold, 1 silver, and 3 bronze medals, 5 honorable mention, 1 Hall of Fame, and 1 prestigious 8-year participation award.

#### **CAPITOL AREA PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS (CAPPS) (5TH-8TH GRADE)**

- Girls Basketball (5th) - District Championship
- MS Bellas - All Superior ratings, Best in Class Lyrical, Jazz Best in Class Runner-up

#### **TAPPS BAND**

- Concert Band- State Championship
- Jazz Band- Superior Rating
- Sight Reading- Superior Rating
- Solo and Ensemble - Superior Rating in trios, quartets, and solos

#### **TAPPS CHOIR**

- State Vocal Competition - 5th in State
- 8 students earned Superior Rating for solos

#### **TAPPS THEATER**

- 7th in Duet Acting, 2nd in Prose Interpretation
- HAYAS - Best Supporting Actor Nominee

#### **TAPPS ART**

- Short Film Animation - 1 State Championship
- Painting - 1 3rd place, and 1 Honorable Mention
- Art History - 1 4th place



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**6<sub>x</sub>** REIGNING  
TAPPS STATE  
ACADEMIC  
CHAMPIONS



**3<sub>x</sub>** REIGNING  
TCSIT STATE HS  
ACADEMIC  
CHAMPIONS



**2<sub>x</sub>** REIGNING  
TCSIT STATE MS  
ACADEMIC  
CHAMPIONS

### EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

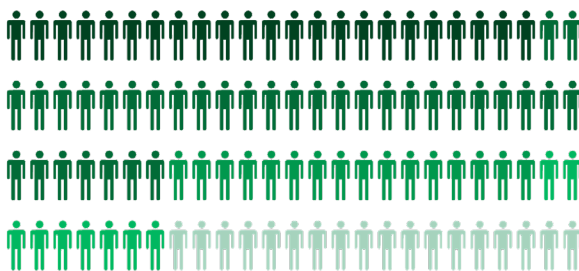
ART: 39%

ATHLETICS: 58%

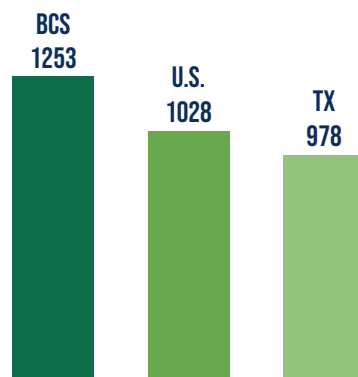
BAND: 28%

CHOIR: 15%

DRAMA: 33%



### SAT SCORES



IN 2022-23, THE AVERAGE SAT SCORES FOR GRADUATES WAS **638 ON ERW AND 615 ON MATH** FOR A TOTAL OF 1253, SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL AVERAGES.



**100%**  
COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE RATE

### CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN 2023



HENDERSON CUP WINNER

TAPPS 4A STATE ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS

VOTED BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL IN AUSTIN - AUSTIN AMERICAN STATESMAN

VOTED BEST PRESCHOOL IN AUSTIN - AUSTIN AMERICAN STATESMAN

VOTED FAVORITE PRIVATE SCHOOL IN AUSTIN - AUSTIN FAMILY MAGAZINE

RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN AUSTIN THROUGH NICHE.COM

**\$2,245,320**

IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 60  
2023 BCS GRADUATES





*Serving students at the foundational level of their education, we are privileged to help them in their development from preschool, where they are embarking on their educational journey, to fifth grade, where they are preparing to burst into middle school. It is during the elementary years that children experience the most growth—academically, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The elementary program at Brentwood Christian School provides the ideal setting for this growth to occur.*

**Brentwood Christian School**  
**ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

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**Lower Elementary School**

**Early Learning 3/4**

**Daily**

Thematic Studies  
Handwriting  
Bible  
Recess

**Weekly/Other**

Physical Education  
Computer  
Library  
Chapel  
Music

**Kindergarten**

**Daily**

Math  
Science/Health  
Bible  
Social Studies  
Language Arts  
Physical Education  
Handwriting  
Recess

**Weekly/Other**

Spanish  
Computer  
Library  
Chapel  
Music  
Art

**1st Grade**

**Daily**

Math  
Science  
Bible  
Social Studies  
Language Arts  
Physical Education  
Recess

**Weekly/Other**

Spanish  
Computer  
Library  
Chapel  
Music  
Art

**2nd Grade**

**Daily**

Math  
Science  
Health  
Bible  
Social Studies  
Language Arts  
Physical Education  
Recess

**Weekly/Other**

Spanish  
Computer  
Library  
Chapel  
Music  
Art

**Upper Elementary School**

**3rd Grade**

**Daily**

Math  
Science  
Bible  
Social Studies  
Language Arts  
Cursive Writing  
Physical Education  
Recess

**Weekly/Other**

Spanish  
Computer  
Library  
Chapel  
Music  
Art

**4th Grade**

**Daily**

Math  
Science  
Health  
Bible  
Social Studies  
Language Arts  
Choir/Recorder  
Physical Education  
Recess

**Weekly/Other**

Spanish  
Computer  
Library  
Chapel  
Art

**5th Grade**

**Daily**

Math  
Science  
Health  
Bible  
Social Studies  
Language Arts  
Recess  
\*Electives  
\*Physical Education

**Weekly/Other**

Spanish  
Computer  
Library  
Chapel

**Elective Options:**

5th grade students can choose two of the following electives: Art, Band, Choir. They may also choose to participate on athletics teams including soccer, basketball, cross country, flag football for boys and volleyball for girls. Other athletics options available based on interest.





*Students at Brentwood Christian School have spiritual and academic goals, are articulate speakers, know that they want to pursue higher education and what schools they want to attend, and they are doing all of this while participating in many athletic, academic, and fine arts extra-curricular activities. At BCS all our commitments begin with a focus on Christian education that include the family, the church, and the school working together to create students who love God. As we work together, our goal is for our students to develop strong Christian values and have a deeper relationship with God.*

## Brentwood Christian School

### SECONDARY CURRICULUM OVERVIEW



**The Mission of Brentwood Christian School is to lead students to love God and to nurture them in a Christ-centered academic environment that emphasizes excellence and inspires them to develop their God-given talents for lives of Christian leadership and service.**

#### Our Goals:

Development of Christian Faith and Conduct: Students should learn to integrate Christian beliefs and principles into all areas of life and to base their conduct on faith in God.

- Students will study the Bible as the canon of Christian faith and learn to appreciate the heritage of God's people throughout the ages.
- Students will participate in group activities designed to develop cooperative attitudes and skills, deferring to others' strengths, contributing their own strengths, and encouraging each other in areas of weakness.
- Students will be helped to recognize their limitations without developing a sense of failure, to overcome them where possible, and to recognize their strengths without developing arrogance.
- Students will develop a confident and secure sense of personal worth as children of God, regardless of their appearance, ability, or achievement.
- Students will treat others as valuable, regardless of their physical, social, economic, ethnic, or racial characteristics, or their performance, recognizing they are all children of God intended to live and work together.
- Students will be disciplined for misbehavior in a way that recognizes them as children of God and encourages the development of self-discipline.
- Students will be encouraged to love God and to submit their lives to Christ.
- Students will learn to respect and care for their minds and bodies as God's creation.
- Students will learn to recognize their daily decisions as the arena of Christian faith and will be encouraged to apply godly wisdom in making choices.

#### BCS Faculty

Average experience: 14 years  
10 Faculty members awarded Texas Christian Schools Association *Teacher of the Year*  
3 Faculty members awarded Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools *Fine Arts Teacher of the Year*  
4 Administration and Faculty members awarded National Christian School Association *Educator of the Year*

#### 2023 Graduating Class

Class size: 60 students  
Value of scholarships offered: \$2,245,320  
Applied and accepted by colleges/universities: 100%  
Average SAT score: 1253, Average ACT Score: 25.3

#### Accreditation

National Christian School Association  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

#### BCS Commended Scholars

11 National Merit Scholars  
1 National Achievement Scholar  
56 National Merit Commended Students

#### 2023-24 Student Body Enrollment ~ 675

EL 3/4 – Grade 5 ~ 263  
6th – 8th ~ 158  
9th – 12th ~ 254

#### Athletic Program

- Year-Round Athletic Program
- Middle school teams play in the Capital Area Private and Parochial School League (CAPPS)
- High school students compete in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

#### Sports Available:

Volleyball (HS & MS girls)	Track & Field
Softball (HS girls)	Golf (HS only)
Football (HS & MS boys)	Swim (HS only)
Baseball (HS boys)	Tennis (HS only)
Basketball	Cheerleading (HS & MS girls)
Cross Country	Drill Team (HS & MS girls)
Soccer	Esports (HS only)

# Brentwood Christian School

## SECONDARY CURRICULUM OVERVIEW



### Middle School

#### 6th Grade

English/Reading  
Math  
Science  
History  
Bible  
Physical Education/Athletics  
Study Hall

#### 7th Grade

English  
Math or Pre-Algebra  
Life Science  
Texas History/World Geography  
Bible  
Physical Education/Athletics  
Study Hall

#### 8th Grade

English  
Pre-Algebra or Honors Algebra I  
Integrated Physics & Chemistry  
American History  
Bible  
Physical Education/Athletics  
Study Hall

#### Elective Options:

Journalism, Art, Band, Choir, Drama, Book Club, MS Career Pathways\*, MS Spanish\*, Spanish I\*, Competitive Math, Computer I, Computer II, MS Cheer, MS Drill, Study Skills Study Hall, Study Hall, Classroom Aide\*, Office Aide\*, Library Aide\*

### High School

Three Graduation Plans Available: *Standard* requiring 26 credits; *Advanced/Honors and Distinguished Scholar* requiring 28 credits.

#### Freshman Year

English I or Pre-AP English I (1)	Communication Applications (Speech) (0.5)	Physical Education/Athletics/OCPE (1)
Algebra I or Geometry Honors (1)	Spanish I or Spanish II (1)	0 – 1 Fine Arts credit as needed
Biology I or Biology I Honors (1)	Bible (0.5)	0 – 1 Elective credit as needed

#### Sophomore Year

English II or Pre-AP English II (1)	World History or World History Honors (1)	Physical Education/Athletics/OCPE (1)
Geometry or Algebra II Honors (1)	Spanish II or Spanish III Honors (1)	0 – 1 Fine Arts credit as needed
Chemistry or Chemistry Honors (1)	Bible (0.5)	0 – 1 Elective credit as needed

#### Junior Year

English III or AP English III (1)	Spanish III Honors (1)	P.E./Athletics/OCPE - optional (1)
Algebra II or Honors Pre-Calculus (1)	Bible (0.5)	0 – 1 Fine Arts credit as needed
Forensic Science or AP Biology (1)	Computer Science	0 – 1 Elective credit as needed
U.S. History or U.S. History Honors (1)	or AP Computer Science (1)	

#### Senior Year

English IV or AP English IV (1)	Government or AP Government (0.5)	Bible (0.5)
Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus	Economics or AP Microeconomics (0.5)	Athletics/OCPE - optional (0-1 credit)
or Quantitative Reasoning (1)	Humanities Capstone	0 – 1 Fine Arts credit as needed
Physics, AP Physics or A&P (1)	or Humanities Capstone Honors (1)	0 – 1 Elective credit as needed

#### Elective Options (Credits vary by class)

Study Hall	Art II	Encore	HS Book Club
Journalism - Yearbook	Contract Art*	Entrepreneurship	Creative Writing
Journalism - Newspaper	Honors Contract Art*	High School Band	Cheer
Personal Finance*	Music History	Honors Band	Drill Team
Competitive Speech*	Music Theory*	Jazz Band	
Competitive Math	Beginning Italian	Theater Production/Tech	
Debate	Writing Workshop	Theater I	<b>Dual Credit Electives:</b>
SAT Test Prep*	Graphic Design*	Advanced Theater	Bible (OCU)
Aide (Class/Library/Office)	High School Choir	Engineering*	
Art I	Honors Choir	Drill & Dance Technique	

\*Class level specific—see course descriptions

ACC Early College Start – Students who qualify may earn college credit through Austin Community College's Early Start Program beginning the summer after their Sophomore year.





## **BRENTWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

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