

Scheduling 101

A Guide to Scheduling Gifted, Honors, & AP classes

An overview for Gifted, Honors, & Advanced Placement students

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What is the Honors Program?

The Honors Program is the highest-academic recognition offered at DHS. The benefits include earning college credit, increasing your ACT scores, and recognition with a stole and letterman's jacket.

Honors Program Recognition REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Pass **18 Honors, Gifted, DE, and/or AP classes** *with a grade of C or better*.
 - 4 Honors, Gifted, Dual Enrollment, & AP **English** classes
 - 4 Honors, Gifted, Dual Enrollment, & AP **Math** classes
 - 4 Honors, Dual Enrollment, & AP **Science** classes
 - 4 Honors, Dual Enrollment, & AP **Social Studies** classes (must include H Civics, APUSH)
 - 2 *additional* Honors, Dual Enrollment, & AP classes of your choice
- ▶ Earn an overall **85 B average** in all Honors, Gifted, DE and AP classes.

Remember :

You MUST start this journey in 9th grade.

What are my choices?



Choice 1:

Pursue *Honors Program Recognition*.

Choice 2:

Take Honors, DE, and AP classes in your area(s) of strength and/or interest.

- ▶ Students can take 1, 2, 3, or 4 Honors courses in 9th-grade.
- ▶ Choices include: Honors English I, Honors Geometry, Honors Biology, and Honors Civics.

Note: If a 9th-grader is in Algebra I and wants to ***pursue Honor Program Recognition***, he/she must also take Honors Geometry in 9th grade.

9 **Honors** Classes are offered at DHS

HONORS

classes are
offered in *core*
areas only ...

- ▶ Honors English I
- ▶ Honors English II

- ▶ Honors Geometry
- ▶ Honors Algebra II
- ▶ Honors Pre-Calculus
- ▶ Honors Calculus

- ▶ Honors Biology I
- ▶ **Honors Chemistry I
- ▶ Honors Physics

- ▶ Honors Civics

15 **AP** Classes are offered at DHS

► **English**

- AP Language & Composition
- AP Literature & Composition

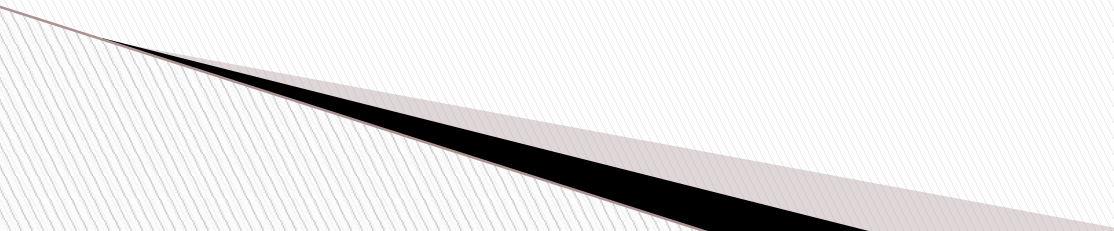
► **STEM**

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Biology II
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A

► **History & Social Sciences**

- AP Human Geography
- AP US History
- AP World History
- AP Psychology

► **Arts**

- AP Art History
 - AP Studio Art (2-D,3-D, and Drawing)
 - AP Music Theory
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11 **Gifted** Classes are offered at DHS

English:

- Gifted English I
- Gifted English II
- Gifted English Seminar
- Gifted AP Language & Composition
- Gifted AP Literature & Composition
- Gifted Independent Study

Math:

- Gifted Geometry
- Gifted Algebra II
- Gifted Pre-Calculus
- Gifted Calculus
(*Differential*)
- Gifted AP Calculus AB
(*Integral*)

Remember that only students who have been identified as “gifted” are eligible to enroll in gifted classes.

Dual Enrollment**



Dual Enrollment Program

Student Eligibility Guidelines: 2020-2021

Southeastern Louisiana University, in partnership with local high schools, is pleased to offer qualified students an opportunity to enroll in college courses while still attending high school. Dual enrollment courses are hybrid courses with all content delivered online OR in person *via* a Southeastern Instructor/Professor. The high school teacher serves as a facilitator by assisting with student registration and enrollment, proctoring exams as necessary, and through supplemental instruction, serving as a daily learning resource for students as they assimilate course content. The Southeastern Instructor/Professor serves as the instructor of record for all dual enrollment courses. Students will earn both high school and college credit for the courses in this program with final grades appearing on the permanent transcripts of both the high school and Southeastern Louisiana University. In order for students to enroll in Dual Enrollment courses, they must meet the eligibility requirements as outlined below and complete a Dual Enrollment Student Application. **Please note that high school students can earn a maximum of 27 credits from Southeastern while participating in the Dual Enrollment Program.**

Requirements: 2.5 overall GPA, min 11th grade, ACT composite of 19 (ELA – 19, Math – 18)

****Only DE courses that qualify on the TOPS University 5-point scale are acceptable as Honors Program Recognition .**

https://www.southeastern.edu/future_students/dual_enrollment/index.html

Dual Enrollment** classes offered at DHS

- **11th grade:** DE English III: English Comp I in lieu of AP Language & Composition
- **12th grade:** DE English IV: English Comp II in lieu of AP Literature & Composition

- **11th or 12th grade:** DE College Algebra in lieu of Honors Pre-Calculus
- **11th or 12th grade:** DE College Trigonometry (must take DE College Algebra first)
- **11th or 12th grade:** DE Statistics (must take DE College Algebra first)

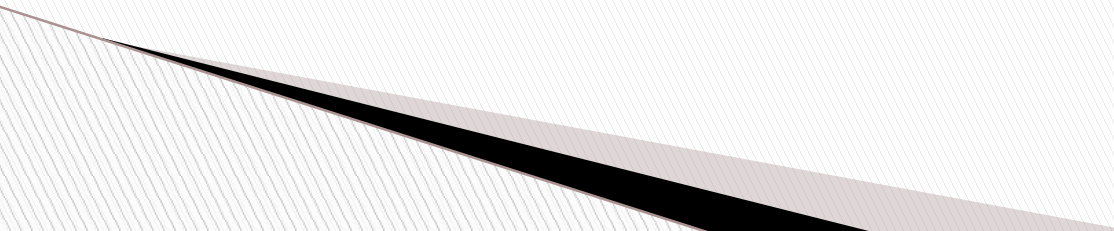
- **11th grade:** DE Chemistry I in lieu of Honors Chemistry I
 - **12th grade:** DE Chemistry II
 - **12th grade:** DE Biology I

- **11th or 12th grade:** DE Spanish 101 and DE Spanish 102

Dual Enrollment** classes offered at DHS

**Please note:* Dual enrollment credit is only honored at Louisiana public universities and some private/out-of-state universities. Students planning to attend private and/or out-of-state schools should check with that potential university to determine if DE courses are accepted. All students are encouraged to consider AP courses as well.

****Only DE courses that qualify on the TOPS University 5-point scale are acceptable as Advanced Studies Diploma courses.**



What's the *difference* between Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment?

Advanced Placement

- AP credit is honored **nationally/ globally.** and some private/out-of-state universities.
- AP courses are taught by DHS faculty with AP-approved curricula.
- The AP test is given in May and course credit is awarded for scores of 3, 4, or 5, based on the guidelines set by that university.
- Does not impact college transcript

Dual Enrollment

- *DE credit is recognized by LA public universities
- DE courses are taught by faculty in a course designed by Southeastern University.
- DE credit is awarded to 11th & 12th grade students who meet the initial ACT requirement and pass required the in-course tests/assessments.
- College credit on the permanent college transcript

Sample 9th-grade **Honors** schedule

Fall
1. Honors English I
2. Algebra I or other elective
3. Honors Civics
4. PE I

Spring
1. Band or another elective
2. Honors Geometry
3. Honors Biology I
4. Elective

Additional electives: *Electives for 9th-graders are somewhat limited, and are listed in the DHS Course Catalog. Suggestions are included below.*

<u>Foreign Language</u>	<u>Fine & Applied Arts</u>	<u>STEM</u>	<u>Talented</u>
Spanish I	Art I	Basic Drafting	Talented Drama
	Cadet Band	IBCA	Talented Music
(Only students who are taking ALL Honors/gifted courses can start foreign language in 9 th grade.)	Choir	General Tech	Talented Visual Arts
	Family and Consumer Sciences	AP Computer Science Principles	

****Quest for Success** (You will be scheduled in this elective if you are NOT in 4 honors classes.)

Who can apply for Honors Program classes?

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To enroll in an Honors class at the freshman level, a student should ...

- ▶ have earned an A or a B in the preceding class.
- ▶ have a **core GPA of 3.0.**
- ▶ have scored **Mastery** or **Advanced** on LEAP tests.
- ▶ have strong **teacher recommendations.**

THIS IS A FULL YEAR COMMITMENT!



How do I express interest in Honors Program?

The Honors Program Letter of Intent:

- **Access the** DHS Honors Program-Portal **Google Classroom.** Email dsniedzak@stcharles.k12.la.us or ask your counselor if you need the class code.
- **There are 3 simple steps to the process:**
 1. Complete the Google Form: **DHS Student-Survey of Intent** for DHS Honors Program.
 2. Submit a copy of your most recent report card to dsniedzak@stcharles.k12.la.us.
 3. Email two of your core teachers and ask them to complete a *teacher recommendation form* on your behalf.
- **Submit all components** by May 6, 2022.

How does the scheduling process work?

Your responsibilities:

Complete an Honors Program Intent to Enroll Packet, choose your classes, sign the commitment oath, copy your report card, and submit all materials to DHS by
MAY 6, 2022.

Our responsibilities:

- **In early May:**

The Honors Team will review intention, recommendations, and grades.

- **In late May:**

Placement letters will be emailed to the parent's email address.



APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 6, 2022 »»

No excuses ...

Speaking of NO EXCUSES ... Need a life?
It could be here!

DHS Honors Program students are leaders and participants in all of the following and more:

Sports: football, soccer, tennis, basketball, baseball, softball, swimming, wrestling

Clubs: National Honor Society, Beta, Interact, Mu Alpha Theta, WISE Ecology Club, Culture Club, National English Honor Society, Anime Club, Newspaper, Yearbook, and Film Club

Robotics

Pride of Destrehan Band

Desty Darlings

Student Council E-Board

Athletic Trainers

Gifted, Talented Art, Talented Theater, Talented Music

State, District, and Parish Honor Band and Honor Choir

District and State Literary Rally

JROTC

DHS Indoor Percussion

DHS Cheerleaders

DHS Choir, Show Choir

Girls & Boys State

Wildcat Mentors

Young Authors

Find your place . . .

Contact Us

- ▶ All information is available on the **DHS website**

- **Academics**

- **Advanced Placement**

- ▶ Email an Honors Program Representative:
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 - **Sarah Vines**, 9th & 12th grade Honors/AP Biology Teacher
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