

BASTROP ISD

Advanced

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS



Gifted and Talented (Elementary - High School)

The goal of the Gifted and Talented (GT) program of Bastrop ISD is to meet the learning needs of students who are identified as having superior intellectual abilities or potential for outstanding academic achievement. Students who participate in services designed for gifted students will demonstrate skills in self-directed learning, thinking, research and communication as evidenced by the development of innovative products and performances that are advanced in relation to students of similar age, experience, or environment and reflect individuality and creativity.

Services at Bastrop ISD take a multidisciplinary approach at the elementary and intermediate level. Students are provided services through a pull out program in grade K-6.

Gifted and talented services at the middle and high school levels serve students in core content areas of science, social studies, math, and language arts through differentiation in the classroom including Honors classes, Advanced Placement and Dual Credit classes.



Advanced Math (Intermediate, Middle and High School)

Students with strength in Math are eligible beginning in sixth grade to participate in advanced Math services utilizing a compacted curriculum. Four years of math instruction are compacted into three years with students completing Algebra I in their eighth grade year. Identified students are offered differentiated learning opportunities within the classroom. Flexible grouping and acceleration opportunities are prescribed by the classroom teacher.



Honors (Intermediate, Middle and High Schools)

Honors classes are offered in Math, Reading/ Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies by educators who are trained in advanced curriculum and in gifted and talented education for students beginning in 5th grade. The purpose of these courses is to prepare students to be successful in college-aligned courses—Advanced Placement and Dual Credit through Austin Community College (ACC).



Advanced Placement (AP) (High Schools)

College Board's Advanced Placement program gives students the opportunity to take more challenging and faster paced courses than traditional high school courses.

The AP program offers college level instruction to the academically successful high school students with the option of taking Advanced Placement examinations and possibly qualifying for college credit.

AP Students are expected to work at an accelerated pace and to engage in outside reading and independent learning. These courses focus on providing students with rigorous college level academic instruction while preparing them for the AP exam associated with the course. Students scoring a 3 or above on the AP exam in May may receive college credit.



Dual Credit

Through a partnership with Austin Community College (ACC), Bastrop ISD Dual Credit program provides opportunities for students to earn college credit prior to High School graduation. Students may take courses which earn both high school and college credit. Students and families may be required to cover the cost of course materials, such as textbooks, for Dual Credit Courses.

In order to enroll in dual credit courses, students must qualify. Scores on the PSAT, ACT, SAT or TSIA(2) exams may be used to qualify for dual credit enrollment. Without qualifying scores, students are not able to enroll in dual credit courses. Dual Credit classes are a great chance to both get a head start on postsecondary education, and to save money on college tuition.

