



STISD Business, Education, Technology Academy
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COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT

STISD BETA High School is one of four public high schools within the South Texas School District. STISD BETA High School is centrally located in the heart of the Rio Grande Valley. The population is approximately 90% Hispanic, 4% White, 2% black & 4% Asian and is comprised of low to middle income families serving students from the surrounding tri-county areas of Cameron, Willacy, and Hidalgo.

In 2011-2012 STISD BETA High School became the 2000th IB World School. We are a four (4) year public, magnet school enrolling approximately 642 students in grades 9th to 12th, specializing in the areas of Business, Education and Technology. All core courses offered at BETA are pre-advanced placement (PRE-AP), advanced placement (AP), or international baccalaureate (IB).

STISD BETA High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total BETA HS Enrollment:	631
Seniors	159
Juniors	154
Sophomores	164
Freshmen	154

GRADING SCALE

A	90-100
B	89-80
C	75-79
D	70-74
F	69 and below

STISD does not report class rank, except as required by state law. Student weighted grade point averages shall automatically be posted on official student transcripts.

SAT	ACT
Composite: 1022	Composite: 20
Math: 500	Math: 20
Reading/Writing: 522	English: 19

Post-High School Placement Fall 2017

96% Reached Higher Education

4% selected work or military service

Of our 96% to matriculate to Higher Education:

- An estimated **96%** matriculated to **4-year** colleges/universities Fall 2016
- An estimated **4%** matriculated to **2-year** institutions Fall 2016

PERSONNEL

Total Campus Staff75

Professional Teaching Staff	49
Full Time Administrators	3
Full-Time Guidance Staff	3
Part time Social Worker	1
Part time Wellness Counselor	1
Part time Special Ed Counselor	1

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Nora V. Casarez, Principal

Lydia Gonzalez, Assistant Principal

Efrain Garza, Assistant Principal

COUNSELORS

Mr. Mario Garcia	Head Counselor
Julie A. Ramos	Counselor
Christina Sprawls	Counselor

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (14)

Biology AP	Physics AP
Economics AP	Government AP
English III AP	English IV AP
Spanish III AP	Spanish IV AP
Statistics AP	Calculus AP
U.S. History AP	World History AP
Computer Science AP	Computer Science Principals AP

International Baccalaureate Courses (19)

IB English HL Y1	IB English 4 HL Y2
IB Hist of Americas HL Y1	IB Hist of Americas HL Y2
IB Biology SL Y1	IB Biology SL Y2
IB Chemistry SL Y1	IB Physics SL Y2
IB Math Studies SL Y1	IB Chemistry SL Y2
IB Film HL Y1	IB Spanish SL Y1
IB Business Mgmt HL Y1	IB Business Mgmt HL Y2
IB Philosophy HL Y1	IB Film HL Y2
IB TOK	IB Computer Sci HL Y2
	IB Philosophy HL Y2

Pre-AP Course (14)

English I & II , Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II ,Pre-Cal, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, World Geography, World History, Spanish I, II, & III

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

(Offered through the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley & South Texas College)

High School Course	College Course Number	College Course Name
English 3	ENGL 1301	Composition
	ENGL 1302	Comp II/Rhetoric
English 4	ENGL 2341	Intro to Lit
	ENGL 2321	Intro to British Lit
US History	HIST 1301	US History
	HIST 1302	
Government	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govern
	ECON 1301	Prin. of Macroeco
Art 2	ARTS 1301	Art Appreciation
Music Appreciation	MUSI 1306	Music Appreciation
Speech	COMM 1311 or	Intro to Comm. Public Speaking
	COMM 1315	
Pre-Cal	MATH 1414	College Algebra

Total # of Dual Enrollment Courses: 13

Foundation High School Program

English	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Physical Education	1
Foreign Language	2
Fine Arts	1
Electives	5

* In addition, students must have 26 credits for graduation and pass all five (5) End of Course exams (English 1, Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 2, & US History)

Foundation with Endorsement

English	4
Math	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
Physical Education	1
Foreign Language	2
Fine Arts	1
Electives	7

Endorsements:

Multidisciplinary
STEM
Business & Industry
Public Service
Arts & Humanities

*A student may earn an endorsement by successfully completing:

- 1.) Curriculum requirements for the endorsement
- 2.) Four credits of Math & Science
- 3.) Two Additional Elective credits

In addition, students must have 28 credits for graduation and pass all five (5) End of Course exams.

Distinguished Level of Achievement

A student may earn a distinguished level of achievement by successfully completing:

- Four credits in Math, including Algebra 2
- Four Credits in Science

The curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement

Performance

Acknowledgements

A student may earn a performance acknowledgment:

For outstanding performance

- In a dual credit course
- In bilingualism and biliteracy
- On an AP test or IB exam
- On the PSAT, ACT-PLAN, the SAT, or the ACT
- For earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

University Interscholastic League (UIL)
Business Professionals of America (BPA)
Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE)
Technology Student Association (TSA)
National Honors Society (NHS)
Parent, Student, Teacher Organization (PSTO)
International Baccalaureate (IB) Student Club
Pan American Student Forum of Texas (PASF)
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Junior Chapter
Drama Club
Gaming Club
Music Club
Journalism
Educators Rising
For the Kids (FTK)
Pearl Club
Viva! Peer Tutors
Science Club
G-Force
Chess Club
Cooking Club
BLAZERS Club

Chinese Club
Anime Club
PE Club
Library Club
Masterminds
Student Ambassadors
Recycle Club
Holmes Cadets (UTRGV)
Book Club
BETA Bible Club
Triathlon Club
Art Club

Intramural Sports

Boys Basketball
Boys Soccer
Boys Volleyball
Girls Volleyball
Girls Basketball

Awards and Distinctions:

- TEA Exemplary Campus
- 15 IB Diploma Recipients, 73% Diploma rate
- 11 AP Scholars
- 1 AP Scholar with Distinction
- 3 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar
- Texas's Most Connected High School in Technology
- 132 Students certified in Adobe; 248 students certified in CIW-IC3-MOS
- Ranked 15th in the State and 147th in the Nation by Niche 2018
- Ranked in the Top 100 Schools in the Nation by the Washington Post – Rank 15th in the State and 45th in the Nation
- Ranked as one of the Top High Schools in the Nation by US News & World Report – Rank 46th in the State of Texas - Gold Medal Designation-2015