Frequently Asked Questions



What kind of
program is the BST
Academy?

BST Academy is a tuition-free, competitive, magnet program at Chino High with an emphasis on two pathways: Biomedical Science and Cybersecurity; it is a 4-year high school program.

What is the prerequisite for admission?

In order to be considered, all interested candidates must submit an application and be accepted into the program.

We are only taking applications for incoming 9th and 10th graders. Incoming 9th need to have completed Integrated Math 1 prior to enrollment, and incoming 10th need to complete Integrated Math 2.

Does BST Accept Transfer Students?

Yes, the BST is a magnet program designed to attract students from across the district. Students choosing to attend BST instead of their school of residence will need to submit a CVUSD Transfer Request.

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Interdistrict Permit (outside of CVUSD)

How do we choose from the applicants?

Acceptance will be based on a combination of a completed application, grades, test scores, writing prompts, teacher recommendations, and the entrance exam.

What are the classes BST students take?	BST students have a set course list for their four years. Almost all courses are Advanced Placement or Honors. Ninth graders will start with three AP classes and have up to five in their junior and/or senior year depending on the pathway. Please see the course list: Biomedical Pathway Courses Cybersecurity Pathway Courses
Do I have the flexibility to select my own classes and electives?	The BST Pathways are specifically designed and cannot be modified or substituted. Because BST teachers teach only BST students, there are limited course offerings with Chino High teachers (ie. Band, Theater, ASB/Leadership)
When does my child need to decide if he/she wants the Biomedical or Cybersecurity Pathway?	All BST Freshman take the same courses and will need to make a decision by the spring. Thereafter, they will be enrolled in the pathway courses by their sophomore year.
Can my child still do sports, clubs, and/or band?	Yes, many BST students are still involved in many clubs and in the greater Chino High sports and band.
How many students does BST currently have?	There are approximately 205 students.

What is the BST Community like?

The BST Community is a tight-knit group of students and staff who wish to see one another excel and enjoy their experience here. BST Ambassadors are phenomenal leaders of the school and are also mentors to the freshman. BST teachers teach only BST students and the teachers build great rapport with students throughout their four years. Our teachers advise numerous clubs and offer tutoring hours to support students beyond class time. Overall, the students value rigor in academics, welcome challenges, always seek to be better, and they are all involved in clubs, sports, band, or other extracurricular activity. They are likeminded in that way. The administration is approachable, supportive, and wants everyone at BST to thrive. There is also a BST parent group who loves to volunteer and promote fun events for our students.

What other opportunities and learning experiences are there for BST students?

Because we are a fairly new program, students have the opportunities to create and take leadership roles in numerous clubs and events. BST students complete volunteer and/or community service hours and can earn a certificate at the end of the school year. BST Academy also has a partnership to provide students with medical internships and is continuing to make connections for technology-related internships. There are annual field trips and guest speakers geared toward biomedical and cybersecurity topics and college visits.

Is there district transportation available?

Please contact the <u>CVUSD Transportation Department</u> for information regarding district transportation and bus eligibility.

Will late
applications be
accepted?

Unfortunately, due to tight deadlines for the necessary processes following acceptance, late applications will not be accepted. Please contact us to discuss this.