

De Smet High School



2024-2025 Registration Information

General Information for Registration

1. Graduation from De Smet High School requires 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ credits.
2. Freshmen and Sophomores must be enrolled in 7 courses. Juniors must be enrolled in 6 academic courses, and Seniors must be enrolled in 5 academic courses.
3. On the SDMyLife registration page fill in the courses, you will be taking next year. In addition, if you are an 8th-10th grader, *please fill out every year up to senior year*. This will count as the state-required 4-year plan of study. Do your best to fill in the classes you see yourself taking at each grade level. This is not final, so changes can be made in the future.
4. Registration will start on March 18 for 8th graders, and 9-11 will receive on March 19
 - a. Upcoming freshmen Parent/Student Registration March 18
 - i. Deadline to complete registration (grades 8-11) is: March 28
5. Students must have permission from parents to drop/add classes during drop/add week.
 - a. Semester one Drop/Add week the first week of school.
 - b. Second semester drop/add to be completed **before** Christmas Break

The first step in the registration process is to what courses you have completed via the provided Graduation Requirements Checklist. It is important to note that a minimum grade of 66% or D- must have been obtained in order for credit to be granted. Simply taking the course does not guarantee credit. In addition, it is important to differentiate between first semester and second semester of any course. For example, if you failed second semester of physical science, you will have to retake just second semester.

When you have all the courses transferred from your student's transcript to the Graduation Requirements Checklist, you should now be able to determine the next classes to take. Please note on the requirement sheet the total number of credits needed in each content area. Keep in mind that a semester class is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ a credit while a yearlong class is equal to one credit.

Complete the Registration Form by filling in the classes you would need and would like to take in the upcoming school year. Students who want independent classes, work-study, peer mentoring, and/or credit recovery classes need to get the required signatures in order to enroll.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent study is only allowed if a student has a scheduling conflict. The following criteria must be met before a student will be allowed to enroll in an independent study course:

- Only those students who have scheduling conflicts will be allowed to take a class independently from an instructor.
- Permission to take the class must be granted by the instructor and the principal

Dual Credit Coursework

Juniors and Seniors may have the opportunity to participate in dual credit courses through De Smet High School. Dual credit courses will be offered in partnership with the South Dakota Board of Regents affiliated higher education institutions only (e.g. SDSU, USD, LATI). Students and their families will be responsible for any costs associated with college credit earned through these courses.

Grades earned in dual credit courses will be transcribed and weighted the same as courses that are taken at De Smet High School. One (1) full credit will be awarded for each 3-credit dual credit course successfully completed. One-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) credit will be awarded for each 1-credit course successfully completed.

Successful dual credit course completion may also be used in place of certain State of South Dakota Graduation requirements. Students may use dual credit courses to replace no more than one (1) credit of coursework in any discipline (e.g. ELA, Math, CTE, Science) needed to meet the State of South Dakota graduation requirements. For a list of courses that fall into this category, please consult the school counselor.

Students who obtain a passing grade will be reimbursed for the cost of textbooks used for the course. Students are responsible for obtaining a transcript or grade report from the college and submitting it to the business office in order to receive reimbursement.

De Smet High School is not responsible for supplying technology for Dual Credit coursework. Students will be responsible to obtain technology that is above and beyond the school-issued Chromebooks.

Students must satisfy the following requirements in order to participate in dual credit courses through De Smet High School.

High school juniors must satisfy two of the following criteria:

- Earn an ACT composite score of 24 reflective of the 70th percentile;
- Rank in the upper one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of their graduating class;
- Earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale;
- High school juniors not meeting the above requirements may qualify pending approval by the administration.

High school seniors must satisfy any two of the following criteria:

- Earn an ACT composite score of 21 reflective of the 50th percentile;
- Rank in the upper one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of their graduating class;
- Earn a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.25 on a 4.0 scale

High school seniors may also qualify if they:

- Earn an ACT composite score of at minimum 18;
- Earn a level 3 or higher in both Math and ELA on the State Accountability tests
- High school seniors not meeting the above requirements may qualify pending approval by the administration

Also for students to be eligible for dual credit courses, they must not have earned a grade lower than a C- during either of the two semesters prior to enrolling in a dual credit course. The student must also have no more than ten (10) non-exempt absences in a single class during the one semester prior to enrolling in the dual credit course.

- Prerequisites for College Algebra - Algebra II
- Prerequisite for English Composition 201: English III
 - Will allow students to take English 101 (DC) Spring Semester of Junior Year