

# 9TH GRADE:

1. Take classes in core academics and other required areas.
2. Get good grades.
3. Be thinking ahead of what colleges/ programs you may want to attend. They may have a higher admission requirements than the Davis School District graduation requirements, especially foreign language.
4. Talk to your counselor about your plan.
5. Talk to your parents about how you will finance your college costs.
6. Starting a file for all awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extra curricular activities.

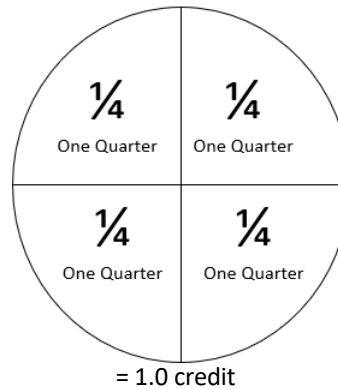
# You Are In High School NOW!

## What should you be thinking about?

### Credit Matters

It takes a full school year to earn 1.0 credit in a class. You receive one credit for each period of classes you take in a year.

- If you take a full year of English 9, you will earn 1.0 credit of English credit.
- If you take a semester of Foods and Nutrition, you will earn 0.5 credit of Career and Technical credit.



What about Seminary?

Many students worry that they will not have enough credits to graduate if they take seminary. Although you do not earn academic credit for seminary, you do have room in your schedule to take it each year for four years if you choose to do so.

By the end of 9th grade:

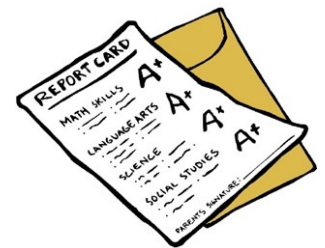
- Seminary students = 7.0 credits
- Students without = 8.0 credits

### Transcript Grade Point Average (Cumulative GPA)

Up to this point in junior high, your GPA was only term-to-term. Starting in 9th grade, every term will be averaged together until the end of your senior year (16 terms).

If you want a good GPA to get into a good college or get a scholarship, you must start now.

If you wait until your junior year or senior year to worry about your GPA, it may be too late.



### Graduation Requirements

1. You must have 27 credits.
2. You must complete the following classes:
  - 4.0 English
    - 9th Grade English (1.0)
    - 10th Grade English (1.0)
    - 11th Grade English (1.0)
    - 12th Grade English (1.0)
  - 3.0 Social Studies
    - World Geography (0.5)
    - World Civilization (1.0)
    - US History (1.0)
    - US Government & Citizenship (0.5)\*
  - 3.0 Science
    - Physical Science (1.0)
    - Life Science (1.0)
    - Other Science (1.0)
  - 3.0 Math (3 full years)
  - 1.5 Physical Education (0.5 Fit for Life—required)
  - 0.5 Health
  - 1.5 Fine Arts
  - 1.0 Career & Technical Education (CTE)
  - 0.5 Digital Studies
  - 0.5 Financial Literacy
  - 8.5 Elective credits
3. You must make up all "U's."
4. You must pass the US citizenship test.\*





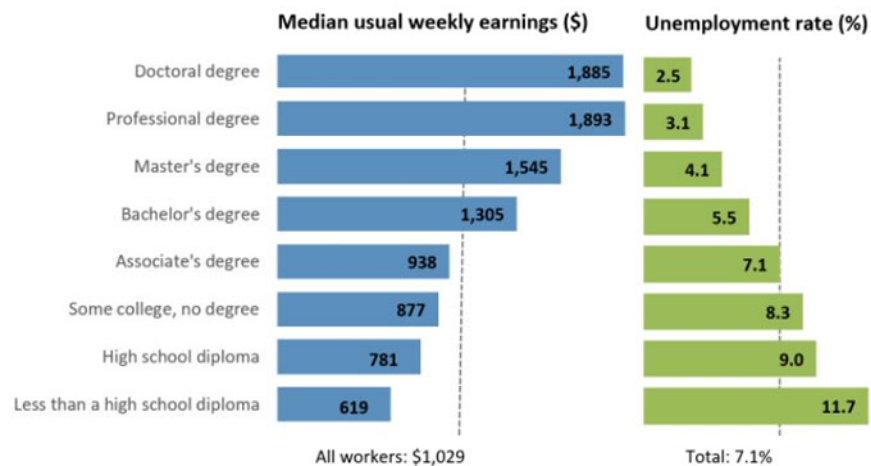
# Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I need foreign language credit to graduate? No. The Davis School District does not have a foreign language requirement for graduation. However, many out-of-state schools have a language requirement to be admitted to their school.
2. What if I fail a class? You will have to make up the lost credit in order to stay on line for graduation. We will place you in a remediation class at MPJH, or summer school, or you will remediate it in high school. You must have the correct credits to graduate.
3. Does citizenship credit matter? Yes. If you receive a "U" in citizenship anytime between 9th and 12th grade you will need to make it up in order to play sports, participate in school government, or walk at graduation. See Mrs. Church in ISS to make up your "U" right away. It costs \$5.00 at MJH and 4 hours of volunteer work. If you wait until high school, the cost is \$10.00 and 4 hours of work.

According to the National Survey of Student Engagement, Higher level math classes are the single best predictor of academic success in college. If students take 4 years of math, science and English, 87% will be on-track for graduation in college. If they take less than 4 years, only 62% are on-track for graduation.

## WHY GO TO COLLEGE?

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2020



## How do I know where I stand on graduation requirements?

You have access to a new report in your myDSD account. It is called "Graduation Summary." It lists all the required credits for you need to graduate, and where you stand on those credits.

### Graduation Summary:

1. Go to myDSD
2. Login
3. Go to "Reports"
4. Choose "Graduation Summary"

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Student Name: HELLO ?      Required Credits: 27      Cumulative OPA: 0  
Student Id:      Completed Credits: 0      Current Citizenship: 56  
Grade Level: 08      Deficient Citizenship: 0

U.S. Government and Citizenship Test: \*

LANGUAGE ARTS	Required Credits 4.00	ELECTIVES	Required Credits 8.50
W ENGLISH 9	50	SPANISH 3	50
H ENGLISH 9	50	RELEASED TIME	.00
Credits Earned	Projected Credits 1.00	SPANISH 3	50
MATHEMATICS	Required Credits 3.00	RELEASED TIME	.00
H SEC MATH 1	50	TEACHER ASST	50
H SEC MATH 1	50	Credits Earned 0.00	Projected Credits 1.50
Credits Earned	Projected Credits 1.00	SCIENCE	Required Credits 3.00
BIOLOGY	50	BIOLOGY	50
Credits Earned	Projected Credits 1.00	SOCIAL STUDIES	Required Credits 2.50
AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	50	AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	50
AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	50	Credits Earned	Projected Credits 1.00

Note: \* indicates graduation requirements may not be met  
/ indicates current class schedule with projected credits