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BASIS SAN ANTONIO SHAVANO CAMPUS

The mission of BASIS Charter Schools is to empower students to achieve at globally competitive levels with a transformative K–12 academic program.

BASIS San Antonio Shavano is a TUITION-FREE public charter school serving grades 6–12. We offer a world-class, STEM-infused, liberal arts curriculum with a strong student support system.

WHAT MAKES THE BASIS CHARTER SCHOOL CURRICULUM EXCEPTIONAL?

We are a global leader in education.

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BASIS Charter Schools are consistently ranked among the top schools in the nation. According to the U.S. News & World Report 2024 rankings, 11 of the top 100 schools in the country -- out of 17,000 ranked schools -- are BASIS Charter Schools. Our schools also represent 11 of the top 20 charter schools in America, and 7 of the top 25 STEM schools.

BASIS Charter Schools are dedicated to raising the standards of student learning to the highest international levels. Our students engage in the worldclass BASIS Charter School Curriculum, which fuels critical thinking, problemsolving, and creativity. Classes are led by knowledgeable Subject Expert Teachers who design challenging and engaging lessons that appeal to different learning styles. As a result, BASIS Charter School students achieve excellent academic outcomes and become self-motivated learners.

Our students earn some of the top scores in the world.

Our robust academic program allows students to advance to AP-level courses across all disciplines, and our curriculum is on par with Europe and Asia's highachieving educational systems.

BASIS Charter School students acquire knowledge through our curriculum, and are able to apply it. Results from the OECD Test for Schools (based on PISA), a highly regarded exam taken by 15-yearold students in more than 70 countries, show that BASIS Charter School students outscore their peers in Reading, Math, and Science -- and not just in those raw subjects, but with regard to critical thinking, too. To learn more about our results, visit **enrollBASISTX.com/shavano**.

We hold students to high academic standards.

The BASIS Charter School Curriculum requires students to demonstrate mastery of challenging material. We use the College Board's AP Exams® as opportunities for them to demonstrate this mastery. Students begin taking AP courses in grade 9 and will complete at least six AP Exams® prior to graduation. The externally generated and graded AP Exams® also count as final exams for AP courses. This ensures that we are holding our students to the highest possible standards.

We hire Subject Expert Teachers for every course.

Due to the challenging nature of the BASIS Charter School Curriculum, Subject Expert Teachers, many of whom hold advanced degrees, instruct our students. We are committed to the philosophy that all students can succeed when provided with an advanced curriculum and supportive, knowledgeable teachers to guide them through it. As content experts, they are responsible for planning, preparing, and carrying out all aspects of lessons. As such, their lessons are rich in content and deep in insight.

Subject Expert Teachers consistently extend their knowledge, expertise, and enthusiasm to students—maximizing comprehension and engagement.



HIGHLIGHTS

BASIS San Antonio Shavano is celebrating its 10-year anniversary, having opened in 2013 as the first BASIS Charter School in Texas. Since then, we have been educating students to the highest standards of academic achievement. We are ranked #81 in National Rankings, #7 in Texas High Schools, #1 in San Antonio, TX Metro Area High Schools, #17 in National Charter High Schools, and #41 in National STEM High Schools by U.S. News & World Report, 2023. At BASIS San Antonio Shavano, we set high expectations for our students and encourage them to pursue their academic interests outside of the classroom. Our Middle and High School Science Bowl teams have consistently been regional champions of the National Science Bowl. Two BASIS San Antonio Shavano students have won a Coolidge Scholarship, one of the most competitive scholarships in the country. The FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Team –BASIS Batteries Not Included 18094 has advanced to the State UIL Championship for two years in a row, and they have only existed for 2 years. BASIS San Antonio Shavano also has a flourishing sports program that includes basketball, volleyball, softball, cross country, tennis, swim, flag football, and golf.

BASIS TEXAS CHARTER SCHOOLS IS THE #1 DISTRICT IN TEXAS*

BASIS Charter Schools consistently earn higher state assessment scores than the state average. See how our average network scores compare to the average for all Texas schools.

2022 STAAR RESULTS: PERCENTAGE PASSING

Grade	School	Math	Reading
3	All Texas Schools	72%	77%
3	BASIS Texas Charter Schools	91%	94%
4	BASIS Texas Charter Schools	88%	95%
5	BASIS Texas Charter Schools	91%	97%
6	BASIS Texas Charter Schools	96%	98%
7	All Texas Schools	61%	77%
7	BASIS Texas Charter Schools	100%	99%



*Texas Education Agency (TEA) Accountability Ratings, 2022. 2023 & 2024 ratings were not available at the time of publication.



BASIS Texas Charter Schools
 Texas

BASIS TEXAS CHARTER SCHOOLS CLASS OF 2024

Total Scholarship by graduates

Naviance, 2024 (based on self reported data)

Average scholarship award earned per graduate

\$214,285

Naviance, 2024 (based on self reported data)

One 2024 BASIS graduate named a Coolidge Scholar, the largest scholarship awarded in the U.S.

Two years in a row, BASIS Shavano has had a Coolidge Scholar.

Average ACT score Average SAT score

1380

The College Board, 2024

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100%

College Acceptance Rates

Percentage of 2024 BASIS Texas Charter School graduates accepted to one or more U.S. News & World Report top National Universities and National Liberal Arts Colleges

U.S. News & World Report National University Rankings and National Liberal Arts College Rankings, 2024 College acceptance information self reported by students: Naviance, 2024

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Our comprehensive middle school curriculum is designed to progressively move students toward a greater understanding of fundamental concepts in each

subject. Teachers set high expectations and design instruction that is challenging and engaging, requiring students to refine their critical thinking skills and analyze content in deeper, more meaningful ways. As such, BASIS Charter School students far exceed traditional middle school standards and master advanced material that is normally taught in high school. Throughout middle school, students are introduced to a well-rounded science curriculum that touches on key areas such as physics, biology, and chemistry. This approach provides them with a broad understanding of the core scientific concepts in an engaging and accessible way preparing students for success with the Honors and AP courses required in our high school program.

As your student enters grade 8, they will be mastering complex concepts and skills, taking responsibility for their educational goals, and focusing on their post-BASIS future. The rigor of grade 8 will help students prepare for the challenges of grades 9–12, where they will have the opportunity to take a wide range of Advanced Placement[®] Exams, as well as post-AP and Capstone courses. On average, your student may take 11 to 12 AP[®] Exams prior to graduation, with their overall grades reflecting test performance.

LINGUISTICS (Grades 6-7)

BASIS Charter Schools offer a groundbreaking program developed by experts that teaches students to analyze the fundamentals of language. Addressing topics that are typically only taught at the university level, our Linguistics program includes Linguistics 6 and Linguistics 7 as a precursor to world language selections in grade 8. In Linguistics 6, students will gain a foundational understanding of the scientific study of language with lessons on topics ranging from historical linguistics to the psychology of language. In Linguistics 7, students will deepen their content knowledge by analyzing data sets, diagramming sentences, and exploring the phonetics and phonology of the languages that will be offered in 8th grade. The BASIS Charter School Curriculum's Linguistics course sequence will equip students with the necessary tools to



be successful language learners and teach them that science can be used to understand language.

SPORK MATH

Our mathematics curriculum is delivered through a proprietary program developed by BASIS Ed educators and programmers, called SPORK Math. It includes Pre-Algebra (grade 6), Algebra I (grade 7), Algebra II (grade 8), and Precalculus AB (grades 9–10). SPORK Math is delivered through tablets, ensuring our ability to respond to student needs, and facilitate rapid communication between teachers and students, making classtime more productive. For example, while students do homework, they can ask questions or mark problems they're struggling with; teachers receive those queries in real-time and



can prepare lessons to address them. Longer term, SPORK Math helps teachers identify which areas need more focus, and which do not, allowing them to precisely adapt their lessons to their students.

SCIENCE

The BASIS Charter School Curriculum is a liberal arts and sciences program with a STEM focus. That's why, starting in grade 6, our program separates the sciences into biology, chemistry, and physics—so students take those classes independently, with teachers who are experts in each subject. We embrace the fact that these sciences are distinct, but also overlap, which are notions that drive our science instruction in our middle and high school programs.

HUMANITIES

The BASIS Charter School Curriculum has a robust humanities program, which includes subjects like English and language arts (including language, composition, and literature); world history, U.S. history, and U.S. government; fine and applied arts (including art history, music, and drama); and foreign languages (French, Mandarin, Latin, or Spanish). Our humanities program delves a step further with middle school students studying economics, logic, linguistics, and physical geography.

ART HISTORY & PRACTICE (Grade 6)

In Art History & Practice, students delve into the world of art from a historical perspective. They incorporate key concepts—such as themes, materials, and techniques—from various time periods into their own creations and performances. Additionally, students explore connections across different cultures, beliefs, and artists' perspectives, discovering what inspires artists to create.

VISUAL ARTS (Grades 7-12)

Visual Arts courses focus on identifying and achieving artistic goals; creating, reflecting, and evaluating

art; and understanding art in social and cultural context.

THEATRE (Grades 7–12)

Theatre courses require students to apply previously learned skills and knowledge in the context of a production-based class.

MUSIC (Grades 7-12)

Music courses focus on technique and performance.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AND EXAMS

Since our network's founding in 1998, the BASIS Charter School Curriculum has always used the College Board's Advanced Placement program as a part of our curriculum for students in grades 8–12. We utilize the AP program as external proof of student mastery of traditional core academic content and skills. That's why students must pass a minimum of 6 AP exams to graduate, though our graduating students average 11.7 AP exams over their academic career. BASIS Charter School students can begin taking AP courses as early as grade 8, and the exams are a part of students' course grades.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AT BASIS CHARTER SCHOOLS

Students at BASIS San Antonio Shavano can explore and learn about computer science through college-level computing elective courses that cultivate their understanding and passion for computer programming. By taking AP Computer Science Principles and/or AP Computer Science A, students will collaborate to solve problems and develop computer programs as they explore concepts like abstraction, algorithms, the internet, and the global impact of computing. Specifically, in AP Computer Science A, students will expland on knowledge and skills learned in Computer Science Principles (pre-requisite) as they push further with the development and implementation of algorithms, analysis of potential solutions to presented problems, and discuss the ethical and social implications of computing systems.



THE SENIOR PROGRAM

The BASIS Charter School Curriculum culminates with the Senior Program and plays a vital role in preparing students for college. After completing their junior year, most BASIS Charter School students have earned enough credits to meet state graduation requirements and have the option to graduate early. However, the majority choose to complete their senior year and earn the BASIS Diploma with Honors or High Honors.

The Senior Program is comprised of a daily College Counseling Seminar, advanced Capstone courses, and a Senior Project that is completed off campus.

COLLEGE COUNSELING SEMINAR

A unique foundation of our Senior Program is the College Counseling Seminar, an actual course in which grade 12 students explore colleges and universities, write application essays, apply for scholarships, navigate financial aid, and prepare for interviews. Our experienced College Guidance Coordinators ensure that their students are prepared for the application process and find institutions that are excellent fits. College Guidance Coordinators help students navigate the entire application process, including facilitating campus visits, hosting university admissions representatives, providing feedback on applications and personal essays, supplying information about scholarships and merit aid, and hosting financial aid and college planning nights for families.

"The goal of the College Counseling Seminar is to provide students with our vast experience and know-how so that every student feels supported in the college application process. Our grade 12 students will feel like they have an expert and a cheerleader in their corner, helping them navigate this formidable process!"

-Adrienne Fluitt, Sr. College Guidance Coordinator, BASIS Oro Valley



CAPSTONE COURSES

During the first two trimesters of their senior year, BASIS Charter School students take Capstone courses designed to emulate a college classroom where students are engaged in independent research, lab work, and seminar-style discussion. Capstone courses cover complex material and require students to learn about a specific topic in depth. Courses span the academic disciplines and serve as a bridge between high school academic standards and college scholarship.

Examples of Capstone Courses*:

- Forensics
- Biology of Psychological Disorders
- Popular Music as Literature
- History of Food
- Disease and Immune Response
- Multivariable Calculus
- Statistics
- Organic Chemistry
- The Latin Roots of Italian
- World History Through Film
- Gender Studies
- Quantum Mechanics
- Marine Biology

* Capstone courses offered vary year-to-year and by campus.

SENIOR PROJECTS

Senior Projects are the true synthesis and culmination of a student's journey through the BASIS Charter School Curriculum. Through these comprehensive projects, BASIS Charter School seniors combine their creativity, critical thinking skills, and deep content knowledge to make a real and direct impact on their communities and the world. Students can complete the Senior Project in one of two ways: they can do a traditional Senior Project, or they can do a Senior Project that aligns with the AP Capstone curriculum. Students who successfully complete a Senior Project earn a BASIS Diploma with High Honors.

TRADITIONAL SENIOR PROJECTS

The BASIS Diploma Senior Project is a selective program that requires students to dedicate the final trimester of their senior year to researching or developing an original idea in a field of their choosing. In addition to developing a project of the student's choice and design, Senior Projects also entail an off-campus experience, such as an internship, job shadow, or volunteer position. These experiences can take them across the nation or around the world. Students are guided by a faculty member at their BASIS Charter School, plus a mentor at their off-campus site. At the end of the trimester, students present their findings to their peers, teachers, and parents.

AP CAPSTONE-BASED SENIOR PROJECTS

Through the AP Capstone[™] curriculum, BASIS Charter School students design, plan, and conduct year-long research projects, applying their knowledge to real-world problems. Students are guided by a faculty member at their BASIS Charter School, as well as a mentor at their off-campus research site. In addition to submitting an initial project proposal, the AP Research course (the second course in the AP Capstone sequence) requires students to write a 4,000-to-5,000-word academic essay on their chosen topic, and then present their findings. grades 6–12

COURSE OVERVIEW

* All courses are subject to change

MATH (minimum course-level requirements)

- Grade 6 Pre-Algebra
- Grade 7 Algebra I
- Grade 8 Algebra II
- Grade 9 Precalculus AB
- Grade 10 AP Calculus AB
- Grade 11 AP Calculus BC
- Grade 12 Math Capstone **Geometry is integrated into our math curriculum and a separate credit will be awarded.

SCIENCE

- **Grades 6–8** Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
- Grade 9 First Honors Science (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)
- Grade 10 Second Honors Science; first AP Science
- **Grade 11** Third Honors Science, second AP Science, or AP Elective
- Grade 12 Science
 Capstone

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- **Grade 6** World History I (Prehistory to Age of Exploration)
- Grade 7 Modern World and Texas History
- Grade 8 U.S. History (Industrial Revolution to Civil Rights Movement)
- **Grade 9** AP U.S. Government and Politics
- Grade 10 AP World History: Modern
- Grade 11 AP U.S. History
- Grade 12 Humanities Capstone

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

- Grades 6–8 English
- **Grade 9** Honors English Literature; Honors English Language
- **Grade 10** AP English Language or AP English Language
- Grade 11 Second AP English course or Post-AP English
- Grade 12 Humanities Capstone

WORLD LANGUAGE

- Grades 6–7 Linguistics
- **Grades 8–11** French, Latin, Mandarin, or Spanish
- Grade 12 World
 Language Capstone

FINE ARTS, PE, AND ELECTIVES

- Grade 6 Art History & Practice (Visual Arts, Theatre, or Music) and PE and Sports
- **Grade 7** Visual Arts, Theatre, Music or PE & Sports
- Grades 8–12 General electives,* AP elective, or Post-AP elective

OTHER

- Grade 7 Computer Logic
- Grade 8 Economics
- * Minimum of one Fine Arts elective required.

A variety of subjects, including AP courses, are available as electives. Please contact the school to review possible electives for the upcoming school year.

6–12 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities enhance the learning experience and provide opportunities for enrichment, socialization, and achievement beyond the classroom. These activities allow students to interact with different groups, pursue individual interests, and develop new skills. To participate in extracurricular activities, students must exhibit good behavior and maintain a strong academic standing. As such, they learn to balance outside activities with advanced coursework, an important time management skill that will benefit them throughout their education.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT BASIS SAN ANTONIO SHAVANO MAY INCLUDE*:

- Amnesty
 International Club
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Computer
 Science Club
- Cyber Patriots
- Dance Club
- Drama Club
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- For the Kids
- Game Club
- Girls Learn International
- Guitar Club

- HOSA
- Junior Classical League Leadership Club
- Math and Science UIL
- MATHCOUNTS
- Opt for Action Club
- Personal Self Defense
- Red Cross Club
- Rotary Interact Club
- Science Bowl
- Speech and Debate
- Student Science Fair
- Ukulele Club
- Yearbook and Journalism Club

- Sports
 - Basketball
 - Cross Country
 - Flag Football
 - o Golf
 - Soccer
 - Softball
 - Swim Team
 - o Tennis
 - o Volleyball
- * Extracurricular activities offered vary by campus and from year-to-year based on student interest.

EARLY AND LATE BIRD PROGRAM

BASIS Charter Schools are pleased to offer the Early Bird and Late Bird programs to support parents and guardians with schedules that do not align with the schools' start and end times. The Early Bird program provides a safe and supervised environment for students whose days begin earlier than the school start time. During this time, staff members ensure the safety and well-being of students in designated areas of the school, although no organized instruction or recreation is provided. All students are expected to adhere to school rules.

The Late Bird program, a fee-based after-school option, caters to parents and guardians whose days extend beyond the school end time. This structured program allows students to complete homework, read, socialize with friends, and engage in other activities under the supervision of our dedicated staff members. We strive to create a welcoming and supportive environment for all students in these programs.



FAQ

WHAT ARE BASIS CHARTER SCHOOLS?

The BASIS Charter Schools network comprises 40 open-enrollment, tuition-free, public charter schools across Arizona, Louisiana, Texas, and Washington, D.C. All BASIS Charter Schools utilize the BASIS Charter School Curriculum, which encourages self-motivation and hard work, allows students to master advanced content, and thoroughly prepares them for college.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Families are encouraged to complete and submit student enrollment applications during the Open Enrollment period. However, you can apply at any time throughout the year. If you wish to apply to more than one BASIS Charter School, please submit a separate application for each student to each school. All applications should be submitted through our online enrollment portal at <u>enrollBASISTX.com</u>. There's no need to sign the application for it to be entered into the lottery.

If your student is offered enrollment at a BASIS Charter School, you will receive instructions on how to accept the offer, sign the registration packet, and complete the online registration documents.

HOW DOES THE LOTTERY AND WAITLIST WORK?

Every year, there is an Open Enrollment period for the following school year. Applications submitted during Open Enrollment and outside of Open Enrollment are processed differently. Please note that the exact Open Enrollment dates and lottery dates are determined on a year-to-year basis. Information will be available on <u>enrollBASISTX.com</u> once this year's dates are finalized.

If you apply during Open Enrollment: If the number of applications received during Open Enrollment exceeds the number of openings (at any grade level), enrollment is determined by a lottery and waitlist. The Open Enrollment period for BASIS Charter Schools is NOT first-come, first-served. Instead, applicants are added to a lottery pool. To be included in the lottery, you need to apply by midnight on the last day of Open Enrollment. After the Open Enrollment period ends, lottery drawings are held. You will receive the results directly from the school(s) you applied to. Families that do not receive an enrollment offer from the lottery will be added to a waitlist.

If you apply outside of Open Enrollment: Applications submitted after the Open Enrollment period has ended will be added to a waitlist and processed on a first-come, first-served basis, following any applications received during Open Enrollment. Schools will continue to make offers to waitlisted applicants as seats become available. There is not a lottery for applications submitted outside of Open Enrollment.

BASIS Charter School enrollment policies are available for review in the enrollment application portal at enrollBASISTX.com.



WILL I HAVE TO PAY TUITION?

No! BASIS Charter Schools are public schools. All of our schools are tuition-free.

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL-YEAR SCHEDULE?

Each campus' Head of School and leadership team decides the first day of school and the resulting school calendar, which is posted on each school's website. To help families with students in multiple grade levels or attending different schools, we strive to align our school calendars with the local district school calendars. At BASIS Charter Schools, we focus on maximizing academic instruction time so that you won't find professional development (in-service) days included on the school calendar.

DO YOU PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION?

No. BASIS Charter Schools do not provide transportation for students at this time. However, we encourage members of our parent-volunteer booster clubs to identify carpool opportunities.

HOW MUCH HOMEWORK DO STUDENTS RECEIVE?

For example, the average grade 6 BASIS Charter School student is assigned between 30 minutes and 1.5 hours of homework per night. In high school, this time may increase to between one hour and three hours of homework per night.

DO BASIS CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFER PHYSICAL EDUCATION?

Yes. Students in grades 6 and 7 are required to participate in PE and Sports classes. Beginning in grade 8, students can choose to continue with Physical Education as an elective course.

WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

At BASIS Charter Schools, we offer a diverse range of extracurricular activities designed to complement and enhance students' academic experiences. We strive to align these activities with our students' interests and passions, which means the specific offerings may vary from one school to another.

Each BASIS Charter School provides a variety of clubs and activities, giving students plenty of opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills, and engage in the community. Additionally, our schools are proud participants in the Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League, allowing students to compete and showcase their talents in various academic and athletic events.

Whether your child is interested in sports, arts, or academic clubs, there's something for everyone to get involved in and make the most of their school experience.

DO NEW INCOMING STUDENTS STRUGGLE WHEN THEY TRANSFER TO A BASIS CHARTER SCHOOL DURING HIGH SCHOOL?

BASIS understands that changing schools and curriculum can be challenging. Our teachers and staff will develop plans for students based on the course work at their previous school. These plans are intended to motivate students to reach their highest academic potential, while also considering their prior educational experience. Students who transfer to a BASIS Charter School later in the program still benefit from being part of an academically focused community and receive a more advanced education than they would at a traditional high school.

DO YOU OFFER COLLEGE COUNSELING?

Yes. The college counseling process begins early in the BASIS Charter School Curriculum. Students attend educational seminars beginning in grade 8 to become more familiar with all facets of the college admissions process. BASIS Charter School seniors take a daily College Counseling Seminar, in which they explore potential colleges, submit applications, apply for scholarships, and prepare for interviews.

DO BASIS CHARTER SCHOOL GRADUATES RECEIVE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS?

Yes. Each school's College Guidance Coordinator works diligently to help students find scholarship opportunities. Graduates of the BASIS Charter Schools network average tens of thousands of dollars in earned scholarships and merit aid each year.

WHAT COLLEGES DO BASIS CHARTER SCHOOL GRADUATES ATTEND?

We encourage students to apply to the schools or programs that best align with their interests and goals. Our graduates attend some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities. In fact, A significant number of our graduates are accepted to the U.S News and World Report top 100 ranked national colleges and universities, including Columbia, Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Stanford, University of Chicago, and Yale.

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