



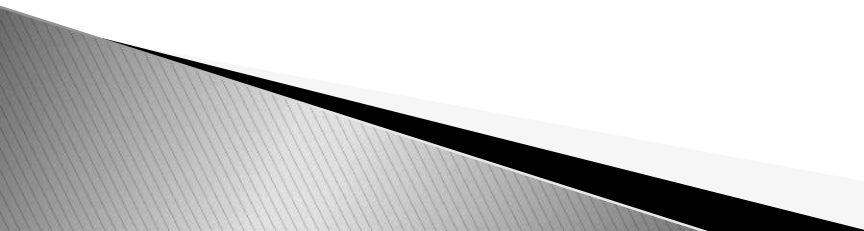
# **Advanced Academic Program**

# Rigorous Path


BISD believes it is vital for students to have every opportunity to excel through rigorous and challenging courses.

Pre-Advanced and Advanced Placement courses offer options to excel in many areas of study. Students and parents should expect these courses to be more challenging, take more time, and require a different type of work that is rigorous and fast paced.

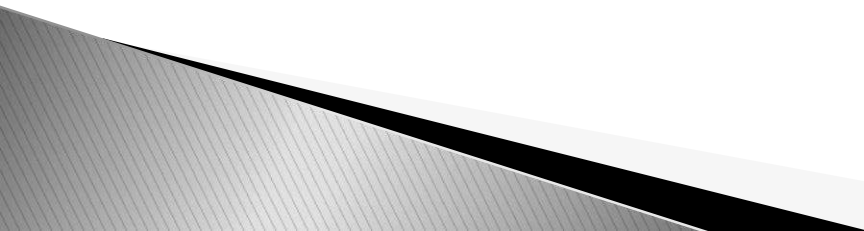
The goal of the Pre-AP/AP program is to challenge and stimulate students to the highest level of their ability.

- Gifted and Talented—Pre-AP/AP Programs
  - Dual College Enrollment Programs
  - Superintendent Scholars
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# **Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) and Advanced Placement (AP) Courses**

- Both Pre-AP and AP are designed to meet the needs of gifted students as well as highly motivated students by offering a continuum of learning experiences that leads to the development of advanced level products or performances.
  - BISD has created vertical and horizontal teams for Pre-AP and AP to work specifically on aligning this differentiated curriculum to state and AP standards.
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# Set High Expectations

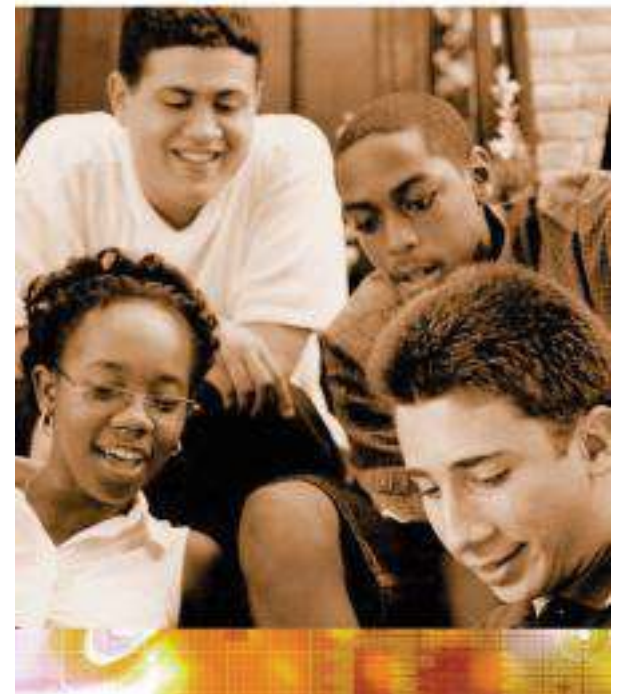
- High Achieving students should be performing at an advanced level in course work and should be taking advanced courses
  - On STARR and EOC the goal for these students is the Advanced Measure category
  - Advanced Measure on EOC not only indicates student is academically ready for the next level, but it is also the only way to reach the Distinguished Achievement Program Graduate status for students under the EOC requirements
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# Distinguished Achievement Program- DAP Graduates

- Highest academic program for graduates within the state of Texas and should be completed by those who are most academically talented
- Requirements:
  - All course requirements of the Recommended High School Program –PLUS the following:
    - Three years of the same language other than English
    - Score Advanced Measures on Algebra II and English III end of course STARR exams (if under EOC guidelines)
    - Complete a combination of four advanced measures

# Who should take Pre-AP and AP

Birdville ISD practices the College Board Program's official policy for AP enrollment, which indicates that all willing students should be considered for admission to Pre-AP and AP courses.



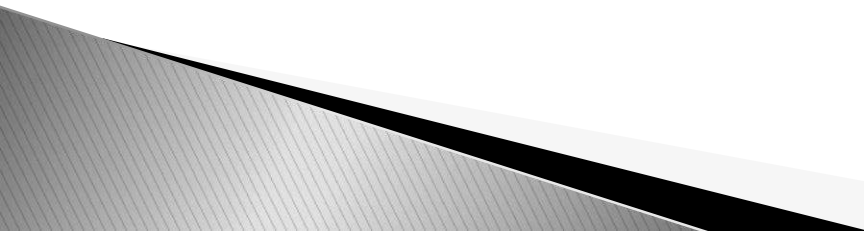
# **Advanced Placement Program**

**Birdville ISD has received “AP Honor Roll Award” this year from College Board for increasing participation while maintaining or increasing AP performance.**

**The award was given to 539 districts in the nation, only 13 districts in Texas**



# Recommended Guidelines for Pre-AP and AP courses:

- ❖ If student has taken PSAT, review AP Potential
  - ❖ Demonstrate successful completion of previous course taken in the subject area (i.e. 80% or higher as semester averages and/or advanced measure on EOC and a qualifying score of 3 or higher on an AP exam from a previous course)
  - ❖ Achieved Commended performance on TAKS or Advanced Measure on EOC/STAAR
  - ❖ Meet all course pre-requisites as delineated in the Planning Guide
  - ❖ Commit to the extra time necessary for class preparation: increased outside reading, sophisticated writing assignments, and projects or labs with complex problem solving
  - ❖ Seek teacher and/or counselor advisement on registering for class
  - ❖ Maintain a passing grade
  - ❖ Commit to meeting all AP Exam requirements
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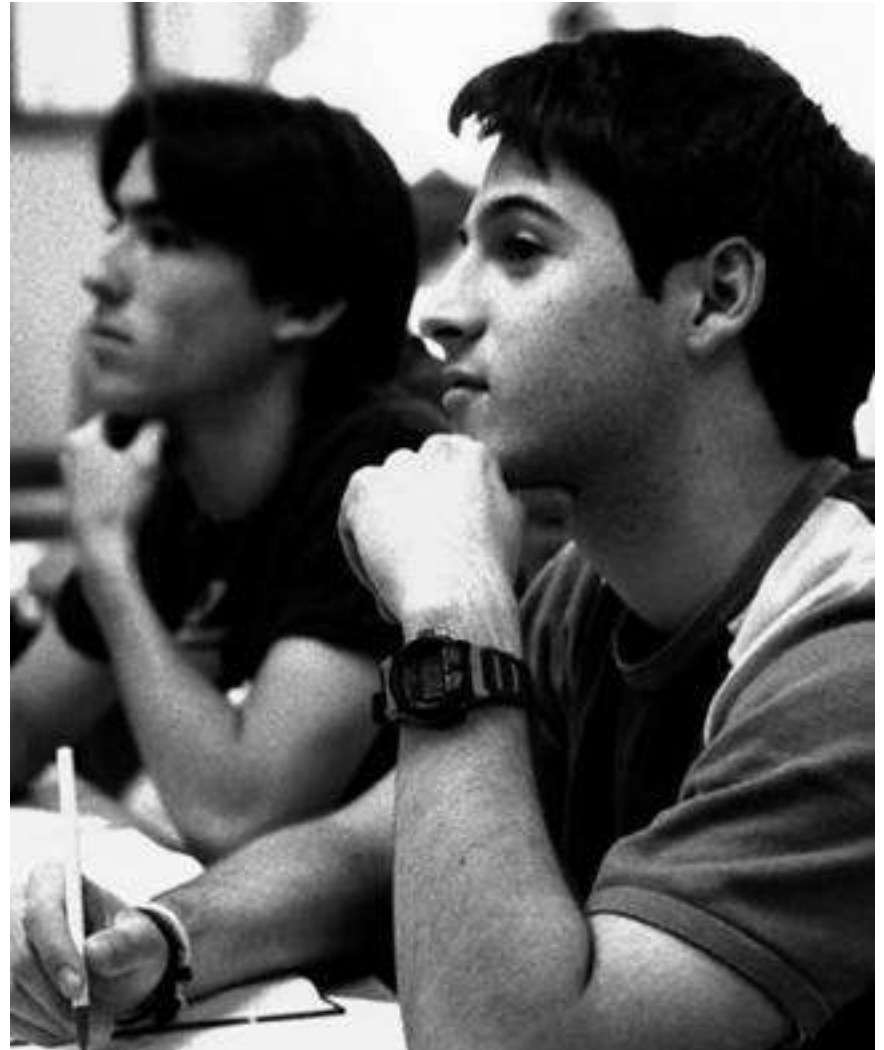


# Prepare Now to Succeed in College

A 1999 U.S. Department of Education study found that the strongest predictor of college graduation is something students do before they ever go to college:

**Participate in rigorous, college-level courses in high school—and AP courses in particular.**

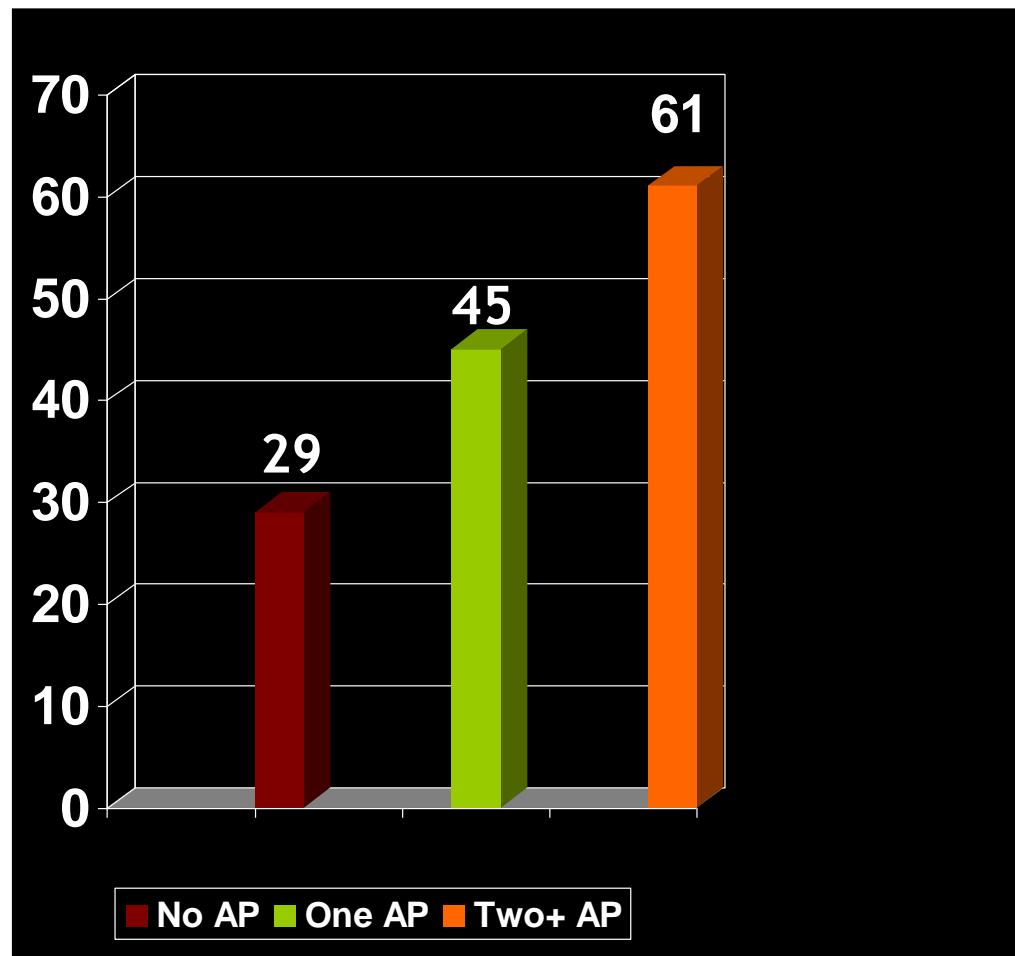
Clifford Adelman, *Answers in the Tool Box: Academic Intensity, Attendance Patterns, and Bachelor's Degree Attainment* (1999), U.S. Department of Education.



# AP and College Success™

Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.

**Source:** Camara, Wayne (2003). College Persistence, Graduation, and Remediation. *College Board Research Notes (RN-19)*. New York, NY: College Board.



# **What do colleges give for AP success?**

- ❖ **Some colleges award “credit” for qualifying AP Exam grades**

**This means you actually earn credit hours towards your college degree.**

- ❖ **Others award “advanced placement”**

**This means you can skip introductory courses, enter higher-level classes or college honors programs, and/or fulfill general education requirements.**



# AP Credit and Placement Policy Information

[www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy](http://www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy)

1. Type in the name of college or university
2. Two things for each school are provided:
  - A link to the college's own Web page that details its AP credit and placement policies.
  - A statement by the college or university about its AP policy.

The screenshot shows the College Board website's AP Credit Policy Info page. The top navigation bar includes links for STUDENTS, PARENTS, EDUCATORS, HELP, SHOP, ABOUT US, and SIGN IN. A search bar is located on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are buttons for COLLEGE BOARD TESTS, PLAN FOR COLLEGE, COLLEGE SEARCH, APPLY TO COLLEGE, PAY FOR COLLEGE, and MY ORGANIZER. A red banner on the right says "Save Money College-Level Examination Program". The main content area is titled "AP Credit Policy Info" and includes a search bar for "School Name" with a "GO" button. Below the search bar, the results for "University of California: Berkeley" are displayed, including a link to the institution's AP credit and placement policy on the web. A section titled "Additional Information Provided by Institution:" provides details about the university's AP credit policy, stating that credit is granted for all AP tests on which a student scores 3 or higher, and that the credit may be subject to credit, graduation credit, or credit toward general education or breadth requirements. The footer includes links for CONTACT US, TERMS & CONDITIONS, and PRIVACY POLICY, along with a copyright notice for 2004.

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School Name:  GO

University of California: Berkeley Berkeley, California

Institution has an AP credit and placement policy.

[Click here for this institution's AP credit and placement policy on the Web](#)

**Additional Information Provided by Institution:**  
The University grants credit for all AP tests on which a student scores 3 or higher. The credit may be subject credit, graduation credit, or credit toward general education or breadth requirements. Academic departments may vary with regard to use of AP tests and necessary scores needed to satisfy requirements for the major. In the admissions process, AP courses are considered to be more rigorous and challenging than regular university preparatory courses. Therefore, taking into account the extent that AP courses are available at their schools, students who enroll in AP courses and perform well in them tend to be regarded as more competitive. Scores of 3 or better in the tests are favorable and add to the strength of the admissions application; forgoing the AP tests or scoring below 3 on the tests is regarded as neutral.

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# Impact of AP on 5-Year College Graduation Rates

Comparison made among students with the same abilities and backgrounds  
(test scores, family income, school poverty index)

<b>Student Group</b>	<b>AP Exam Grade of 3, 4, 5</b>	<b>AP Exam Grade of 1, 2</b>	<b>Took AP course, but not exam</b>
<b>African American</b>	<b>28% higher</b>	<b>22% higher</b>	<b>16% higher</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>28% higher</b>	<b>12% higher</b>	<b>10% higher</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>33% higher</b>	<b>22% higher</b>	<b>20% higher</b>
<b>Low-income</b>	<b>26% higher</b>	<b>17% higher</b>	<b>12% higher</b>
<b>Not low-income</b>	<b>34% higher</b>	<b>23% higher</b>	<b>19% higher</b>

# AP classes can save families money

If you earn a qualifying grade on an AP Exam, you can receive credit for the equivalent course at thousands of colleges and universities:

“I took AP throughout high school because it was the most interesting and well-taught program offered. When I reached college, I realized that I had accumulated a year’s worth of credits. I graduated from Michigan’s undergraduate business school a full year early, saving \$30,000 and a year’s time.”

—Nikki Baker, University of Michigan

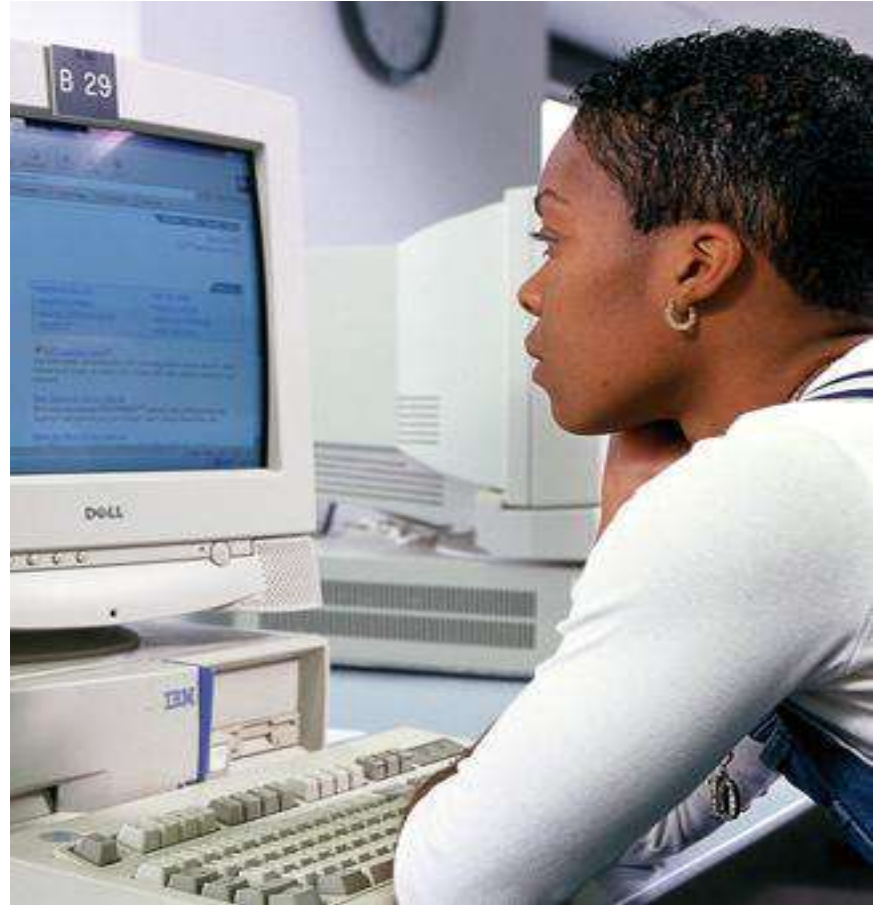


# Earn academic scholarships or awards

Some of the most competitive scholarship awards value AP Exam grades:

“Having the AP Exam grade can make the difference when it comes down to awarding precious scholarship dollars.”

—Edwina Harris Hamby, Dean of Admission  
Fisk University



# BISD Course options and equivalent college hours:

AP Course Offerings by Content	Number of AP courses	College Hour Equivalent
AP English III, AP English IV	2	6
AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Computer Science	4	12
AP Environmental Science, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics	4	12
AP World History, AP US History, AP Government, AP Economics	4	12
AP Foreign Language IV AP Foreign Language V	2	6
AP Art 2, AP Art 3	2	6
AP Music Theory, AP Art History	2	6
Total	20	60



# Tuition at area universities

- ▶ 2012-2013 Tuition Rates according to <http://www.collegefortexans.com>
- ▶ Amounts per course based on a 15 hr course load (5 classes) each semester
- ▶ Does not include Room and Board or cost of books:
- ▶ If a student takes 5 AP classes over the course of high school and makes a 3 or higher on each test, it COULD save up to:

TCC                    \$ 1,560    \$ 156 per 3 hr. course x 5 = \$ 780

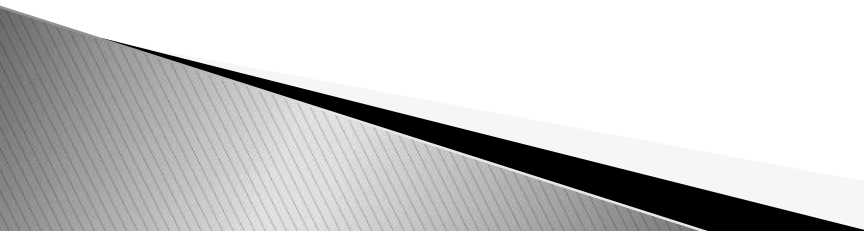
UT Arlington    \$ 9,152    \$ 915 per 3 hr. course x 5 = \$ 4,750

UT Austin        \$ 9,749    \$ 974 per 3 hr. course x 5 = \$ 4,870

Texas A&M       \$ 8,480    \$ 848 per 3 hr. course x 5 = \$ 4,240

TCU                \$34,500    \$ 3,450 per 3 hr. course x 5 = \$ 17,250

# Texas College & Career Resource

- Texas College & Career is a no-cost, one-stop, online college and career planning resource for all secondary students, parents, and educators:  
[www.TexasCollegeandCareer.org](http://www.TexasCollegeandCareer.org)
  - *Texas College & Career* provides the key components of college and career planning all in one centralized location.
  - Accessible online anywhere, anytime and is available to fully browse in English or Spanish.
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# AP Exam Fees

- ▶ **Cost of exam – Normal cost is \$87, but Birdville ISD students pay \$15 per exam and students who qualify for free and reduced lunches will pay \$5 per exam.**
- ▶ **Note: A fee of \$30 will be assessed for any test ordered for a student and not taken by a student.**

# Dual College Enrollment

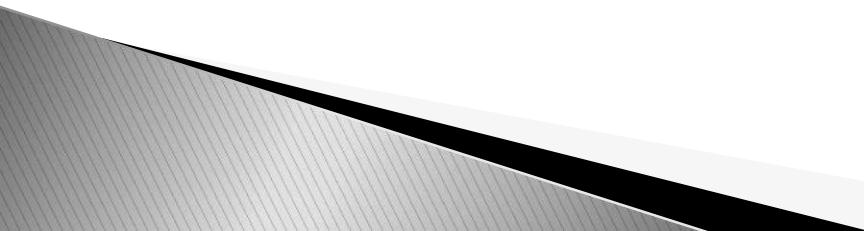
BISD has established dual enrollment programs in which students may enroll in college courses taught on the high school campus, the college campus , or on line with qualified instructors through the following options:

Texas Wesleyan University (on high school campus)

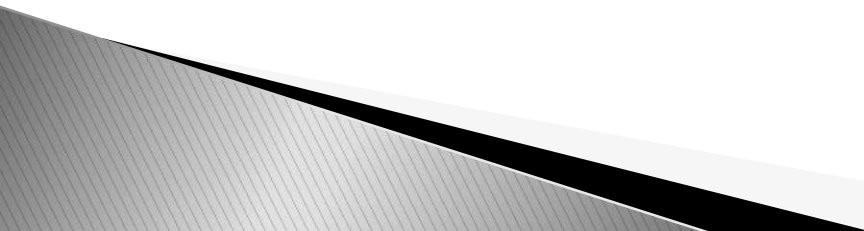
University of Texas at Arlington Honors College (at University or On-Line)

Texas Virtual Schools Program (On-Line)

Tarrant County College (on high school campus)

- These courses have college requirements and are based on acceptance to the university
  - These courses cost between \$350-\$450 for the course
  - Books are not included in the cost of this course
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# Superintendent Scholars

- Students from the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes that score exceptionally well on the PSAT Exam are invited to join the Birdville ISD Superintendent Scholars Program.
  - Superintendent Scholars are given an opportunity to study for the PSAT at a reduced rate with an outside company.
  - Without specific preparation, data shows students will not significantly improve their performance.
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# Shmoop.com

- ▶ Shmoop is a free on-line program available to any BISD student in grades 9-12.
- ▶ SAT and ACT prep
- ▶ AP Prep
- ▶ EOC prep

We encourage any interested student to register with the following:

<http://www.shmoop.com/signup/birdville>

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**Do you have a Shmoop account?**

✓ Yes

✗ No

? Not Sure?

\* Make sure you have the Magic Word \*

- ▶ Enter your Magic Word:  
**BISDROCKS**  
(in all caps as shown)
- ▶ Choose Your School
- ▶ Create Your Username  
and Password

**Create your account**

**Magic Word:** \*

**School:** \*

**Username:** \*

**First Name:** \*

**Last Name:** \*

**Email Address:** \*

**Password:** \*   
must be 6-25 characters

**Repeat Password:** \*



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