

DREHER HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

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Dreher High School boasts a proud tradition of excellence. Dreher was named to US News and World Report's 2024 list of "America's Best High Schools." Dreher became an AP Capstone school beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

COMMUNITY - Our school is located in the capital city of Columbia, SC. In the 2020 census, the city's population was 136,600. The city's ethnic breakdown is 53.4% white, 39.8% black, 5.5% Latino, and 2.7% Asian. Columbia is home to state government, the University of South Carolina, and Fort Jackson military base.

SCHOOL - Dreher High School serves 1150 students in grades 9 through 12. Courses are offered at the College Prep, Honors, Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, and special education levels. The school's population is diverse with 65% of students identifying as nonwhite. Dreher is part of Richland County School District One.

FACULTY - 80 faculty members

CURRICULUM

The academic program is organized on an A/B alternating block schedule. Students attend four 90-minute block classes daily. Each class meets every other day on an alternating schedule. There are two semesters and four quarters. Full-credit classes are year-long; half-credit classes meet for a semester. A full course load consists of eight credits per year.

A multi-level instructional plan is offered, giving each student the opportunity to pursue individual goals. Courses are designated as College Preparatory (CP), Honors (H), Dual Enrollment, or Advanced Placement (AP). Students qualify for advanced courses (H, Dual Enrollment, AP) based on test scores, grades, faculty recommendations, and a desire for rigorous study.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025)

To qualify for the state diploma in South Carolina, students must earn twenty-four units of credit designated as follows:

English	4 units	Computer Science	1 unit
Mathematics	4 units	World Language or	
Science	3 units	Career/Tech	1 unit
U.S. History	1 unit	Electives	7 units
U.S. Government	0.5 unit	(must include 0.5	
Economics	0.5 unit	Personal Health	
Other Social Studies	1 unit	per district	
Physical Ed. or JROTC	1 unit	requirement)	
		Total	24 units

WEIGHTED CREDIT COURSES

Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings are as follows:

<u>English</u>	<u>Science</u>
AP English Language	AP Biology
AP English Literature	AP Chemistry
	AP Environmental Science
<u>Math</u>	AP Physics 1
AP Calculus AB	
AP Calculus BC	
AP Statistics	<u>Fine Arts</u>
	AP Music Theory
<u>Social Studies</u>	AP Drawing, 2D, 3D Art & Design
AP Human Geography	
AP European History	<u>Other/AP Capstone</u>
AP World History: Modern	AP Computer Science A
AP U.S. History	AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP U.S. Government	AP Seminar
AP Macroeconomics	AP Research
AP Psychology	

Honors (H) and Dual Enrollment course offerings are as follows:

<u>English</u>	<u>Science</u>
English 1, 2, 3, 4 Honors	Biology 1 Honors
Dual Enrollment English 101 & 102	Chemistry 1 Honors
	Physics Honors
<u>Math</u>	Anatomy/Physiology Honors
Algebra 1 Honors	AP Biol/Chem Prep Lab
Geometry Honors	
Algebra 2 Honors	<u>Fine Arts</u>
Pre-Calculus Honors	Art, Orch, Dance, Chorus, Band,
Calculus Honors	Guitar, Marching Band 3, 4 Honors
<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>Project Lead the Way/Engineering</u>
Human Geography Honors	Intro to Engineering Design Honors
Modern World History Honors	Principles of Engineering Honors
U.S. History Honors	Digital Electronics Honors
U.S. Government Honors	Civil Engineering/Architecture H
Economics & Personal Finance Honors	Aerospace Engineering Honors
	Computer Science Principles Honors
<u>Foreign Language</u>	<u>Dual Credit Course</u>
Spanish, French, German,	Teacher Cadet
Latin, & Chinese 3, 4, 5 Honors	

EXPLANATION OF TRANSCRIPT/GPA CALCULATION

Public high schools in South Carolina utilize the SC Uniform Grading Policy. This policy mandates that all report cards and transcripts use numeric grades. The grading scale designates both numeric and quality point ranges for each letter grade and assigns weighted credit to Honors and AP courses. Each numeric grade carries a specific quality point equivalent as designated on the chart below:

South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale Conversions				
Numerical Average	Letter Grade	College Prep Weighting	Honors Weighting	AP/IB/Dual Credit Weighting
100	A	5.000	5.500	6.000
99	A	4.900	5.400	5.900
98	A	4.800	5.300	5.800
97	A	4.700	5.200	5.700
96	A	4.600	5.100	5.600
95	A	4.500	5.000	5.500
94	A	4.400	4.900	5.400
93	A	4.300	4.800	5.300
92	A	4.200	4.700	5.200
91	A	4.100	4.600	5.100
90	A	4.000	4.500	5.000
89	B	3.900	4.400	4.900
88	B	3.800	4.300	4.800
87	B	3.700	4.200	4.700
86	B	3.600	4.100	4.600
85	B	3.500	4.000	4.500
84	B	3.400	3.900	4.400
83	B	3.300	3.800	4.300
82	B	3.200	3.700	4.200
81	B	3.100	3.600	4.100
80	B	3.000	3.500	4.000
79	C	2.900	3.400	3.900
78	C	2.800	3.300	3.800
77	C	2.700	3.200	3.700
76	C	2.600	3.100	3.600
75	C	2.500	3.000	3.500
74	C	2.400	2.900	3.400
73	C	2.300	2.800	3.300
72	C	2.200	2.700	3.200
71	C	2.100	2.600	3.100
70	C	2.000	2.500	3.000
69	D	1.900	2.400	2.900
68	D	1.800	2.300	2.800
67	D	1.700	2.200	2.700
66	D	1.600	2.100	2.600
65	D	1.500	2.000	2.500
64	D	1.400	1.900	2.400
63	D	1.300	1.800	2.300
62	D	1.200	1.700	2.200
61	D	1.100	1.600	2.100
60	D	1.000	1.500	2.000
59	F	0.900	1.400	1.900
58	F	0.800	1.300	1.800
57	F	0.700	1.200	1.700
56	F	0.600	1.100	1.600
55	F	0.500	1.000	1.500
54	F	0.400	0.900	1.400
53	F	0.300	0.800	1.300
52	F	0.200	0.700	1.200
51	F	0.100	0.600	1.100

SAT AVERAGE SCORES

Year	Number	ERW	Math	Total
2024	183	545	515	1060
2023	157	557	529	1086
2022	177	553	523	1076
2021	141	557	529	1086

ACT AVERAGE SCORES

Year	Number	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
2024	84	22.8	21.8	24.5	23.2	23.2
2023	84	20.0	20.5	22.1	20.9	21.0
2022	99	21.2	20.6	22.7	21.7	21.7
2021	95	20.3	20.2	22.1	20.8	21.0

GPA DISTRIBUTION

	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Number in Class	282	254	270
First Quintile	4.680-5.463	4.718-5.445	4.637-5.470
Second Quintile	4.098-4.654	4.111-4.700	3.949-4.632
Third Quintile	3.352-4.086	3.464-4.105	3.341-3.945
Fourth Quintile	2.664-3.333	2.811-3.460	2.717-3.335
Fifth Quintile	1.389-2.647	1.198-2.808	1.191-2.692
Median GPA	3.620	3.738	3.665

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Nat. Merit Semifinalists	5	6	4
Nat. Merit Finalists	5	5	TBD*
Nat. Merit Commended	1	1	1

*will be announced February 2025

AP SCORES

All students enrolled in AP courses at Dreher are required to take AP exams. 2023: 335 students took 702 exams; 77.4% of scores were 3 or greater. The following chart lists results by subject and the total for the year 2024:

AP Subject	5	4	3	2	1	Tot. Exams	% >=3
AP Biology	1	7	11	6	1	26	73.1%
AP Calculus AB	1	12	9	9	5	36	61.1%
AP Calculus BC	1	2	7	10	2	22	45.5%
AP Chemistry	1	6	10	4		21	81.0%
AP Computer Science A	6	3	6		1	16	93.8%
AP English Lang & Comp	10	12	9			31	100%
AP English Lit & Comp	9	18	14	2	2	45	91.1%
AP Environmental Science	5	13	3	4		25	84.0%
AP European History	8	7	3			18	100%
AP Human Geography	23	20	14	4	5	66	86.4%
AP Microeconomics	1	1	3			5	100%
AP Music Theory	2	2	2	2	5	13	46.2%
AP Physics 1	3	1	7	4	12	27	40.7%
AP Psychology	9	10	3	4	17	43	51.2%
AP Research	3	14	28	10	1	56	80.4%
AP Seminar	16	16	33	1		66	98.5%
AP Statistics	5	12	15	5	2	39	82.1%
AP 2-D Art and Design		3	4	1		8	87.5%
AP 3-D Art and Design		3				3	100%
AP Drawing	1	1	1			3	100%
AP U.S. Government	3	6	2	2		13	84.6%
AP U.S. History	11	20	5	5		41	87.8%
AP World History: Modern	10	20	9	4		43	90.7%
TOTAL	129	209	198	78	53	667	80.4%

GRADUATE PROFILE

	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Number in Class	282	254	270
Percent Attending:			
Four-Year College	56%	58%	TBD*
Two-Year College	20%	20%	TBD*
Other Schooling	2%	1%	TBD*
Employment	13%	7%	TBD*
Military	6%	3%	TBD*
Number of AP Capstone Diplomas	34	29	38
Number of Palmetto Fellows	28	26	30
SC Academic Honors Winners	21	19	21
Four-Year Graduation Rate	90.2%	88.2%	TBD**

*Follow-up for class of 2024 is finalized one year following graduation (May 2025)

**Four-year graduation rate released by SC Dept. of Education November 2024

SAMPLE OF SELECTIVE COLLEGES ATTENDED BY DREHER GRADUATES 2020 - PRESENT

American University	U.S. Naval Academy
Clemson University	Northwestern University
College of the Holy Cross	Princeton University
College of William and Mary	Rice University
Cornell University	Tufts University
Davidson College	Univ. of CA at Berkeley
Duke University	University of Michigan
Emory University	Univ. of NC at Chapel Hill
Fordham University	University of Pennsylvania
Furman University	University of Virginia
George Washington University	Vanderbilt University
Massachusetts Inst. of Tech. (MIT)	Wellesley College

AP CAPSTONE AT DREHER

In the 2016-17 school year, Dreher was selected by the College Board Advanced Placement Program to implement AP Capstone, a nationally recognized diploma program for students who are eager to develop their academic research and inquiry skills and to engage in an in-depth exploration of academic content.

The AP Capstone program involves two AP courses, AP Seminar and AP Research. Dreher offered the first course in the sequence, AP Seminar, for the first time in 2016-17. The AP Seminar course helps students to develop academic research and critical thinking skills by having students read articles, advanced research studies, and foundational philosophical texts. Students complete a team project and presentation, an individual research-based essay and presentation, and an end-of-course exam.

Dreher first offered the second course in the sequence, AP Research, during the 2017-18 school year. In AP Research, students conduct a yearlong research-based investigation on a topic of personal interest. The investigation results in an academic thesis paper (approximately 5,000 words) as well as a public presentation and defense.

Students who complete these two AP courses and any four additional AP courses successfully (passing all six AP exams) are eligible to earn an AP Capstone Diploma, a nationally recognized credential offered by the College Board.

In the class of 2024, 38 seniors earned the AP Capstone Diploma. An additional 22 juniors (currently in the upcoming class of 2025) also earned the AP Capstone Diploma based on their performance in AP by the end of junior year.

In the 2024-25 school year, there are 114 total students at Dreher enrolled in either AP Seminar or AP Research.

MISSION:

We are Dreher High School, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.

MASCOT: Blue Devil

