

BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the LYNX!

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PROFILE

BVHS is a four-year school enrolling 1,400 students in grades nine through twelve. The school day consists of eight periods of forty-nine minutes each. The maximum course load is 3.5 credits per semester. A minimum of 22 credits is required for graduation. Listed below is the breakdown of the three different types of grading scales utilized at the high school level. There is no weighting of grades, however a different grading scale is used to encourage students to enroll in Rising Scholars (college credit), Advanced Placement, and honors level courses when a traditional course could meet their graduation requirement. All students, regardless of courses taken, are evaluated and ranked on a 4.0 scale.

GRADING SCALES

Advanced Placement, Honors, and Clep

Courses	Grading Scale	
AP Art/Advanced Studio	A 92-100	C 74-76
AP Chemistry	A- 89-91	C- 71-73
AP World History	B+ 86-88	D+ 68-70
Honors English 9, 10, 11	B 83-85	D 65-67
Honors Chemistry	B- 80-82	D- 62-64
Spanish IV	C+ 77-79	F 0-61

Rising Scholars/College Credit Courses

(College courses taken in a high school setting and eligible for college credit)

Courses	Grading Scale	
Calculus I MATH 123	A 90-100	
College Algebra MATH 114	B 80-89	
General Biology I & Lab, BIO 151/L	C 70-79	
General Biology II & Lab, BIO 153/L	D 60-69	
Composition 101 ENGL 101	F 0-59	
Intro to Lit 210 ENGL 210		
US History I HIST 151		
US History II HIST 152		
Speech CMST 101		

Traditional Grading Scale

Courses	Grading Scale	
All other courses not listed above utilize this traditional grading scale.	A 95-100	C 77-79
	A- 92-94	C- 74-76
	B+ 89-91	D+ 71-73
	B 86-88	D 68-70
	B- 83-85	D- 65-67
	C+ 80-82	F 0-64

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CLASS OF 2025 DATA 327 graduates


- Average GPA: 3.21
- Average ACT: 24 Composite Score
- 97% graduate in 4 years
- 76% of graduates are college bound
- 5% of graduates are military bound
- Gold Cord Highest Honors (3.9-4.0 GPA): 77
- Silver Cord High Honors (3.8-3.89 GPA): 21
- White Cord Honors (3.7-3.79 GPA): 16

ENDORSEMENTS

Advanced endorsements outline specific coursework within the base diploma requirements to denote specific emphasis. Students may earn one or more of three advanced endorsements:

- Advanced Endorsement
- Advanced Career Endorsement
- Advanced Honors Endorsement

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