

BEN DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SERVICES

Who We Are and What We Do

BDHS Student Services

The mission of Ben Davis High School Student Services is to support the students and families of Ben Davis High School through academic, social, emotional, and career counseling in an effort to provide access to multiple pathways for success.

We present...

**10 Things You Should
Know about Student
Services**

1. What happens in Student Services?

Counselors assist with academic and personal concerns of students and their parents/guardians. Some examples of counselor responsibilities include the following:

- Scheduling
- Career planning
- Cummins counseling
- Diploma choices
- Graduation info
- College planning
- Student involvement
- Parent/teacher contact
- Career Center
- Enrollments

- Special education referrals
- BDED and WEC info
- Summer school
- Credit recovery
- Letters of recommendation
- Scholarships
- College applications
- Assessments
- Crisis intervention
- AP, AVID, IB, SAT, JAG, ASVAB and ACT

2. Scheduling Process

- ▣ Students have multiple opportunities to discuss their schedules with their counselors.
- ▣ The process begins in January with a phone call home to all parents and a classroom presentation to all students.
- ▣ The counselor meets one-on-one with all students grades 9th to 11th to select courses.
- ▣ Course selections are distributed in homeroom; students can consult with the counselor as needed. Courses are also mailed home to inform the parents and involve them in the process.

3. Changes Versus Corrections

- ▣ Counselors make schedule “corrections” the first week of each semester. A correction might be data entry errors or failure to meet a prerequisite.

- ▣ Counselors do not make schedule “changes” at the start of the semester. The following are not allowed at the start of the semester:
 - Level changes
 - Teacher changes
 - Period changes
 - Course changes

4. The Three Diploma Choices at BDHS

- ▣ The diploma choice helps to guide the course selections.
- ▣ For incoming sophomores, Ben Davis High School offers three diploma options:
 - Core 40
 - Core 40 with Academic Honors
 - Core 40 with Technical Honors

5. What is Naviance?

- ▣ Naviance is a tool for educators, students, and families to assist students with connecting classroom objectives with real world goals.
- ▣ Naviance is used for creating four year plans for students, communication between students, schools, counselors, and academic resources.



6. Counselor Assignments

- ▣ BDHS Student Services is staffed by a team of dedicated professional guidance counselors.
- ▣ The counselors have a caseload of approximately 400+ students each year that are divided alphabetically.

7. Two Ways to See a Counselor

- Students can communicate through Naviance either in the Student Services office or from their own electronic devices.
- Students can visit the Help Desk; a counselor is available every lunch period in the cafeteria to handle student concerns.

8. Student Enrichment at BDHS

The multiple pathways to success at Ben Davis High School allow students several options for advancement.

- Ben Davis Extended Day
- Advanced Placement(AP)
- Dual Credit(ACP)
- Ivy Tech Early Admission
- AVID
- Learning Center
- Achieve Virtual Academy(AVE)
- Area 31 Career Center

9. The BDHS Curriculum Handbook has it all!

The Curriculum Handbook can be found at the Ben Davis High School homepage. The handbook has information about the following:

Course descriptions

Dual credits

Grade weighting

Diploma choices

Athletic eligibility

Special programs

GPA/rank info

Prerequisites

Career Pathways

SAT/ACT

Academic Planning

ECA requirements

Awards

10. Have you ever wondered, “Why is this kid in my class?”

- ▣ The diploma choice and the student needs/wants dictate the courses selected.
- ▣ Levels are determined by individual student aptitude and previous courses completed.
- ▣ Electives are chosen by the student/parent and should compliment the post-secondary plan chosen by the student.
- ▣ Students are encouraged to take the most rigorous courses possible.

Thank You

Students Services provides the key to navigating the multiple pathways to success for all students attending Ben Davis High School.

If you have specific concerns or questions, feel free to ask a guidance counselor. We probably know! If we don't, we will find out.

Exit Pass

- ▣ How do we work together to encourage and support rigor with student course selection?