

CLASS OF 2030

PRE-ENROLLMENT AND CTE JACKET SHOWCASE



DHS Course Catalog

This QR Code will lead you to the 2025-26 Denison High School Course Catalog.

This is a great resource to find information regarding what classes are offered at DHS.

It also contains tons of information such as:

- Graduation Requirements
- Endorsements
- CTE Course Sequences

And much, much more!



**PLEASE SCAN & COMPLETE
FORM
BEFORE LEAVING
TONIGHT!**

This QR code will take you to a Google form. This is simply an acknowledgment that you attended this evening and have been informed about the following things:

- graduation requirement
- distinguished achievement requirements
- endorsements
- Texas top 10% guidelines
- CCMR

**Please complete this form
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TEXAS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The foundation high school graduation plan for students in the state of Texas requires that students earn the following types of credit:

- 4 English credits
- 3 Math credits
- 3 Social studies credits
- 3 science credits
- 1 PE credit
- fine art credit
- 2 credits in a language other than English
- 5 Electives

Denison ISD has a few additional requirements:

- 9 electives rather than 5
- Proof of Speech proficiency

To prove speech proficiency, students must take/do one of the following:

- public speaking
- debate
- theatre arts 1 AND 2
- AVID 1 AND 2

**GRADUATION PLAN DETAILS IN
COURSE CATALOG P. 24**

ENDORSEMENTS & CTE

At DISD, it is our desire for students to be high achievers! As a result we very much desire having all students complete an endorsement and a career and technology pathway.

Students may earn the following endorsements:

- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Industry
- Multidisciplinary Studies
- Public Services
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

A detailed explanation of the courses required for an endorsement are on page 25 of our *Course Catalog*...



DHS is proud to offer many, many career and technology courses and pathways to our students. Career Technology (CTE) courses are available for student in many different pathways. Students can graduate from DHS fully licensed as a beautician, have multiple welding certification, and many, many other certificates that will boost their employability after high school.

Discover information about all of our CTE pathways beginning on page 78 of the *Course Catalog*.

A quick overview is on the next page of this handout.

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

The production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing, and development of agricultural commodities and resources including food, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture, and other plant and animal products/resources.

Architecture & Constructions

Careers in designing, planning, managing, building and maintaining the built environment.

Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications

Designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services.

Education & Training

Planning, managing and providing education and training services, and related learning support services.

Health Science

Planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development.

Hospitality & Tourism

Jobs in the hospitality and tourism career cluster involve planning, managing, and providing lodging, food, recreation, conventions, and tourism, and related planning and support services such as travel-related services.

Human Services

Preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs.

Information Technology

Building Linkages in IT Occupations Framework: For Entry Level, Technical, and Professional Careers Related to the Design, Development, Support and Management of Hardware, Software, Multimedia, and Systems Integration Services.

Manufacturing

Planning, managing and performing the processing of materials into intermediate or final products and related professional and technical support activities such as production planning and control, maintenance and manufacturing/process engineering.

Marketing

The marketing career cluster includes jobs focused on promoting products and services to help businesses reach their marketing goals.

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics

Planning, managing, and providing scientific research and professional and technical services (e.g., physical science, social science, engineering) including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

TOP 10%

By: Author

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC) 51.803, students graduating in the top 10% of his or her class is eligible for automatic admission to any state college or university with the exception of the University of Texas at Austin.

For the University of Texas at Austin, admission is automatic for only the top 6% of a graduating class. The student must also meet **ONE** the following as well-

- Earn Distinguished Achievement under the Foundation High School Program **OR**
- Meet ACT College Readiness Benchmarks or earn at minimum a score of 450 on reading and writing and a 530 in math on the SAT.

Colleges may still require that students provide an ACT or SAT score.

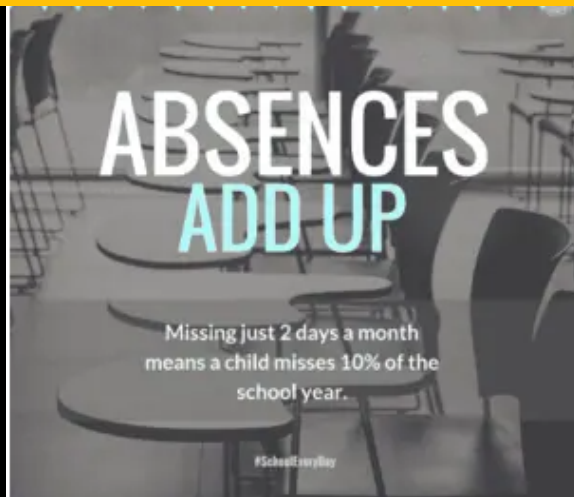
More information is located on p. 8 of our *Course Catalog*.



Earn Distinguished Achievement

- **FOUR CREDITS IN SCIENCE**
- **FOUR CREDITS IN MATH, INCLUDING CREDIT IN ALGEBRA II**
- **COMPLETION OF CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS FOR AT LEAST ONE ENDORSEMENT**

See p. 28 of our *Course Catalog*



Attendance Matters

There is a strong correlation between attendance and academic success.

In Texas, it is also state law. State law requires that students attend class at 90% of the time in order to earn credit for a class. Should a student be absent for a class more than 10% of the time, the district may **NOT** award credit for that class.

Even if a student earns a 99 average in a class, if they are not in attendance at 90% of the time, they will not earn credit.

Students may be assigned Saturday school to “buy” back time; but isn’t it better to have your weekend and simply come to school?

At DHS the 90% means that for class period 1,2, & 6, a student must miss no more than 8 days per semester. In class that only meet every other day (3A/3B, 4A/4B, 5A/5B) students can miss only 4 days per semester before losing credit.

See p. 3 in our *Course Catalog* for more information.



ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES NEED TO BE CCMR READY

College Ready

- Meet criteria of 3 or greater on AP exam.
- Meet Texas Success Initiative (TSI) criteria in ELAR AND Math*:
 - SAT (530 Math; 480 Reading/Writing)
 - ACT – Prior to 2/23 (23 composite with 19 in ELAR & Math)
After 2/23 (ELAR E+R=40 and Math 22, no composite)
 - TSIA2 (ELAR 945; Math 950)
 - Complete college prep math or college prep English course.
 - Can mix/match these for TSI readiness
- Complete a course for dual credit (nine hours or more in any subject OR three hours ELAR or mathematics).
- Complete an OnRamps course in any subject and earn college credit.

Career Ready

- Earn an industry-based certification.
- Graduate with completed IEP and workforce readiness.

Military Ready

- Student must enlist in one of the Armed Forces and complete and submit the DD Form 4 in full, including all required signatures by the student and the enlistment officer.

TURN IN YOUR WORK!

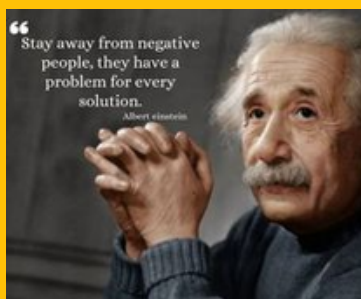
1. Teachers do not give you assignments just because they are boring people and have nothing better to do than grade your work!
2. They give you assignments so they can check for your understanding.
3. O's give absolutely no feedback. O's do not tell teachers you don't understand; they say you are lazy.
4. TRYING and failing on your homework, let's teachers know that you don't understand! 📌
5. O's kill your grade. Do the math.
90+85+90+75 at glance shows a B student. (340/4=85). But, average in a 0...90+85+90+0=265/4=66!

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90	90	90
95	95	95
80	80	80
+85	+ 0	+30
350/4=87.5	265/4=66.25	295/4=73.75
Average=88	Average=66	Average=74

Tips from a Straight A Student:

- do work as soon as it is assigned
- take breaks
- study material every day (bits of it)
- organization!
- keep old tests for finals and organize them.
- find and write out test dates
- handwritten notes >> typed notes
- practice problems
- get quality sleep
- balanced diet
- turn off the phone while studying
- study with a partner
- do not cram the night before!
- study before lectures
- sit near the front of the class room
- ask questions regularly



DENISON HIGH SCHOOL

9TH/12TH ATTENDANCE - SENA GRANTHAM 903-462-7930
10TH/11TH ATTENDANCE - MIRIAN MARTIN 903-462-7166



ATTENDANCE POLICY

- State law requires students to be in attendance for at least 90 percent of the days during a semester in order to receive credit for a class.
- When a student is absent from school, a doctor's note or parent note must be provided for the absence to be excused.
- Phone calls will not be accepted as documentation for a student's absent.
- If a student is absent three or more consecutive days, a doctor's note will be required for the absences to be excused.
- A note signed by the student, even with the parent's permission, will not be accepted unless the student is 18 or older or is an emancipated minor under state law



EXEMPTION POLICY

Absences	12th	11th	10th	9th
0-1	8	7	5	4
2	6	5	3	2
3	4	3	1	1

Important Rules:

- Must be passing the class
- Exemptions cannot carry over to next semester
- Lost ticket = lost exemption
- Students in DAEP are not eligible
- Block classes require multiple exemptions
- Absences reduce exemption eligibility

Exemption Process:

- Check posted exemption lists before finals
- Submit corrections in writing before deadline
- Pick up exemption ticket with ID

Introducing our school's very own parent app!



Stay connected from anywhere with our **online portal** and **parent app, ParentSquare!**

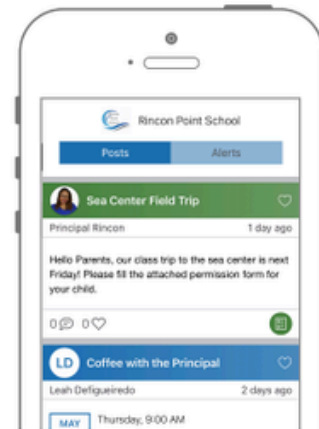
Get all school notifications in one place.
View only what's relevant to your student.
Never miss out again!



Get Started in 3 Easy Steps!



ParentSquare
ParentSquare
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1. Download the free iOS or Android mobile app.

2. Log in with your email or phone registered with the school.

3. Start receiving posts relevant to your student.



How to Make Sure You Stay Connected



Activate your account & login.



Make sure the school has your correct email AND mobile phone number.



Set your notification preferences in ParentSquare.





DENISON 2026-2027

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2026 JULY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2026 AUGUST

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2026 NOVEMBER

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2026 DECEMBER

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2027 JANUARY

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2027 FEBRUARY

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2027 APRIL

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2027 JUNE

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- JUL 27-31** New Employee Institute (NO STUDENTS) **NOV 23-27** Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL) **MAR 1** Early Release Parent/Teacher Conferences
AUG 4-11 Professional Learning Day (NO STUDENTS) **NOV 30** Faculty & Staff Work Day (NO STUDENTS) **MAR 15-19** Spring Break
AUG 12 Faculty & Staff Work Day (NO STUDENTS) **DEC 18** Early Release **MAR 22** Faculty & Staff Work Day (NO STUDENTS)
AUG 13 First Day Of School **DEC 21-JAN 1** Christmas Break **MAR 26** Bad Weather Day
SEP 7 Labor Day Holiday **JAN 4** Faculty & Staff Work Day (NO STUDENTS) **APR 7** Early Release
SEP 21 Early Release Parent/Teacher Conferences **JAN 18** Comp Day - No School (Staff & Students) **MAY 20** Early Release
OCT 9 No School (Staff & Students) **FEB 12** Bad Weather Day **MAY 21** Faculty & Staff Work Day (NO STUDENTS)
OCT 12 Comp Day - No School (Staff & Students) **FEB 15** No School (Staff & Students) **MAY 31** Memorial Day

SIX & NINE WEEKS INDICATORS:

- [] Elementary campuses and B. McDaniel - 9 WEEKS
{ } Scott Middle School and Denison High School - 6 WEEKS

IT'S GREAT TO BE A YELLOW JACKET!



REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

Time		Class
8:10	Tutoring Bell	
8:20		
8:30-9:15		1st
	Passing	
9:19-10:04		2nd
	Passing	
10:08-11:38		3A/3B
	Passing	
11:42-1:38		
	11:38-12:04	ALunch
		passing
	12:08-12:34	B Lunch
	12:38-1:04	
	1:08-1:38	
	Passing	
1:42-3:12		
	Passing	
3:16-4:01		

PEP RALLY

Time 8:10		Class
8:20 8:30-	Tutoring Bell	
9:08		
		1st
	Passing	
9:13-9:52		2nd
	Passing	
9:56-11:15		3A/3B
	Passing	
11:19-1:15		4A/4B
	11:15-11:41	A Lunch
		Passing
	11:45-12:11	B Lunch
		Passing
	12:15-12:41	C Lunch
		Passing
	12:45-1:15	
	Passing	DLunch
	1:19-2:38	5A/5B
	Passing	
	2:42-3:21	6th
	3:21-3:31	RELEASE TO PEP RALLY
	3:31-4:01	PEP RALLY

DENISON HIGH SCHOOL 2026-27 BELL SCHEDULE



Frist , second, and sixth periods are 45 minutes each day.

3A/3B, 4A/4B, and 5A/5B are 90 minutes every other day.