

Box Elder High School

Plan for College & Career Ready (PCCR) Guidebook

Class of 2026 – 2028

**For a complete description of courses offered at
BEHS see course descriptions available online at
www.behs.besd.net**

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Box Elder High School Graduation Requirements

Federal, State, and Local Legislative and School Board rulings determine graduation requirements.

1. **30 Total Credits** are required for a BEHS Diploma. These credits include **19.5 total core** requirements and **10.5 elective credit** requirements (see the graduation requirements table).
2. All students must pass the **basic civics test** (see the *American Civics Education Initiative*, S.B.60, Utah Legislative Session 2015.) The civics test can be repeated. The test is available on the student grade portal through the students passport login. A score of 70% is required. Proof of test completion will be recorded on the student grade portal. Additional information and test preparation materials can be found at:
<http://www.uen.org/american-civics-education/>
3. Students qualify for a diploma upon completion of all required credits. The opportunity to participate in graduation exercises may be based on attendance, enrollment, and citizenship.

Citizenship Requirement

Students must make-up all unsatisfactory citizenship marks (U's) in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Pass/Fail Credit

Courses awarding a Pass (P) grade **will not** impact a student's grade point average, but **may** negatively impact a student's academic ranking.

Credit Acceptance

BEHS shall accept credits and grades awarded to students from schools or providers accredited by Cognia Accreditation or approved by the Utah State Board of Education. Please see Box Elder School District Policy 4075 for additional information.

BEHS Graduation Requirements Table

Language Arts	9th grade 1.5 10th grade 1.0 11th grade 1.0 or AP English Lit. A, B, C or AP English Language A, B, C 12th grade 1.0 <u>**AP section "C" counts as elective (not LA) credit</u> AP English Literature, or AP English Language; Business Communication, Creative Writing 1,2; Journalism 1,2; Language Arts 12, USU English 1010, USU English 2010, USU 1320 Civilization: Humanities, Foreign Language Level III or higher, USU DLI, Debate (.5 credit only)	Total Credit 4.5
Math	Secondary Math 1 1.5 Secondary Math 2 1.0 Secondary Math 3, 1.0 or Math for Personal Finance, Accounting or Computer Programming	Total Credit 3.5
Science	Foundation 2.0 Biology, Bio/Ag Science, AP Biology; Chemistry or AP Chemistry; Physics or AP Physics; Earth Science <u>**AP section "C" counts as elective (not science) credit</u> Additional 1.0 Ag Science, Animal Science, AP Sciences, Astronomy, Medical Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Forensics, Plant Science, Engineering Principles 2, USU Biology 1010, USU Physics 1010, Zoology	Total Credit 3.0
Social Science	Geography .5 World History .5 Ancient World History, Modern World History or AP World History A, B, C US History 1.0 US History A & B or AP US History A, B, C (USU History 1700 does NOT count) US Government & Citizenship .5 US Government, AP Govt. A, B, C or USU POLS 1100 US Gov. and Politics Social Science Elective .5 Additional World History, AP Social Sciences, Psychology, Sports Psychology, Sociology, History of American Film	Total Credit 3.0
Health Education	Health II .5	Total Credit .5
Physical Education (P.E.)	Participation Skills .5 Fit for Life or Swim for Life .5 Additional PE .5 No Cheer or Drill Class allowed. <i>Team sport/athletic participation (may earn 0.5 credits per sport up to a maximum of 1.0 credit with school approval to replace Participation Skills and Individualized Lifetime Activities.)</i>	Total Credit 1.5
The Arts	Dance, Cheer, Drill, Foreign Language, and Interior Design are not allowed.	Total Credit 1.5
Financial Literacy	Financial Literacy .5 Financial Literacy or USU FCSE 1350 Financial Literacy	Total Credit .5
Digital Literacy	Exploring Computer Science, Digital Business Applications Digital Literacy options at BEHS include Web Development I, Business Office Specialists, Computer Programming.	Total Credit .5
Career & Technical Education (CTE)	Agriculture, Business & Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Family & Consumer Science, Health Sciences, Info. Technology, Skilled & Technical, Tech & Engineering	Total Credit 1.0
Total Core Requirements 19.5	Electives 10.5	Total Credit 30

ACT Preparation

ACT Coursework Preparation

Take Secondary Math I, II, and III

Learn Algebra, Geometry, Coordinate Geometry, Plane Geometry
Statistics/Probability, Trigonometry

Take Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Learn Data Representation, Research Summaries, Conflicting Viewpoints

Take English 9, 10, 11, 12 (Honors, AP, and USU 1010 for more rigor)

Learn and Practice Punctuation, Grammar and Usage, Sentence Structure
Strategy, Organization, Style

Read, Read, Read the following:

Prose Fiction, Humanities, Social Studies, Natural Sciences

- **Reading speed in all 4 testing sections is critical**
- **Practice your timing on each test section**
- **Use all the time available to check and recheck your work**
- **Drill test sections: focus on timing and practice the format of the test**

ACT Test Practice and Prep Resources

- Booklet, *Preparing for the ACT Assessment* (available in the Counseling Office)
- <http://schools.shmoop.com>
Enter Magic Word in the purple box: **FRYSAUCE** (all caps!)
Select your school
Either sign into your old account or register for a new account
- <https://www.number2.com/>
- www.act.org select test prep
- KTSutah.org will take you to Shmoop, Khan Academy or act.org

ACT Testing Recommendations

10th Grade: Take the ACT in April or June

11th Grade: Take the ACT 1-2 times. During December-June (Free State Test in Feb./March)

12th Grade: Repeat the ACT in September & October to meet early scholarship deadlines

ACT will have national testing dates in September, October, December, February, April, June, and July

Registration for testing is done online through <http://www.act.org/>

ACT tests may be taken up to 12 times-highest composite score will be used. Many students across the nation take the ACT 2-3 times.

The ACT Writing is not currently required at Utah colleges and universities.

Utah's Opportunity Scholarship

<https://ushe.edu/state-scholarships-aid/opportunity-scholarship/>

What are the Opportunity Scholarship requirements?

These requirements were created after examining data from the last five years of Utah high school graduates to identify the top predictors of college success.

- Earn a 3.3 cumulative high school GPA
- Complete 3 advanced courses
 - Complete 1 Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Concurrent Enrollment (CE) course in each of the core areas of high school graduation:
 - math,
 - science, and
 - language arts
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Graduate from a Utah high school

How is the Opportunity Scholarship awarded?

Awards will be determined based on available funding and the number of qualified applicants. Individual awards may be used toward the cost of tuition and fees, after other state aid is applied.

Is the Opportunity Scholarship a need-based scholarship?

No, the Opportunity Scholarship is merit (achievement) -based and requires students to complete advanced coursework in high school. Completing a FAFSA is required as part of the application process, **but federal aid is not considered when determining eligibility.**

How do I apply for the Opportunity Scholarship?

Apply online during the application window during your Senior Year.

I have additional questions, who can I contact?

You can contact the Regents' Scholarship office for more information:

- scholarships@ushe.edu
- 801-646-4812

What classes are acceptable for the Opportunity Scholarship?

Students earn core credit by completing the following courses in each subject area, based on Utah State Board of Education (USBE) standards. **The approved classes below are available at Box Elder High School.**

- **English (Choose 1)**
 - AP English Language
 - AP Literature & Composition
 - USU English 1010
 - USU English 2010
- **Mathematics (Choose 1)**
 - AP Calculus AB
 - AP Calculus BC
 - USU STATS 1040
 - USU Math 1050
- **Science (Choose 1)**
 - AP Biology
 - AP Chemistry
 - AP Physics
 - USU Biology 1010*
 - USU Physics 1010*
- **Note:** USU Biology 1010 and USU Physics 1010 are not accepted as for the high school foundation science requirement (2 credits are required). They will, however, be accepted for the 3rd applied/advanced science requirement (1.0 credit is required).

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Earn college credit for passing a national test for certain high school subjects. The AP testing period occurs in May. Testing fees will be announced. AP generally won't count toward your intended college major. Ask if your college program accepts AP credit – some college programs require letter grades; not pass/fail. AP college credit is recorded as pass/fail credit on your college transcript. For information about the national AP program, visit www.collegeboard.com.

BEHS AP Courses:

AP Biology A, B, C	AP Psychology A, B, C
AP Calculus A, B, C	AP Physics A, B, C
AP Chemistry A, B, C	AP Spanish A, B, C
AP Chinese A, B, C	AP Spanish Literature and Culture A, B, C
AP English Language A, B, C	AP Studio Art A, B, C
AP English Literature A, B, C	AP US History A, B, C
AP Government A, B, C	AP World History A, B, C
AP Music Theory A, B	

Students who are a first generation college student or free/reduced lunch eligible may also be eligible for a concurrent enrollment/AP scholarship. Applications can be picked up from your AP teacher, the Counseling Center, or Mr. Burrell who is the AP Coordinator in room V-1.

Concurrent Enrollment College Credit Programs

3.0 GPA minimum requirement

Warning: Too many credits in the same category are unnecessary and could be detrimental. It is strongly recommended that you contact an academic advisor at the college of your choice.

Concurrent (Dual) Enrollment Classes: www.concurrent.usu.edu
<http://continue.weber.edu/concurrentenrollment>

- ▶ High School students are not allowed to retake Concurrent Enrollment classes.
- ▶ Concurrent enrollment begins a student's college experience and a permanent college transcript. Low grades on a college transcript may deprive you of scholarships and lower your university admissions status.
- ▶ Students completing the concurrent enrollment course for college credit will receive high school credit following the university credit formula below.

University Semester Hours	High School Credit
1	.25
2	.50
3	1.0
4	1.25
5	1.5

- ▶ **Cost:** USU: \$5 per semester credit charge
Weber: \$5 per semester credit charge
- ▶ Students may be required to purchase university textbooks and supplies.
- ▶ Additional CE courses may be available online. Please see your school counselor for information.

Students who are a first generation college student or free/reduced lunch eligible may also be eligible for a concurrent enrollment/AP scholarship. Applications can be picked up from your concurrent enrollment teacher, the Counseling Center, or Mrs. Sparks in the library who oversees the concurrent enrollment scholarship.

Concurrent Enrollment Advisors

Utah State University: Emma Tackett
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concurrent.usu.edu

Melissa Thomas
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Concurrent Enrollment Advisor

Weber State University: Paige Patno
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Concurrent Enrollment

3.0 GPA minimum requirement

BEHS Concurrent Enrollment	College Credit	USU/Weber Credit Requirement	BEHS Credit
USU AV 1100 Aviation Profession	1	USU Elective	.50 CTE
USU AV 2300 Private Ground School	4	USU Elective	1.0 CTE
USU BIOL 1010 Biology and the Citizen	3	Breadth Life Science	1.0 3rd Science
USU Chinese 3116, 3117, 3118	3	USU Elective	1.0 elective
USU 1320 Civilization: Humanities	3	Breadth Humanities	1.0 12th Grade LA
USU ENG 1010 Intro to Writing (*3.3 GPA Required)	3	Communications Literacy 1	1.0 12th Grade LA
USU ENG 2010 Intermediate Writing	3	Communications Literacy 2	1.0 12th Grade LA
USU FCSE 1350 Financial Literacy	3	Breadth Social Science	1.0 Fin Literacy
USU HDFS 1500 Human Development	3	Breadth Social Science	1.0 CTE
USU HIST 1700 American Civilizations	3	Breadth American Institution	1.0 Social Studies Elective
USU MATH 1050 College Algebra	4	Quantitative Literacy	1.25 elective
USU MUSIC 1010 Intro to Music	3	Breadth Creative Arts	1.0 Fine Arts
USU PHYS 1010 Elementary Physics	3	Breadth Physical Science	1.0 3rd Science
USU POLS 1100 US Government & Politics	3	Breadth American Institutions	1.0 US Gov
USU Spanish 3116, 3117, 3118	3	USU Elective	1.0 Elective
USU STAT 1040 Intro to Statistics	3	Breadth Quantitative	1.0 Elective
USU THEA 1013 Understanding Theatre	3	Breadth Creative Arts	1.0 Fine Arts
WSU Architectural Design (credits earned through Architectural Design 2, 3)		WSU Elective	
WSU AT 2175 Intro to Sports Medicine	3	WSU Elective	1.0 CTE
WSU Emergency Medical Services Medical Terminology		WSU Elective	

WSU ENGR 1000 Intro to Engineering (credits earned through Engineering Principles)	2	WSU Elective	.50 3rd Science or CTE
WSU Entrepreneurship		WSU Elective	
WSU HTHS 1104 (credits earned through Medical Anatomy A, B)	3	WSU Elective	1.0 3rd Science or CTE
WSU HTHS 2110/2111 Integrated Human Anatomy and Physiology	8	WSU Elective	1.5 3rd Science or CTE
WSU HTHS 1101 Medical Terminology	2	WSU Elective	.50 CTE

USU General Education Requirements

Available for Box Elder High School

Core Requirements

Communications Literacy 1 Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL 1010 – Intro to Writing AP English Language* ACT English test score of 29 or higher 	Quantitative Literacy Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATH 1050 – College Algebra STAT 1040 – Intro to Statistics AP Calculus* ACT Math test score of 26 or higher
Communications Literacy 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL 2010 – Intermediate Writing 	

Breadth Requirements

Breadth American Institutions Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIST 1700 – American Civilization POLS 1100 – US Gov. and Politics AP Government & Politics: United States* AP US History* 	Breadth Life Sciences Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIOL 1010—Biology and the Citizen AP Biology*
Breadth Creative Arts Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MUSC 1010 – Intro to Music THEA 1013 – Understanding Theatre AP Music Theory* AP Studio Art* 	Breadth Physical Sciences Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHYS 1010-Elementary Physics AP Chemistry* AP Physics*
Breadth Humanities Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USU 1320 – Civilization: Humanities AP English Literature* AP World History* 	Breadth Social Sciences Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCSE 1350-Financial Literacy HDFS 1500 – Human Dev Across the Lifespan AP Government & Politics: Comparative* AP Psychology*

*AP credit with a score of 3 or higher

USU/WSU Non-General Education Elective Credits

USU AV 1100: The Aviation Profession USU AV 2330: Private Pilot Ground School USU Chinese 3116, 3117, & 3118 USU Spanish 3116, 3117, & 3118	WSU HTHS 1101: Medical Terminology WSU HTHS 1110: Human Anat & Phys WSU HTHS 1111: Human Anat & Phys Lab WSU 1120: Medical Case Studies WSU AT 2175: Intro to Sports Medicine WSU ENG 1000: Intro to Engineering WSU Entrepreneurship
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General Education–Certificate of Completion

Please visit <https://www.usu.edu/concurrent/general-education-certificate> for more information.

Division I Academic Standards

Division I schools require you to meet academic standards for NCAA core courses, core-course grade-point average (GPA) and test scores.

To be eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics scholarships in your first full-time year at a Division I school, you must graduate high school and meet ALL the following requirements:

1. Complete 16 NCAA core courses:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of math (Algebra 1 or higher);
 - Two years of natural/physical science (including one year of lab science if your high school offers it);
 - Two years of social science;
 - One additional year of English, math or natural/ physical science; and
 - Four additional years of English, math, natural/ physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy.

Full Qualifier

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (senior year) of high school.
- Seven of the 10 core courses must be in English, math or science.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.300.
- Graduate high school.

Academic Redshirt

- Complete 16 core courses.
- Earn a core-course GPA of at least 2.000.
- Graduate high school.

Full Qualifier: College-bound student-athletes may practice, compete and receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

Academic Redshirt: College-bound student-athletes may receive athletics scholarships during their first year of enrollment and may practice during their first regular academic term, but may NOT compete during their first year of enrollment.

Nonqualifier: College-bound student-athletes cannot practice, receive athletics scholarships or compete during their first year of enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

To begin your application: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> -----

Bridgerland Technical College

- Students will need to register to reserve a seat with Bridgerland on August 1st prior to the school year starting. Choosing a Bridgerland class at BEHS does NOT guarantee a seat at Bridgerland.
- Students who fail to meet BTech program attendance and behavior requirements may be dropped from the program and released to their parents for the remainder of the trimester.
- Students should contact BTech teachers directly to report excused absences, receive make-up assignments, and discuss classroom progress.
- Students are advised that taking BTech classes will prevent them from taking part in some school activities and assemblies when these events take place during a student's scheduled BTech time.
- BTech does not award high school or college credit; they report hours of completed instruction and competencies. BEHS will award .5 high school credits for 60 hours of BTech Instruction.
- Must be a Senior to sign up for Logan campus courses.

You must provide your own transportation to the Brigham City Bridgerland.

Free bus transportation will be provided to the Logan Campus on the schedule listed below (this is a rough estimate and changes from year to year if the bell schedule changes).

Note: Students will have to provide their own transportation to and from BEHS.

If a student misses the bus at any location, parents will be responsible to transport the student.

Logan Bridgerland Bus Schedule

AM Session – Monday - Friday

Bus leaves for BTech from BEHS Main Entrance roughly before school starts (changes each year based on the bell schedule).

10:45 am Bus will return to BEHS

PM Session – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Bus leaves for BTech from BEHS Main Entrance roughly around lunch time (changes each year based on the bell schedule).

3:00pm Bus will return to BEHS

Contact: Heather Murphy, Logan Campus 435-750-3189

BOX ELDER HIGH SCHOOL CTE PATHWAYS

Career Pathways show students a direct connection between doing well in high school and being able to transition smoothly to post-secondary opportunities or getting a good job when they graduate. Students who focus on a Career Pathway acquire the skills necessary for entry into well-paid careers with high potential for rapid financial growth, increased levels of responsibility, and a high degree of personal satisfaction. Pathway completers will receive a certificate from the state, receive recognition at the senior scholarship and awards night, and receive a blue and white honor cord to be worn in the graduation ceremony.

For more information on Pathways available at BEHS please visit our school web page

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