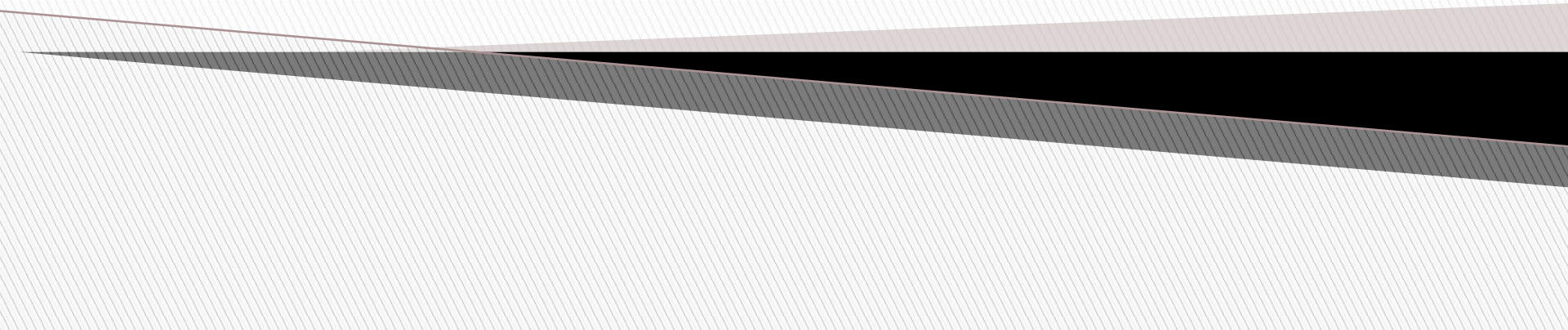


Scheduling 101

A Guide to Scheduling Gifted, Honors, & AP classes

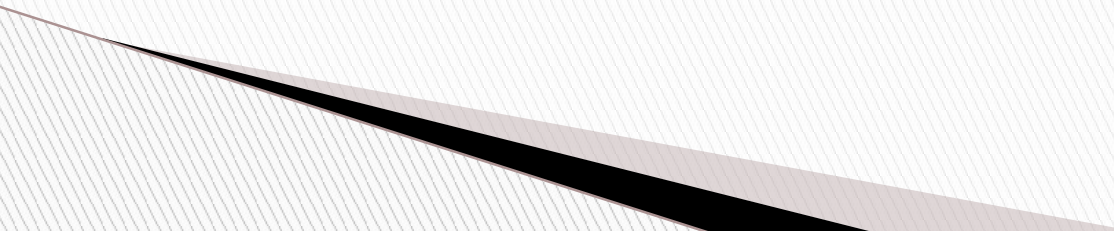
An overview for Gifted, Honors, & Advanced Placement students



What is the Honors Program?

The **Honors Program** is the highest academic recognition offered at DHS. The benefits can include earning college credit, increasing your ACT scores and scholarship opportunities, and recognition in school and at graduation.

Remember: You MUST start this journey in 9th grade.



Program Requirements

Advanced

- ~ 18 Honors/AP/DE/Gifted Carnegie Units
- ~ 4 in each core subject
- ~ Must include Honors Civics and AP US History
- ~ 2 additional Honors/AP/DE/Gifted units
- ~ Minimum 85 average in Honors/AP/DE/Gifted Courses
- ~ No final grade below a C in **any** class

Academic

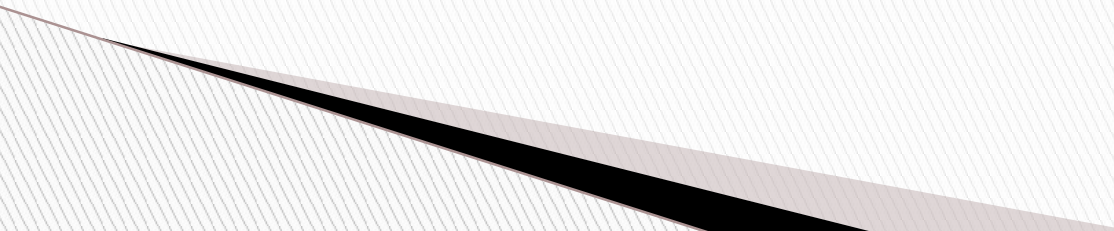
- ~ At least 10 Honors/AP/DE/Gifted Carnegie Units
- ~ Minimum 85 average in Honors/AP/DE/Gifted Courses
- ~ No final grade below a C in **any** class

Student Recognition

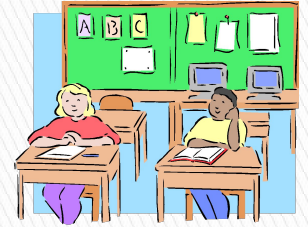
Advanced

- ~ Eligible for Senior Jacket through Honors
- ~ Recognition at the DHS Stole Ceremony and Honors Banquet
- ~ White stole and special seating at Graduation

Academic

- ~ Garnet and Gray cord at Graduation
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What are my choices?



Choice 1:

Pursue *Honors Program Recognition*.

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 ***pursue Honor Program Recognition***, he/she must also take Honors Geometry 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 Pre-Calculus**
- ▣ **Honors Calculus**

- ▣ **Honors Biology I**
- ▣ ****Honors Chemistry I**
- ▣ **Honors Physics**

- ▣ **Honors Civics**

15 **AP** Classes are offered at DHS

▣ **English**

- AP Language & Composition
- AP Literature & Composition

▣ **STEM**

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Biology 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, 3-D, and Drawing)
- 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 Independent Study**

Math:

- ▣ **Gifted Geometry**
- ▣ **Gifted Algebra II**
- ▣ **Gifted Pre-Calculus**
- ▣ **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: 2020-2021

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: 2.5 overall GPA, 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 Honors Program Recognition .**

[https://www.southeastern.edu/future_students/dual_enrollment/index.ht](https://www.southeastern.edu/future_students/dual_enrollment/index.html)

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Dual Enrollment** classes offered at DHS

- **11th grade: DE English III: English Comp I** in lieu of **AP Language & Composition**
- **12th grade: DE English IV: English Comp II** in lieu of **AP Literature & Composition**

- **11th or 12th grade: DE College Algebra** in lieu of **Honors Pre-Calculus**
- **11th or 12th grade: DE College Trigonometry** (must take DE College Algebra first)
- **11th or 12th grade: DE Statistics** (must take DE College Algebra first)

- **11th grade: DE Chemistry I** in lieu of **Honors Chemistry I**
- **12th grade: DE Chemistry II**
- **12th grade: DE Biology I**

- **11th or 12th grade: DE Spanish 101 and DE Spanish 102**

Dual Enrollment** classes offered at DHS

**Please note:* Dual enrollment credit is only 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. All students are encouraged to consider AP courses as well.

**Only DE courses that qualify on the TOPS University 5-point scale are acceptable as Advanced Studies Diploma courses.

What's the *difference* between Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment?

Advanced Placement

- AP credit is honored **nationally/globally**.
- AP courses are taught by DHS faculty with AP-approved curricula.
- The AP test is given in May and course credit is awarded for scores of 3, 4, or 5, based on the guidelines set by that university.
- Does not impact college transcript

Dual Enrollment

- *DE credit is recognized by LA public universities and some private/out-of-state universities.
- DE courses are taught by faculty in a course designed by Southeastern University.
- DE credit is awarded to 11th & 12th grade students who meet the initial ACT requirement and pass required the in-course tests/assessments.
- College credit on the permanent college transcript

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 Biology I
4. Elective

Additional electives: *Electives for 9th-graders are somewhat limited, and are listed in the DHS Course Catalog. Suggestions are included below.*

Foreign Language	Fine & Applied Arts	STEM	Talented
Spanish I	Art I	Basic Drafting	Talented Drama
	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	

****Quest for Success** (You will be scheduled in this elective if you are NOT in 4 honors classes.)

Who can apply for Honors Program classes?

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To enroll in an Honors class at the freshman level, a student should

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- 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!

How do I express interest in Honors Program?

The Honors Program Letter of Intent:

- **Access the DHS Honors Program-Portal Google Classroom (code: lilsqaj) or scan the QR Code (next slide). Email dsnieszak@stcharles.k12.la.us or ask your counselor if you need the class code.**
- **There are 3 simple steps to the process:**
 1. Complete the Google Form: **DHS Student-Survey of Intent** for DHS Honors Program.
 2. Submit a copy of your most recent report card to dsnieszak@stcharles.k12.la.us.
 3. Email two of your core teachers and ask them to complete a *teacher recommendation* form on your behalf.
- **Submit all components by **January 30, 2023**.**

Interested in Applying?

- Scan the QR Code
or
- Join the Google
Classroom: **lilsqaj**



How does the scheduling process work?

Your responsibilities:

Complete an Honors Program Intent to Enroll Packet, choose your classes, sign the commitment oath, copy your report card, and submit all materials to DHS by January 30, 2023.

Our responsibilities:

◦ **In the Spring Semester:**

The Honors Team will review intention, recommendations, and grades.

◦ **By February 1:**

Students will be informed of acceptance to the Honors Program.



APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 30, 2023 »»

No excuses ...

Speaking of NO EXCUSES ... Need a life?
It could be here!

DHS Honors Program 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, Wizards & Wildcats, and Film Club

Robotics

JROTC

Pride of Destrehan Band

DHS Indoor Percussion

Desty Darlings

DHS Cheerleaders

Student Council E-Board

DHS Choir, Show Choir

Athletic Trainers

Girls & Boys State

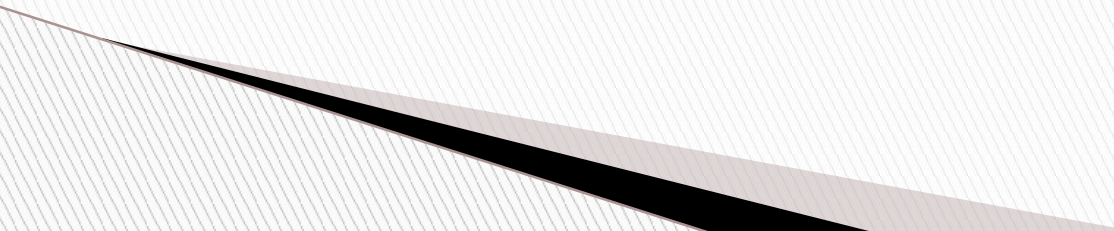
Gifted, Talented Art, Talented Theater, Talented Music Wildcat Mentors

State, District, and Parish Honor Band and Honor Choir Young Authors

District and State Literary Rally

Find your place . . .

Honors Societies

- ~ **Beta**: Eligible for invitation after 9th grade; 3.0 GPA and 3 teacher recommendations
 - ~ **National English Honor Society**: Eligible after sophomore year; 3.0 GPA (overall and in English) and completed application
 - ~ **National Honor Society**: Eligible for invitation after sophomore year; 93 GPA and enrolled in all honors/AP/DE/Gifted core classes
 - ~ All Clubs require excellent disciplinary standing
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Contact Us

- All information is available on the **DHS website**
 - **Academics**
 - **Advanced Placement**
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Any Questions?

Come on down and ask one of us!