

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 99 SOUTH

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CARING ABOUT THE PRESENT - PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-25

CEEB/SAT School Code: 141-631

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Community High School District 99 South, Downers Grove South (DGS), located 25 miles southwest of Chicago in DuPage County. It is one of two high schools in District 99. DGS serves residents of Downers Grove, Woodridge, Lisle, Westmont, Darien, and Bolingbrook.

DGS, established in 1964, is a four-year comprehensive public high school. It is accredited by the Illinois Office of Education. DGS has an enrollment of 2,573 students.

Our district mission is to provide a caring and challenging environment where all students develop as lifelong learners, and its outstanding reputation is demonstrated in the results that it delivers.

FACULTY INFORMATION

The faculty consists of 223 certified staff; approximately 96% of them hold advanced degrees.

STUDENT INFORMATION

- Average class size 21
- Average SAT score composite is 1011 with a middle 50% range of 870-1140 when seniors tested in April of their junior year
- English Language Learners 7%
- First generation college students 45%
- Free/Reduced Lunch 17%
- **Ethnic Diversity:**
 - White 55%
 - Hispanic 23%
 - Black or African American 11%
 - Asian 7%
 - Two or More Races 4%

GRADING AND CREDIT

Letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) are issued on a semester basis. Students are required to have 22 credits for graduation. Semester grades are a compilation of 18 weeks of coursework and final exam grade. Student GPAs are computed by totaling the point values for each semester grade and dividing by the number of classes taken. The Pass/Fail option is not included in the GPA. **DGS does not rank.**

GRADING SCALE

Weighted grades are applied for the following course designation: Honors-Weighted or Advanced Placement-Weighted.

Unweighted	Weighted
A = 4.0	A = 5.0
B = 3.0	B = 4.0
C = 2.0	C = 3.0
D = 1.0	D = 2.0
F = 0.0	F = 0.0

6th SEMESTER GPA RANGE FOR CURRENT SENIORS

99% - 4.57	60% - 3.41
90% - 4.12	50% - 3.11
80% - 3.88	40% - 2.90
70% - 3.65	30% - 2.68

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate, a student must earn a minimum of 22.00 credits and successfully meet the following requirements:

English.....	4.0
Mathematics.....	3.0
Social Studies.....	3.0
Science.....	2.0
Physical Education/Health/Dr. Ed.....	4.0
Consumer Education.....	0.5
Fine Arts.....	0.5
Career & Technical Education.....	0.5
Constitution Examinations.....	P
Electives.....	4.5

UNIQUE CURRICULUM FEATURES

Independent Study options are available to meet unique learning needs of individual students.

Math 1, 2 and 3 provide an integrated math curriculum that covers all of the Common Core State Standards in math. Each year is a blend of Algebra, Geometry, and Statistics/Probability. At the end of this 3-year sequence, students are prepared to complete Pre-Calculus.

Calculus III is offered in conjunction with local colleges for college credit.

DGS follows a hybrid block schedule.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

Students from the Class of 2024 can be found at 111 college and university campuses.

Percentage of those in four-year universities/colleges:

- 25% Illinois public
- 20% Illinois private
- 38% Public out-of-state
- 17% Private out-of-state

ADVANCED PLACEMENT – MAY 2024

432 Students took 866 examinations with 73% scoring a 3 or higher.

AP Exam	Total Tests Taken	Student Scoring 3 or Higher
Biology	19	16
Calculus AB	37	31
Calculus BC	45	32
Chemistry	36	35
Computer Science A	52	30
Economics-Macro	17	11
Economics-Micro	38	20
English Language & Comp	151	88
English Lit & Comp	48	42
Environmental Science	60	50
European History	22	17
French Lang & Culture	5	4
Music Theory	7	3
Physics C: E/M	36	22
Physics C: Mechanics	52	35
Psychology	59	34
Spanish Lang & Culture	19	19
Statistics	42	30
Studio - 2D Art & Design	2	2
U.S. Govt & Politics	77	71
U.S. History	42	38

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

DGS offers 27 Advanced Placement classes and 23 Honors classes. Honors classes are indicated on transcripts with the text "H Wt" or "400 Wt." AP classes are indicated with the text "AP."

The following classes are designated as Advanced Placement and Honor classes:

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| AP Art History | AP Statistics | French III H & French V H |
| AP Biology | AP Studio Art: 2D Design (Computer Design) | German III H and German V H |
| AP Calculus AB | AP Studio Art: 3D Design (Ceramics) | Managerial Accounting Honors |
| AP Calculus BC | AP Studio Art: 3D Design (Jewelry & Metalwork) | Math 2 & 3 Honors |
| AP Chemistry | AP Studio Art: 2D Design (Digital Photography) | Physics Honors |
| AP Computer Science A | AP Studio Art: Drawing & Painting | Pre-Calculus 400 Honors |
| AP English Lang & Comp | AP U.S. Government & Politics | Principles of Engineering (PLTW) |
| AP English Lit & Comp | AP U. S. History | Spanish III & V Honors |
| AP Environmental Science | | |
| AP European History | | |
| AP French | Advanced Algebra/Trig 400 | |
| AP German | Advanced Journalistic Writing H | |
| AP Microeconomics | Architectural Drawing 1 Honors & 2 Honors | |
| AP Macroeconomics | Biology Honors | |
| AP Music Theory | Chemistry Honors | |
| AP Physics C: Mechanics | Civil Engineering & Architecture (PLTW) | |
| AP Physics C: Mechanics E&M | Earth & Space Science Honors | |
| AP Psychology | Engineering Design & Development (PLTW) | |
| AP Spanish | English & Communication I H, II H | |