

# DENTON HIGH SCHOOL

*An International Baccalaureate  
World School*

## PROFILE 2017-2018

*—Mission Statement—*

*Denton High School, in partnership with the home and community, is dedicated to the development of knowledgeable, compassionate individuals who actively and ethically contribute to the betterment of our world.*

*By providing challenging and educational experiences that encourage cooperation, creativity and intercultural understanding, DHS aims to create life-long learners who embrace the diversity of others.*

*Adopted 2007*

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

Denton ISD:

‘A fast growing community’

Located at the top of the “golden triangle” of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Denton ISD is the second-fastest growing school district in North Texas. Denton’s unique “small town community” environment separates it from the growing, larger suburban school districts within the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

With two universities and a community college – University of North Texas, Texas Woman’s University and North Central Texas College - within its boundaries, Denton ISD is able to offer the highest quality academic programs. However, it maintains a small school climate so students can develop stronger leadership skills.

The goal of the district is to keep its high schools at maximum enrollment of 2,000. In 2005, Denton ISD opened its third comprehensive high school. In 2006, the district opened a state-of-the-art LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex for juniors and seniors. In 2016, Denton ISD opened its fourth comprehensive high school.

Denton ISD encompasses 180 square miles and is part of 15 cities and communities.

## CURRICULUM

The graduation requirement at Denton High is 26 credits (See chart at right).

Students must also pass five state proficiency examinations (EOC) in English 1 & 2/Language Arts, Algebra 1, Biology, and US History to receive a diploma. Identified gifted students are served in high school through advanced coursework options.

## THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The IB Diploma Programme is a challenging two-year course of study designed to meet the needs of highly motivated and talented high school students. It provides students with the intellectual, social, and critical perspective necessary for the international world. Texas Senate Bill 111 (2005) awards Texas seniors earning the IB Diploma with scores of 4 or better a total of 24 semester credit hours at any Texas public institution of higher education.

In 2017, DHS had a record 44 full Diploma candidates completing a total of 518 subject exams.

## THE SCHOOL

DESCRIPTION—A public comprehensive four-year secondary school offering programs in college preparatory, career and technology, English as a Second Language, and special education.

ENROLLMENT—Total of 2037 students, with a senior class of 450. School Demographics--Hispanic or Latino 34%, American Indian & Alaska Native 1%, Asian 3%, Black or African American 16%, Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander 1%, White 45%.

SCHOOL DAY—Total of eight credit-earning classes; six classes of 90-minutes each in length-meeting on alternate days, and two classes of 60-minutes each in length-meeting every day (officially referred to as a modified block schedule).

ACCREDITATION—Fully granted by the Texas Education Agency and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

FACULTY—The faculty consists of 168 professional staff members, including a principal, one associate principal and five instructional principals, five counselors, one career counselor, one student assistance counselor and one social worker. More than 40% of the faculty hold advanced degrees.

PSAT/NMSQT AND ON-LINE SAT READINESS—This is a district funded program to help students improve test taking skills. It includes free PSAT/NMSQT testing for 10th and 11th grade students and free on-line SAT Readiness course for students grades 9-12.

DUAL/CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES—Available through University of North Texas, Texas Woman’s University and North Central Texas College; college math, economics, history, chemistry, and English classes also available on campus. <http://www.dentonisd.org/Page/71472>

ARTICULATED COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES-- Students can earn free college credit at DHS and the Advanced Technology Complex in courses which are articulated with community colleges.

### PRE-ADVANCED PLACEMENT/ MYP INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSES

English — I & II/ Language A	Precalculus
World Geography/Humanities	French II, III/Language B
Biology	German II, III/Language B
Chemistry	Latin II, III/ Language B
Algebra I	Spanish I, II, III/Language B
Algebra II	Art I
Geometry	

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

English III & IV	Calculus AB & BC
Biology	Computer Science A
Chemistry	French IV
Physics	German IV
Environmental Science	Latin IV
World History	Spanish IV & V
U. S. History	Studio Art
U. S. Government	Music Theory
Economics	Psychology
Statistics	

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSES

IB English HL	IB Spanish HL SL
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IB French SL  
 IB German SL  
 IB Latin SL  
 IB History of the Americas HL  
 IB Biology HL SL  
 IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL  
 IB Computer Science HL & SL

IB Math Studies SL  
 IB Math SL  
 IB Music SL  
 IB Dance HL & SL  
 IB Art HL & SL  
 IB Film HL & SL  
 IB Theory of Knowledge

Graduation Requirements		
Credits By Subject Area	Foundation Plus Endorsements Plan	Endorsements Offered
English	4	Business and Industry Arts & Humanities Public Services STEM Multidisciplinary Studies
Mathematics ( <i>Including Alg 1, Alg II, Geom.</i> )	4	
Science ( <i>including Biology, Chemistry, Physics</i> )	4	
World Geography	1	
World History	1	
U.S. History	1	
U.S. Government	.5	<b>State Testing (EOC)</b> Algebra 1 Biology English I English II U.S. History
Economics	.5	
Professional Communications ( <i>Speech</i> )	.5	
Physical Education	1	
Fine Arts ( <i>Art, Music, Theatre, Dance</i> )	1	
World Language	2	
Electives	5.5	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>26</b>	

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE

GPA will be calculated for the foundation courses as follows:

- 4-Language Arts courses
- 4-Science courses (1 each/Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 1 additional course)
- 4-Social Studies courses
- 4-Math courses (highest 8 semesters)
- 2-Foreign Language (highest 4 semesters of same course)

GPA foundation courses will be calculated whether the student took the class during the regular school year, in summer school, by correspondence, by course exam, or by dual enrollment.

GPA and rank are calculated on a 4-point scale with a 1-point bonus for IB, Pre AP and AP classes. Only 18 (36 semesters) academic foundation courses are used in the calculation. Only courses taken during 9th through 12th grade will be computed in a student's GPA. Earned GPA from courses completed within the prescribed 18 is used to rank students through the 7th semester. Highest GPA in present senior class is 5.0.

Weight	Grade Points Earned
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Number Grade	Letter Grade	Regular	Pre-AP/AP/IB
90-100	A	4	5
80-89	B	3	4
70-79	C	2	3
Below 70	F	0	0

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## COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Approximately 86% of our graduates will go on to higher education. Denton High graduates will continue their formal education with 50% attending four-year institutions and 20% going on to community colleges, 3% attending technical schools, and 3% entering the armed services.

### Joel Hays, Principal

Scott Nedrow, Instructional Associate Principal  
 Kimberly Thaggard, Assistant Principal (A-C)  
 Joanne Keeler, Assistant Principal (D-H)  
 Jacqueline San Miguel, Assistant Principal (I-N)  
 Rudy Alvarado, Assistant Principal (O-R)  
 Howard Palmer, Assistant Principal (S-Z)

Jari Peltier, Counselor (A-C)  
 Kathleen Ashton, Counselor (D-H)  
 Dr. Justin Fields, Counselor (I-N)  
 Chris Lydia, Counselor (O-R)  
 Dr. Doretha Hudspeth, Counselor (S-Z) (Lead)  
 Kimberly Keith (Career Counselor)  
 Linsey Schafer, (Student Assistance Counselor)  
 Beth Hughes, IB Coordinator/Advisor  
 Crystal Sullivan, IB Middle Years Programme Coordinator  
 Martha Valles, Social Worker

### Denton Independent School District

Dr. Jamie Wilson, *Superintendent*  
 Dr Mike Mattingly, *Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum*  
 Dr. Daniel Lopez, Dr. Gwen Perkins, and Susannah O'Bara  
*Area Superintendents*