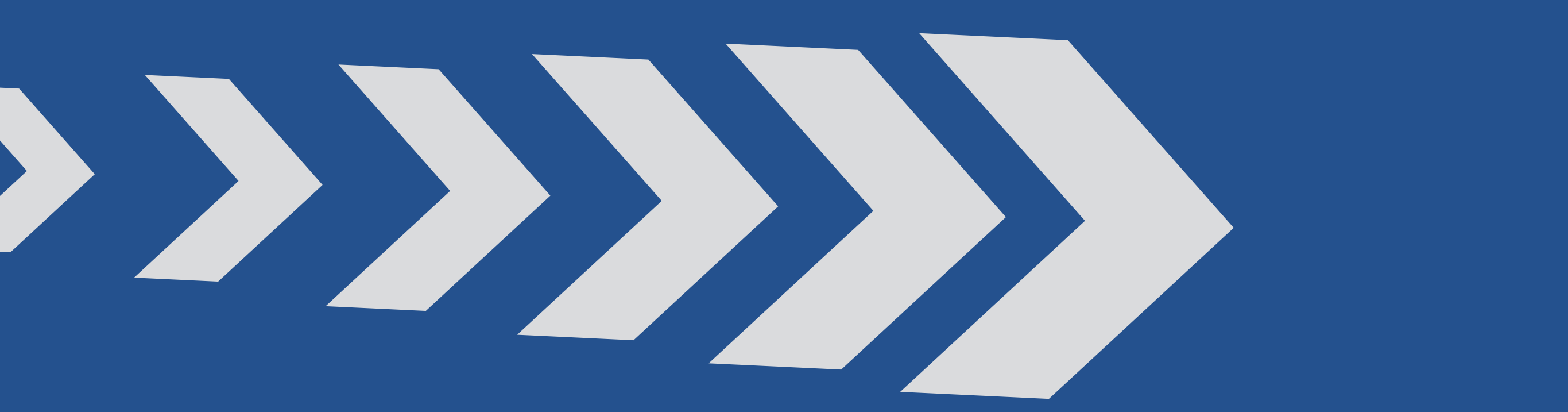





CAREER & ACADEMIC PLANNING

BRYANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS



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INTRODUCTION

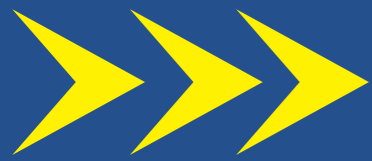
Creating Opportunities for YOUR Student's Success

At Bryant Public Schools, we believe it is never too soon for students to start preparing for their future. As students advance through school, their success story is being built. We encourage students to make choices that will lead to academic success and future career opportunities.

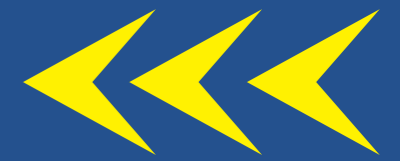
Parents play a critical role in their student's education. As your educational partner, we support parents by providing tools and resources to guide your student toward becoming college and career ready. We're all about creating opportunities to help students reach their academic goals.

In their eighth grade career development class, students will create a personalized Student Success Plan (SSP) that will be used throughout high school. The SSP will assist students with achieving readiness for college, career and community engagement.

Bryant educators are fully committed to helping *all* students find their career interest and utilize their plan to pursue their academic and career goals. This Career and Academic Planning (CAP) tool will provide a roadmap from sixth grade to graduation for your student. In this guide, you will discover numerous resources and QR codes linking you to helpful information along your student's secondary journey.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH
ENGLISH 4 credits	✓	✓	✓	✓
MATH 4 credits	✓	✓	✓	✓
SCIENCE 3 credits	✓	✓	✓	●
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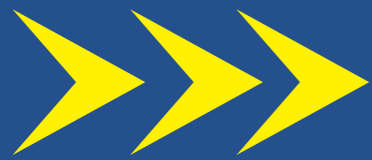
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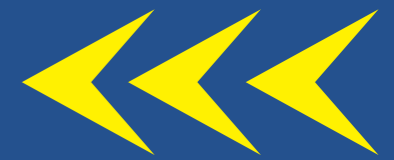
LEGEND ✓ **REQUIRED** ● **RECOMMENDED** ★ **REQUIRED & TAKEN THROUGHOUT HIGH SCHOOL**

ARKANSAS SMART CORE

Smart Core is the college and career ready set of courses for all students in Arkansas public high schools.



HONOR GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS



	HONOR	HIGH HONOR	DISTINGUISHED HIGH HONOR
Completes all local and state Smart Core requirements	✓	✓	✓
Completes two courses of same foreign language	✓	✓	✓
Maintains GPA of 3.5+ Completes minimum of 3 AP® courses	✓	✗	✗
Maintains a GPA of 3.75+ Completes minimum of 4 AP® courses	✗	✓	✗
Maintains a GPA of 4.0+ Completes minimum of 6 AP® courses	✗	✗	✓

LEGEND ✓ **REQUIRED** ✗ **NOT REQUIRED**

**Students may graduate from Bryant High School with Honor, High Honor, or Distinguished High Honor designation if they meet the specified criteria. Please see the BHS Course Catalog for specific details.*

OPPORTUNITIES

HONORS COURSES 6th-10th

Honors courses are for high ability students who are able to move at a faster pace, participate in deeper discussions, are prepared to complete research and independent projects, and are motivated and curious about that content area. These courses are differentiated in content, process, and product and are offered in English and social studies.

ACCELERATED COURSES 6th-11th

Accelerated courses are offered in math and science and move at a much faster pace covering three years of content in two years. Students must be strong in the content area and be motivated to learn. During 8th grade, students on the accelerated track may take Accelerated Physical Science for 9th grade high school credit and/or Accelerated Algebra I for 9th grade high school credit. These courses will be counted in the student's high school GPA and transcript. Since science uses math, students who choose accelerated science should also choose accelerated math.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT® 9th-12th

Advanced Placement (AP®) classes give students in 9th-12th grade an opportunity to take college level courses with the possibility of earning college credit. In order to receive college credit, students must take the AP® Exam and earn the required score as mandated by the college of their choice, usually 3, 4, or 5.

Students must also take the AP® Exam to get the "weighted grade", earning 5 quality points for an A instead of 4 points, reflected in a higher GPA.

CONCURRENT CREDIT

Bryant High School has partnerships with local universities to offer students courses to satisfy high school requirements and gain college level experiences and credits with minimal cost. Students must sign up and apply for concurrent credit. Students must take the ACT exam in the spring semester and achieve the required score before enrolling in a concurrent class for the next year.



Earning College Credit in High School

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS VS. CONCURRENT CREDIT COURSES

Bryant High School offers AP and Concurrent Credit courses. AP courses are governed by the College Board; credit is earned by passing the end of the course AP Exam. Concurrent Credit courses dually enroll students in both high school and college courses, allowing students to earn high school and college credit at the same time.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

ENROLL WHEN CHOOSING COURSES IN SPRING

JOIN COURSE IN COLLEGE BOARD ACCOUNT WHEN IT BEGINS

TAKE AP EXAM AT END OF YEAR SCORE 3 OR BETTER TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

CONCURRENT CREDIT COURSES

MUST HAVE A QUALIFYING ACT SCORE THE SPRING SEMESTER PRIOR TO THE YEAR SEEKING CONCURRENT CREDIT

STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP AND APPLY WITH THE COLLEGE THE SPRING SEMESTER PRIOR TO THE YEAR THEY SEEK CONCURRENT CREDIT

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES DO NOT REQUIRE AN ACT SCORE FOR AP EXAMS AND DO NOT COST AS LONG AS THE STUDENT TAKES THE FULL YEAR COURSE AND THE CORRESPONDING AP EXAM AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

Some AP courses provide the opportunity to earn credit through the concurrent credit option. An AP concurrent credit course. Students who want concurrent credit must follow the steps even if the concurrent credit option is available. Students in an AP course who do not meet the concurrent credit requirements can still earn college credit.

Learn more about concurrent credit and ACT minimum requirements at bryantschools.org/o/bh

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NEW ACCELERATED COURSES

Math and Science Courses
Offered Grades 6-12

- Course combines more than one year of standards & curriculum in a school year
- OR-
- Class is taken a year earlier than courses taken by on-level peers

CHANGES TO AP®

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▶▶▶ OPPORTUNITIES ◀◀◀



Internships
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CAREER HOUSES AT BRYANT HIGH SCHOOL

Continuing to prepare students to be college and career ready once they graduate, Bryant High School has moved to a Career House model. Houses include: STEM, Manufacturing, and Automotive; Human Services, Education, and Health Science; Arts and Communication; Business and Entrepreneurship. At the end of their Freshmen year, students will select their Career House.

CAREER HOUSE BOOKLET



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INTERNSHIPS

The internship program is a cooperative effort between the school and business partners in the community. The student receives training and experience through part-time employment, internships, and/or volunteer work. Seniors who participate in this program take regular courses in high school in order to meet all graduation requirements along with working, interning or volunteering a minimum of 10 hours per week.

INTERNSHIP WEBSITE



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CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Career and technical education is a term applied to schools, institutions, and educational programs that specialize in the skilled trades, applied sciences, modern technologies, and career preparation. In Bryant, students begin taking CTE courses in 7th grade.

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

Industry Certifications can lead to performance acknowledgments on high school transcripts and give employers evidence of a student's acquired skill set. Students begin earning certifications in 9th grade.

SALINE COUNTY CAREER & TECHNICAL CAMPUS

The Saline County Career & Technical Campus (SCCTC) is a state-of-the-art facility where students from Bryant and five other local high schools select courses consistent with their career choices. The CTE campus is focused on preparing students for careers whether a student is hoping to work soon after high school or wants to pursue a college degree. SCCTC offers business partnerships, work-based learning, certifications, licensures, college credit opportunities and hands-on educational experiences. Visit bit.ly/SalineCTE for more information.



Saline County Career & Technical Campus
bit.ly/SalineCTE



COURSE OVERVIEW

The overview provides a snapshot of the required and recommended courses from 6th grade through senior year.

	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
	8 Period Day	8 Period Day	7 Period Day	7 Period Day: Classes count for Graduation			
English	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Math	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Must have 4 credits of Math before Graduation.
Science	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Recommended
Social Studies	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Recommended
Required Electives	PE/Fine Arts/Keyboarding	PE/Fine Arts/KeyCode	PE/Fine Arts/Career Development	PE/Fine Arts/Keystone	Follow Graduation Requirements See your counselor for specific details.		
Electives	2 Classes	2 Classes	2 Classes	2 Classes			

»»» COURSE PLANNING «««

6TH GRADE

8 period day

All students are required to take an English, Math, Science, and Social Studies course. Each student is required to participate in PE and a Fine Art course. Students can select Band, Choir, music or art as their Fine Art requirement. Most students will finish out their schedule with a keyboarding or health class, if available.

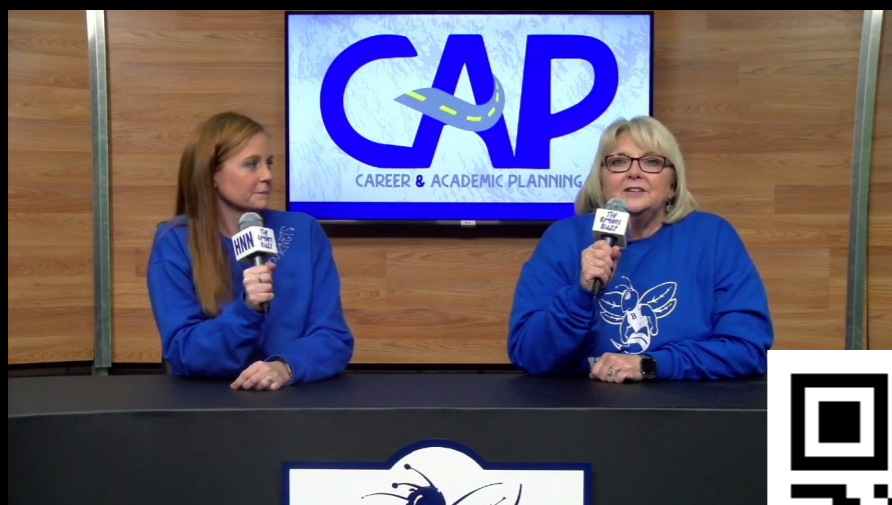
**Students will be able to request their elective preferences. Please be mindful that scheduling will be determined by course enrollment.*

7TH GRADE

8 period day

All students are required to take an English, Math, Science, and Social Studies course. Each student is required to participate in PE and a Fine Art course. Students can select Band, Choir, music or art as their Fine Art requirement. Most students will finish out their schedule with electives of their choice, if available.

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6TH GRADE COUNSELORS

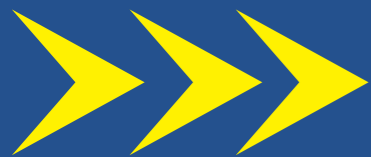
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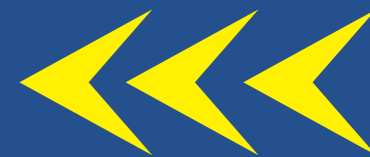
7TH GRADE COUNSELORS

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ROADMAP FOR SUCCESS



- >>> Get connected by participating in extra-curricular activities.
- >>> Grades and credits COUNT.

- >>> Take ACT multiple times.
- >>> Take PSAT.

- >>> Make certain student is on track to graduate.

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- >>> File FAFSA.



- >>> Apply for AR Challenge Scholarship.

PARENT CHECKLIST

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- >>> Attend College and Career Fair.

- >>> Schedule college visits. (Two visits per junior and senior year)
- >>> Take ASVAB (military).

- >>> Research scholarships.
- >>> Research technical training opportunities.

- >>> Research military branches; talk to recruiter.

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- >>> Take ACT & PSAT.

PARENT CHECKLIST

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- >>> Consider college, career, and training program requirements for after high school.

- >>> Make certain student is on track to graduate.

- >>> Get connected by participating in extra-curricular activities.

- >>> Take PSAT.
- >>> Review NCAA requirements.
- >>> Select career house.

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PARENT CHECKLIST

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- >>> Create YouScience profile in Keystone.

- >>> Take PSAT.

- >>> Review NCAA requirements.

- >>> Take PSAT.

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PARENT CHECKLIST

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- >>> 8th grade algebra & physical science count as graduation credits.

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PARENT CHECKLIST

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- >>> Ask about your student's Success Plan.

- >>> Access Naviance account.

- >>> Review NCAA requirements.

- >>> Monitor assignments and grades in HAC.

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PARENT CHECKLIST

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- >>> Consider enrolling in challenging courses. Honors & accelerated courses begin in 6th grade.

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PARENT CHECKLIST

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- >>> All students grades 6-12 receive iPad.

Your CAP journey begins in spring of 5th grade year.

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DID U KNOW? VIDEO SERIES

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ACT INFORMATION

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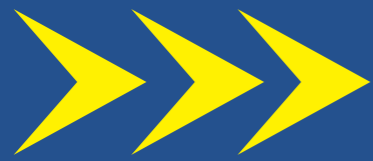
ACT

"57% [students] scored HIGHER on the retake"

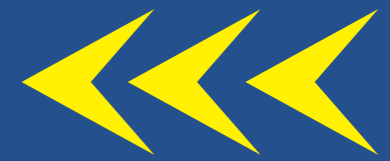
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ACT Superscore averages four best subject scores from all ACT test attempts.

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COURSE PLANNING



8TH GRADE

7 period day

All students are required to take an English, Math, Science, and Social Studies course. Each student is required to participate in a semester of PE, Career Development and a Fine Art course. Band and Choir fulfill the Fine Art requirement and will take the place of an elective course. Elective courses are preferences only. Athletics will fulfill the PE requirement and take the place of that elective course*.

Parent Tips

Eighth grade is a launching pad for a student's future. Start researching college & career opportunities.

Help your child develop academic habits of success by ...

- Encouraging your student to be independent & advocate for themselves to learn this life-long skill.
- Helping your student manage their school workload by using a planner or calendar app to set up reminders & prompts.
- Continuing to check their weekly progress through HAC.

9TH GRADE

7 period day

All students are required to take an English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Keystone, and Health/PE course. Elective courses are preferences only*.

Parent Tips

Grades and credits count! Encourage your student track their own progress in their courses and to seek help early when struggling in a course.

Help your child develop academic habits of success by ...

- Limiting distractions such as cell phones and devices during study time.
- Continuing to check their weekly progress through HAC.
- If your student is struggling, contact the teacher or counselor for additional help. Don't wait until the end of the semester.

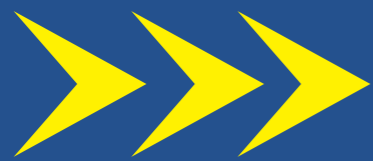
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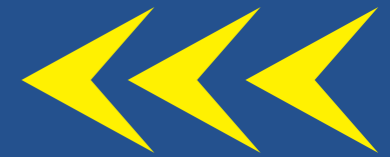
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COURSE PLANNING



10TH, 11TH, & 12TH GRADE

7 period day

All students are required to take English, Math, and continue working on their requirements toward graduation.

Graduation Requirements

**Students will be able to request their elective preferences. Please be mindful that scheduling will be determined by course enrollment.*

Parent Tips

For your 10th grader, start considering post secondary options for college or career. Explore scholarship opportunities and consider taking the PSAT.

Eleventh graders should take the ACT multiple times. Participate in College and Career Fairs. In the spring, go on a college visit. Check certifications needed for potential career fields. Students interested in the military should consider taking the ASVAB.

Seniors should check graduation status at the beginning of the school year. Submit college applications, complete the FASFA, and apply for scholarships. Refine your resume to send to potential employers. Take the ASVAB.

Help your child develop academic habits of success by...

- Encouraging your student to put their best effort toward earning the highest grade in each subject to maintain a high GPA.
- Checking their weekly progress through HAC.
- If your student is struggling, contact the teacher or counselor for additional help. Don't wait until the end of the semester.



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SCIENCE 3 credits	✓	✓	✓	●
SOCIAL STUDIES 3 credits	✓	✓	✓	●
CAREER FOCUS 6 credits	★	★	★	★
COMPUTER SCIENCE 1 credit **	★	★	★	★
FINE ARTS, ORAL COM., P.E., HEALTH/SAFETY 1/2 credit per course	★	★	★	★

*Students must also pass the Arkansas Civics Exam. Personal Finance and Digital Learning courses are required; however, these classes are embedded in other graduation courses.

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STUDENT SUCCESS PLAN



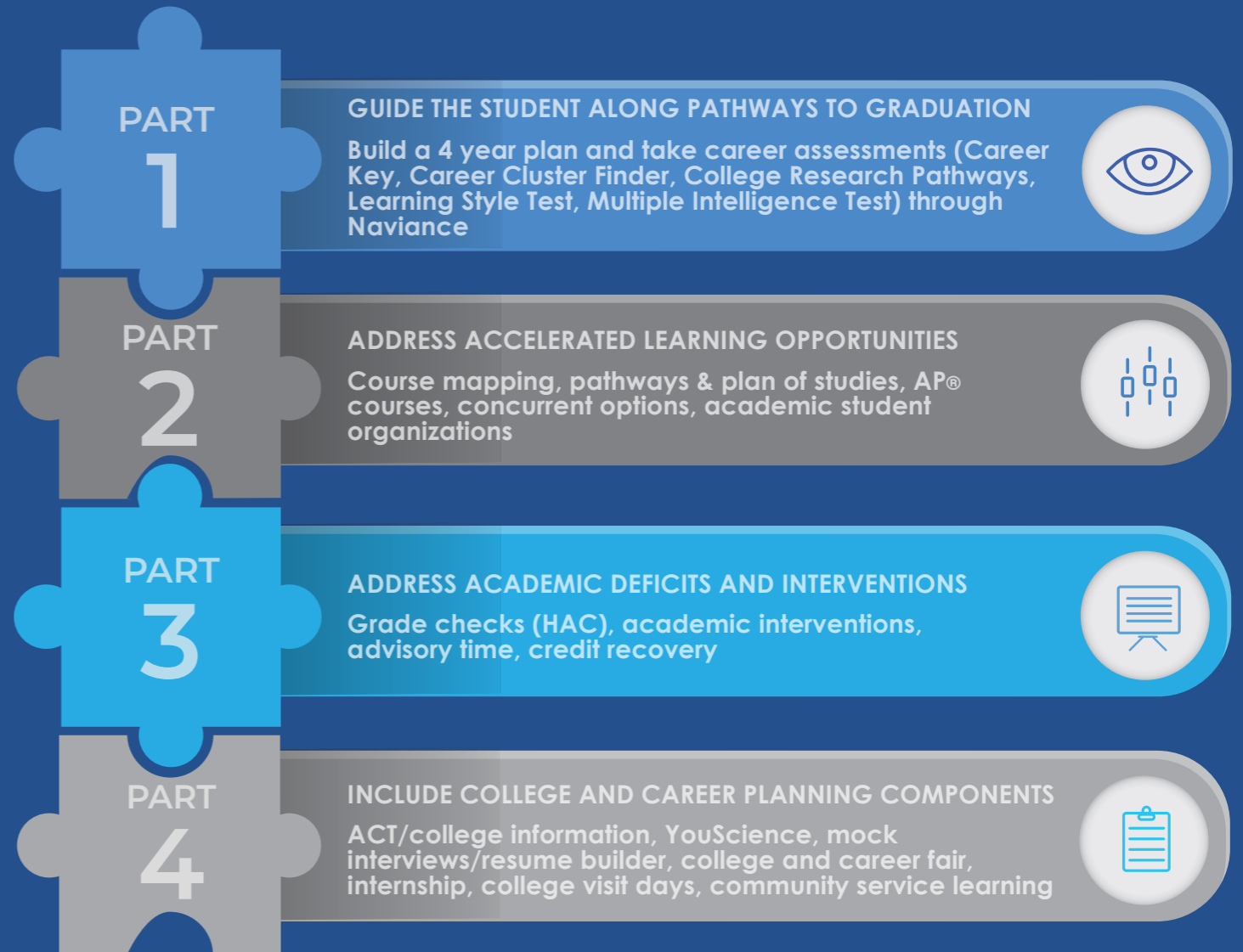
NAVIANCE OVERVIEW

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COLLEGE PLANNING

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STUDENT SUCCESS PLAN CONTINUUM				
8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
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RESOURCES

NAVIANCE

Naviance is an online platform to explore colleges and careers. It is a tool available to all students in grades 8-12, their parents, and high school faculty. This online resource allows for students to develop and modify their student success plan, explore and research post-secondary, career pathways, take career and strengths assessments, create a resume, and access scholarship applications.

HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC)

Home Access Center (HAC) is an online tool which allows parents and students to view and monitor schedules, attendance, assignments, and grades. Contact your school office for login and password information.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

- **ESOL:** Our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program fosters the linguistic and academic development as well as the personal and social growth of the English Language Learners (ELL) in our learning community. Our ESOL goals include English language development of our ELL students towards English proficiency, progress toward their academics, and compliance of federal and state laws.
- **GT:** To continue in the GT program, GT identified students in grades 6-9 should be enrolled in at least one Honors, Accelerated, or Pre-AP class. GT students in 10th-12th should be enrolled in at least one Honors, Accelerated, Pre-AP, AP or Concurrent Credit class.
- **SPED:** Our Special Education Department is committed to locating, identifying and evaluating students with exceptionalities. If you suspect that your child has a disability, please reach out to the Special Education office at 501-847-5660.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The National Merit® Scholarship program is an elite, nationwide distinction for high school students. Students who meet participation requirements enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program by taking the PSAT/NMSQT® (Preliminary SAT/National Merit® Scholarship Qualifying Test).



YOUSCIENCE

Every student at Bryant is given an opportunity to take aptitude assessments through YouScience, which uses algorithms to encourage self-discovery and more confidence in post-secondary choices, including a best-fit personalized career path. Assessments are originally taken in 9th grade Keystone, but new students will also complete their profiles.

iPAD

Each 6th-12th grade student is assigned his or her own Apple iPad to use for classes and assignments. The iPad can transform into almost any tool students need to support their learning. Apps for productivity and creativity allow students to stay connected to their assignments and projects, whether at working at school or home. The iPad is integral to learning experiences at Bryant's secondary schools, as the mobile technology also houses instructional resources.



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RESOURCES

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA) ELIGIBILITY

Student athletes considering the opportunity to further their athletic career after high school must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse to ensure he/she will be eligible to play in college. Contact your counselor as early as 10th grade to ensure appropriate NCAA approved courses are completed.



NCAA Division I Eligibility

Core-Course Requirement
Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

NCAA Division II Eligibility

Core-Course Requirement
Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 year	2 years	4 years



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Bryant Junior High School

301 Hill Farm Road
Bryant, AR 72022

501-653-5136

bryantschools.org/bjhs

Bryant Middle School

1105 Woodland Drive
Bryant, AR 72022

501-847-5651

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Bethel Middle School

5415 Northlake Road
Alexander, AR 72002

501-316-0937

bryantschools.org/bems