



# Michael E. DeBakey High School For Health Professions

## Houston Independent School District

### School Profile 2025-2026

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### Our School

DeBakey High School for Health Professions, the first of its kind, was established in 1972 as a partnership between HISD and Baylor College of Medicine. It was designed to provide increased opportunities for students to access careers in medicine, science and the health professions by focusing on educational experiences in science and the health professions. We are a Title I magnet program, and students are accepted through a lottery system. DeBakey is recognized as one of the strongest college preparatory high schools in the US. Today, DHSHP serves as a national model, and has three sister campuses in Texas.

### National, State and Local Accolades

**US News and World Report 2025** #75 National (of 17,655), #8 State (of 1,555), #8 in Texas, #2 in Houston ISD, #19 Magnet (of 881), #426 STEM

**Children at Risk:** #16 High School in Houston 2024

**Niche:** #2 Public High School in Texas, 2025, #6 of 64 Magnet schools, #10 best public school in Texas (10 of 1,876, #14 Most diverse public high school in Texas (of 1979).

### Student Body

DeBakey is a Title I, magnet school with students attending from every part of Houston.

The overall demographic breakdown of our 928 students (1/27/2026) is as follows:

#### Enrollment

Grade 12: 232  
Grade 11: 209  
Grade 10: 249  
Grade 9: 229

#### Student Background

Asian or Pacific Islander: 32.2%  
African-American/Black: 13.7%  
Caucasian: 13.6% Hispanic: 31.9%  
Other: 8.7% Males: 349 Females: 570

### GPA and Rank

DeBakey reports ranks only in the top 10%. Students in the top 10% have a class rank included on their transcript. The GPA is weighted on a 4.0 scale, and is cumulative starting from the 9th grade. All health science courses are out of 4 points (no Pre-AP/honors options). Top 10% of DeBakey graduates rank in the top 8-10% nationally.

### Curriculum and Special Program

100 hours of documented community service are required for graduation. DeBakey requires 32 credits for graduation (6 more than other schools in HISD). All 9th grade core courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) are HISD Advanced. The curriculum for every course is beyond state and district standards. The uniquely designed curriculum that sets the school apart from any college-preparatory program in the nation. DeBakey provides students with an innovative approach that includes hands-on medical training, and a two-year preceptorship program with the Texas Medical Center in Houston. DeBakey places students on a path-changing trajectory and positions graduates to think critically about the world and excel throughout college.

#### DeBakey Curriculum Requirements

- 6 credits of Health Science \* (included in core curriculum)
- 5 credits of Mathematics including AP Calculus or AP Stats
- 5 credits of Science including an AP science
- 1 credit of Physical Education
- 3 credits of a Foreign Language
- 1 credit of Fine Arts
- 4 credits of Social Studies
- 0.5 credit of Speech communication
- 4 credits of English
- 2.5 credits of Electives

\*Health Science courses are located under the Career & Tech Education section on student transcripts. Through these courses, students engage with college level anatomy, physiology, histology, biomedical engineering, phlebotomy, and microbiology. During their apprenticeship in the medical center, students receive CPR and first aid certification, observe surgeries, assist doctors and nurses in hospital clinics, practice foundational patient care, and gain exposure to coursework, training, and experiences typically reserved for graduate level professional programs in medicine and health care. Students log over 100 clinical hours in the Texas Medical Center observing world-class physicians and world health research across a range of specialties.

### Extracurricular Options

DeBakey offers intramural athletic opportunities including: basketball, and volleyball. Students who pursue athletic passions at DeBakey have to work much harder than their peers at other schools.

### Honors (Pre-AP, HADV) and AP Courses

DeBakey offers 6 Pre-AP, 3 HADV, and 22 AP courses (designated as “Q” & “P” on transcript respectively). All 9th graders are required to take core courses. The average AP scores at DeBakey HS far exceed the district and many national averages.

Pre-AP Algebra 1 & 2  
 HADV Art  
 Pre-AP Biology  
 Pre-AP or On-Ramps Chem  
 Pre-AP English 1 & 2

HADV French 2 & 3  
 Pre-AP Geometry  
 Pre-AP Integrated Physics/Chem (IPC)  
 AP Pre-Calculus

2025 Average SAT Scores	2025 DeBakey HS	2025 Texas	2025 National
ERW	623	497	508
Math	624	481	542
Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	1247	978	1050

AP Exam Summary	2025	2024	2023	2022
Total AP Students	670	613	610	495
Number of Exams	1,640	1,410	1,446	1,246
AP Students with Scores 3+	617	560	506	424
AP Students with 3+	92.1%	91.4%	83%	86%

2024 Average SAT Scores	2024 DeBakey HS	2024 Texas	2024 National
ERW, Critical Reading	619	478	519
Math	622	466	505
Writing	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	1241	943	1024

Letter Grade	Grade	Regular	HADV, Pre-AP/AP
A	90-100	4.0	5.0
B	80-89	3.0	4.0
C	75-79	2.0	3.0
D	70-74	1.0	2.0
F	0-69	0.0	1.0

Class of '25 College Matriculation	# of Students
Size of Graduating Class	173
4-Year Colleges/Universities	93%
2-Year Colleges	7.8%
Out of State	17%

National Merit Data	# of Students	% of Class
2025 National Merit Finalists	8	4.6%
2024 National Merit Finalists	7	3.5%
2023 National Merit Finalists	7	3.3%
2022 National Merit Finalists	4	2.1%
2021 National Merit Finalists	12	6.4%
2020 National Merit Finalists	4	2.4%
2019 National Merit Finalists	12	7%
2018 National Merit Finalists	8	4.8%
2017 National Merit Finalists	14	8.0%

### Class of 2025

Jackson State U—2	UC Berkeley—1
Abelene University—1	Johns Hopkins—1
Auburn University—1	LSU—1
Blinn College—1	MIT—1
Case Western Reserve—1	NE Univ—2
Chapman College—1	Penn State—2
CUNY Brooklyn College—1	Rice - 23
Carleton College—2	Sam Houston—1
Colorado State Univ—3	Sac Jacinto C -1
Dartmouth College—1	Steven FA State—3
Duke Univ - 1	Texas A&M—22
Emory University—1	Texas A&M Galveston—2
Hampton University—1	Texas Christian—3
Houston Christian U—6	Texas State University—4
Houston Community - 11	Texas Southern Univ—1
	Tulane Univ—1
	Univ of Denver—1
	UT Austin—8
	UT SA—7
	U of Houston—56
	UH Downtown—3
	Univ of Maine—1
	Univ of Mary—1
	U of Nebraska—1
	U of Pittsburg—1
	Univ of St. Thomas—9
	Incarnate Word—1
	Vanderbilt Univ—1
	Washington U St Louis—1
	Xavier Univ—3