

Welcome to DeBakey High School for Health Professions



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MEET THE SEL COUNSELOR/504 COORDINATOR

Hi! My name is Ms. Bess, and I am so excited to serve as your SEL Counselor/504 Coordinator. I have been in education for 25 years, and have experience as a classroom teacher, dyslexia specialist, and counselor.

Endorsements

ARTS & HUMANITIES	BUSINESS & INDUSTRY	MULTI-DISCIPLINARY	PUBLIC SERVICES	STEM
American Sign Language English/Language Arts Fine Arts Art, Dance, Music, Theater Languages other than English Social Studies	Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Architecture & Construction Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communication Business Management English Electives Broadcast Journalism, Newspaper/Public Speaking, Debate Finance Hospitality & Tourism Information Technology Manufacturing Marketing Transportation Distribution & Logistics	Dual Credit Courses Four Credits in Each Area: Math, Science, Social Studies, and English Four Advanced Placement (AP) Courses Four International Baccalaureate (IB) Courses	Education & Training Government & Public Administration Health Sciences Human Services JROTC (Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps) Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	Advanced Mathematics Advanced Sciences Computer Science CTE/STEM Courses

DeBakey Endorsements Public Services STEM

DeBakey is a Health Professions School

DeBakey is not:
Dual Credit Campus
or
Early College Campus
(Associates Degree)

Students do not graduate early from DeBakey, we do not offer free periods & we do not approve CBEs

Freshmen Required Courses



- English 1
- Algebra 1 or next Math course in sequence
- IPC and/or Biology, or next Science course in sequence
- Pre-AP World Geography or AP Human Geography
- Principles of Health Science
- Fine Arts (Art, Theatre, or Music)
- Coed PE Foundations
- Foreign Language

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

All students are REQUIRED to take 3 years of the same foreign language

- DeBakey only offers Spanish as a foreign language.
- If a student has completed 1 or 2 credits in a foreign language other than Spanish, they will be required to start at the beginning with Spanish 1.
- DeBakey has a limited number of electives for 9th & 10th graders; therefore, if students complete 3 years of the same foreign language other than Spanish (e.g., Mandarin or French) in middle school, then they will be placed in Spanish 1.

DEBAKEY HSHP Course Requirements

Discipline for DeBakey HSHP	Credits Needed to Graduate
English	4 (English 1, English 2, English 3, & English 4)
Math	5 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, AP Pre-Cal, & AP Cal AB)
Science	5 (IPC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, & AP Science)
Social Studies	4 (World Geography, World History, US History, & Economics/Govt.
Physical Education	1
Languages other than English	3 (in the same foreign language)
Fine Arts	1 (Visual Art, Music or Theatre)
Health Science	6
Other Electives	3
Total	32

Course Labels

- **Magnet/Regular-** on-level course
- **HADV-** HISD Advance course
- **Pre-AP** – Pre-Advanced Placement
- **AP-** Advanced Placement (College Board)

HADV/Pre-AP & AP

- **Remember: Freshmen need time to transition into high school.**
- Consider all your options and weigh the PROS & CONS.
- Magnet/Regular courses are rigorous
- Take HADV/Pre-AP courses only in those subjects you do best in.
- **DO NOT OVERLOAD!**
- It is better to make an "A" or "B" in a Magnet/Regular course than a "C" in a HADV/Pre-AP course.
- Allow time for extracurriculars and community service work.

Magnet/Regular vs. HADV/Pre-AP/AP

Calculating Your Grade Point Average (GPA)

The GPA is the average of all your grades starting from freshman year. All grades are included, even if a student retakes a course due to a failing grade.

It is important to know how to calculate your GPA. A little planning in your freshman year can go a long way toward a high GPA when you graduate.

Explanation of GRADES

GRADES	Regular	HADV/AP
A = 90-100	4 Points	5 Points
B = 80-89	3 Points	4 Points
C = 75-79	2 Points	3 Points
D = 70-74	1 Points	2 Points
F = 0-69	0 Points	0 Points

Your GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) is all your final semester grades throughout the year in your classes, added together, and averaged

Grades from Middle School will not count towards High School GPA

FAQs

- I took a High School level course in Middle School. Will that class be calculated into my High School GPA? **No. Your GPA starts in your freshman year.**
- I took Biology in middle school. Do I still have to take IPC? **Yes.**
- Is COED PE required? **Yes. All freshmen need to complete their requirements as soon as possible.**
- I took AP Foreign Language in Middle School; do I have to take a foreign language? **Please provide AP scores, and your counselor will let you know.**
- Can I take PE or Fine Arts later? **All freshmen need to complete their requirements as soon as possible.**
- Can I take Summer School to get ahead? **No.**
- Can I play sports at my zoned school? **We do not recommend that freshmen participate in sports due to the rigorous curriculum at DeBakey.**
- Can I take a class over? **No, if you earned credit. Yes, if you failed the class and did not receive credit.**
- Is DeBakey a Dual Credit/Early College Campus? **No. We are a specialty school. Other schools in the district offer these programs.**
- Do I have to take Health Science all four years? **Yes, DeBakey is a Health Science Magnet School.**
- Can I take classes outside of DeBakey? **No. All coursework is to be completed on the DeBakey Campus with DeBakey Teachers.**

Thank you!

