

Welcome to
DeBakey High School
for Health Professions



Meet the Counselors...



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Document Drop-off

Message from the school registrar, Ms. Niaves-Davis:

The following documents help us create student folders in the event of delays with the middle school records.

Please bring a copy of the following documents with you:

- Parent/Legal Guardian Picture ID
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Residency (Parent/Legal Guardian)
- Birth Certificate
- Student Social Security Card (if applicable)
- School Records from Last School attended, e.g., Final 7th & 8th Grade Report Card/Transcript (the final 8th grade report card must say PROMOTED), STAAR Scores, AP College Board Scores (if applicable), Other School Records (IEP/504 – if applicable)

Dates: June 15, 16 & 17, 8 am-12 pm & 1 pm-3 pm

In the event you cannot attend one of the dates. Please email Ms. Niaves

SNIAVES@houstonisd.org

COURSE SELECTION

- The link **opens May 18, 2026, at 8:00 am**
- Course Selection will **close May 29, 2026, at 7:00 pm**
- **Use Final Report Cards from 7th Grade and current 8th Grade to complete course selection & the DeBaKey Course Sequence.** Remember, DeBaKey is known for its rigorous curriculum.

Students who attended placement testing:

Please refer to the Results Document you received during Freshman Launch Day to see which Math, Science, English, and Spanish courses to select on your Course Selection Form.

COURSE SELECTION

Note about HISD Course Planner: We understand some students may have completed the SchooLinks Course Planner in middle school. We need all incoming DeBakey students to complete the Google Form Course Selection for the 2026-2027 school year. This will ensure students are selecting courses that will reflect their abilities at DeBakey HSHP.

The Course Selection form may only be submitted once

Any changes or issues to selections will be addressed in August

Please do not email the counselors for changes to course selection

****Courses will not be loaded without the Final 8th grade report card****

Freshmen Required Courses



English 1

Algebra 1 or next Math course in sequence

IPC and/or Biology, or next Science course in sequence

World Geography or AP Human Geography

Principles of Health Science

Fine Arts (Art, Theatre, or Music)

Coed PE Foundations

Foreign Language - Spanish

English 1

English 1

- Regular
- 4.0 GPA scale

Pre-AP English 1

- Pre-Advanced Placement
- 5.0 GPA scale

If selecting PRE-AP English 1, we recommend students meet the Masters Level on both STAAR Reading 7 & STAAR Reading 8.

MATH

MATH SEQUENCE:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry or Pre-AP Geometry
- Algebra 2 or Pre-AP Algebra 2
- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus AB

Students must complete Algebra 1 before taking Geometry. Students must complete Algebra 1 and Geometry before taking Algebra 2.

Students must complete Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 before taking AP Pre-Calculus.

If selecting Pre-AP Geometry or Pre-AP Algebra 2, we recommend students meet the Masters Level on the STAAR Algebra 1.

There is no PRE-AP option for Algebra 1.

Science

SCIENCE SEQUENCE:

- **IPC**
- **Biology or Pre-AP Biology**
- **Chemistry or Pre-AP Chemistry**
- **Physics or AP Physics 1**
- **AP Science** (AP Biology, AP Physics 2, or AP Chemistry)

Students must have completed IPC and Biology before taking Chemistry.

If you did not complete IPC and Biology in Middle School you will be required to take both IPC and Biology in 9th grade.

****If selecting PRE-AP Science, we recommend students have reached the Mastery Level on the STAAR Science.**

Social Studies

World Geography

- **Regular**
- **4.0 GPA scale**

AP Human Geography

- **Pre-Advanced Placement**
- **5.0 GPA scale**

AP Human Geography

AP Human Geography is the equivalent of a one-semester college-level course and is designed to provide the student with an in-depth understanding of the earth's regions, religions, languages, recent regional histories, governments, economic systems, and physical features.

Note that students, on average, have over 6 hours of homework per week for this course. Not including the homework in their other 7 classes.

Recommendations for this course:

- Achieve a Master's Level on the Reading 8 STAAR to be successful in the AP Human Geography course.

Health Science

9th Grade - Principles of Health Science

10th Grade - Health Science

11th Grade - Practicum 1

12th Grade - Practicum 2

- DeBakey HSHP students take Health Science every year.
- Health Science is not an elective; it is a requirement.
- All Health Science courses are on a 4.0 GPA scale.

Fine Arts

Fine Arts offered at DeBakey HSHP:

Art

Music

Theatre

- The state of Texas requires students to complete one credit of a fine art.

Physical Education

The state of Texas requires students to complete one credit of PE.

Foreign Language - Spanish

DeBakey HSHP only offers Spanish:

Spanish 1

Spanish 2

Spanish 3

HADV Spanish 3

AP Spanish

DeBakey HSHP students are required to complete three years of the same foreign language.

- Please note that no Credit by Exams are approved once on the DeBakey campus.
- If you completed an AP Foreign Language in Middle School, you must submit your AP scores.
- Any CBEs from Middle School must be entered by the Middle School to reflect on the student's historical records.

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 I, 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

<u>GRADES</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>HADV/AP</u>
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

HISD Report Card

7th Grade – not all student will have credits from 7th grade

Course Description	Teacher	Period	Grades		Exam	Avg	Credit Attempted	Credit Earned	Conduct		Excused Absences		Unexcused Absences	
SPANISH 7 F	Sanchez, R	1	91	95		93	0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
ALGEBRA 1A	Kho, A	12	91	88	90	90	0.50	0.50	E	E	0	0	0	0
CHOIR 1F MS	Jones, D	13	95	96		96	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
READING 7 Y	Moses, S	2/9	88	93			0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
TEXAS HISTORY 7	Brown, C	3/10	94	90			0.00		E	S	0	0	0	0
SCIENCE 7	Sandles, Y	4/11	90	91			0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
MATH 7	Abergos, M	5	93	95			0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
TECH APPL 7 F	Do, A	6	100	97		99	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
ENGLISH 7	Taylor, S	7/14	88	91			0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
COED PE/HLTH 7F	Jackson, C	8	92	93		93	0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
SPANISH 7 S	Sanchez, R	1	92	90		91	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
ALGEBRA 1B	Manzon, R	10	93	91	84	90	0.50	0.50	S	S	0	0	0	0
CHOIR 1S MS	Lattimore, K	13	95	100		98	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
READING 7 Y	Moses, S	2/9	93	94		92	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
MATH 7	Manzon, R	3	96	88		93	0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
SCIENCE 7	Sandles, Y	4/11	90	90		90	0.00		S	S	0	0	1	0
TEXAS HISTORY 7	Brown, C	5/12	98	96		95	0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
TECH APPL 7 S	Do, A	6	99	99		99	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
ENGLISH 7	Taylor, S	7/14	99	95		93	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
COED PE/HLTH 7S	Jackson, C	8	89	84		87	0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
Total Current Credits							1.00	1.00						

HISD Report Card

8th Grade – not all students will have credit from 8th grade
If you did not earn credit in middle school for a high school level course, you will have to retake it.

Course Description	Teacher	Period	Grades		Exam	Avg	Credit Attempted	Credit Earned	Conduct		Excused Absences		Unexcused Absences	
ADVOCACY MS	Kelso, A	G1					0.00				0	0	0	0
THTRE ADV 2F MS	Foster, A	P1	100	100		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
US HIST8 MYP/VG	Flores, N	P2	98	100			0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
SPANISH 1A	Cantu, E	P3	99	100	96	99	0.50	0.50	E	E	0	0	0	0
LEADSHP TEAM F	Giroir, M	P4	100	100		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
INT DANCE F	Joseph, K	R1	100	100		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
IPC A PIB	Scott, C	R2	96	98	93	96	0.50	0.50	E	E	0	0	0	0
ALG 1A PREIB	Blair, B	R3	98	93	87	94	0.50	0.50	E	E	0	0	0	0
ENG 8 MYP/VG	Williams, A	R4	98	100			0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
ADVOCACY MS	Kelso, A	G1					0.00				0	0	0	0
THTRE ADV 2S MS	Foster, A	P1	100	100		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	1
US HIST8 MYP/VG	Flores, N	P2	100	100		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
SPANISH 1B	Cantu, E	P3	100	98	99	99	0.50	0.50	E	S	0	0	0	1
LEADSHP TEAM S	Giroir, M	P4	100	100		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	1
INT DANCE S	Joseph, K	R1	100	99		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
IPC B PIB	Scott, C	R2	98	96	85	95	0.50	0.50	E	E	0	0	0	1
ALG 1B PREIB	Blair, B	R3	93	94	94	94	0.50	0.50	E	E	0	0	0	0
ENG 8 MYP/VG	Williams, A	R4	99	88		96	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
Total Current Credits							3.00	3.00						

NON-HISD or Private Schools

NON-HISD Schools (other districts)

- Report cards
- Official Transcript

Private Schools

- Report Card
- Letter with credits earned or Official Transcript

Date Letter Sent

Michael E. DeBakey High School
for Health Professions
2545 Pressler St.
Houston, TX 77030

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Student Name has successfully completed the following course(s) for high school credit. They are as follows.

Course(s)	Grade Received	Credit Received
Algebra 1A	85	.5
Algebra 1B	92	.5
Integrated Physics and Chemistry 1A	90	.5
Integrated Physics and Chemistry 1B	80	.5
Spanish 1A	75	.5
Spanish 1B	85	.5

Please accept this letter to ensure the student named above receive proper credit for course(s) taken for high school credit. If further information is required please contact us at

School Telephone Number

Thank you in advance

Sincerely,

Principal Signature

SEAL
or
STAMP

Personal Graduation Plan (PGP)

The personal graduation plan is a working document used by counselors and/or administrators designated by the principal to track student completion of graduation requirements. It is a tool used to document grades, endorsement selections, and coursework. The personal graduation plan is an opportunity for students, parents/guardians, and counselors/administrators to meet individual student needs. The use of the personal graduation plan is necessary to ensure desired outcomes for college and career readiness

DeBakey Endorsements

Public Services

STEM

PGPs are completed on SCHOOLINKS

Instructions will be sent in September

*By viewing this slide you are acknowledging that the PGP description has been provided.

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.**

Review

- **Course Selection closes May 29, 2026, at 7 pm**
- Make sure to use 7th grade and 8th grade report cards to complete course selection & the DeBakey Course Sequence. Remember, DeBakey is known for its rigorous curriculum
- **Once you submit the course selection form, you will receive an email confirmation. Save and print this email.**
- No changes can be made to the course selection once it is submitted.
- If you have questions, please contact your counselor after reviewing this PowerPoint.
- Read all information on the Course Selection form carefully and in its entirety.

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Thank you!

