

SBAI

SPRING BRANCH ACADEMIC INSTITUTE

Spring Branch ISD *Inspiring minds. Shaping lives.*

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Director's Message

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Spring Branch Academic Institute (SBAI) provides highly, exceptionally, and profoundly gifted children with advanced and appropriately challenging educational opportunities matched to their abilities, strengths and interests. Learning experiences at SBAI challenge students to achieve high levels of academic excellence. At SBAI, we strive to shape students into active, curious, engaged and self-motivated learners.

About SBAI

SBAI is a school-within-a-school, where 1st through 5th-grade students are hosted at Thornwood Elementary, 6th through 8th-grade students take electives at Spring Forest Middle, and 9th through 12th-grade students are a part of Stratford High School. SBAI students are taught primarily by SBAI teachers and have the opportunity to engage in numerous activities in fine arts, athletics, Career and Technical Education (CTE), and other courses and clubs available at their respective host campuses. SBAI teachers are trained to work with gifted children and are encouraged to be masters of their craft. They leverage the Professional Learning Community process to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed.

Application Process

Students must be identified as "highly gifted" through SBISD's identification process and zoned to an SBISD school. Depending upon the IQ test administered, students need a standard score or combination of scores of 145+. Currently, application and admission are limited to elementary students only.

For more information about the SBAI application process, contact Advanced Academic Services at 713.251.1901.

2025-26 School Information

Address: 14400 Fern Dr. Houston, Texas 77079
Phone: (713) 251-2219
School Hours:
Elementary: 7:50 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.
Middle: 8:40 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
High: 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Grades: 1-12 **Students:** 188 **Total Staff:** 19
Middle School Schedule: Core classes meet daily.
TEA 2025 Rating: A

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Classes

Architecture & Construction, Hospitality & Tourism, Manufacturing, Technology Applications, Design & Modeling, Automation & Robotics, Medical Detectives, Computer Science for Innovators & Makers, General employability Skills, Principles of Hospitality & Tourism, Principles of Manufacturing, Digital Communications in the 21st Century.

High school students may also take courses at the Guthrie Center, SBISD's central CTE facility.



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Electives

Athletics, Dance, Health Fitness, Architecture & Construction, Hospitality & Tourism, Manufacturing, Technology Applications, Design & Modeling, Automation & Robotics, Medical Detectives, Computer Science for Innovators & Makers, General employability Skills, Principles of Hospitality & Tourism, Principles of Manufacturing, Digital Communications in the 21st Century, Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Art, Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Band, Orchestra, Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Theater Arts, Dance, Spanish, Broadcast, Communication Applications Yearbook, Desktop Publishing and Applied Problem Solving

Extracurricular Activities & Clubs

SBAI students have the opportunity to join a variety of extracurricular activities and clubs at their respective host campus. These include, but are not limited to the Academy of Finance, Athletics, Cheer, Journalism Club, National Honor Society, Dance Team, Speech and Debate, Student Council, Chess Club, Economics Club, Science Fair Club and World Affairs Club.

Athletics

At SBAI, students can join a variety of athletic programs at their respective host campuses that provide Every Child with competitive opportunities and quality experiences. These include, but are not limited to football, soccer, softball, volleyball, basketball, lacrosse, track & cross country, swimming and tennis.

Fine Arts

The performing and fine arts provide an important platform for students to channel their thoughts, creativity and expression. SBAI students can join a variety of fine arts programs at their host schools including band, choir, dance, orchestra, theater and music, among others.

Student Supports

At SBAI, the professional school counselor works with staff, students, families, and the community to provide developmental assistance to students. The counselor assists students in planning, monitoring and understanding their own educational and personal development.

Family Communication

Below are a few ways SBAI communicates with parents:

- Email, School Messenger, Skyward, Canvas, Remind
- Weekly campus newsletter
- Twitter: @SBAI_SBISD

SBAI graduates have attended:

- Clemson University
- Colorado School of Mines
- Rice University
- Rollins College
- Stanford University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Texas-Austin
- University of Michigan
- Northwestern University
- Carnegie Melon University
- Georgetown University
- Louisiana State University
- University of Houston
- University of Arkansas
- University of Mississippi
- and many more!

Accolades and Awards:

- AP Capstone Diploma
- National Merit Scholars every year
- Science & Engineering Fair of Houston Winners
- Received an A TEA Student Achievement rating
- Math League National Champion Winners
- International Geography, History, and Science Bee Winners
- National Debate

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SBISD's promise to our community.

Our vision is T-2-4. Every SBISD graduate will attain a **technical certificate, military training,** or a **two-year** or **four-year degree**. Our Core Characteristics of a T-2-4 Ready Graduate define the traits we commit to developing in Every Child during their years in SBISD.

Learn more at **springbranchisd.com/t24**.

Be an active member of our school community.

Families are critical to the success of students and our school community. SBAI has an active and engaged parenting group and offers many ways for families to support our school, students and staff.

Contact the school at **713.251.2219** for details.