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The Certificate of Advanced Academics provides SDOHS students with the opportunity to showcase their academic excellence and dedication. The certificate will supplement their diploma and serve as an indication of their rigorous course work above and beyond the district requirements. It allows students to showcase college readiness, 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, and elevate themselves above Arizona's standard high school graduates. This distinction celebrates their academic talents and commitment to excellence.

The certificate is awarded at graduation and reflects four years of advanced course work and service learning. The requirements are designed to honor truly advanced learners and acknowledge the time and dedication it takes to pursue a four-year program of advanced course work and commitment to their communities.

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Interested seniors should **complete and turn in the application below by February 12, 2024**. Prior to turning in the application, it should be verified by the Department Chair of Advanced Academics and Counselor. Notification of receipt of their Certificate of Advanced Academics will be announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony in May.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirement 1: Freshman Academic Rigor.** List the grades earned in your three honors courses taken during your freshman year.

ELA 1-2 Honors \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Math (specify course) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Biology Honors \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify course) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Spanish 1-2 Honors \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Alt.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirement 2: Sophomore Academic Rigor.** List the grades earned in your three honors courses taken during your sophomore year.

ELA 3-4 Honors \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Math (specify course) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Chemistry Honors \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ AP World History \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Spanish 3-4 Honors \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Alt.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirement 3: Junior Academic Rigor.** List the grades earned in your 3 Advanced Placement courses, or 2 Advanced Placement courses and 2 Full-Year Dual Enrollment courses taken during your junior year.

AP English Lang & Comp \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Math (specify course) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

AP Science (specify course) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

AP US History \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Spanish 5-6 Honors \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Other AP Course (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

French 5-6 Honors \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ENH 110 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Bio 160 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Other Dual Course (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Chem 151/152 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Requirement 4: Senior Academic Rigor.** List the grades earned in your 3 Advanced Placement courses, or 2 Advanced Placement courses and 2 Full-Year Dual Enrollment courses taken during your junior year.

AP English Lit & Comp \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Math (specify course) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

AP Science (specify course) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

AP US Gov/Econ \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

AP Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Other AP Course (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

AP French \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ENG 101/102 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Bio 160 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Other Dual Course (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Chem 151/152 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Requirement 5: Grade Point Average**

My current cumulative weighted G.P.A. is \_\_\_\_\_ (must be at or above 4.0)

**Requirement 6: College Testing** Students must take the PSAT in their sophomore or junior year and either the SAT or ACT in their junior or senior year.

PSAT: Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_ Score Earned: \_\_\_\_\_ (circle) Sophomore Year      Junior Year

SAT: Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_ Score Earned: \_\_\_\_\_ (circle) Junior Year      Senior Year

ACT: Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_ Score Earned: \_\_\_\_\_ (circle) Junior Year      Senior Year

**Requirement 7: Course Load Enrollment** List your senior schedule for Fall and Spring. You must take at least **FOUR** courses each semester

_____	_____	Period 1
_____	_____	Period 2
_____	_____	Period 3
_____	_____	Period 4/5
_____	_____	Period 6
_____	_____	Period 7

**Requirement 8: Service Learning** Students must complete service learning hours in their junior year (minimum of 25 hours) and their senior year (minimum of 25 hours). These service learning hours need to center around a specific theme. Students may choose different topics their junior and senior year. The service learning should be pre-approved by Mrs. Sara Stollar-Yates (the Department Chair of Advanced Academics).

Junior Year:    Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_\_                      Verification: (Mrs. Stollar-Yates):

Topic Explanation:

\_\_\_\_\_

Senior Year:    Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_\_                      Verification: (Mrs. Stollar-Yates)

Topic Explanation:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Counselor Authentication.**

Your Guidance Counselor needs to authenticate the information on this form.

**Counselors, by signing below, you verify the accuracy of the submitted application.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Guidance Counselor Signature**

**Please turn in to Dr. Spurgeon’s secretary in the Administrative Building by February 13th at 3pm.**

**Approval:**                      **Yes**                      **No**                      **Reason:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_                      **Date :** \_\_\_\_\_