

## Grade Point Average

GPA will be calculated for the foundation courses as follows:

- 4 - Language Arts courses
- 4 - Science courses (1 each/Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and 1 additional course)
- 4 - Social Studies courses
- 4 - Math courses (highest 8 semesters)
- 2 - World Language (highest 4 semesters of same course)

GPA foundation courses will be calculated whether the student took the class during the regular school year, in summer school, by correspondence, by course exam, or by dual enrollment.

GPA and rank are calculated on a 4-point scale with a 1-point bonus for IB, Honors, AP, and Dual credit classes. Only 18 (36 semesters) academic foundation courses are used in the calculation. Only courses taken during 9th through 12th grade will be computed in a student's GPA. Earned GPA from courses completed within the prescribed 18 is used to rank students through the 6th & 7th semesters. Highest GPA in present senior class is 5.0.

### Grade Points Earned

No. Grade	Letter Grade	Regular	Honors
90-100	A	4	5
80-89	B	3	4
70-79	C	2	3
Below 70	F	0	0
Passing Grade: 70			

### SAT Composite Scores 2020 Class

U. S	1060
Texas	1095
Denton High	1096

### ACT Composite Scores 2020 Class

U.S.	20.9
Texas	20.6
Denton High	24.5

## College Placement

Approximately 60% of our graduates will go on to higher education. Denton High graduates will continue their formal education with 32% attending four-year institutions and 28% going on to community colleges and technical schools, and 2% entering the armed services.

### National Merit

The senior class of 2020 had three National Merit Commended Scholars, three National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars, eighteen AP Scholars, four AP Scholars with Honors, and five AP Scholars with Distinction.

## Denton High School

Joel Hays, Principal

Scott Nedrow, Instructional Associate Principal  
 Kimberly Thaggard, Assistant Principal (A-C)  
 Joanne Keeler, Assistant Principal (D-H)  
 Frank Perez, Assistant Principal (I-N)  
 Matt Smith, Assistant Principal (O-R)  
 Mark Goggins, Assistant Principal (S-Z)

Christopher Lydia Counselor (A-C)  
 Dani Kading, Counselor (D-H)  
 Kayleen Langat, Counselor (I-N)  
 Kathleen Ashton, Lead Counselor (O-R)  
 Janet Farris, Counselor (S-Z)  
 Julie Holladay, Career Counselor  
 Linsey Schafer, Student Assistance Counselor  
 Beth Hughes, IB Coordinator/Advisor  
 Crystal Sullivan, IB Middle Years Programme Coordinator  
 Kat Ralph, Social Worker



Dr. Jamie K. Wilson, Superintendent  
 Dr. Richard Valenta, Deputy Superintendent  
 Dr. Lacey Rainey, Denton Zone Area Superintendent

# Denton High School



An International Baccalaureate World School

## PROFILE 2020 - 2021

### Mission Statement

Denton High School, in partnership with the home and community, is dedicated to the development of knowledgeable, compassionate individuals who actively and ethically contribute to the betterment of our world.

By providing challenging and educational experiences that encourage cooperation, creativity, and intercultural understanding, DHS aims to create life-long learners who embrace the diversity of others.

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## The School

**Description:** A public comprehensive four-year secondary school offering programs in college preparatory, career & technology, English as a second language, & special education.

**Enrollment:** Total of 2,113 students, with a senior class of 532.

**Demographics:** Hispanic or Latino 39%, American Indian & Alaska Native 1%, Asian 3%, Black or African American 14%, Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander 1%, White 42%.

**School Day:** Total of eight credit-earning classes; six classes of 90-minutes each in length—meeting on alternate days, and two classes of 60-minutes each in length—meeting every day (officially referred to as a modified block schedule).

**Accreditation:** Fully granted by the Texas Education Agency and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

**Faculty:** The faculty consists of 242 professional staff members, including a principal, one associate principal and five instructional principals, five counselors, one career counselor, one student assistance counselor and one social worker. More than 45% of the faculty hold advanced degrees.

### PSAT/NMSQT and Online SAT Readiness:

This is a district funded program to help students improve test taking skills. It includes free PSAT/NMSQT testing for 10th and 11th grade students and free online SAT readiness courses for students grades 9-12.

**Dual/Concurrent Enrollment Courses:** Available through the University of North Texas, Texas Woman’s University and North Central Texas College; College Math, Economics, US History, US Government, and English classes. These classes are also available on campus.

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### Articulated College Credit Opportunities:

Students can earn free college credit at DHS and the Advanced Technology Complex in courses which are articulated with community colleges.

## The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

The IB Diploma Programme is a challenging two-year course of study designed to meet the needs of highly motivated and talented high school students. It provides students with the intellectual, social, and critical perspective necessary for the international world. Texas Senate Bill 111 (2005) awards Texas seniors earning the IB Diploma with scores of 4 or better a total of 24 semester credit hours at any Texas public institution of higher education.

In 2020, DHS had 41 full Diploma senior candidates, 84 course only students, and 11 anticipated candidates complete a total of 449 subject exams.

## General Information

### Denton ISD: ‘A fast-growing community’

Located at the top of the “golden triangle” of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Denton ISD is the second-fastest growing school district in North Texas. Denton’s unique “small town community” environment separates it from the growing, larger suburban school districts within the Dallas-FortWorth metroplex.

With two universities and a community college—University of North Texas, Texas Woman’s University, and North Central Texas College—within its boundaries, Denton ISD is able to offer the highest quality academic programs. However, it maintains a small-school climate so students can develop stronger leadership skills.

The goal of the district is to keep its high schools at maximum enrollment of 2,000. In 2006, the district opened a state-of-the-art LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex for juniors and seniors. In 2016, Denton ISD opened its fourth comprehensive high school.

Denton ISD encompasses 180 square miles and is part of 15 cities and communities. The community support is vital to students as they prepare for life post-high school.

## Curriculum

The graduation requirement at Denton High is 26 credits (See chart below).

Students must also pass a state proficiency examination (EOC) in English I & II, Algebra I, Biology, and US History to receive a diploma. Identified gifted students are served in high school through advanced coursework options.

## Graduation Requirements

Credits by Subject Area	Foundation Plus Endorsements Plan	Endorsements Offered
English	4	Business and Industry
Mathematics (Including Alg I, Geom, Alg II)	4	Arts & Humanities
Science (Including Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	4	Public Services
World Geography	1	STEM
World History	1	Multidisciplinary Studies
U. S. History	1	
U.S. Government	0.5	
Economics	0.5	State Testing (EOC)
Professional Communications (Speech)	0.5	Algebra I
Physical Education	1	Biology
Fine Arts (Art, Music, Theatre, Dance)	1	English I
World Language	2 (same language)	English II
Electives	5.5	U.S. History
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>26</b>	

## Honors/MYP International Baccalaureate Courses

English A I & II, World Geography/Humanities, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Precalculus, French B II, III, German B II & III/, Latin II & III, Spanish B II & III, Art I

## Advanced Placement Courses

English III & IV, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, World History, U. S. History, U. S. Government, Macro-Economics, Statistics, Calculus AB & BC, Computer Science A, French IV, German IV, Latin IV, Spanish IV & V, Art Drawing, 2-D, 3-D, Music Theory, Psychology

## IB Diploma Courses

English Lang & Lit A HL, Spanish B SL & HL, French B SL & HL, German B SL, Latin SL, English B, History of the Americas HL, Biology SL & HL, Chemistry SL, Physics SL, Environmental Systems and Societies SL, Computer Science SL & HL, Math: Applications and Interpretations SL, Math: Analysis and Approaches SL, Music SL & HL, Dance SL & HL, Art SL & HL, Film SL & HL, Theatre SL & HL, Theory of Knowledge