

Scheduling 101

A Guide to Scheduling Honors & AP classes

An overview for Honors & Advanced Placement students

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What is the Advanced Studies Diploma?

The Advanced Studies Diploma is the highest academic honor offered at DHS. The benefits include earning college credit, increasing your ACT scores, and sitting on stage at graduation.

Advanced Studies Diploma 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.

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 Advanced Math I
- ▶ Honors Calculus

- ▶ Honors Biology I
- ▶ Honors Chemistry I

- ▶ Honors Civics

15 **AP** Classes are offered at DHS

▶ **English**

- AP Language & Composition
- AP Literature & Composition

▶ **STEM**

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Biology II
- AP Chemistry 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)
- AP Music Theory

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 AP European History

Math:

- Gifted Geometry
- Gifted Algebra II
- Gifted Advanced Math I
- 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: 2019-2020

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: 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 Advanced Studies Diploma courses.**

7 Dual Enrollment** classes will be offered at DHS

- **11th grade: English I** in lieu of AP Language & Composition
- **12th grade: English II** in lieu of AP Literature & Composition
- **11th or 12th grade: Algebra III** in lieu of Advanced Math 1
- **11th or 12th grade: College Trigonometry** in lieu of Advanced Math 1
- **11th or 12th grade: Statistics** in lieu of AP Statistics
- **11th grade: Chemistry I** in lieu of Honors Chemistry I
- **11th or 12th grade: Spanish III and Spanish IV**

**Please note:* Dual enrollment credit is 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. Students are encouraged to enroll in comparable AP courses as well.

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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 Freshman Science
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
French I	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	

****Journey to Careers** (You will be scheduled in this elective if you are NOT in 4 honors classes.)

Who can apply for Honors 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!

What are my choices?



Choice 1:

Pursue the ***Advanced Studies Diploma.***

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 take **pursue the Advanced Studies Diploma**, he/she must also take Honors Geometry in 9th grade.

How do I apply for Honors classes?

The application process:

- Obtain the *Intent to Enroll* packet from your middle school, the DHS website, or the DHS counselors.
- Carefully read the cover page to understand the process.
- Complete the one-page application.
 - Select the classes in which you want to enroll.
 - Sign the Commitment Oath on the application.
- Make a copy of a recent writing sample to include with your application packet.
- Submit a copy of your most recent report card.
- Submit all components (TOGETHER) to DHS by May 1, 2020.
- Give the teacher recommendation forms to your teachers in a timely manner. Teachers will return the recs directly to DHS by May 1, 2020.

How does the application process work?

Your responsibilities:

Complete an *Advanced Studies Intent to Enroll* packet, choose your classes, sign the commitment oath, choose a writing sample, copy your report card, and submit all materials to DHS by

MAY 1, 2020.

Our responsibilities:

- **In early May:**

The Advanced Studies Team will review applications, recommendations, writing samples, and grades.

- **In late May:**

Placement letters will be mailed home to the address provided.

* *Be sure to check your email for updates/ requests concerning missing requirements.*



APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2020 **»»**

No excuses ...

*Speaking of NO EXCUSES ... **Need a life?***

It could be here!

DHS Advanced Studies 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 Drama 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

Kick Off Mentors

Find your place . . .

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