

Distinguished Scholar Program

A student graduating as a Distinguished Scholar will:

- Complete a minimum of 8 honors classes
- Complete a minimum of 28 total credits
- Complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service during Junior and Senior years beginning the first day of summer after Sophomore year*
- Earn a minimum of 100 Distinction Points in the following categories:

<u>Maximum Points</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>
20	Bible	Students must successfully complete an approved college-level course in Biblical studies from a Christian college with approval by the Academic Advisor and principal.
10	English/ Language Arts	Students must successfully complete four years of English, including AP English III (Language and Composition) and take the corresponding AP exams.
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5	Fine Arts**	(1) Membership in Encore or Jazz Band (2) Placing in an oral or debate event at TAPPS Academic Meets or (3) Earn a 1 (Superior) in a Solo or Small Ensemble at the TAPPS State Music Contest or (4) Earn a spot in the ATSSB Region Band, TMEA Region Choir, or TPSMEA Region Choir.
10	Fine Arts**	(1) Placing top 5 in an Art event the TAPPS State Contest or (2) Earn a spot in the ATSSB Area Band, TMEA Area Choir, or TPSMEA All-State Band or Choir or (3) All-Star Cast at TAPPS One Act Play Contests or (4) Heller Nominations-Individual Awards or (5) Placing top 5 in TAPPS fine arts competition
20	Fine Arts**	(1) Earn a spot in the ATSSB or TMEA All-State Band or Choir or (2) Heller Award Winner-Individual awards.
20	Foreign Language	Students must do one of the following: (1) Complete Spanish III at BCS (grade of 85% or above); (2) pass an accredited foreign language college course of at least three credit hours; (3) Take the AP Foreign Language test and make a 3 or above.

5	AP Economics	Students must successfully complete an AP Economics course with a grade of 85% or above, and take the corresponding AP exam.
5	AP Government	Students must successfully complete an AP Government course with a grade of 85% or above, and take the corresponding AP exam.
10	Honors Humanities	Students must successfully complete the Honors Humanities course with a grade of 85% or above.
20	Mathematics	Students must successfully complete the AP Calculus course and take the AP exam.
20	Science	Students must successfully complete AP Biology and take the AP exam or complete AP Physics and take the AP exam.
20	Technology	Students must do one of the following: 1) successfully complete Honors Computer Science at BCS earning a grade of 85% or above; 2) complete a Programming or Applications course of at least three credit hours at an accredited college.
10	Interscholastic Contests**	Placing 1st-5th at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Academic Meet
5	Varsity Athletics**	Second team or honorable mention All District
10	Varsity Athletics**	Selected to first team All District
5	Varsity Athletics**	Honorable mention All State
10	Varsity Athletics**	Selected to an All State team

*Up to 50 hours of community service can be substituted by completing a scholarly project. The final project grade equals the number of hours that can be substituted out of 50. For example, a grade of 38 on a final project will count as 38 community service hours. The students would then be responsible for completing 62 community service hours (62+38=100).

**A maximum of 20 points may be awarded in each of the following categories: Fine Arts, Athletics, and/or Interscholastic Contest categories. A one-time, non-refundable charge of \$50 will be assessed to all students pursuing the Distinguished Scholars Program – due on or before the due date. Students who apply after the deadline will be charged a \$25 late fee and will be required to submit an additional writing assignment.

- There are 5 options to satisfy the Distinguished Scholar requirement for a 3rd Year of Foreign Language:
 - Take Spanish I, II, and III at BCS.
 - Take Spanish I and II at BCS plus one dual credit course in Spanish or any other Language Other than English (LOTE) at another school or college.
 - Take 2 years of any LOTE at another school or college plus one year of Spanish at BCS.
 - Take 3 years of the same LOTE at another school or college.
 - Take 2 years of the same LOTE and a 3rd year of a different LOTE at another school or college.