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CARING ABOUT THE PRESENT - PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-26

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 2,535 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.

FACULY INFORMATION

The faculty consists of 184 certified staff; approximately 97.2% of them hold advanced degrees.

STUDENT INFORMATION

- Average class size 24
- English Language Learners 10%
- First generation college students 57%
- Free/Reduced Lunch 19%
- **Ethnic Diversity**:
  White 55%
  Hispanic 23%
  Black or African American 10%
  Asian 7%
  Two or More Races 5%

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% - 4.65	60% - 3.63
90% - 4.29	50% - 3.38
80% - 4.02	40% - 3.15
70% - 3.81	30% - 2.90

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 2025 can be found at 102 college and university campuses.

Percentage of students at universities/colleges:

68% Illinois public
9% Illinois private
16% Public out-of-state
7% Private out-of-state

ADVANCED PLACEMENT – MAY 2025

492 Students took 998 examinations with 84% scoring a 3 or higher.

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:

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	