

DENTON ISD

HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING GUIDE



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High School Course Planning Guide

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Denton Independent School District



A message from Dr. Jamie Wilson, Superintendent of Schools

Dear DISD Students and Families,

The DISD wants your high school experience to be full of meaningful learning that prepares you for your future in keeping with our commitment “to prepare every student for their future in today’s world.” This High School Course Catalog & Planning Guide will assist students and their families in thinking about their own future and selecting courses of study that will meet each student’s individual needs, satisfying graduations requirements, and preparing our students for life after high school.

This guide is full of information that will assist you through the educational pathway designed to afford you the opportunity to fulfill your dreams and create your future. Please take note of the variety of course offerings in the areas of science, mathematics, arts, humanities, languages, social sciences, and career and technology. Challenge yourself to be all you can be, and take advantage of the many course offerings and areas of study available to you.

It is our expectation that you will choose your courses wisely with the end result in mind. Careful planning requires good information and useful resources. Please take the opportunity to visit with your guidance counselor about the advantages of Naviance. Naviance is a resource provided free to DISD students and their families to connect what students do in the classroom to their life goals, including finding colleges and careers based on their personal skills and interests. More information is available at www.naviance.com.

On behalf of the Denton ISD staff and the Board of Trustees, I wish you the best success in your high school years. After four years in high school, you will participate in commencement. This commencement is called high school graduation; however, it will not be the end of your educational career, in fact, it will be the beginning of a life filled with learning, accomplishments, trials and tribulations. I pledge our DISD commitment to assist you in any way possible to make your dreams a reality, meet your goals and exceed lofty expectations.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jamie Wilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Denton Independent School District Equal Opportunity Policy Statement

Denton ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or disability in providing education or providing access to benefits of education services, activities and programs, including vocational programs, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Inquiries regarding these policies should be directed to the Executive Director of Human Resources, 940-369-0000.

Denton Independent School District

a closer look into the high school curriculum

Mission Statement

Denton ISD: Empowering lifelong learners to be engaged citizens who positively impact their local and global community.

Although the courses listed in this catalog are categorized in sections labeled: foundation, enrichment, and career and technology, it is important to note that the high school curriculum represents a rich variety of courses to address diverse interests and needs. The curriculum development process is ongoing; it evolves each year to reflect societal changes, current research, and a synthesis of current initiatives and trends coordinated with proven traditional models of instruction.

The Denton ISD curriculum, Pre-K-12, continues to evolve to represent a well-balanced, challenging, and coordinated instructional blueprint, aligned to national, state, and local standards, as well as, the 12th grade graduation goals. The instructional goals adopted by the Denton ISD Board of Trustees reflect the attributes deemed critical for you to possess as you leave high school.

The Denton ISD high school graduates are...

1. **Effective Communicators** – who master basic English skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening; have the mathematical, technical, scientific inquiry, and second language skills sufficient for effective, efficient functioning in a complex society.
2. **Contributing Citizens** – who contribute their time, energies, and talents to improve the welfare of themselves and others; have a sense of social responsibility; participate in the democratic process; operate effectively as responsible members of our local, state, national, and international societies.
3. **Collaborative Team Members** – who use effective leadership and interactive skills in diverse groups and settings; demonstrate an appreciation and understanding of the contributions of all cultures.
4. **Problem Solvers** – who anticipate, assess, and address the problems and challenges that accompany the rapidly changing political, environmental, technological, and the social and economic conditions of society.
5. **Responsible Learners** – who commit to the process of life-long learning; create a vision for their future; set priorities and goals; take responsibility for pursuing these goals and evaluating their progress; are self-disciplined and self-starters who have a sense of confidence and self-worth.
6. **Perceptive Thinkers** – who possess creative and critical thinking skills; use multiple frames of reference to identify, access, integrate, and apply available information from appropriate resources for meaning and/or action.
7. **Resourceful Producers** – who display high degrees of effort; develop intellectual, artistic, and practical products which reflect originality, innovativeness, and use of advanced technologies; have a flexible career path; live a physically, mentally, and emotionally balanced life.
8. **Quality Decision-Makers** – who exhibit honesty, integrity, and kindness; take personal responsibility for their actions; formulate positive social behaviors and demonstrate sound judgment; have an ability to make choices that benefit society.

The Denton Independent School District is dedicated in its mission to prepare students as thoroughly as possible for their next step in life, whether that step is admission to college or immediate entrance into the job market. To achieve this mission, parents and students are urged to become familiar with the courses available to meet the requirements for graduation.

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Planning Your High School Program

Planning a four-year high school program is a serious undertaking. Although many of your courses will be determined by state graduation requirements, you will still have many other choices to make during your years of school. Your course selection should be guided largely by your plans for the future.

- *Will you continue your education in college or in a technical school?*
- *Do you want to learn a career skill in order to enter the full-time work force immediately after school?*
- *Are you interested in a technical field? Are you thinking of entering a profession that requires many years of specialized education?*

The answers to these questions are extremely important for making decisions about your course selections for all four years in high school. Those answers should also be guided by your interests and abilities.

Denton ISD provides a wide range of programs that prepare students for post-high school experiences:

- College
- business school
- vocational-technical school
- military service
- fine arts participation
- full-time employment
- other areas.

Know what Denton ISD has to offer...

This planning guide will assist in making decisions about your four-year high school plan. You are urged to consider each decision carefully. There are certain steps to follow that can help you make your choices. Find out all you can about the endorsements offered:

- compare the endorsements
- consider the advantages and disadvantages of each pathway within the endorsement
- choose the pathway that seems to have the most advantages for you

Know about all the High School Programs...

Your counselor and teachers will be helpful in advising you more specifically about the high school programs of study offered. Find out:

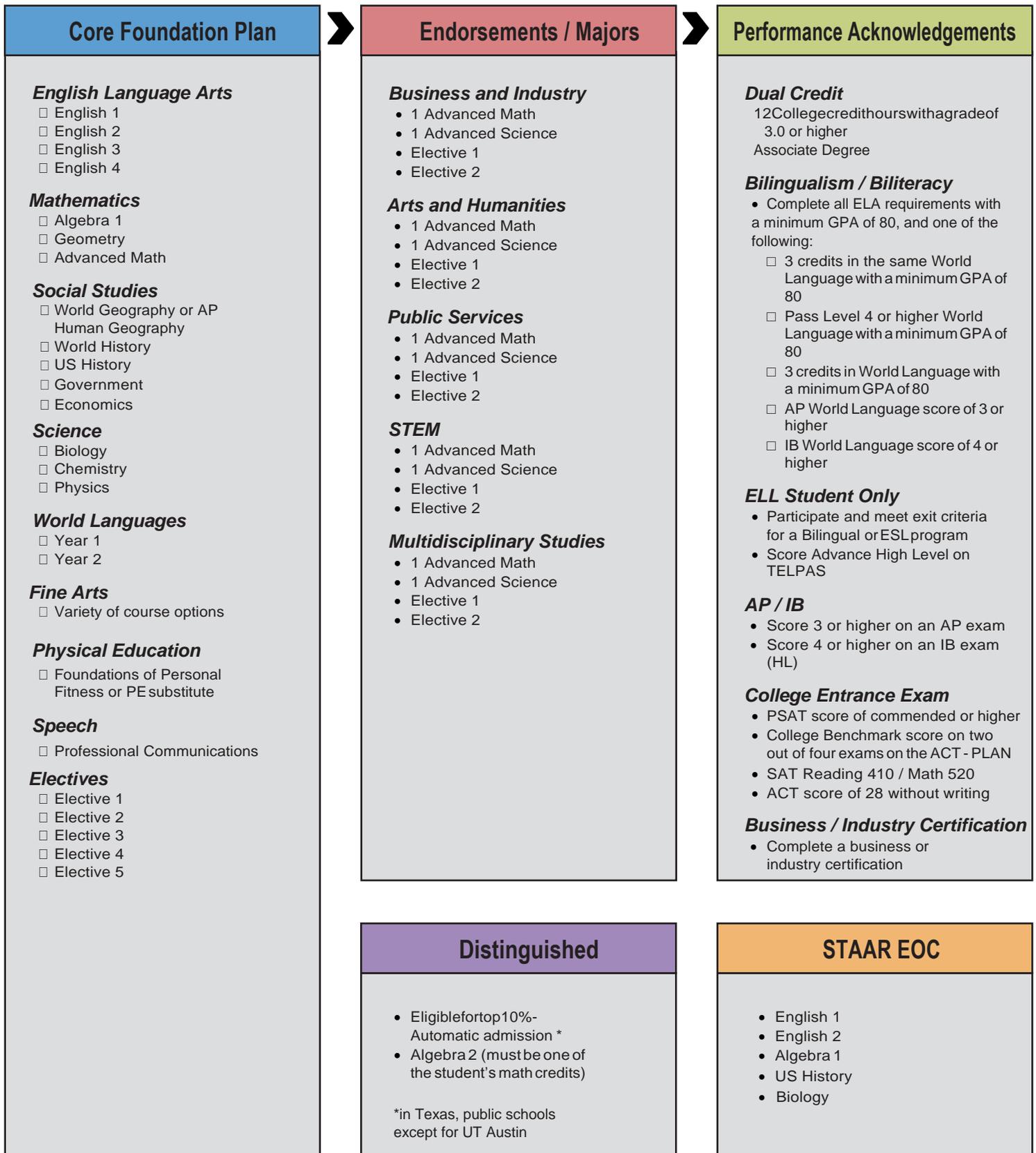
- Which endorsements are available and the types of performance acknowledgements you can earn
- The number of credits needed in specific subject areas
- The prerequisites needed to begin certain course pathways
- Which elective courses are available



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High School Graduation Programs



Grade Point Average Calculation Administrative Regulations

In reviewing the GPA policy passed by the Denton ISD Board of Trustees, and in studying the established intent of the policy, the following administrative regulations shall apply:

The policy passed by the Board states that “the highest grades and grade points in four courses in language arts and social studies, four courses in science which must include one each in biology or environmental science, chemistry, and physics, four courses in math, and two courses in foreign language” [World Languages] will be calculated. The intent of the policy is to establish a clear and consistent process for determining which courses would be used in earning grade points and in determining rank in class. In studying this issue, the process for calculating the rank in class for a student and in determining a student’s grade point average will vary depending on the year of calculation and on where a particular student is in completing his or her course of study. For purposes of making this process understandable, a student will carry an earned grade point average (GPA for courses completed within the prescribed board approved courses divided by the courses attempted) and a ranking GPA (GPA process that is the same for all students and is used to calculate the final rank in class). For this process, each should be examined differently.

Earned GPA – This GPA simply takes the courses completed within the defined allotment of 18 courses or 36 semesters and divides by the number of attempts. For a freshman who takes one course in each of the core areas of language arts, math, science, social studies, and world languages, the earned GPA would be the number of grade points earned divided by the 10 semesters taken. For the freshman who takes one course each in the areas of language arts, math, science, and social studies, the earned GPA would be the number of grade points earned divided by the 8 semesters taken. It is necessary to calculate an Earned GPA because it would not be feasible to use a divisor of 18 courses or 36 semesters until the senior year. It also would not be feasible to assume a standard divisor for each year, because not all students take the prescribed courses in the same order, sequence, or year. The Earned GPA shall be used both for reporting and ranking purposes until a final ranking GPA using a standard 36 semesters is utilized in the senior year. For transcript purposes, the Earned GPA shall be the recorded GPA. Note: In the Naviance system for students and parents, Earned GPA is referred to as “Weighted” GPA.

Ranking GPA – This calculation will be used to determine a final rank in class. Because of the confusion of using the terms Earned GPA and Ranking GPA, the Ranking GPA will be referred to as a *Ranking Index*. The final rank in class for graduating seniors will be determined by using a consistent process that will be applicable to all students. As stated above, the Board approved 18 courses/36 semesters that would be used in determining class rankings. The intent of the Board is to encourage students to complete a rigorous course of study. The final Ranking Index for all students will be calculated using the grade points earned within the allowable 18 courses (36 semesters) and a constant divisor of 36 (representing the Board approved courses). For example, for a student who completes a rigorous course of study including all 36 identified semesters, the Ranking Index is calculated using total grade points in 36 semesters divided by 36. For another student who completes only 30 of the identified semesters Ranking Index is calculated using total grade points earned in those 30 semesters divided by 36. Thus, a student who is successful in the more rigorous curriculum will have a higher-Ranking Index than a student who, although successful in the courses taken (as indicated in the Earned GPA), has not completed the Board approved recommended course of study. This process is used only in determining the final rank in class. The Ranking Index will always use the same 36 semesters as the divisor. Again, please remember that the Ranking Index becomes the final determiner of the official rank in the class for graduating seniors. Preliminary rankings for students in the freshman, sophomore and junior classes will be based on the Earned GPA. While the Ranking Index will be calculated and monitored throughout the traditional four-year high school program, the index will be used only to determine the final rank in class

Foundation Courses to be Included in GPA

English Language Arts	Engineering Science	World Languages
English 1	Engineering Design & Problem Solving	Spanish 1
Honors English 1	Social Studies	Honors Spanish 1
English 2	World Geography	Spanish 2
Honors English 2	Honors World Geography	Honors Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1-2 (1 Credit only)
English 3	AP Human Geography	Honors Spanish 2
AP English 3	AP World History	Spanish 3
English 4	U.S. History	Spanish for Spanish Speakers 3
AP English 4	AP U.S. History	Honors Spanish for Spanish Speakers 3
ESOL English 1	U.S. Government	Honors Spanish 3
ESOL English 2	AP U.S. Government	Spanish 4
ESL English 1	Economics	AP Spanish 4
ESL English 2	AP Economics	AP Spanish 5
ESL English 3	ESL World Geography	French 1
ESL English 4	ESL World History	French 2
Science	ESL U.S. History	Honors French 2
Biology	Math	French 3
Honors Biology	Algebra 1	Honors French 3
AP Biology	Geometry	AP French 4
Chemistry	Honors Geometry	Latin 1
Honors Chemistry	Mathematical Models with Applications	Latin 2
AP Chemistry	Algebra 2	Honors Latin 2
Physics	Honors Algebra 2	Honors Latin 3
AP Physics Year 1	Advanced Quantitative Reasoning	AP Latin 4: Poetry
AP Physics Year 2	Pre-Calculus	AP Latin 5: Literature
AP Physics (C)	Honors Pre-Calculus	German 1
Environmental Systems	AP Calculus AB	German 2
AP Environmental Science	AP Calculus BC	Honors German 2
Anatomy and Physiology	Statistics	German 3
Aquatic Science	AP Statistics	Honors German 3
Forensic Science	AP Computer Science	AP German 4
Advanced Animal Science	Engineering Math	ASL 1
Food Science	ESL Algebra 1	ASL 2
ESL Biology	ESL Geometry	ASL 3
ESL Physics	ESL Algebra 2	ASL 4
ESL Chemistry	Accounting II	

Notes:

-Courses taken in Middle School for High School credit do NOT count in the GPA calculations.

-IB courses may also count in the GPA calculations and carry weighted GPA.

Transfer Courses – While the policy does not specifically identify a process for handling transfer courses the policy is clear in stating that “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.” The intent is clear that foundation courses transferred in from other public schools would be counted as part of the established 18 courses (36 semesters). For states or schools that do not use numeric grades, a conversion process will be established. Additionally, the only Honors, AP, or IB transfer courses that will be recognized for weighted points will be those courses that also carry weighted points for Denton ISD students. Final determination of how transfer courses will be counted for GPA is calculated by the Superintendent of Schools or designee.

Ties – The philosophical change in the way rank is calculated creates the potential for many students to share the same ranking index. The fact that many students could be tied throughout the system is recognized as one of the strengths - not weaknesses of the system. Internally, there is no desire or need to break ties merely for the sake of breaking ties. Externally, in the case of scholarships or college admissions, there may be the need or requirement on the part of the external agency to break ties. For this purpose, a procedure to address ties is needed. Since the actual ranking index is based on a specific set of core or foundation courses, it is appropriate to use the grades in these same courses in addressing ties. The actual numeric grades within the approved courses being used in the calculation of the Earned GPA and/or Ranking Index will be averaged and used to break ties as needed. In the event two or more students have the same Earned GPA and/or same Ranking Index and the same numeric average over the established courses, no further tiebreakers will be utilized, and the students will be considered officially tied. Again, ties will be addressed only as required for external uses. Students with the same ranking index will be considered tied for Denton ISD recognition purposes.

Conversions – As grades are received from non-Denton ISD institutions, it may become necessary to convert grades from colleges, exams, public or private schools to the Denton ISD system. Since the systems used at outside institutions vary, different conversion methods may be needed. The district shall always encourage the non-Denton ISD institution to supply numeric grades based on our system; however, in the event numeric grades are not provided, the following conversions shall apply to these specific situations:

Conversion of University Letter Grades – Universities typically use standard letter grades without the use of + (pluses) or – (minuses). These grades will be easy to use in the assignment of grade points unless it becomes necessary to break ties. Since the approved GPA policy calls for university level courses to carry honors GPA, this numeric conversion shall apply if needed:

University Grade Equivalent	Grade Points Earned	Denton ISD Numeric
A	5	97
B	4	87
C	3	77
D (if passing)	2	72
F	0	55

Grade Conversion Table for Accredited Public and Private School Systems that use Letter Grades with + (pluses) and – (minuses):

Submitted Grade	Denton ISD Numeric Equivalent
A +	99
A	95
A -	92
B +	89
B	85
B -	82
C +	79
C	77
C -	75
D + (if passing)	74
D (if passing)	72
D - (if passing)	70
F	55

This conversion also applies to correspondence courses, credit exams, and other grades awarded in this fashion.

Grade Conversion Table for Accredited Public and Private School Systems that use Letter Grades without + (pluses) and – (minuses):

Submitted Grade	Denton ISD Numeric Equivalent
A	95
B	85
C	78
D (if passing)	72
F	55

This conversion also applies to correspondence courses, credit exams, and other grades awarded in this fashion. If the course is recognized by Denton ISD as a course that should carry honors GPA, then the college conversion table shall apply.

Non-Accredited Schools / Home School Students – Policy FDA (LOCAL) states that “Students entering the District from non-accredited public, private, or parochial schools, including home schools shall validate high school credit for courses by testing or evidence that courses meet State Board requirements and standards”. If grades are submitted by the sending institution, then the district shall attempt to apply an appropriate conversion. If credit is verified through testing, then the test scores will be used for conversion purposes. (*See Credit by Exam)

Final Determination of Conversion – in the event the conversion tables listed are not appropriate, the building principal, in conjunction with the Director of Secondary Curriculum, shall determine and apply an appropriate conversion.

Denton ISD Grading System:

Regular	Grade Points	Honors/AP/IB Grade Points
A 90 -100	4	5
B 80 -89	3	4
C 70 -79	2	3
F Below 70	0	0

Sample GPA Calculations

(Not Intended as a Recommended Course of Study)

Scenario – A

...this student has elected to pursue a course of study not intended for major college admission

9th Grade:

Subject	Course	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
English Language Arts	Eng. 1	82	3	91	4
Math	Alg 1	75	2	85	3
Science	Bio 1	90	4	92	4
Social Studies	W Geo	80	3	83	3
World Languages	-	-	-	-	-

9th Grade End of Year Summary	
A. Grade Points Earned	26
B. Semesters Attempted	8
C. Best Cumulative Grade Points Earned	26
D. Best Cumulative Semesters Attempted	8
E. Earned GPA (C/D).....	3.2500
F. Ranking Index (C/36)	0.7222
G. Rank Based On: Earned GPA	3.2500

10th Grade:

Subject	Course	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
English Language Arts	Eng. 2	82	3	80	3
Math	Geom	89	3	90	4
Science	Chem 1	90	4	90	4
Social Studies	W Hist	85	3	85	3
World Languages	-	-	-	-	-

10th Grade End of Year Summary	
A. Grade Points Earned	27
B. Semesters Attempted	8
C. Best Cumulative Grade Points Earned	53
D. Best Cumulative Semesters Attempted	16
H. Earned GPA (C/D).....	3.3125
I. Ranking Index (C/36)	1.4722
J. Rank Based On: Earned GPA.....	3.3125

11th Grade:

Subject	Course	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
English Language Arts	Eng. 3	87	3	85	3
Math	Alg 2	78	2	87	3
Science	-	-	-	-	-
Social Studies	US Hist	92	4	93	4
World Languages	-	-	-	-	-

11th Grade End of Year Summary	
A. Grade Points Earned	19
B. Semesters Attempted	6
C. Best Cumulative Grade Points Earned	72
D. Best Cumulative Semesters Attempted	22
E. Earned GPA (C/D).....	3.2727
F. Ranking Index (C/36).....	2.0000
G. Rank Based On: Earned GPA	3.2727

12th Grade:

Subject	Course	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
English Language Arts	Eng. 4	86	3	93	4
Math	-	-	-	-	-
Science	-	-	-	-	-
Social Studies	Govt / Eco	84	3	87	3
World Languages	-	-	-	-	-

12th Grade End of Year Summary	
A. Grade Points Earned	13
B. Semesters Attempted	4
C. Best Cumulative Grade Points Earned	85
D. Best Cumulative Semesters Attempted	26
E. Earned GPA (C/D)	3.2692
F. Ranking Index (C/36)	2.3611
G. Rank Based On: Earned GPA	2.3611

Notes: (1) Grades underlined represent grades used to calculate C, D, E, and F.

(2) Final Ranking Index (F) is lower than final Earned GPA (E) because only 26 of the required 36 semesters were taken for ranking purposes.

(3) Semesters missing for ranking purposes were World Languages (6), Science (4), and Math (2).

Sample GPA Calculations

(Not Intended as a Recommended Course of Study)

Scenario – B

...this student has elected to pursue recommended program requirements without Honors or AP courses

9th Grade:

Subject	Course	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
English Language Arts	Eng. 1	82	3	91	4
Math	Alg 1	75	2	85	3
Science	Bio 1	90	4	92	4
Social Studies	W Geo	85	3	94	4
World Languages	Span 1	<u>90</u>	4	<u>90</u>	4

9th Grade End of Year Summary	
A. Grade Points Earned	35
B. Semesters Attempted	10
C. Best Cumulative Grade Points Earned	35
D. Best Cumulative Semesters Attempted	10
H. Earned GPA (C/D).....	3.5000
I. Ranking Index (C/36)	0.9722
J. Rank Based On: Earned GPA	3.5000

10th Grade:

Subject	Course	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
English Language Arts	Eng. 2	82	3	80	3
Math	Geom	89	3	90	4
Science	Chem 1	90	4	90	4
Social Studies	W Hist	85	3	85	3
World Languages	Span 2	<u>85</u>	3	<u>88</u>	3

10th Grade End of Year Summary	
A. Grade Points Earned	33
B. Semesters Attempted	10
C. Best Cumulative Grade Points Earned	68
D. Best Cumulative Semesters Attempted	20
E. Earned GPA (C/D).....	3.4000
F. Ranking Index (C/36)	1.8889
G. Rank Based On: Earned GPA	3.4000

11th Grade:

Subject	Course	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
English Language Arts	Eng 3	87	3	85	3
Math	Alg 2	78	2	87	3
Science	Phys 1	82	3	88	3
Social Studies	US Hist	92	4	93	4
World Languages	Span 3	80	3	84	3

11th Grade End of Year Summary	
A. Grade Points Earned	25
B. Semesters Attempted	10
C. Best Cumulative Grade Points Earned	93
D. Best Cumulative Semesters Attempted	28
E. Earned GPA (C/D).....	3.3214
F. Ranking Index (C/36)	2.5833
G. Rank Based On: Earned GPA	3.3214

12th Grade:

Subject	Course	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
English Language Arts	Eng. 4	86	3	93	4
Math	PreCal	87	3	80	3
Science	Env Sci	95	4	85	3
Social Studies	Govt / Eco	84	3	87	3
World Languages	Span 4	78	2	75	2

12th Grade End of Year Summary	
A. Grade Points Earned	26
B. Semesters Attempted	10
C. Best Cumulative Grade Points Earned	119
D. Best Cumulative Semesters Attempted	36
E. Earned GPA (C/D).....	3.3056
F. Ranking Index (C/36).....	3.3056
G. Rank Based On: Earned GPA	3.3056

Notes: (1) Grades underlined represent grades used to calculate C, D, E, and F.

(2) Final Ranking Index (F) is equal to final Earned GPA (E) because all 36 of the required 36 semesters were taken.

(3) Since there were more semesters taken than were required in World Languages, the best semesters had to be determined according to established policy.

Sample GPA Calculations

(Not Intended as a Recommended Course of Study)

Scenario – C ...this student has elected to pursue recommended program requirements with Honors and AP courses

9th Grade:

Subject	Course	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
English Language Arts	Eng. 1 Honors	92	5	91	5
Math	Geom Honors	93	5	90	5
Science	Bio 1 Honors	90	5	92	5
Social Studies	W Geo Honors	90	5	91	5
World Languages	Span 2 Honors	<u>95</u>	5	<u>90</u>	5

9th Grade End of Year Summary	
A. Grade Points Earned	50
B. Semesters Attempted	10
C. Best Cumulative Grade Points Earned	50
D. Best Cumulative Semesters Attempted	10
E. Earned GPA (C/D)	5.0000
F. Ranking Index (C/36).....	1.3889
G. Rank Based On: Earned GPA	5.0000

10th Grade:

Subject	Course	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
English Language Arts	Eng. 2 Honors	96	5	92	5
Math	Alg 2 Honors	94	5	90	5
Science	Chem 1 Honors	85	4	81	4
Social Studies	W History AP	99	5	96	5
World Languages	Span 3 Honors	<u>94</u>	5	<u>94</u>	5

10th Grade End of Year Summary	
A. Grade Points Earned	48
B. Semesters Attempted	10
C. Best Cumulative Grade Points Earned	98
D. Best Cumulative Semesters Attempted	20
E. Earned GPA (C/D)	4.9000
F. Ranking Index (C/36).....	2.7222
G. Rank Based On: Earned GPA.....	4.9000

11th Grade:

Subject	Course	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
English Language Arts	Eng. 3 AP	95	5	94	5
Math	PreCal Honors	94	5	92	5
Science	Phys 1 AP	94	5	95	5
Social Studies	US Hist AP	98	5	97	5
World Languages	Span 4 AP	93	5	91	5

11th Grade End of Year Summary	
A. Grade Points Earned	40
B. Semesters Attempted	10
C. Best Cumulative Grade Points Earned	138
D. Best Cumulative Semesters Attempted	28
E. Earned GPA (C/D)	4.9286
F. Ranking Index (C/36)	3.8333
G. Rank Based On: Earned GPA	4.9286

12th Grade:

Subject	Course	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Numerical Grade	Grade Points
English Language Arts	Eng. 4 AP	91	5	93	5
Math	Cal BC AP	93	5	93	5
Science	Bio 2 AP	94	5	95	5
Social Studies	Govt AP / Eco AP	92	5	93	5
World Languages	-	-	-	-	-

12th Grade End of Year Summary	
A. Grade Points Earned	40
B. Semesters Attempted	8
C. Best Cumulative Grade Points Earned	178
D. Best Cumulative Semesters Attempted	36
E. Earned GPA (C/D)	4.9444
F. Ranking Index (C/36)	4.9444
G. Rank Based On: Earned GPA	4.9444

Notes: (1) Grades underlined represent grades used to calculate C, D, E, and F.

(2) Final Ranking Index (F) is equal to final Earned GPA (E) because all 36 of the required 36 semesters were taken.

Academic Policies

Class Loads

All freshmen and sophomores are required to enroll in 8 courses. Juniors may reduce this requirement to 7 courses, seniors to 7 courses *, provided they meet the following qualifying criteria:

- (1) Be on track to graduate with designated class;
- (2) Have mastered all state assessments; and,
- (3) Remain in compliance with compulsory attendance and discipline policies.

Juniors and seniors may qualify for other dismissal opportunities. Check with your academic counselor for more information on dismissals.

Class load requirements differ for Career Preparations/CO-OP senior students. If enrolled in that program, see your counselor for further clarification. Career Preparations/CO-OP students are required to take 4 core credits and the Career Preparations/CO-OP class, which also counts 3 credits.

Some courses listed in this guide may not actually be offered due to low enrollment. Because of scheduling conflicts and classes closing, a student may not be able to register for every course he/she planned to take during a semester. For this reason, the student should have in mind alternate courses in case the first choice is not available. Please note that all courses will not be offered every semester of every year. In cases of limited class enrollment, priority may be given to 12th graders.

Schedule Changes

Course selections during pre-registration are considered final. Any request for a change in course after spring pre-registration must be approved by the principal before the campus announced Spring deadline. **Students may not drop or add a course after four class days of attendance.** The random changing of courses at the beginning of school will not be honored due to the effect these changes have on classroom enrollment and the disruption of classroom instruction. Only changes pertaining to graduation plans and/or computer errors will be addressed after school begins. **To receive full credit for a course, students must be in attendance for 90% of the class. Students may change levels (move from a Honors to a regular class) within a content area at the end of the first four weeks in the first grading period for Honors and AP courses, after a parent-teacher conference, and if class loads permit.**

Grade Classification

1. Students are classified at the beginning of the school year according to the number of credits they have earned. Classifications will remain the same throughout the school year unless corrections are necessary due to errors. All changes in grade classification must be approved by the principal
2. Minimum grade classification requirements for classes are

Freshmen	9 th Grade	0-5 1/2 Credits
Sophomore	10 th Grade	6 Credits
Junior	11 th Grade	12 Credits
Senior	12 th Grade	18 Credits

Counseling Services

The counseling department is an integral part of the overall school program. School counselors are available to assist you with your needs in the following areas:

- to provide you with information regarding your placement in classes or programs. The counselors have many materials at their disposal to help you make the best choices of courses and programs within the school. Counselors can tailor program choices to your needs now and in the future, whether occupationally or educationally. Specialized career counseling is available with the career counselor.
- to identify strengths and weaknesses as they relate to your choice of courses, career planning, college preparation or potential employment after completion of high school. Career counselors can assist students with testing, career planning, internships, and work-based learning experiences.
- to offer counseling in personal problem areas. Counselors can help you focus on self-development and on acquiring decision-making abilities. Because academic growth and success are directly related to the mental health of each individual, counseling services meet a fundamental need. Whether the problems are at school or at home, the counselors are available to provide support and resources.

While counselors are responsible for assisting students in planning for their academic and career futures, students and parents are partners in the process. The ultimate responsibility for those decisions is the student's with the parents' support. **Students and parents are responsible for checking the transcript and student academic progress each year in order to verify accuracy and bring any errors to the attention of the counselors and registrar.**

For referrals to professional services outside Denton ISD, contact the school counselor.

The counseling office, library, and career center have materials available for you to use in planning for your future.

Naviance Student

The district provides a program called Naviance Student to all middle, high school students and parents, which gives access to college and scholarship information, career information, as well as unofficial GPA and standardized test scores (PSAT, SAT and/or ACT). Students and parents may request transcripts and link to college applications and financial aid forms (FAFSA). Additionally, students can set goals, build resumes and learn more about themselves through a variety of assessments in Naviance. All Denton ISD students begin developing their own personal graduation plans in Naviance starting in the 8th grade. Students revisit these plans each year with the support of their school counselor. Campuses will make log-in information available at the beginning of each school year.

Go Center

Each high school campus houses a Go-Center staffed by a group of current college students known as the G-Force. The G-Force mentors make weekly visits to high school campuses and provide college enrollment guidance and post-secondary mentoring. The G-Force are available to make classroom and assembly presentations, attend parent meetings and workshops, and work one-on-one with 9th through 12th grade students. The G-Force mission is to assist and educate students on their plans after high school graduation.

Texas Success Initiative(TSI)

The TSI Assessment has been approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, under Senate Bill 286, Texas Education Code [TEC] 51.3062: Texas Success Initiative (TSI), for use by Texas institutions of higher education as an assessment instrument for entering students. The TSI Assessment provides the diagnostic data required by this legislation. It provides information about the reading, mathematics, and writing skills of students entering Texas public colleges and universities. As part of the TSI, colleges and universities are required to offer their students advisory and support services related to the TSI Assessment and to develop and implement appropriate developmental education activities for students who do not reach the diagnostic level of the TSI Assessment.

Please Note: The terms “college-level courses” and “college-level work” refer to courses or other academic experiences that provide credit toward college or university graduation requirements for the degree or certificate a student is seeking. College-level work is different from pre-collegiate work such as developmental courses, which do not provide credit toward college or university graduation requirements.

Who Must Take the Test?

Students who plan to enroll in a Texas public college or university must take the TSI Assessment before enrolling in any college coursework. If students are still in high school and are taking college-level courses for credit or are taking dual credit courses, see the information below.

Students must take the TSI Assessment before enrolling in any college-level coursework. If a student takes the test while in high school and does not meet the minimum standards, they will be allowed to take courses related to the sections of the test they passed but will **not** be allowed to take college courses related to the sections of the test that they did **not** pass. A non-attempt or cancellation is treated as a section not yet passed

Students must take the TSI Assessment if any one of the conditions listed below applies to them:

- entering a Texas public institution of higher education (i.e., a college, university, or technical institute) as a full-time or part-time student in an associate or baccalaureate degree program.
- seeking admission to an educator preparation program in either a public or private institution in Texas.

Who Is Exempt from Taking the Test?

Students are exempt from taking the TSI Assessment if any one of the following conditions listed below apply:

- Have met the qualifying assessment standards on the following chart.

ASSESSMENT	MATHEMATICS	READING	WRITING
ACT	19 Math and 23 Composite	19 Verbal and 23 Composite	19 Verbal and 23 Composite
SAT	530 Math	480 Evidenced Based Read/Write	480 Evidenced Based Read/Write

State Assessment (STAAR)

The STAAR program requires students to meet the passing standard on five STAAR EOC assessments in order to graduate on the Foundation High School Program. The 5 EOC assessments are:

- *English 1*
- *English 2*
- *Algebra 1*
- *Biology*
- *US History*

Students with disabilities will be required to pass appropriate state assessments as recommended by the IEP committee. See your counselor for the latest information and complete details on state assessment requirements for all high school graduation.

Academic Eligibility Centers

Students interested in playing college sports at a Division I, or II School should visit the following link to learn more about the specific requirements:

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/academic-standards-initial-eligibility>

Students interested in playing sports at an NAIA college or university should visit the following link to learn more about the specific requirements:

<https://www.playnaia.org/page/faqs.php>

Students should register with the appropriate Eligibility Center at the beginning of their junior year in high school. At the end of the student's junior year, a transcript which includes six semesters of grades, should be sent to the appropriate Eligibility Center from the high school. Additionally, students should have their SAT or ACT scores forwarded directly to the Eligibility Center whenever they take the exam. Some students may be eligible for fee waivers. Please see you high school counselor.

High School Codes:

RHS = 441950

DHS = 441951

GHS = 441946

FMHS = 441941

BHS = 440018

Contact Information:

NCAA	www.ncaa.org	317-917-6222
Eligibility Center	www.eligibilitycenter.org	877-268-1492
NAIA	www.naia.org	816-595-8180
NAIA Eligibility Center	www.playnaia.org	816-595-8300

A guide for the college bound athlete is available on-line at the Eligibility Center.



Optional Programs

- Credit by Exam Without Prior Instruction**
- Gifted&Talented (EXPO) Program**
- Advance Coursework: Honors/AP**
- Dual Credit**
- Concurrent Enrollment**
- Correspondence Courses**
- Distinguished Achievement Diploma (DAP)**
- PSAT, SAT, & ACT Information**
- National Merit Scholarship Information**
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**

Credit by Examination (CBE)

Denton ISD will provide services for CBE through arrangements made with Texas Tech University and the University of Texas. These tests will occur at a specific time and will be publicized on the [Counseling Services Website](#). CBEs will be administered by the Department of Counseling Services located at Central Services.

1. Students interested in CBE should contact the school counselors to pick up an application form. Candidates for credit retrieval cannot have failed the course with less than a grade of 60.
2. The school counselor will confer with building administration for CBE approval.
3. Upon approval, the school counselor will give the student an application packet.
4. Study Guide information must be directly obtained from the appropriate institution.

Texas Tech University: Access website at <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/k12/current-students/forms/cbe-review-sheets/>

University of Texas: Access website at https://highschool.utexas.edu/credit_by_exam

Acceleration or Verification

- There is no cost associated with CBEs for acceleration or verification.
- A student must make a grade of 80 or higher on the CBE to earn credit.
- The examination score will be entered on the student's transcript if the student is given credit in a subject on the basis of the exam.

Retrieval

- There is a charge of \$25 per exam for Texas Tech CBEs and \$35 per exam for University of Texas CBEs taken for retrieval.
- A student must make a grade of 70 or higher on the CBE to earn credit.
- Any student who wishes to graduate in May of the current school year must complete the CBE for retrieval before the second semester or enroll in the necessary class for the second semester.
- The examination score will be entered on the student's transcript if the student is given credit in a subject on the basis of the exam

Students who have extenuating circumstances, such as students who transfer from other districts in their senior year, must obtain the recommendation of their campus principal and permission from the Department of Counseling Services to complete Credit by Exam outside the window of time designated. Students who receive permission to register and complete exams any time after April 1st of the current school year may not receive test scores in time to participate in May commencement.

EXPO – Gifted and Talented Program

The EXPO program is the school district's program for gifted and talented students. The initial step in this process is the nomination of the student. Students can be nominated by their teachers, parents, peers, or they may nominate themselves. Following nomination, the students are screened by an established district process. Additional information about the program and the identification process can be attained from school counselors. Contact the school counselor for a student application. Nominations at the high school level will be accepted each semester according to the district calendar. Information may be found at www.dentonisd.org/expo.

Students identified as qualifying for the gifted and talented program have many provisions available to meet their needs and must be enrolled in one of the following:

- differentiated curriculum offered in Honors, AP, and IB; or,
- concurrent enrollment limited to seniors, whereby the student is admitted as a regular college student for a portion of the school day, and also attends high school classes for a portion of the day; or,
- dual credit enrollment that allows students to enroll in selected college-level courses and receive both high school and college credit.

Honors Program (DRAFT)

The Denton ISD Honors program gives students the opportunity to challenge themselves academically and prepare themselves for success in Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses in high school.

Goals and Benefits of Honors Program

- Significantly increase the number of students who are able to access and complete college-level work-like AP and Dual Credit-before leaving high school
- Improve college readiness for all students
- Challenging course work emphasizes key literacy, quantitative and analysis skills across disciplines
- Emphasis placed on critical thinking skills, productive thinking and independent Research
- High school course offerings available in English, mathematics, science, social social studies, languages other than English, and art

Please contact the school counselor for additional information.

Advanced Placement Program

The Denton ISD Advanced Placement program gives students the opportunity to challenge themselves academically, set students apart in the college admission process, and earn college credit and placement with a successful exam score.

Why AP? Working Towards College Success

- Stand out in college admissions process with AP course on transcript
- College-level curriculum
- Earn college credits with a qualifying score on AP test
- Build college skills with rigorous learning and support in a high school classroom
- Working towards Distinguished Level of Achievement endorsement and Performance Acknowledgement endorsement

The AP courses include a curriculum framework reflecting the nature of the subject; a differentiated curriculum that includes a wider range and greater depth of subject matter than that of the regular course; an emphasis on higher level and critical thinking skills; provision for creative, productive thinking; a focus on cognitive concepts and processes; instructional strategies that accommodate the learning needs of the students involved; and independent as well as guided research.

An examination is available through the College Board upon completion of the required material for possible advanced placement college credit. The AP examination is given in May and results are sent to the colleges/universities of the student's choice. Placement and credit are granted by institutions in accordance with their own policies. <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>

A student may continue in advanced coursework credit classes as long as a semester grade average of 70 or above is maintained. Failure to maintain a grade of 70 may result in the student being reassigned to a regular class.

Denton ISD offers the following courses with instructional support. The course selection may vary from campus to campus.

AP English Language
AP English Literature
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Environmental Science
AP French Language
AP Latin
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature
AP German Language
AP Psychology

AP Human Geography
AP World History
AP United States History
AP Government
AP Macroeconomics
AP European History
AP Studio Art: 2-D Design
AP Studio Art: 3-D Design
AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science
AP Music Theory

Additional Available AP Tests

AP Art History
AP Microeconomics
AP Chinese Language
AP Japanese Language

AP Comparative Government and Politics
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Italian Language

Advanced Placement Awards

Award	Requirements
AP Scholar	Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.
AP Scholar with Honor	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, AND scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.
AP Scholar with Distinction	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, AND scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.
State AP Scholar	Granted to the one female and one male high school student in each state and the District of Columbia with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, AND THEN the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken.
National AP Scholar	Granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, AND scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.
DoDEA AP Scholar	Granted to one female and one male student attending a school outside the United States and Canada that is not a DoDEA school with the highest average score on the greatest number of AP Exams. The minimum requirement is a score of 3 or higher on these exams.

See your Counselor for additional details

Dual Credit Enrollment (Application Required)

Students taking university courses are still required to register for at least 6 classes at the high school.

The dual credit program is a cooperative effort between the Denton Independent School District, **Texas Woman's University**, the **University of North Texas**, and **North Central Texas College**. This program provides students an opportunity to enroll in courses typically not offered at the public-school level, as well as an opportunity for enrichment in selected subject areas. The credit earned in the course is counted for both high school and college credit.

To qualify for this program in Denton ISD, **a student must have a GPA of 3.0, and have a history of good attendance and conduct, and reach the TSI Assessment qualifying level.** Participating universities may have additional requirements. The candidate for admission must seek the approval of their counselor and the associate principal as part of the application process. The candidate must also be approved by the admissions office of the accepting university. Once approved for admission, the student can enroll in an Honors approved course. The student must realize that space may be limited for the approved classes and that the approval for acceptance is for one semester only. Since the courses available are based on university need, interested students should check with their counselor for a list of courses that are currently available.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board considers a student eligible to enroll in dual credit courses if the student meets the criteria on one of the following assessments and meets the university's regular prerequisite requirements designated for that course. This is subject to change at The Higher Education Coordinating Board's discretion.			
ASSESSMENT	MATHEMATICS	READING	WRITING
ACT	19 Math and 23 Composite	19 Verbal and 23 Composite	19 Verbal and 23 Composite
PSAT	510	460	
SAT (after March 2016)	530 Math	480 Evidenced Based Read/Write	480 Evidenced Based Read/Write
TSI Assessment	350 Math	351 Reading	340 and 4+ on essay or a score of less than 340, and an ABE Diagnostic level of at least 4, and an essay score of at least 5

This program allows students the opportunity to earn high school and university credit. The student is expected to abide by the rules and regulations of both institutions. The course will be counted as part of the student's daily schedule. The grade earned will be designated on the high school transcript. While this course will earn university credit and will be recorded on a formal transcript, the transferability of this course to another university rests solely with the accepting institution. Students should consult the admissions officer of the appropriate institution for information regarding the transfer of credits.

The student is responsible for the payment of all tuition, books and fees, and for providing their own transportation, if the course is offered only at the university. Enrollment at the university affords the student the same rights and privileges granted to all students as stated by university policy. However, many dual credit courses are offered on each high school campus.

Students who want to take more than two dual credit courses must consult with their counselor to discuss their prediction for success. Students must pass all dual credit courses to be eligible to continue in the dual credit program. Students must check with their counselor **BEFORE** pursuing a college course to be certain it has been approved for high school credit and for any additional information.

refer to chart on following page for additional details

Dual Credit Courses



TEXAS WOMAN'S
UNIVERSITY

Course selection includes embedded (on-campus) instruction with Denton ISD teachers and varies from campus to campus. Course offerings are subject to change.

Course Number	Course Description	Denton ISD Course	Credit Hours
MATH 1303	Elementary Analysis 1	Pre-Calculus (Fall)	3
MATH 1313	Elementary Analysis 2	Pre-Calculus (Spring)	3
MATH 1703	Elementary Statistics 1	AP Statistics	3
MATH 2014	Calculus 1	AP Calculus AB	3
GOV 2013	U.S. National Government	AP Government (Fall or Spring)	3
HIST 1013	U.S. History 1492-1865	AP U.S. History (Fall)	3
HIST 1023	U.S. History 1865-Present	AP U.S. History (Spring)	3
ECO 1023	Principles of Macroeconomics	AP Macroeconomics (Fall or Spring)	3
ENG 1013	Composition I	AP English Language and Composition (Fall)	3
ENG 1023	Composition II	AP English Language and Composition (Spring)	3
ENG 2013	English Literacy Masterpieces	AP English Literature and Composition (Fall)	3
ENG 2153	Introduction to Literature	AP English Literature and Composition (Spring)	3
BIOL 113/BIOL 1121	Principles of Biology I/Lab	AP Biology (Fall)	4
BIOL 1123/ BIOL 1121	Principle of Biology II/Lab	AP Biology (Spring)	4
BIOL 1023	Environmental Biology	AP Environmental Science (Fall)	3
SCI 2103	Environmental Chemistry	AP Environmental Science (Spring)	3



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS®

Course selection includes online instruction with University of North Texas adjunct professors and varies from campus to campus. Course offerings are subject to change.

Course Number	Course Description	Denton ISD Course	Credit Hours
PSCI 2305	U.S. Political Behavior and Policy	U.S. Government DC	3
ECON 1110	Principles of Macroeconomics	Macroeconomics DC	3
HIST 2610	American History to 1865	U.S. History DC	3
HIST 1302	American History since 1865	U.S. History DC	3



Course selection includes off campus instruction at North Central Texas College. Course offerings are subject to change.

Course Number	Course Description	Denton ISD Course	Credit Hours
BIOL 2406	Environmental Biology	Environmental Science DC	3
CHEM 1411	General Chemistry	Chemistry DC	4
MATH 2413	Calculus I	Calculus AB DC	3
MATH 2414	Calculus II	Calculus BC DC	3
GOVT 2305	American National Government	U.S. Government DC	3
HIST 1301	American History to 1865	U.S. History DC	3
HIST 1302	American History from 1865	U.S. History DC	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	Psychology DC	3
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	Sociology DC	3
ECON 2301	Principles of Macroeconomics	Macroeconomics DC	3

Concurrent Enrollment Opportunities

Concurrent enrollment opportunities are limited to senior students. The university classes receive university credit only, unless the class is on the Denton ISD Dual Credit list. The student is admitted as a regular college student and does not need to re-apply for admission each semester. The college courses are counted as part of the high school load even though high school credit is not awarded. Proof of enrollment must be filed with the high school registrar.

In order to be eligible for this opportunity, the senior must be able to complete all requirements for graduation through the high school. The student must be approved by the counselor, must complete the application process with the university, and must pass the TSI Assessment. ***Students interested in this program should consult with their school counselor.***

Correspondence/Distance Learning Courses

Credit toward state graduation requirements may be granted for correspondence courses only under the following conditions:

1. The institution offering the course is the University of Texas at Austin, Texas Tech University, or other public institution of higher education approved by the commissioner of education.
2. The correspondence course includes the state-required TEKS for such a course.
3. Denton ISD students may earn a maximum of 2 state-required credits through correspondence courses and may be enrolled in only one correspondence course at a time.
 - a. Seniors enrolled in a correspondence course must complete the course and submit the grade at least thirty days prior to the date of graduation.
 - b. The superintendent or designee may exercise discretion in waiving limitations on an individual basis.
4. The state STAAR End of Course exams are still required for a course taken by correspondence.

Denton ISD will be participating in the ***Texas Virtual School Network*** so that students may take specific coursework on-line. Please check with your counselor for exact details regarding participation in this program.

PSAT, SAT, and ACT Information

Many universities require college entrance exams. The two most widely used are SAT (www.collegeboard.org) and ACT (www.act.org). You can visit their websites for information on fees, registration, preparation, test dates and deadlines, career and college searches, and information management. See your campus Counselor for additional information. Let SAT and ACT help keep track of your personal college countdown!

SAT Readiness Center

College Board and Khan Academy have partnered to help students prepare for the SAT through a personalized free practice program. Log onto the following link for additional information:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/> Click Test Prep

High School Codes for College Entrance Testing:

RHS = 441950 DHS = 441951 GHS = 441946 FMHS = 441941 BHS = 440018

Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Exam (PSAT)

The PSAT is a “Pre-SAT” test given for practice in the 10th grade. In the 11th grade, the PSAT is used as a qualifying exam for the National Merit. The Board of Trustees of Denton ISD supports the importance of taking the PSAT by providing funds for all high school students to take this exam. All 10th and 11th graders will take the PSAT each year in October, free of charge.

National Merit Scholarship Information

What is the PSAT / NMSQT?

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is a standardized test that measures developed verbal, mathematical, and writing reasoning abilities important for success in college. It can provide students with valuable information about academic strengths and weaknesses for competitive college entrance and help assess personal test taking skills. See the next page and your counselor for more information on how the PSAT can help you better prepare for college admissions. The test consists of a:

- Verbal Section – analogies, sentence completion, critical reading
- Mathematics Section – multiple choice, quantitative comparisons, student-produced responses
- Writing Section – grammar, punctuation, usage, diction, idioms, and sentence construction

Although not expected to recall or memorize facts for the PSAT / NMSQT, the student needs a good working vocabulary and knowledge of arithmetic, elementary algebra, and some geometry. In the test, the student is given verbal, mathematical and writing information and is asked to reason with the material to find the correct answers.

Reasons for Taking the PSAT / NMSQT:

- The PSAT / NMSQT gives students practice for taking the SAT because both tests have the same kinds of questions and similar scores. Taking the PSAT / NMSQT helps students plan for college, gives students an idea of how they will do on a college admission test, and helps them identify colleges that seek students like themselves.
- The PSAT / NMSQT lets students compare their ability to do college work with the ability of other college-bound students. After the test, students will receive a PSAT / NMSQT Score Report and their test book so that they can review their own performance.
- Taking the PSAT / NMSQT is the first step in entering the scholarship programs conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

Scholarship Program:

The PSAT/NMSQT is co-sponsored by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. NMSC conducts three annual competitions:

1. The National Merit Scholarship Program
2. The National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding African-American Students
3. The National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Hispanic Students

Selection for these competitions is initially based upon the student's score on the PSAT given during the junior year of high school. In addition, the student must make a comparable score on the SAT, which **MUST** be taken before December of their senior year in high school. For additional information contact: National Merit Scholarship Corporation, 1560 Sherman Ave., Suite 200, Evanston, IL 60201-4897, 847-866-5100.

Other Scholarship and Financial Aid Information:

- Naviance: <http://connection.naviance.com>
- College for Texans: www.collegeforalltexas.com
- FASFA Free Application for Federal Student Aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov and <http://studentaid.ed.gov>
- Financial Aid Calculator: www.finaid.org/calculators/financialaidestimate.phtml
- Minority Student Scholarships: www.uncf.org/scholarships
- The College Board: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid>
- ACT: [www.act.org/content/act/en/education-and-career-planning/financial-](http://www.act.org/content/act/en/education-and-career-planning/financial-aid.html)

[aid.html](http://www.act.org/content/act/en/education-and-career-planning/financial-aid.html) Also, check your campus website under Counselors.

Steps in the Merit Scholarship Competition

Events & Awards	Requirements & Timelines
Program Entry	October test of junior year.
Scores Arrive	Late December or early January of junior year
High Scores	In April of junior year about 50,000 high scoring participants will be invited to name two colleges or universities to which they would like NMSC to refer them. These students will continue on in the National Merit Competition.
Semi-Finalists	Mid-September of senior year about 15,000 participants, the highest score in each of the 50 states, will be announced publicly as Semi-Finalists. NMSC will provide scholarship applications and material explaining what the Semi-Finalist (and their schools) must do to advance in the competition of Merit Scholarships.
Commended Students	Late September of senior year about 35,000 of the high scores will receive Letters of Commendation, but these students will not continue in the competition for Merit Scholarships.
Finalists	In February of senior year, NMSC will notify Semi-Finalists who meet all academic and other requirements and become Finalists that they will be considered for Merit Scholarships. Of some 14,000 Finalists, about 6,500 will be chosen to receive a Merit Scholarship, based on information submitted about their abilities, accomplishments, and goals. Teacher recommendations and course grades are important in this selection.
National Merit Scholarship Winners	Every Finalist will be considered for one of the national awards. Recipients of these awards will be notified beginning in late March.
Corporate-Sponsored Merit Scholarship Winners	Finalists who meet preferential criteria of sponsor organizations will be considered for these scholarships. About 1,300 winners will be notified beginning in mid-March
College-Sponsored Merit Scholarship Winners	Finalists planning to attend a sponsor institution will be considered for these scholarships. Approximately 3,200 winners will be notified beginning in mid-April of senior year. A list of these institutes can be found in the PSAT bulletin or on their website.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

(at Denton High School)

The Denton High School's International Baccalaureate Programme offers the most rigorous college preparatory work in Denton ISD. Our graduates have been accepted to prestigious Ivy League schools such as Harvard and Princeton as well as other selective programs like those of Boston University, University of California, Berkeley, Johns Hopkins and Stanford. Our students have also earned millions of dollars in scholarships and have maintained a 100% retention rate once accepted into a four-year college or university.

Philosophy/ Objectives

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. Students may enter the IB Diploma Programme at Denton High School beginning in grade 11 and continuing through grade 12. Students in the programme will study how to learn, how to analyze, and how to reach considered conclusions about people and other cultures. The IB Programme takes on a special significance today when knowledge continues to expand dramatically and existence in an international community requires understanding and an appreciation of cultural diversity. It is essential, therefore, that academic training provides students with the skills and opportunities that will enable them to succeed in the competitive global society. For maximum success in the IB Diploma Programme students must begin their second language of choice in their freshman year. American Sign Language does not count as an IB Language choice. Freshmen and sophomores are also highly encouraged to take at least 2 Honors/ Pre-IBDP courses.



We strongly recommend Diploma Programme students to enroll in Economics or AP Economics during the sophomore year.

Benefits of the Diploma Programme

- College credit, which has exceeded 40 hours for some students
- Geared at multiculturalism and global topics
- Emphasis on extensive writing assignments like those found in university courses
- Fosters 21st century skills such as collaboration, problem-solving, and communication

Transfers for the IB Programme

Students who are not zoned to attend Denton High School must request a transfer. Transfer request applications may be obtained from the Denton ISD website. Meeting with the IB DP or MYP Coordinator is a requirement for anyone applying for a transfer. In order to maintain transfer status, DP students are required to participate in at least 2 higher level courses in both the 11th and 12th grades.

Texas Legislation and the IB Programme

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.

For More Information, Contact:

Beth Hughes, IB DP Coordinator • 940-369-2238 • bhughes@dentonisd.org • www.dentonisd.org/dhsIB
Crystal Sullivan, IB MYP Coordinator • 940-369-2014 • csullivan@dentonisd.org •
www.dentonisd.org/Domain/5335

IB Diploma Courses Offered

Choose 3 at Higher Level and 3 at Standard Level

(Full diploma programme candidates must choose ONE course from Groups 1-5 PLUS ONE from Group 6 or a second Group 2-4 course)

Denton High School's Offerings for 2019-2020

Group 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB English HL (Higher Level)
Group 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish SL (Standard Level and Higher Level) • French SL (Standard Level) • German SL (Standard Level) • Latin SL (Standard Level)
Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB History of the Americas HL (Higher Level)
Group 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology SL/HL (Standard Level and Higher Level) • Environmental Systems and Societies SL (Standard Level)* • Computer Science SL/HL (Standard Level and Higher Level) • Physics SL (Standard Level) • Chemistry (Standard Level) <p><i>* may also be counted as a Group 3 offering</i></p>
Group 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematical Studies SL (Standard Level) • Mathematics SL (Standard Level)
Group 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Arts SL/HL (Standard Level and Higher Level) • Music SL (Standard Level and Higher Level) • Dance SL/HL (Standard Level and Higher Level) • Film SL/HL (Standard Level and Higher Level)

Sample Schedules

Junior Year	Senior Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB English IIIHL • IB Language Acquisition Choice III or IV SL • IB History of the Americas, Year 1 HL • IB Biology, Year 1 HL or regular Physics or IB Physics SL • Honors/IBDP Algebra 2, or IB Math Studies, or IB Math, Year 1 SL • IB Visual Arts SL/HL or IB Dance SL/HL or IB Computer Science SL/HL or Film SL/HL or Music SL/HL • IB Research – Fall Semester • Theory of Knowledge - Spring Semester • Choice Class or Dismiss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB English IVHL • IB Language Acquisition Choice IV SL • IB History of the Americas, Year 2 HL • IB Biology HL or Environmental Systems & Society SL or IB Physics SL • IB Math Studies SL or IB Math, Year 2 SL • IB Visual Arts SL/HL or IB Dance SL/HL or IB Computer Science SL/HL or Film SL/HL or Music SL/HL • Theory of Knowledge – Fall Semester • IB Research - Spring Semester • Choice Class or Dismiss

International Baccalaureate Diploma Classes

Group 1: English Language and Literature

English HL

Prerequisite: Honors/IBDP English 1 and English 2 recommended

English HL is a demanding two-year pre-university course of study designed to develop skills of textual analysis both literary and non-literary. The course encourages students to question the meaning generated by language and texts. An understanding of the ways in which formal elements are used to create meaning in a text is combined with an exploration of how that meaning is affected by reading practices that are culturally defined. The study of literature in translation from other cultures is especially important to IB DP students because it contributes to a global perspective. Texts are chosen from a variety of sources, genres, and media. The aims of this course include: introducing students to a range of different texts from different periods, styles, and genres; developing the ability to engage in close detailed analysis of individual texts and making relevant connections; developing powers of expression both in oral and written communication. Both students and parents should be aware that outside reading and writing is required for this course.

Group 2: Language Acquisition

Spanish SL, French SL, German SL, Latin SL, Mandarin Chinese ab initio

Prerequisite: Level 1 and Honors/IBDP Level 2 and 3

The focus of these courses is that students will be able to communicate with other World Language speakers in a comprehensible way so that they understand the cultures and contexts with which they are interacting. The courses are designed so that students will develop integrated language skills, increase cultural and social knowledge of the World Language and the associated cultures, and exchange ideas and gain confidence in their abilities to communicate. Students demonstrate their knowledge and skills through oral exams, essays, and an IB examination.

Group 3: Individuals and Societies

History of the Americas HL

Prerequisite: Honors/IBDP World Geography AND AP World History

History of the Americas HL is a two-year course with the first year dedicated primarily to Early American Government principles and early 20th Century US History. The second year of the course approaches mid-late 20th Century World Topics including global peacekeeping, a case study dealing with the civil rights movement in the US (1954-1965) and a case study of Apartheid South Africa (1948-1964). The focus of this course is that students understand trends and developments along with continuity and change through time and individual events. These courses are concerned with individuals and societies in the widest context: political, social, economic, religious, technological, and cultural.

Students develop analytical and research skills used to study primary sources and scholarly works to discover the overall framework of history from an international perspective. Students will be assessed on their ability to mold and polish these skills via: daily writing routines both short and extensive, participation in subject-centered discussions, and final, research focused papers including an IB required Historical Investigation.

Group 3 or 4: Individuals and Societies or Sciences

Environmental Systems and Societies SL

Prerequisite: Biology, Chemistry, World Geography, and World History

The purpose of Environmental Systems and Societies SL course is that it provides students with a logical, comprehensible and personal perspective of man and his impact on the environment. Studying Environmental Systems and Societies presents both an interdisciplinary understanding and an international perspective on the global issues that affect us as an entire planetary population and emphasizing how people and different society choices affect the whole. This course embraces a wide variety of topics from different content areas of study and merges them all together in a rather delectable “Understand and Save the Planet” stew to be consumed and digested in an intentional mindedness and multicultural classroom. The course culminates with a series of data-based questions, an essay based on topics studied during the year, and a case study.

Group 4: Sciences

IB Biology HL and SL

Prerequisite: Honors/IBDP Biology and Honors/IBDP Chemistry

The purposes of the IB Biology HL and SL courses are to provide students with the tools necessary to understand and adapt to the selective trends of our modern, technological society at the global level. Students will become well-practiced in the areas of problem solving, the development of scientific skills, thinking tools, and the use of technology. In addition, students will learn effective ways of communicating and presenting scientific data and phenomena. Students will achieve these skills through the completion of either of the two IB Biology courses: Biology Higher Level (HL) or Biology Standard Level (SL). The HL course will explore all the SL topics with more depth and detail, and it will include additional topics as selected by the students and teacher.

IB Computer Science SL & HL

Prerequisite: Honors/IBDP Computer Science

In the second year of study, students continue the development of computer programming techniques using the Java language with emphasis on learning and applying good object-oriented programming techniques. The third-year course emphasizes the object-oriented programming methodology introduced in the SL course year with a concentration on problem solving, algorithm development, program design, and advanced data structures. Each student will develop a Program Dossier to demonstrate mastery of the basic computer science techniques including software design, coding, debugging, testing, documentation, and advanced data structures.

IB Physics SL

Prerequisite: Honors / IBDP Biology and Honors / IBDP Chemistry are recommended

The IB Diploma Programme physics course exposes students to this most fundamental experimental science, which seeks to explain the universe itself - from the very smallest particle to the vast distances between galaxies. Students, moreover, study the impact of physics on society, the moral and ethical dilemmas, and the social, economic and environmental implications of the work of physicists. Further, students enjoy multiple opportunities for scientific study and creative inquiry within a global context.

IB Chemistry SL

Prerequisite: Honors / IBDP Chemistry

Chemistry is an experimental science that combines academic study with the acquisition of practical and investigational skills. It is known as the central science, because its principles underpin both the physical environment in which we live and all biological systems. The IB Diploma Programme Chemistry course includes the essential principles of the subject and offers some flexibility to accommodate the needs of students who wish to study it as their major subject in higher education and of those who do not. It allows students to develop practical skills and techniques, and to increase the facility in the use of mathematics, as the language of science. In addition, it provides opportunities for growth of interpersonal skills and digital technology skills, both important life-enhancing, transferable skills in their own right.

Group 5: Mathematics

Math Studies SL

Prerequisite: Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 are required (Honors/IBDP preferred)

The Math Studies SL course gives a sampling of several math topics that are offered in college. These include, but are not limited to, the history of mathematics, trigonometry, statistics, number theory, and calculus. The course is offered to students with varied backgrounds and abilities. It is designed to build confidence and encourage an appreciation of mathematics in students, some of whom do not anticipate a need for mathematics in their future studies. The key objective of this course is to introduce students to mathematical concepts and principles through the development of various techniques, allowing for the possibilities of the practical and real-world application of the subject. Assessments will include the following items: class work exercises, homework assignments, quizzes, exams, class projects, midterm and final exams. A key component of the mathematics studies course will be the IB project, in which the student will produce a piece of written work based on personal research that is guided and supervised by the teacher and cumulative written exam.

Honors/IBDP Mathematics SL

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry

Mathematics SL is a 2-year upper level course ideal for students who wish to explore mathematics at an advanced level. The course is focused on the development of students' understanding of advanced mathematics, providing experience with its methods and applications, and supplying a rigorous foundation for future advanced mathematics courses. The course emphasizes a multi-representational approach to mathematics with concepts, problems, results and solutions being expressed graphically, numerically, analytically, and verbally. The connections among these representations are explored and reinforced. Written communications in a rigorous, precise, and concise manner of concepts, problem solutions, and investigative results are also emphasized. Technology is used extensively, and daily, to reinforce the relationships among multiple representations, confirm written work, implementation, experimentation, and assist in interpreting results. The course as taught provides a vehicle for students to employ and further develop their powers of abstraction and generalization along with their logical, critical and creative thinking skills. Students should develop an appreciation for persistence and patience as critical problem-solving skills as well as an appreciation for the historical evolution of skills brought on by technological development. A further aim of the course is that students develop the ability to apply learned skills to alternative situations and future developments. Assessments include two tests at the end of the course year and mathematical research exploration.

Group 6: Arts

IB Dance HL & SL

Prerequisite: Dance 1 and Dance 2 are strongly recommended

IB Dance will provide the opportunity to emphasize a healthy lifestyle and to experience the joy of creating and exploring movement. Our focus is to develop the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual aspects in one's life. Our aim and objectives are to encounter the art of dance through movement, knowledge, and a level of performance as well as to increase self-confidence of a student. The course will offer intercultural awareness that will encourage students to consider multiple perspectives, develop knowledge and skills as they learn about their own and others' social, national, and international cultures. Skills are showcased in a final composition and analysis dance, a film performance piece, and an accompanying dance investigation essay.

IB Music HL & SL

Prerequisite: Membership in Band, Choir or Orchestra

The IB Music Class is designed to provide opportunities for students to compare and contrast a variety of music in the classroom while giving all students a music vocabulary to use in describing the characteristics of music from different cultures. Mechanics of music will be covered as the student's study theory, composition and analysis. All this combined prepares the student for the IB Listening Paper. IB music students are expected to: be a member in band, choir or orchestra, complete the musical links investigation, complete the listening paper exam given in May of senior year, and put together a group performance recording.

IB Visual Art HL & SL Prerequisite:

The IB Visual Art HL & SL courses will allow students the opportunity to take an advanced level art course in their junior and/or senior year. It is understood that the student will have successfully completed Art 1, and an additional second level visual arts class. Although second through fourth level art classes are media specific classes (drawing painting, ceramics, sculpture), both Standard Level (one year) and Higher Level (requiring two years) IB Visual

Art classes allow students to investigate as well as explore and document a variety of artistic solutions to visual challenges in various media. The aims of Visual Arts SL and HL are to enable the students to develop technical abilities, explore and value the diversity of the arts across time, place and cultures and demonstrate proficiency in variety of media while pursuing their area of artistic interest.

IB Film SL & HL

Prerequisite: None

IB film students will watch cinematic masterpieces from around the world and develop the ability to understand film a complex art form, craft, and institution. They will be challenged to experience a broader and more diverse range of movies than they have previously encountered, and most importantly will be expected to watch and experience film actively and analytically. Students will learn to recognize and interpret the most important elements of film language and analyze the way filmmakers convey story and meaning. Film styles and movements are explored, and the central critical approaches to the study and appreciation of film as a genre. Final assessments will include textual analysis of films, essays pertaining to film theory and history of film, and an individual, creative film product

IB Core Requirements

Theory of Knowledge

Prerequisite: Full IB Diploma Candidates

The Theory of Knowledge course is an interdisciplinary course designed to help students to develop the ability to think about what they know and how they know it while bringing to students an awareness of different perspectives on knowledge issues because of geography, culture, language, and philosophical/religious beliefs. Students will be encouraged to reflect on their own experiences as learners, foster a sense of curiosity with a desire to explore the diversity of ideas and cultures beyond their current experiences, and understand that other peoples' beliefs and ideas may be different.

IB Research: Extended Essay and Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)

Prerequisite: Full IB Diploma Candidates

These two requirements are combined into a semester course designed to give students a solid foundation in these core components that will be continued outside the school day during the duration of their DP program.

CAS is a framework for experiential learning designed to involve students in new roles. The emphasis is on learning by doing real tasks that have real consequences and then reflecting on these experiences over time

Extended Essay

The extended essay is a 4,000-word essay, usually the outcome of sixty hours of work, and must be submitted by every IB diploma candidate. This course will help students develop and refine research skills necessary to be successful for this endeavor. Students will develop quantifiable research questions in a chosen subject area. Each student will develop high level research and writing skills, intellectual discovery, and self-sufficient, academic investigations under the guidance of a supervisor. The IB Research class counts as a state elective credit.



Course Descriptions

- English Language Arts**
- Mathematics**
- Science**
- Social Studies**
- World Languages**
- Fine Arts**
- Physical Education, Health**
- Air Force Junior R.O.T.C.**
- Career and Technology Education**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

ESOL (ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES)

To find out more about the English Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) click [here](#).

Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	Credits
10110	English I	9	1
10105	English I ESL (Speakers of Other Languages) State Credit: 1 Local Credit: 1	9	2
10115	Honors English I	9	1
10210	English II	10	1
10205	English II ESL (Speakers of Other Languages) State Credit: 1 Local Credit: 1	10	2
10215	Honors English II	10	1
10310	English III	11	1
10305	English III ESL (Speakers of Other Languages) Local Credit: 1	11	1
10325	AP English III: Language and Composition	11	1
10410	English IV	12	1
10425	English IV AP Literature and Composition	12	1
105403	Creative Writing	10-12	.5 / 1
10580	Reading Improvement I	9-12	1
10583	Reading Improvement II College Preparatory Course ELA	9-12 12	1 .5 *
10560	Public Speaking	9-12	1
10550	Debate 1	9-12	1
10553	Debate 2	10-12	1
10555	Debate 3	10-12	1
10500	Journalism 1	9-12	1
10527	Photojournalism	9-12	.5 – 1
10505/10510/ 10513	Advanced Journalism Newspaper Production 1,2, and 3	9-12	1
10515/10520/	Advanced Journalism Yearbook Production 1,2,	9-12	1

10525	and 3		
10530	Independent Study / Journalism Broadcast	10-12	1

Special Education Services

The following courses are for students who meet the eligibility requirements for special education services. Enrollment is based on Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) Committee decision and instructional arrangement.

English 1 ALT	9	1
English 2 ALT	10	1
English 3 ALT	11	1
English 4 ALT	12	1
Reading Improvement 1 and 2 ALT	9-12	1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS COURSE DESCRIPTION

<p>10110 - English 1 Grade Placement - 9 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>English 1 stresses the genre approach to literature and provides a year-long program of interrelated language skills with study in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The course includes a study of literature, creative writing, and introductory research skills. English 1 students are given an opportunity to refine the skills tested on STAAR.</p>
<p>10105 - English 1 ESL (Speakers of Other Languages) Grade Placement - 9 Credits - 2 (State: 1, Local: 1) Prerequisite - LPAC Placement</p>	<p>ESOL 1 is a beginning level course that combines English 1 TEKS with English language acquisition learning strategies and methodology. The year-long program develops skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing, representing, and culture. Students will receive English 1 state credit as well as one local elective credit for this course.</p>
<p>10115 – Honors English 1 Grade Placement – 9 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Advanced Coursework Criteria</p>	<p>Honors English 1 is an advanced level English course designed for students identified as gifted and for students with a high degree of skill in reading, grammar, writing and interpretation of literature. The course provides for the development of high-level thinking skills and an intensive in-depth study of literature and composition including grammar, mechanics and usage, reading concepts, and study skills. Honors English 1 places greater emphasis on critical thinking skills, student interaction, and independent research than does the English 1 class. A summer reading assignment is required. Students should see their eighth grade English teacher for assignment information.</p>
<p>10210 - English 2 Grade Placement - 10 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – English 1</p>	<p>English 2 reviews the literary genres within the context of world literature. The language study stresses the four major writing styles of description, exposition, narration, and persuasion. Vocabulary development, language usage, grammar, and elements of style receive special priority in the study of both literature and language. A research component is included.</p>
<p>10205 - English 2 ESL Grade Placement – 10 Credits - 2 (State: 1, Local: 1) Prerequisite – LPAC Placement</p>	<p>ESOL 2 is an intermediate level course that combines English 2 TEKS with English language acquisition learning strategies and teaching methods. The year-long program develops skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing, representing, and culture. Students will receive English 2 state credit as well as one local elective credit for this course.</p>
<p>102031 – Honors English 2 Grade Placement – 10 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Advanced Coursework Criteria</p>	<p>Honors English 2 is an advanced level English course designed for students identified as gifted and for students with a high degree of skill in reading, writing, and interpretation of literature. The course provides for the development of high-level thinking skills and an intensive in-depth study of literature and composition. A research component is included. Honors English 2 continues to develop skills acquired in Honors English 1 and focuses on the necessary skills for success in AP English 3. A summer reading assignment is required. See ninth grade English teacher for assignment information.</p>
<p>10310 - English 3 Grade Placement - 11 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – English 2</p>	<p>English 3 balances the study of literature, composition, and language while reviewing the fundamentals of composition and sentence structure employed in effective writing. English 3 studies American literature from the beginning of literary development in the United States through contemporary times, including representative writers and their contributions to the literary heritage of the United States. The course integrates writing skills with the study of literature and the research process.</p>

<p>10305 - English 3 ESL Grade Placement - 11 Credits - 1 (Local: 1) Prerequisite - LPAC Placement</p>	<p>ESL 3 provides a balanced curriculum designed to further refine language acquisition support to immigrant and nonimmigrant students. Students receive instruction in increasingly advanced grammar and composition, content area writing, vocabulary, and test-taking strategies. Students will receive one local elective credit. Students also register concurrently in the appropriate English course.</p>
<p>10325 – AP English 3: Language and Comp Grade Placement – 11 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Honors English 2 or Advanced Coursework is STRONGLY recommended</p>	<p>AP English 3 is designed for students identified as gifted and for college-bound students who demonstrate high levels of proficiency in the composition process and study of literature. The course presents a thematic or chronological study of American literature including an in-depth study of selected authors and their contributions to the literary heritage of the United States. A natural continuation of Honors English 1 and 2, this course uses instructional strategies to challenge students academically and intellectually. It includes reading-, writing-, and research-related skills in preparation for the Advanced Placement Language and Composition Examination for possible college credit. A summer reading assignment is required. See tenth grade English teacher for assignment information.</p>
<p>10410 - English 4 Grade Placement - 12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – English 3</p>	<p>English 4 introduces well-known British authors, their works and the thoughts that shape them. The course emphasizes the history and development of the English language, the art of critical thinking and writing, the techniques of research, and all grammatical structures that aid in effective communication. A research project is required.</p>
<p>10425 – AP English 4: Literature and Comp Grade Placement - 12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – AP English 3 or Advanced Coursework is STRONGLY recommended</p>	<p>AP English 4 is designed for students identified as gifted and for college-bound students who demonstrate high levels of proficiency in the composition process and study of literature. Students taking AP English 4 study major genres of the world’s most complex literature. Students write multiple papers to challenge and develop their levels of language perception and literary analysis. Coursework prepares them to take the Advanced Placement Literature and Composition Exam for possible college credit. A summer reading assignment is required. See eleventh grade English teacher for assignment information.</p>
<p>105403 – Creative Writing Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – ½ or 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Creative Writing provides students the opportunity to produce original works that use sensory observation and concrete imagery. Students learn about structure, style, point of view, figurative language, and other effective language tools. Culminating efforts will allow students to publish original works. Course offered in the fall and spring.</p>
<p>10580/10583 – Reading Improvement 1 and 2 Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Open to students who fail 7th – 8th grade STAAR</p>	<p>Reading Improvement focuses on the development of strategies to decode written language in all content areas by applying context clues and structural analysis. Through guided and independent reading and thorough collaboration with each other, students will experience success in listening, reading comprehension, and writing in response to literature. Emphasis will be placed on reading flexibility according to purpose, including reading for information and reading for pleasure.</p>
<p>- College Prep English Grade Placement - 12 Credits - .5 * Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>This course is for students in the 12th grade ONLY whose performance on an English Language Arts EOC assessment does not meet college readiness standards. Students who enroll in this class must be on the Foundation High School Program only. This course will be taught through Odyssey Ware.</p>
<p>10560 – Public Speaking Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Public Speaking 1 involves the preparation, presentation, and evaluation of public speeches for a variety of purposes. Self-confidence and poise-building are stressed to improve skills through classroom practice. Special areas of public speaking include the presentation of informative and persuasive speeches, small group discussion, problem solving, analysis of famous speakers and speeches, student congress, and verbal/nonverbal communication.</p>
<p>10550 – Debate 1 Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Strong Oral and written communication skills</p>	<p>Debate is a specialized course that trains the student to analyze current social, political, and economic problems. Students develop analytical skills, quick thinking, research techniques, strategies, and the ability to defend worthy ideas. The course additionally addresses logic and reasoning and refutation with persuasive delivery through classroom debates. Students compete with their peers from other schools in the region.</p>
<p>10553 – Debate 2</p>	<p>The skills of Debate 1 will continue to be emphasized. In addition, students</p>

Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Debate 1 and instructor approval	will learn advanced debating strategies and topic analysis, study a variety of philosophers and philosophies, and practice advanced researching and case-writing skills. Outside practice and tournament participation are required.
10555 – Debate 3 Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Debate 2 and instructor approval	The skills of Debate 1 and 2 will continue to be emphasized. In addition, students will practice more sophisticated skills in topic analysis, research, case writing, and debating strategies. Strong emphasis is placed on independent study. Outside practice and tournament participation are required.
10500 – Journalism 1 Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None	Journalism is geared to the highly motivated student who desires a firm background in journalistic technique. This course covers the essential ingredients of newspaper writing including news stories, features, editorials, and headlines. This course will also stress the techniques of observation, interviewing, reporting, and ethics in the media. In addition, proofreading, editing, and newspaper layout will be covered. Students interested in eventually joining the school newspaper staff and/or yearbook staff should take this course.
10527 – Photojournalism Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None	Photojournalism introduces students to the world of photography and journalism. The law, ethics, and history of photography will complement the major units of study: operation and care of the camera, taking pictures, film and print processing, teamwork, and management skills.
10505/10510/10513 Advanced Journalism Newspaper Production 1, 2, and 3 Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Teacher approval required, and Journalism 1 is suggested.	Advanced Journalism Newspaper Production 1, 2, and 3 is designed to allow students to apply photography, design, plans, writing, and editing used in the high school newspaper. Staff members are chosen by the adviser in the spring of each year. See journalism teacher for application.
10515/10520/10525 Advanced Journalism Yearbook Production 1, 2, and 3 Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Teacher approval required, and Journalism 1 is suggested.	Advanced Journalism Yearbook Production 1, 2, and 3, is designed to allow students to apply photography designs, plans, writing, and editing used in the high school yearbook. Staff members are chosen by the adviser in the spring of each year. See journalism teacher for application.
10530 Independent Study/ Journalism Broadcast Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – 1 year advanced journalism and teacher approval	Independent Study/Journalism is a course designed for advanced journalism students who want to expand their interest in journalism to broadcast.

Special Education Services

The following courses are for students who meet the eligibility requirements for special education services. Enrollment is based on Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) Committee decision and instructional arrangement.

English 1 ALT Grade Placement – 9 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None	English 1 ALT stresses the genre approach to literature and provides a year-long program of interrelated language skills with study in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The course focuses on prerequisite skills and includes a study of literature and creative writing. English 1 ALT students are given an opportunity to refine the skills tested on STAAR.
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<p>English 2 ALT Grade Placement – 10 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – English 1 ALT</p>	<p>English 2 ALT reviews the literary genres within the context of world literature. The language study focuses on prerequisite skills and stresses the four major writing styles of description, exposition, narration, and persuasion. Vocabulary development, language usage, grammar, and elements of style receive special priority in the study of both literature and language.</p>
<p>English 3 ALT Grade Placement – 11 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – English 2 ALT</p>	<p>English 3 ALT balances the study of literature, composition, and language while focusing on the prerequisite skills of the fundamentals of composition and sentence structure employed in effective writing. English 3 ALT studies American literature from the beginning of literary development in the United States through contemporary times. The course integrates writing skills with the study of literature and the research process.</p>
<p>English 4 ALT Grade Placement – 12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – English 3 ALT</p>	<p>English 4 ALT introduces well-known British authors, their works and the thoughts that shape them. The course exposes students to the history and development of the English language, the art of critical thinking and writing, and focuses on prerequisite skills for grammatical structures that aid in effective communication.</p>
<p>Reading Improvement 1,2 ALT Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Reading Improvement ALT focuses on prerequisite skills and the development of strategies to decode written language in all content areas by applying context clues and structural analysis. Through guided and independent reading and thorough collaboration with each other, students will experience success in listening, reading comprehension, and writing in response to literature. Emphasis will be placed on reading flexibility according to purpose, including reading for information and reading for pleasure. These courses serve as a Foreign Language substitute.</p>

MATHEMATICS

To find out more about the Mathematics Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) click [here](#).

Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	Credits
15115	Algebra I	9	1
15105/15905	ESL Algebra I (Speakers of Other Languages)	9	1
15118	Honors Algebra I	9	1
15210	Geometry	9-10	1
15205/15907	ESL Geometry (Speakers of Other Languages)	9-12	1
15215	Honors Geometry	9-10	1
15410	Mathematical Models with Applications	10-11	1
15310	Algebra 2	11-12	1
15305	ESL Algebra 2 (Speakers of Other Languages)	10-12	1
15315	Honors Algebra 2	10-11	1
15510	Pre-Calculus	11-12	1
15515	Honors Pre-Calculus	10-12	1
15865	Advanced Quantitative Reasoning (AQR)	11-12	1
15525	AP Calculus AB	11-12	1
15530	AP Calculus BC	11-12	1
15840	Statistics	11-12	1
15850	AP Statistics	11-12	1
	College Preparatory Mathematics	12	1*
17110	Computer Science 1	9-12	1
17115	Honors Computer Science 1	9-12	1
17225	AP Computer Science A	10-12	1

Special Education Services

The following courses are for students who meet the eligibility requirements for special education services. Enrollment is based on Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) Committee decision and instructional arrangement.

Algebra 1 ALT	9	1
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Geometry ALT	10	1
Mathematical Models with Applications ALT	10-11	1
M2310 Algebra 1 DE		
M2320 Geometry DE		
M2330 Algebra 2 DE		

Career and Technology Education

The following CTE course may count as a fourth year of math.

T3550 Accounting II

MATHEMATICS COURSE DESCRIPTION

<p>15115 - Algebra 1 Grade Placement - 9 Credits -1 Prerequisite - 8th Grade Math</p>	<p>This course is the “gateway” math course. It is a prerequisite for every other math course offered in high school. It is, generally, the entry-level math course and is taken by most ninth grade students who have not completed it in middle school. This is a function- based course that develops the structure of the real number system in a variety of ways. Students will learn to solve and graph linear equations and inequalities, translate among and use algebraic, tabular, and graphical methods to represent linear and quadratic functions and to solve systems of equations. Students will investigate, describe, and predict the effects of changes on the graphs of linear and quadratic functions and relate direct variation to linear functions and solve problems involving proportional change. Students are taught to use algebra in real life applications with the appropriate use of graphing calculators. Note: Students who have successfully completed this course in the 8th grade will receive a high school elective credit for the course, but the grade earned will not be counted in the calculation of grade point averages, and the student is still required to take four years of math in high school.</p>
<p>15105/15905 - ESL Algebra I (Speakers of Other Languages) Grade Placement - 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - LPAC Placement</p>	<p>ESL Algebra 1 integrates all the concepts taught in Algebra 1 with second language skills for immigrant and non- immigrant students. Additional emphasis will be placed on the acquisition of mathematics vocabulary.</p>
<p>15118 – Honors Algebra 1 Grade Placement - 9 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - 8th Grade Math</p>	<p>Honors Algebra 1 provides a course of study for students with advanced mathematical ability who are interested in studying algebra at an enriched level. The basic content is the same as regular algebra, but emphasis is placed upon real numbers and their operations, the language of algebra, and quadratic functions. Applications of algebraic concepts to problem solving are also stressed. This is a function- based course that develops the structure of the real number system in a variety of ways. Students will learn to solve and graph linear equations and inequalities, translate among and use algebraic, tabular, and graphical methods to represent linear and quadratic functions and to solve systems of equations. Students will investigate, describe, and predict the effects of changes on the graphs of linear and quadratic functions and relate direct variation to linear functions and solve problems involving proportional change. Students are taught to use algebra in real life applications with the appropriate use of graphing calculators.</p>
<p>15210 – Geometry Grade Placement - 9-10 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - Algebra 1</p>	<p>Geometry is a course designed to develop thinking skills, logic problem solving, application of algebraic skills to geometric problems, and proofs based on deductive reasoning. Students use coordinate, transformational, and axiomatic approaches to develop an understanding of a variety of concepts including polygon congruence, similarity, angle relationships in polygons and circles, parallel and perpendicular lines, and the relationships between three dimensional figures. Students develop and apply formulas including distance, midpoint, perimeter, area, surface area, and volume. Students will also compare and contrast Euclidean and non-Euclidean geometries.</p>

<p>15205/15907 - ESL Geometry (Speakers of Other Languages)</p> <p>Grade Placement - 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - LPAC Placement</p>	<p>ESL Geometry integrates all concepts taught in Geometry with second language acquisition skills for immigrant and non-immigrant students. The student will explore the relationship of geometry in nature with man-made creations. Additional emphasis will be placed on the acquisition of mathematics vocabulary. Students enrolled in this class may also be required to enroll concurrently in ESL Geometry Extension, if applicable.</p>
<p>15215 – Honors Geometry</p> <p>Grade Placement - 9-10 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - Algebra 1</p>	<p>Honors Geometry provides an enriched course of study for students with strong math skills. The basic content is the same as regular geometry, but an emphasis is placed upon the development of logical thinking through complex geometric proofs. Applications of geometric concepts to problem solving using algebra and trigonometry are also stressed. Students will investigate non-Euclidean geometries.</p>
<p>15410 – Mathematical Models with Applications</p> <p>Grade Placement - 10-11 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - Algebra 1</p>	<p>In this course, students use algebraic, graphical, and geometric reasoning to recognize patterns and structure, to model information, and to solve real life applied problems related to finance, data analysis, chance, probability, patterns in music, art and architecture, and scientific growth and decimal. Students use mathematical models from algebra, geometry, probability and statistics, and connections among these to solve problems from a wide variety of advanced applications in both mathematical and non-mathematical situations. Students use a variety of representations (concrete, numerical, algorithmic, graphical), tools, and technology to link modeling techniques and purely mathematical concepts to solve applied problems.</p>
<p>15310 – Algebra 2</p> <p>Grade Placement - 11-12 Credits 1 Prerequisite - Algebra 1 <i>(typically taken after geometry and can be concurrent with geometry)</i></p>	<p>Algebra 2 extends the concepts learned in Algebra 1 to the complex number system. Emphasis is placed on the study of functions, graphing, factoring, and solving equations within the field of complex numbers (square root functions, rational functions, and exponential and logarithmic functions).</p>
<p>15305 - ESL Algebra 2 (Speakers of Other Languages)</p> <p>Grade Placement - 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - LPAC Placement</p>	<p>ESL Algebra 2 extends the concepts learned in Algebra 1 to integrate the study of functions, graphing, factoring, and equation solving within the field of complex numbers with second language acquisition skills for immigrant and nonimmigrant students. Additional emphasis will be placed on the acquisition of mathematics vocabulary.</p>
<p>15315 – Honors Algebra 2</p> <p>Grade Placement- 10-11 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - Algebra 1 <i>(Honors Prerequisite is Strongly Recommended)</i></p>	<p>Honors Algebra 2 includes an advanced study of the complex number system, with emphasis on the use of algebra to solve real-world problems. Included in this course are many of the topics normally studied in elementary analysis (number topics in trigonometry and statistics).</p>
<p>15510 – Pre-Calculus</p> <p>Grade Placement - 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2</p>	<p>Pre-calculus integrates the topics of trigonometry, elementary analysis, and analytic geometry to represent mathematical situations, to express, generate, and study mathematical concepts and the relationships among them. The topics covered in pre-calculus are necessary for success in physics and calculus. Emphasis is placed on fundamental trigonometric properties and the study of functions and relations. Students who wish to leave open the option of taking calculus in college should include pre-calculus in their high school program.</p>
<p>15515 – Honors Pre-Calculus</p> <p>Grade Placement -10-12 Credits - 1</p>	<p>Honors Pre-Calculus is designed to provide the advanced student with the same concepts and skills normally obtained in pre-calculus. Additional emphasis is placed on applications of the trigonometric functions; graphs of higher degree, algebraic, trigonometric, polar, and rational functions and relations; limits; and vector and geometric applications in the plane and space. Focus is on higher-level skills necessary to prepare students for</p>

<p>Prerequisite - Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 (Honors Geometry and Honors Algebra 2 are Strongly Recommended)</p>	<p>Advanced Placement Calculus.</p>
<p>15865 – Advanced Quantitative Reasoning (AQR) Grade Placement - 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - Geometry and Algebra 2</p>	<p>Advanced Quantitative Reasoning (AQR) is a mathematical course that follows Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2. AQR is an engaging and rigorous course that prepares students for a range of future options in non-mathematics- intensive college majors or for entering workforce training programs. This course emphasizes statistics and financial applications, and it prepares students to use algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and discrete mathematics to model a range of situations and solve problems.</p>
<p>15525 – AP Calculus AB Grade Placement - 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - Pre-Calculus is Strongly Recommended (AP Statistics May Be Taken Concurrently)</p>	<p>AP Calculus AB is primarily concerned with developing the students’ understanding of the concepts of calculus and providing experience with its methods and applications. AP Calculus AB covers differential and integral calculus, including concepts and skills of limits, derivatives, definite integrals, and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. Students learn to approach calculus concepts and problems when they are represented graphically, numerically, analytically, and verbally, and to make connections among these representations. This course will prepare students for the AP exam in Calculus AB as administered by the College Board. Successful completion of AP Calculus AB is equivalent to the first semester of college level calculus. Depending on the local placement policies of the college and the score achieved on the AP exam, students can receive credit for first semester college calculus</p>
<p>15530 – AP Calculus BC Grade Placement - 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - Pre-Calculus is Strongly Recommended (AP Statistics May Be Taken Concurrently)</p>	<p>AP Calculus BC is primarily concerned with developing the student’s understanding of the concepts of calculus and providing experience with its methods and applications. AP Calculus BC is an extension of Calculus AB rather than an enhancement. AP Calculus BC includes all topics in AP Calculus AB, plus others such as parametric, polar, and vector functions, and series. It is equivalent to one year of calculus at most colleges and universities. This course will prepare students for the AP exam in Calculus BC as administered by the College Board. Successful completion of AP Calculus BC is equivalent to the first year of college level calculus. Depending on the local placement policies of the college and the score achieved on the AP exam, students can receive credit for first semester college calculus.</p> <p>Note: Credit is only awarded for either AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC, NOT both.</p>
<p>15840 – Statistics Grade Placement - 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - Algebra 1</p>	<p>In this course, students will broaden their knowledge of variability and statistical processes. Students will study sampling and experimentation, categorical and quantitative data, probability and random variables, inference, and bivariate data. Students will connect data and statistical processes to real-world situations. In addition, students will extend their knowledge of data analysis. This course is a good option for students who have completed Algebra 2 and are considering a liberal arts program, health science program, nursing program, etc.</p>
<p>15850 – AP Statistics Grade Placement - 11-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite - Algebra 2 (College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, or Calculus May Be Taken Concurrently)</p>	<p>AP Statistics is equivalent to a one-semester, introductory, non-calculus based, college course in statistics. The purpose of the AP Statistics course is to introduce students to the major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing and drawing conclusions from data. This AP course is an excellent option for any student who has successfully completed Algebra 2, who is considering pre-med, science, research, engineering, psychology, etc. Since Algebra 2 is the prerequisite course, AP Statistics will usually be taken in either the junior or senior year. Students planning to take an AP science course in their senior year will benefit greatly from AP statistics in their junior year. This course will prepare students for the AP exam in Statistics as administered by the College Board. Successful completion of AP Statistics is equivalent to a one-</p>

	semester college level statistics class at most universities and colleges. Depending on the local placement policies of the college and the score achieved on the AP exam, students can receive credit for one semester college statistics.
College Prep Math Grade Placement - 12 Credits - 1 * Prerequisite – None	This course is for students in the 12th grade ONLY whose performance on a Mathematics EOC assessment does not meet college readiness standards. Students who enroll in this class must be on the Foundation High School Program only. This course will be taught through OdysseyWare.
17110 – Computer Science 1 Grade Placement - 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – Algebra 1, and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in geometry/Algebra 2	Computer Science 1 is recommended for students who wish to go to trade school or have a career in mathematics or mathematics related fields, engineering or engineering related fields, computer science or other computer relate fields, business administration, or any other field that will require one or more semesters of post-high school level computer science. Emphasis is placed on object-oriented programming, program structures, and problem-solving techniques. The programming languages utilized in this course are Visual Basic, and/or JAVA. This course satisfies the computer technology applications requirement for high school graduation and provides a minimal experience in computer programming. It cannot be used to meet the minimum math requirement
17115 – Honors Computer Science 1 Grade Placement - 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – Algebra 1, and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in geometry/Algebra 2	Honors Computer Science 1 is recommended for college-bound students and students wanting to prepare for taking AP Computer Science A or AB. This is an excellent course for students who wish to have a career in mathematics or mathematics related fields, engineering or engineering related fields, computer science or other computer relate fields and are preparing to go to college. Emphasis is placed on program structures and problem-solving techniques and programming language JAVA. These concepts are at a higher level than those taught in Computer Science 1 and will help students develop a deeper understanding of concepts to support their success on the AP Computer Science A or AB Exam. This course satisfies the computer technology applications requirement for high school graduation. It cannot be used to meet the minimum math requirement.
17215 – AP Computer Science A Grade Placement - 10-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – Algebra 1, Computer Science 1 or consent of the instructor, or concurrent enrollment in geometry/Algebra 2	Computer Science A is recommended for college-bound students who wish to have a career in computer science, mathematics, engineering, business administration, or other fields that will require one or more semesters of college level computer science. The emphasis in this course is on object-oriented programming, program methodology and structure, and problem-solving techniques. The programming language utilized in this course is JAVA. A main function of this course is to prepare students for the AP Exam in Computer Science A. <i>(Students Should Be Comfortable with Functions and the Concepts Often Found in the Uses of Functional Notation)</i> This course may also count for the fourth year of math as required for graduation.

Special Education Services

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Algebra 1 ALT Grade Placement – 9 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - None	This course is the “gateway” math course. It is a prerequisite for every other math course offered in high school. It is, generally, the entry-level math course and is taken by most ninth grade students who have not completed it in middle school. This is a function- based course that develops the structure of the real number system in a variety of ways. Students will learn the prerequisite skills to solve and graph linear equations and inequalities. Students are taught to use algebra in real life applications.
Geometry ALT Grade Placement - 10	Geometry is a course designed to develop thinking skills and logic problem solving. Students develop and apply formulas including distance, midpoint, perimeter, area, surface area, and volume. This course focuses on prerequisite

* Foundation Program Only

All courses may not be offered on every campus

Credits - 1 Prerequisite - Algebra 1 ALT	skills
Mathematical Models with Applications ALT Grade Placement - 10-11 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - Algebra 1 ALT	In this course, students use algebraic, graphical, and geometric reasoning to recognize patterns and structure to solve real life applied problems related to finance, data analysis, and patterns in music and art. Students learn the prerequisite skills to use mathematical models from algebra, geometry, and connections among these to solve problems from a wide variety of applications in both mathematical and non-mathematical situations.

SCIENCE

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	Credits
20310	Biology	9-12	1
20305	ESL Biology	9-12	1
20315	Honors Biology	9-12	1
20420	Anatomy and Physiology of Human Systems	11-12	1
20430	Aquatic Science	11-12	1
20325	AP Biology	11-12	1
20210	Chemistry	10-12	1
20205	ESL Chemistry	10-12	1
20215	Honors Chemistry	10-12	1
20225	AP Chemistry	11-12	1
20110	Physics	11-12	1
20105	ESL Physics	11-12	1
20135	AP Physics	11-12	1
20137	AP Physics 2	11-12	1
20130	AP Physics C	11-12	1
20520	Environmental Systems	11-12	1
20525	AP Environmental Science	11-12	1
20524	DAP Scientific Research and Design	11-12	1
20522	Laboratory Management	11-12	.5 – 1

Career and Technology Education

The following CTE courses **MAY** count as a fourth year of science.

T6040 Forensic Science

T4500	Food Science
T1035	Advanced Animal Science
T7530	Engineering Design and Problem Solving

Special Education Services

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	<u>Biology ALT</u>	9-12	1
	<u>Chemistry ALT</u>	10-12	1
	<u>Environmental Systems ALT</u>	11-12	1
20102	Integrated Physics and Chemistry DE		
M3310	Biology DE		
M3320	Chemistry DE		
M3330	Physics DE		

Note: Any course title with a DE suffix refers to a Deaf Education course.

SCIENCE COURSE DESCRIPTION

<p>20310 - Biology Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>Biology is designed as an interest level course focusing on the major concepts in biology and their application in our society. The content emphasized to illustrate the major concepts and skills of this course will be related to the study of life and human experiences. This course is designed to provide students with a strong foundation and conceptual understanding of biology which will prepare students to take a variety of other biology courses.</p>
<p>20305 – ESL Biology Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - LPAC Placement</p>	<p>ESL Biology combines the study of living things with second language acquisition of immigrant and non-immigrant students. This course will provide a strong foundation and conceptual understanding of biology, preparing students to explore the relationship between the study of life and human experience.</p>
<p>20315 – Honors Biology Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Advanced Coursework Criteria</p>	<p>Honors Biology was developed as a course for the academically gifted or college bound student. This advanced course takes the concepts of Biology and expands them to include an in-depth study of cellular biology, taxonomy, microbiology, and genetics in order to prepare students for future Advanced Placement studies as well as prepare students to take a full range of other biology courses.</p>
<p>20420 – Anatomy and Physiology of Human Systems Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Biology</p>	<p>Anatomy and Physiology of Human Systems focuses on the study of the structure of function of the human body, its individual systems, and the integration of the body systems into an efficiently functioning organism. Respiration, transportation, nutrition, excretion, support/movement, and reproduction are the major topics covered. Dissection is a major component of this course and participation in dissection labs is required.</p>
<p>20430 – Aquatic Science Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Biology</p>	<p>Aquatic Science focuses on three main topics of aquatic science: physical oceanography, the diversity of aquatic and marine life, and the dynamics of aquatic and marine environments. This course also explores man’s impact on the oceans and special topics related to the Texas Coast. As students examine man’s role in protecting the ocean and its inhabitants, they will explore the still untapped power, resources, and knowledge housed in this majestic world.</p>
<p>20325 – AP Biology Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Honors Biology or Advanced Coursework Criteria AND Chemistry or Honors Chemistry</p>	<p>AP Biology is a course designed to be the equivalent of a college introductory biology course usually taken by biology majors during their first year. The college course in biology differs significantly from the usual first high school course in biology with respect to the kind of textbook used, the range and depth of topics covered, the kind of laboratory work done by students, and the time and effort required of students. The AP Biology course is designed to provide students with the conceptual framework, factual knowledge, and analytical skills necessary to deal critically with the rapidly changing science of biology. This is highly recommended for students interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. (Future Pre-Med and Pre- et majors)</p>
<p>20210 - Chemistry Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Algebra 1 and one high school science course</p>	<p>Chemistry is an interest level course designed to introduce students to relevant chemistry concepts and investigations. The scientific inquiry method, measurement and data gathering techniques, the atom, naming and using chemicals that are familiar to the student, identifying chemicals, balancing equations, and laboratory investigations of new products will be investigated. This course is designed to provide students with a strong foundation and conceptual understanding of chemistry, which will prepare students to take a variety of other chemistry courses and Biology.</p>

<p>20205 – ESL Chemistry Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - LPAC Placement</p>	<p>ESL Chemistry integrates the study of the composition and chemical properties of a substance with second language acquisition of immigrant and non-immigrant students. This course will provide a strong foundation about the nature of the substances and products that make up the world.</p>
<p>20215 – Honors Chemistry Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Algebra 1</p>	<p>Honors Chemistry is an advanced level course taking the concepts of Chemistry and expanding them to include dimensional analysis and a greater emphasis on data collection and laboratory investigations. A more in-depth look at chemical concepts will prepare students to take future Advanced Placement studies in chemistry as well as a full range of other chemistry courses and Honors Biology.</p>
<p>20225 – AP Chemistry Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Honors Chemistry or Advanced Coursework Criteria AND Algebra 2 (Honors Strongly Recommended)</p>	<p>The AP Chemistry course is designed to be the equivalent of the general chemistry course usually taken during the first college year. AP Chemistry meets the objectives of the general chemistry course so that students in such a course attain a depth of understanding of fundamentals and a reasonable competence in dealing with chemical problems. The course contributes to the development of the student's abilities to think clearly and to express their ideas, orally and in writing, with clarity and logic. The college course in general chemistry differs qualitatively from the usual first secondary school course in chemistry with respect to the kind of textbook used, the topics covered, the emphasis on chemical calculations and the mathematical formulation of principles, and the kind of laboratory work done by students. Quantitative differences appear in the number of topics treated, the time spent on the course by students, and the nature and the variety of experiments done in the laboratory. This course is highly recommended for students interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. (Future Pre-Med and Pre- et majors).</p>
<p>20110 - Physics Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Physics is an interest level course which looks at the principles of motion from autos to airplanes and from molecules to moons and examines electricity from the power of toasters to the fuses in the family car. Light and waves will be studied from communication to holography. Physics will provide students with a better understanding of the way our world works. This course is designed to provide students with a strong foundation and conceptual understanding of physics which will prepare students to take a variety of other physics courses.</p>
<p>20105 – ESL Physics Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – LPAC Placement</p>	<p>ESL Physics integrates the principles of motion, matter, energy, and force with second language acquisition of immigrant and non-immigrant students. This course will provide students with a better understanding of the way our world works.</p>
<p>20135 – AP Physics Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Advanced Coursework Criteria, Geometry, and Algebra 2 (concurrent enrollment is acceptable)</p>	<p>AP Physics 1 is a course which provides a systematic introduction to the main principles of physics and emphasizes the development of problem-solving ability. It is assumed that the student is familiar with algebra and trigonometry. Calculus is seldom used, although some theoretical developments may use basic concepts of calculus. In the AP Physics 1 course, the student should be interested in studying physics as a basis for more advanced work in the life sciences, medicine, geology, and related areas, or as a component in a non-science college problem that has science requirements. AP Physics 1 includes mechanics, dynamics, energy, momentum, rotation, waves, and basic electricity.</p>

<p>20137 – AP Physics 2 Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Advanced Coursework Criteria, AP Physics 1, and Pre-Calculus (concurrent enrollment is acceptable)</p>	<p>AP Physics 2 is a course which provides a systematic introduction to the main principles of physics and emphasizes the development of problem-solving ability. It is assumed that the student is familiar with algebra and trigonometry. Calculus is seldom used, although some theoretical developments may use basic concepts of calculus. In the AP Physics 2 course, the student should be interested in studying physics as a basis for more advanced work in the life sciences, medicine, geology, and related areas, or as a component in a non-science college problem that has science requirements. AP Physics 2 includes fluids, thermodynamics, light, optics, electricity and magnetism, nuclear physics, and modern physics.</p>
<p>20130 – AP Physics C Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Meet Advanced Coursework Criteria and Algebra 2</p>	<p>The AP Physics C course forms the first part of the college sequence that serves as the foundation in physics for students majoring in the physical sciences or engineering. The sequence is parallel to or preceded by mathematics courses that include calculus. Methods of calculus are used wherever appropriate in formulating physical principles and in applying them to physical problems. The sequence is more intensive and analytic than that in the B course. Strong emphasis is placed on solving a variety of challenging problems, some requiring calculus. The subject matter of the C course is principally mechanics, and electricity and magnetism, with approximately equal emphasis on these two areas. For students planning to specialize in a physical science or in engineering, most colleges require an introductory physics sequence of which the C course is the first part.</p>
<p>20520 – Environmental Systems Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Biology or Honors Biology and Chemistry or Honors Chemistry or Physics and Personal Transportation to-and-from Field Sites Which Are Subject to Verification by the Completion of an Application Form</p>	<p>This course will be a field-oriented interdisciplinary science course which emphasizes data collecting techniques in outdoor lab settings. In addition to the field based and laboratory activities, this course will involve numerous group and independent ecological projects. Studies will include all types of environments, their inhabitants, and the processes that allow them to function. The causes and the possible solutions to the earth’s pollution and resource problems will also be investigated</p>
<p>20520 – AP Environmental Science Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite –Honors Biology or Honors Chemistry or Environmental Systems and Personal Transportation to-and-from Field Sites Which Are Subject to Verification by the Completion of an Application Form</p>	<p>AP Environmental Science is a course designed as a strong laboratory and field investigation component. The goal of this component is to complement the classroom portion of the course by allowing students to learn about the environment through first hand observation. Experiences both in the laboratory and in the field, provide student with important opportunities to: test concepts and principles that are introduced in the classroom, explore specific problems with a depth not easily achieved otherwise, and gain an awareness of the importance of confounding variables that exist in the “real world.” In these experiences students can employ alternative learning styles to reinforce fundamental concepts and principles. Because all students have a stake in the future of their environment, such activities can motivate students to study environmental science in greater depth.</p>
<p>20524 – DAP Scientific Research and Design Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – 3 Sciences, one must be Honors or AP.</p>	<p>Scientific Research and Design is intended for students who want to engage in individualized research and experimentation assisted by a mentor scientist in a chosen field of study. It promotes the exploration of advanced science topics and applies previous knowledge and skills within a framework that allows students to work as real scientists. Students will have the opportunity to apply for “mini-grants” to fund their research and to manage those funds. They will also have the opportunity to present their research to the community and to be a part of the Denton ISD Science Discovery Center. This course will apply toward the Distinguished Achievement Diploma.</p>

<p>20522 – Laboratory Management Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - .5 / 1 Prerequisite – 3 Science Courses – See Science Department Chair to complete a special form</p>	<p>Laboratory Management is a course designed to provide opportunities to identify and manipulate conditions of laboratory investigations. Students will be involved in the use of extensive laboratory techniques, data collection and reporting, and the evaluation of the applications and implications of their research.</p>
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***All advanced science courses taken for the fourth-year science requirement have no alternative course available if you decide to drop the course.
Please choose wisely and consult your Counselor.***

Special Education Services

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<p>Biology ALT Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Biology ALT is designed as an interest level course focusing on the prerequisite skills of major concepts in biology and their application in our society. The content emphasized to illustrate the major concepts and skills of this course will be related to the study of life and human experiences. This course is designed to provide students with a strong foundation and conceptual understanding of biology.</p>
<p>Chemistry ALT Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Algebra 1 ALT and 1 high school science course.</p>	<p>Chemistry ALT is an interest level course designed to introduce students to relevant chemistry concepts and investigations. The scientific inquiry method, prerequisite skills for measurement and data gathering techniques, the atom, naming and using chemicals that are familiar to the student, identifying chemicals and laboratory investigations of new products will be investigated.</p>
<p>Environmental Systems ALT Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Biology ALT</p>	<p>This course will focus on the prerequisite skills for data collecting techniques. In addition to the field based and laboratory activities, this course will involve group and independent ecological projects. Studies will include all types of environments, their inhabitants, and the processes that allow them to function.</p>

SOCIAL STUDIES

To find out more about the Social Studies Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) click [here](#).

Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	Credits
22110	World Geography	9	1
22105	ESL World Geography	9	1
22115	Honors World Geography	9	1
22115	AP Human Geography	9	1
22210	World History	10	1
22205	ESL World History	10-12	1
22225	AP World History	10	1
22310	United States History	11	1
22305	ESL United States History	11	1
22325	AP United States History	11	1
224103	United States Government	12	.5
224253	AP United States Government	12	.5
225103	United States Economics	12	.5
225253	AP United States Macroeconomics	12	.5
226103	Psychology	11-12	.5
226253	AP Psychology	12	.5
227103	Sociology	11-12	.5
227303	Personal Financial Literacy	10-12	.5
22530	AP European History	11-12	1

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World Geography ALT	9	1
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<u>World History ALT</u>	10	1
<u>United States History ALT</u>	11	1
<u>Government ALT</u>	12	.5
<u>United States Economics ALT</u>	12	.5
<u>Professional Communications ALT</u>	10-12	.5
<u>Making Connections 1-4</u>	9-12	.5
<u>Methodology for Academic and Personal Success (MAPS)</u>	9-10	1
<u>General Employability Skills</u>	9-12	1
<u>Sociology ALT</u>	11-12	.5
<u>Personal Financial Literacy</u>	10-12	.5
<u>Navigating Life with Hearing Loss</u>	9-12	1

M4310	World Geography DE
M4320	World History DE
M4330	U.S. History DE
222402	Government DE
222502	Economics DE

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SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE DESCRIPTION

<p>22110 – World Geography Grade Placement – 9 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>World Geography focuses on an understanding of humans and their interaction with the environment. The curriculum integrates the study of physical, political, and human geography to provide a holistic profile of World Geography.</p>
<p>22105– ESL World Geography Grade Placement – 9 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - LPAC Placement</p>	<p>World Geography focuses on an understanding of humans and their interaction with the environment. The curriculum integrates the study of physical, political, and human geography to provide a holistic profile of World Geography. This course is integrated with second language acquisition skills for immigrant and non-immigrant students.</p>
<p>22115 – Honors World Geography Grade Placement – 9 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>World Geography focuses on an understanding of humans and their interaction with the environment. The curriculum integrates the study of physical, political, and human geography to provide a holistic profile of World Geography. Honors World Geography is integrated with deeper understanding and application of social studies skills.</p>
<p>– AP Human Geography Grade Placement – 9 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>This college-level course is an in-depth study of patterns and processes that shape human understanding including how man uses the earth and alters its' surface. Students learn the methods and tools geographers use as they examine topics such as population, cultural patterns and processes, political organization of space, agriculture, and rural land use, industrialization and economic development.</p>
<p>22210 – World History Grade Placement – 10 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>World History provides an overview of the development of civilizations with a focus on people, events, and cultures.</p>
<p>22205 – ESL World History Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – LPAC Placement</p>	<p>World History provides an overview of the development of civilizations with a focus on people, events, and cultures. This course is integrated with second language acquisition skills for immigrant and non-immigrant students.</p>
<p>22225 – AP World History Grade Placement – 10 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Completion of Honors World Geography or AP Human Geography</p>	<p>AP World History is designed to be the equivalent of a two-semester introductory college or university world history course. In AP World History students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in six historical periods from approximately 8000 B.C.E. to the present. Students develop and use the same skills, practices, and methods employed by historians: analyzing primary and secondary sources; making historical comparisons; utilizing reasoning about contextualization, causation, and continuity and change over time; and developing historical arguments. The course provides five themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: interaction between humans and the environment; development and interaction of cultures; state building, expansion, and conflict; creation, expansion, and interaction of economic systems; and development and transformation of social structures.</p>

<p>22310 – United States History Grade Placement – 11 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – World Geography and World History</p>	<p>ESL United States History covers the emergence of the United States (from Reconstruction to present) as a world power, using the social studies disciplines of history, geography, economics, sociology, and political science with second language acquisition learning strategies and methodology.</p>
<p>22305 – ESL United States History Grade Placement – 11 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – World Geography and World History</p>	<p>United States History is the study of the emergence of the United States as a world power (since Reconstruction) through the 21st century. This course is integrated with second language acquisition skills for immigrant and non-immigrant students.</p>
<p>22325 – AP United States History Grade Placement – 11 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Recommended completion of Honors World Geography</p>	<p>AP United States History is designed to provide students with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the study of United States History. The course prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to introductory college courses. Students should learn to assess historical documents for their relevance, reliability, and importance. Students will also learn to weigh the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship.</p>
<p>224103 – United States Government Grade Placement – 12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – (Juniors require approval)</p>	<p>Government is a one-semester course consisting of a comparative study of basic political and economic philosophies under which the modern world nations operate. A working knowledge of federal and state constitutions is emphasized to encourage students to participate actively in the American political process. Community resources are incorporated to bring students into personal contact with varied aspects of government.</p>
<p>224253 – AP United States Government Grade Placement – 12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – Recommended AP History (Juniors require approval)</p>	<p>AP United States Government is a one-semester course that gives students an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course includes both the study of general concepts used to interpret United States politics and the analysis of specific examples. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute United States politics. Students should become acquainted with the variety of theoretical perspectives and explanations for various behaviors and outcomes in government and politics.</p>
<p>225103 – United States Economics Grade Placement – 12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – U.S. History (Juniors require approval) Special Note: This may vary for students with a four-year IB Plan.</p>	<p>United States Economics is a one-semester course which helps the students understand events and conditions in the economy (such as: inflation, high unemployment, the energy crisis, and economic instability) in an attempt to make the student a better decision-maker.</p>

<p>225253 – AP United States Macroeconomics Grade Placement – 12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – Recommended AP History (Juniors require approval)</p>	<p>Economics is a one semester course designed to give students a thorough understanding of the principles of economics that apply to an economic system as a whole. This course places particular emphasis on the study of national income and price determination, and also develops a student’s familiarity with economic performance measures, economic growth, and international economics.</p>
<p>226103 – Psychology Grade Placement – 12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – (Juniors require approval)</p>	<p>Psychology is an elective one-semester course which helps the student acquire a better understanding of oneself and acquire the skills necessary for successful interactions with others through the understanding of human behavior.</p>
<p>226253 – AP Psychology Grade Placement – 12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – (Juniors require approval)</p>	<p>AP Psychology is a one semester course that introduces students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major sub-fields within psychology. They also learn about the methods psychologists use in their science and practice.</p>
<p>227103 – Sociology Grade Placement –12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – (Juniors require approval)</p>	<p>Sociology is a one-semester elective course focusing on group organization. Sociology is intended to aid the student in developing a better understanding of family relationships, society, and social problems.</p>
<p>227303 – Personal Financial Literacy Grade Placement –10-12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Personal Financial Literacy will develop citizens who have the knowledge and skills to make sound, informed financial decisions that will allow them to lead financially secure lifestyles and understand personal financial responsibility. Students will apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to analyze decisions involving earning and spending, saving and investing, credit and borrowing, insuring and protecting, and college and post-secondary education and training.</p>
<p>22530 – AP European History Grade Placement –12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – (Juniors require approval)</p>	<p>AP European History is an elective two-semester course. The goals of the course are to develop an understanding of the principal themes in modern European History, an ability to analyze historical evidence, and express historical understanding in writing.</p>

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<p>World Geography ALT Grade Placement – 9 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>World Geography ALT focuses on the prerequisite skills for a basic understanding of man and his adaptation to his environment. The curriculum integrates the study of landforms, location, climate, natural resources, and culture to provide a holistic profile of World Geography. Other studies vital to geography will include astronomy, geology, meteorology, climatology, and cartography.</p>
<p>World History ALT Grade Placement – 10 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>World History ALT provides an overview of the history of mankind, a study of man’s Western heritage, and of significant non-Western cultures. Emphasis will be on people, cultures, and events. This course focuses on prerequisite skills.</p>
<p>United States History Grade Placement – 11 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – World Geography ALT and World History ALT</p>	<p>United States History covers the emergence of the United States (from Reconstruction to present) as a world power, using the social studies disciplines of history, geography, economics, sociology, and political science. This course focuses on prerequisite skills.</p>
<p>Government ALT Grade Placement – 12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Government ALT is a one-semester course consisting of a comparative study of the basic political and economic philosophies under which the modern world nations operate. A working knowledge of the federal and state constitutions is emphasized to encourage the students to participate actively in the American political process. Community resources are incorporated into the course in order to bring students into personal contact with varied aspects of government. This course focuses on prerequisite skills.</p>
<p>United States Economics ALT Grade Placement – 12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>United States Economics ALT is a one-semester course which helps the students understand events and conditions in the economy (such as: inflation, high unemployment, the energy crisis, and economic instability) in an attempt to make the student a better decision-maker. This course focuses on prerequisite skills.</p>
<p>Professional Communications ALT Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Professional Communications ALT will focus on developing effective communication skills. Students enrolled in Communication Applications ALT will learn the necessary prerequisite skills to identify, analyze, develop, and evaluate communication skills needed for professional and social success in interpersonal situations, group interactions, and personal and professional presentations.</p>
<p>Making Connections 1-4 Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>The Making Connections courses assist students in disability awareness. These courses will help students to develop and generalize appropriate and beneficial social skills and increase student’s postsecondary outcomes. Making Connections I includes personal growth and awareness, social awareness, and social success.</p>

<p>Methodology for Academic and Personal Success (MAPS) Grade Placement – 9-10 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>The course focuses on the skills and strategies necessary for students to make a successful transition into high school and an academic career. Students will explore the options available in high school, higher education, and the professional world in order to establish both immediate and long-range personal goals. After identifying their individual learning styles and abilities, students will build on these abilities by developing critical time-management, organization and study skills. The course focuses on self-understanding, decision-making, resiliency, attitude, character education, and leadership to help students maximize personal achievement. Students will develop the specific strategies necessary to achieve their personal and professional goals. The course emphasizes proactive problem-solving, self-determination, and independent thinking and learning skills. In addition, students will explore and experience collaboration as a tool for creative problem solving. As part of goal setting and leadership activities, students may complete an outside community service learning experience in addition to class assignments.</p>
<p>General Employability Skills Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>This course provides students with knowledge of the prerequisite skills for general employment as well as the means of obtaining those skills. Employability skills include fundamentals of maintenance of personal appearance and grooming. The course also includes the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that allow employees to get along with their co-workers, make important work-related decisions, and become strong members of the work team. Discovering job possibilities that link skills, abilities, interests, values, needs, and work environment preferences is a part of the process of obtaining employability skills and abilities and is experiential learning that takes place over time.</p>
<p>Sociology ALT Grade Placement –11-12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>Sociology is a one-semester elective course focusing on group organization. Sociology is intended to aid the student in developing a better understanding of family relationships, society, and social problems. This course focuses on prerequisite skills.</p>
<p>Personal Financial Literacy Grade Placement –10-12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Personal Financial Literacy will focus on the prerequisite skills to make sound, informed financial decisions that will allow them to lead financially secure lifestyles and understand personal financial responsibility. Students will apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to analyze decisions involving earning and spending, saving and investing, credit and borrowing, insuring and protecting, and college and post-secondary education and training.</p>
<p>Navigating Life with Hearing Loss Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>The purpose of this course is to provide the necessary information, resources, and opportunities that will empower students who are deaf or hard of hearing to effectively apply information and skills learned in educational, home, and community settings in order to facilitate achievement in secondary and postsecondary environments. Areas to be addressed include audiology, hearing health, assistive technology, available support services and accommodations, communication, self- determination and advocacy, and Deaf culture.</p>
<p>M4310</p>	<p>World Geography DE</p>
<p>M4320</p>	<p>World History DE</p>
<p>M4330</p>	<p>U.S. History DE</p>
<p>222402</p>	<p>Government DE</p>
<p>222502</p>	<p>Economics DE</p>

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World Languages

Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	Credits
24110	French	9-12	1
24210	French 2	10-12	1
24215	Honors French 2	10-12	1
24310	French 3	11-12	1
24315	Honors French 3	11-12	1
24425	AP French 4	12	1
25110	German 1	9-12	1
25210	German 2	10-12	1
25215	Honors German 2	10-12	1
25310	German 3	11-12	1
25315	Honors German 3	11-12	1
25425	AP German 4	12	1
26110	Latin 1	9-12	1
26210	Latin 2	10-12	1
26215	Honors Latin 2	10-12	1
26315	Honors Latin 3	11-12	1
26425	AP Latin 4: Poetry	12	1
26530	Latin 5: Literature	12	1
28110	Spanish 1 (May be taken in grades 7 and 8 for 1 credit)	7-12	1
28115	Honors Spanish 1	9-12	1
28210	Spanish 2	9-12	1
281051/281052	Honors Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1-2 (May be taken in grades 7 and 8 for one credit)	7-12	2
28215	Honors Spanish 2	9-12	1
28310	Spanish 3	10-12	1

28305	<u>Honors Spanish for Spanish Speakers 3</u>	10-12	1
28315	<u>Honors Spanish 3</u>	10-12	1
28410	<u>Spanish 4</u>	10-12	1
28425	<u>AP Spanish 4</u>	11-12	1
28530	<u>AP Spanish 5</u>	12	1
27110	<u>American Sign Language 1</u>	9-12	1
27210	<u>American Sign Language 2</u>	10-12	1
27310	<u>American Sign Language 3</u>	11-12	1
27410	<u>American Sign Language 4</u>	12	1

World Languages COURSE DESCRIPTION

<p>24110 – French 1 Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>French 1 is an introduction to the French-speaking world, its language, and its people. The main emphasis is on early oral communication skills while developing reading and writing skills. Grammar skills are introduced through both oral and written expression. The student is guided in recognizing the interrelationships of languages and in understanding the cultural aspects of the French-speaking world.</p>
<p>24210 – French 2 Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – French 1</p>	<p>French 2 emphasizes the further development of the four communication skills: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students will study the culture not only of France, but also the French-speaking world.</p>
<p>24215 – Honors French 2 Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – French 1 and meet advanced course criteria</p>	<p>This course develops the four communications skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening in depth. Vocabulary, speaking fluency, writing proficiency, and Francophone culture will be emphasized. Honors students can expect to spend more time out of class preparing for the course than they did in French 1. Less time will be spent on grammar and rote drill and more time will be spent on actual practice using the language.</p>
<p>24310 – French 3 Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – French 2 or Honors French 2</p>	<p>French 3 emphasizes speaking and listening skills. By the end of the year, students will have a general knowledge of the basic structure of the language and will be able to converse on a variety of topics. Reading and writing skills will be improved. Cultural topics will include contemporary issues in French-speaking countries as well as real-life situations students might encounter while visiting a French-speaking country.</p>
<p>24315 – Honors French 3 Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Honors French 2</p>	<p>Students will complete the study of the basic structure of the language while deepening their communication skills. They will begin reading authentic texts and will be expected to give several different kinds of oral presentations. Except for grammar explanations, the class will be taught almost exclusively in French. The course will provide cultural experiences as well as develop language proficiency</p>
<p>24425 AP French 4 Grade Placement – 12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Honors French 3</p>	<p>The purpose of this course is to prepare students to succeed on the Advanced Placement exam. The goal is to create reasonable fluency in the four communication areas: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. At this level, the instruction becomes more individualized as students exhibit individual strengths and weaknesses. Technology, including the language laboratory, the Internet, authentic video, audio, and literature provide the students with opportunities to increase skills. The class is taught in French except for grammar explanations. Several texts are provided for mastery of the four skills. Students can expect to produce compositions as well as oral presentations.</p>
<p>25110 – German 1 Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>German 1 begins by teaching the basic sounds of German vowels and consonants through common, everyday conversational patterns such as greetings, partings, “small talk,” counting, and telling time. Study progresses to the grammar required to express more complex ideas by using direct and indirect objects, present tense and conversational past, and the use of everyday idioms.</p>
<p>25210 – German 2 Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – German 1</p>	<p>German 2 begins with an in-depth review and expansion of German 1. Speaking and oral comprehension are stressed. More complex grammar is learned, such as dependent and independent clauses, as well as other verb tenses. Supplementary readings are used from newspapers, magazines, and simple literary works. Cultural aspects of German-speaking countries are taught.</p>

<p>25310 – German 3 Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – German 2 or teacher approval</p>	<p>German 3 provides extensive oral practice in conversational German. The reading materials used, as well as the writing topics, will stress real-life situations. German culture study is a natural by-product of this instructional strategy.</p>
<p>25315 – Honors German 3 Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Honors German 2 or teacher approval</p>	<p>Honors German 3 presents a comprehensive study of speaking, listening, reading, and writing intermediate German. It includes polishing the grammar of the first two years, expanding literary study, and studying the influence of Germany in the world, especially in the United States.</p>
<p>25425 – AP German 4 Grade Placement – 12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – 3 years of German with Honors 2 and Honors 3 recommended.</p>	<p>AP German 4 prepares and evaluates a student's ability to communicate in modern German. Language communication is both input (reading and listening) and output (speaking and writing). To facilitate the student's ability to respond to German prompts, whether written or spoken in correct and idiomatic German, the entire class is conducted in German. Students will read appropriate AP-level literature selections and discuss their cultural implications in contemporary German society.</p>
<p>26110 – Latin 1 Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Latin 1 content focuses on communication, culture, connection and comparison of the Latin language and culture to ours. Latin 1 introduces the basic structure and grammar of the Latin language with emphasis on reading and comprehension of Latin texts through an inductive language method. Classical civilization and culture, history and mythology is studied in conjunction with the readings. Vocabulary and grammar and their relationship to English are essential components of the course.</p>
<p>26210 – Latin 2 Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Latin 1 and meet advanced course criteria</p>	<p>Intermediate grammatical concepts and vocabulary are introduced through the use of a continuous narrative begun in the first year. As in Latin 1, the relationship between English and Latin vocabulary and grammar are emphasized. Skills in reading and comprehension of Latin passages at the intermediate level are developed. The students continue their study of Roman civilization and culture, history and mythology, as related to the readings. Honors Latin 2 has additional native language readings on Roman culture and an emphasis on character analysis of material in the daily readings as a preparation for doing literary analysis for AP Latin.</p>
<p>26215 – Latin 3 Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Latin 2 or Honors Latin 2</p>	<p>Latin 3 Honors curriculum includes advanced grammatical concepts and vocabulary as needed to prepare students for reading authentic Latin texts. It is introduced through narratives interspersed with authentic Latin literature, including prose and poetry as well as the study of culture and history relevant to individual authors. The second semester is a general survey of Roman authors including Caesar, Cicero, Livy, Petronius, Ovid and Vergil. The students continue their study of Roman civilization and culture, history and mythology as related to the readings.</p>
<p>26425 – Latin 4: Poetry Grade Placement – 12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Honors Latin 2 and/or Honors Latin 3, or teacher approval</p>	<p>This course is the advanced study of the Latin epic, Vergil's AENEID. The course follows the prescribed curriculum of the College Board Advanced Placement Committee in order to prepare students for the Advanced Placement Examination on Vergil. This course includes extensive reading of the primary text and the entire AENEID in translation, literary analysis, forms and devices specific to poetry, metrical conventions, and the study of culture, history, and mythology as relevant to the AENEID with particular emphasis on preparing for Advance Placement examination on Vergil.</p>

<p>26530 – Latin 5: Literature Grade Placement – 12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Honors Latin 2 and/or Honors Latin 3, or AP Latin 4 or teacher approval</p>	<p>This course is the advanced study of Latin literature (e.g., Catullus/Ovid). The Latin Literature curriculum, determined by the College Board, includes the study of the works of Catullus and one of the following authors: Horace, Cicero, Ovid. The course covers extensive reading of the primary texts, literary analysis, forms and devices specific to poetry/prose, metrical conventions, and the study of culture and history relevant to the individual authors.</p>
<p>28110 – Spanish 1 Grade Placement – 7-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Spanish 1 offers an introduction to the language. It seeks to develop the four basic audio-lingual skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Class instruction at the outset includes intensive training in conversation and proceeds through reading and writing to formal grammatical structure.</p> <p>(May be taken in grades 7 and 8 combined for 1 credit)</p>
<p>28115 – Honors Spanish 1 Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Honors Spanish 1 begins the preparation for the Advanced Placement Exam in Spanish Language and Spanish Literature. The course is directed toward the student who is academically oriented. The class is conducted in English at first, but Spanish will be used for increasingly extended periods of time. The students are encouraged to respond in Spanish. Students will read excerpts from current newspapers and magazines in Spanish and from edited versions of Spanish literature. Development of writing skills is achieved through short compositions and dialogues. Culture, history, geography, and literature are studied to gain a better understanding of the different cultures in the Spanish-speaking world.</p>
<p>28210 – Spanish 2 Grade Placement –9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Spanish 1 <i>Exception: Placement by Exam</i></p>	<p>Spanish 2 is a continuation of Spanish 1. First year grammar is thoroughly reviewed, and the course continues through advanced grammatical structures. Oral communications, compositions, and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries are emphasized.</p>
<p>281051 / 281052 – Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1 – 2 Grade Placement –7-12 Credits - 2 Prerequisite – Native Spanish Speaker</p>	<p>Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1-2 is designed for Spanish speaking students whose native language is Spanish but who lack Spanish literacy skills. Course curriculum focuses on the refinement of the student s reading, writing, and listening skills in order to make successful language transitions to other academic areas in the English language.</p> <p>Note: May be taken in grades 7 and 8 combined for one credit</p>
<p>28215 – Honors Spanish 2 Grade Placement –9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Spanish 1 with a second semester average of 90</p>	<p>Honors Spanish 2 continues the preparation for the Advanced Placement Exam in Spanish Language and Spanish Literature. The course is directed toward the student who is academically oriented. The first six weeks is a review of Spanish 1. The class is conducted in Spanish and students are expected to respond in Spanish. Students read excerpts from current newspapers and magazines in Spanish and from edited versions of Spanish literature. Development of writing skills is achieved through short compositions and dialogues. Culture, history, geography, and literature are studied to gain a better understanding of the different cultures in the Spanish-speaking world.</p>
<p>28210 – Spanish 3 Grade Placement –10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Spanish 2 or Honors Spanish 2</p>	<p>Spanish 3 is a continuation of Spanish 1 and 2, building on the foundation set previously. The course builds on the student’s skills, engaging the student in more open-ended activities. The goal is for the student to apply the language in a variety of situations. Culture, history, geography, and literature are studied to gain a better understanding of the different cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. The class is taught primarily in Spanish and the student is encouraged to respond in Spanish as well.</p>
<p>28305 – Honors Spanish for Spanish Speakers 3 Grade Placement –10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1 and 2</p>	<p>Honors Spanish for Spanish Speakers 3 is a continuation of SSS 1-2. It is designed for the Spanish-speaking student who is literate in the Spanish language and desires to perfect and enrich his/her language proficiency in the areas of grammar, reading, writing, and communication/presentation skills. Curricular emphasis focuses on critical thinking skills and on fostering an interest in the Hispanic heritage through the study of the culture, history, geography, and appropriate AP literature selections.</p>
<p>28315 – Honors Spanish 3</p>	<p>Honors Spanish 3 is a continuation of Honors Spanish 2 and is designed to concentrate on skills necessary for success on the Advanced Placement</p>

Grade Placement –10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Honors Spanish 2 , Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1-2, or by exam and teacher approval	Exam in Spanish Language or Literature. In addition to the Spanish 3 course description, this course offers a greater depth to each concept taught as well as an opportunity to read appropriate AP literature selections. The student’s communicative skills are expected to be at a higher proficiency level. The class is taught in Spanish and the student is expected to respond in Spanish as well.
28410 – Spanish 4 Grade Placement –10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Spanish 3 or by examination	Spanish 4 continues the study of complex grammar concepts, presents new vocabulary, provides opportunities for conversation on topics of a varied nature, includes the reading of classical and modern authors as well as news media materials, and requires student expression in oral and written form.
28425 – AP Spanish 4 Grade Placement –11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Honors Spanish 3, Spanish for Spanish Speakers 3, or by exam and teacher approval	AP Spanish 4 is intended to be the equivalent to a second-year course in college. It follows the AP curriculum outlined by the College Board. The goal of the course is to prepare the student to successfully take the AP Spanish Language Exam. The course focuses on Spanish language proficiencies through mastery of fluency in speaking writing, reading, and listening with understanding so that these skills are applied automatically. It seeks to develop language skills and insight that can be applied to various activities and disciplines.
28530– AP Spanish 5 Grade Placement –12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite –AP Spanish 4, by exam, or a native Spanish speaker	AP Spanish 5 is intended to be the equivalent of a third-year college introduction to literature in Spanish, covering selected works from literatures of Spain and Spanish America and which follows the College Board curriculum. Because the students read and analyze literature in Spanish, both orally and written, the language proficiency reached by the end of this course is generally equivalent to that of college students who have completed a fifth semester of Spanish in composition, conversation, and grammar.
27110 – American Sign Language 1 Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – None	American Sign Language 1 is the introductory course in ASL. During this course, the students will begin to develop their expressive and receptive signing skills as well as begin to build extensive sign vocabulary. The course will focus on ASL grammatical structures and basic information about deaf culture.
27210 – American Sign Language 2 Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – ASL 1	This course will expand the ASL sign vocabulary acquired in ASL 1. The course will focus on the improvement of expressive and receptive signing skills. During ASL 2, the student’s knowledge will be expanded in the areas of the history of the deaf, deaf culture, and grammatical aspects of ASL.

27310 – American Sign Language 3 Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – ASL 2	ASL 3 offers advanced ASL sign vocabulary and syntax. An introduction is given to job opportunities as interpreters as well as other careers related to deafness. A greater emphasis is given to expanding skills in expressive and receptive signing. This course includes the use of signing between student and teacher and among students whenever possible.
27410 – American Sign Language 4 Grade Placement – 12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – ASL 3	This course is a continuation of ASL 3. During the course, the student will gain knowledge of the different types of signed systems used in the educational setting and the art of interpreting. It will prepare the student for college-level ASL classes and for work involving the deaf community. The goal of this course is to ultimately prepare the student to pass the Texas Level 1 certification exam to interpret for the deaf.

Special Note:

While ASL is accepted as a World Language for college admissions purposes in Texas public colleges and universities and in many private and public institutions of higher learning across the United States, it is not accepted everywhere. Students interested in admission to private colleges and out of state universities and colleges should check the specific requirements for admission before determining the World Languages portion of their four-year high school graduation plan.

FINE ARTS

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	Credits
30110	Art 1	9-12	1
30120	Honors Art 1	9-12	1
30260	Honors Studio Art	10-12	1
30220/30230/ 30240/30250	Art 2	10-12	1
30320/30330/ 30340/30350	Art 3	11-12	1
30420/30430/ 30440/30450	Art 4	12	1
30525	AP Studio Art	11-12	1
SFAAHP	Art History	11-12	1
305271	AP Studio Art 3D Design	11-12	1
35110	Theatre 1	9-12	1
	Theatre 1 Advanced	9-10	1
35210	Theatre 2	10-12	1
35310	Theatre 3	11-12	1
35410	Theatre 4	10-12	1
35120/35220/ 35320/35420	Theatre Production 1, 2, 3, and 4	9-12	.5-1
35130	Technical Theatre 2	10-12	1
35330	Technical Theatre 3	11-12	1
35440	Technical Theatre 4	12	1
	Musical Theatre	11-12	1
	Theatre Management	11-12	1
33110/33210/ 33310/33110	Dance 1, 2, 3, and 4	9-12	1
33510/33360/ 33710	Dance (Drill Team) 2, 3, and 4	10-12	1
31116/31210/ 31310/31410	Band (Sub Non-Varsity) 1, 2, 3, and 4	9-12	1

31117/31220/ 31320/31420	Band (Non-Varsity) 1, 2, 3, and 4	9-12	1
31130/31230/ 31330/31430	Band (Varsity) 1, 2, 3, and 4	9-12	1
31125/31225/ 31325/31425	Jazz Ensemble 1, 2, 3, and 4	9-12	1
SFTC2R/SFFS LI/SFFH1I/SF FH2I	Mariachi 1, 2, 3, and 4	9-12	1
34120/34220/ 34320/34420	String Orchestra (Non-Varsity) 1, 2, 3, and 4	9-12	1
34500/34510/ 34520/34530	String Orchestra (Varsity)	9-12	1
32110/32120/ 32130/32140	Choir (Tenor-Bass)	9-12	1
32610/32620/ 32630/32640	Choir (Treble)	9-12	1
32710/32720/ 32730/32740	Choir (Non-Varsity B) 1, 2, 3, and 4	9-12	1
32810/32820/ 32830/32840	Choir (Non-Varsity A) 1, 2, 3, and 4	9-12	1
32910/32920/ 32930/32940	Choir (Varsity) 1, 2, 3, and 4	9-12	1
31525	AP Music Theory	11-12	1

INTRODUCTION

The arts offer 21st century skills training necessary for success in any profession, including development of creativity, critical thinking, empathy, collaboration, and innovation. The Denton Independent School District recognizes the importance of Visual and Performing Arts experiences as necessary for a well-rounded member of society. Our community offers a rich environment for the fine arts. The University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University offer nationally recognized programs in Art, Music, Theatre, and Dance. Denton Independent School District Fine Arts Department formally partners with the University of North Texas College of Visual Arts & Design in developing and delivering College Ready Art and Design Curriculum. Faculty from UNT and TWU actively engage in every area of Fine Arts in Denton ISD creating a rigorous and exciting artistic experience for Denton ISD students.

The Fine Arts pathways offer opportunity for the holistic development of Denton ISD students. Denton ISD Fine Arts Department offers regular and advanced courses in the following Fine Arts areas; Art, Theatre Arts, Dance, Band, Orchestra, Choral Music, and Music Theory Studies. Careers in the arts and entertainment industry cover a wide range of potential vocations.

FINE ARTS CAREERS

Visual Arts

Animator
Architect
Art Historian
Art Supply Store Employee / Manager
Art Therapist
Automobile Designer
Craft Store Employee/Manger
Exhibit Designer
Fashion Designer
Film Maker
Graphic Designer
Illustrator
Industrial Designer Interior
Designer Jewelry
Designer Website
Editor
Museum Curator
Education
Director Owner /
Manager for Art
Gallery Painter
Potter
Sculptor
Photographer
Photo Journalist
Printmaker
Scenic Designer
Store Display Designer
Visual Merchandiser
Web Designer

Performing Arts / Instrumental Music

Composer
Conductor
Instrumental Musician
Music Director
Music Store Employee
Music Theory Teacher
Pianist / Organist
Private Lesson Teacher
Public School Teacher
Recording Artist
Studio Musician /
Owner

Performing Arts/Vocal Music

Booking Agent
Conductor
Music Therapist
Private Vocal Instructor
Public School Teacher
Radio / TV Personality
Opera Singer
Voice over artist

Performing Arts/Dance

Dancer
Choreographer
Fitness Instructor
Studio Dance Teacher
Public School Dance Teacher
Drill Team Instructor
Fight Master
Stunt Coordinator

Performing Arts/Theatre

Agent
Audio Engineer
Box Office Manager
Carpenter
Cinematographer
Costume Designer
Education Director
Event Planner
Film Director
Lighting Designer
Marketing Director
Motivational Speaker
Playwright/Screenwriter
Publicist
Professional Actor
Promotion Manager
Properties Master
Road Manager
Scenic Designer
Seamstress/Tailor
Sound Designer
Stage Manager
Theatre Director

FINE ARTS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

<p>30110 – Art 1</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Art 1 is two-semester introductory course exploring the elements and principles of art and applying them to produce a variety of two and three-dimensional art media. This includes drawing, painting, print making, sculpture, ceramics, and fibers. Students also study historical and cultural influences on art. Students explore the philosophical nature of art and learn how to for and articulate critical assessments of art. There will be periodic quizzes and tests to check for understanding. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p>
<p>30120 – Honors Art 1</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Successful completion of Art 1 and 2 in Middle School and Recommendation from 8th grade Art teacher. Portfolio review may also be required.</p>	<p>Honors Art is a two-semester course available to students with extensive art experience at the middle school level. The Art 1 curriculum is covered, however; students will be required to produce work at a more advanced level in quality and quantity. This class is designed for serious art students who intend to enroll in rigorous AP Studio Art classes. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p>
<p>30260 – Honors Studio Art</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Art 1 or Honors Art 1 and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Honors Studio Art is a two-semester course that will provide an in-depth approach to developing skills related to drawing from observations, adept application of a broad range of media and processes, the development of personal and creative solutions to visual problems, a broad understanding of drawing, and the cultural and historical contexts around which drawings are created. By the end of the course, the students will complete the “Breadth Section” of their AP Studio Art portfolio. In addition, students will be expected to view, research, write about, and speak about the art of contemporary and historical art and artists. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p>
<p>30220/30230/30240/30250 – Art 2</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Successful Completion of Art 1 and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p><u>30220 - Drawing 2</u></p> <p>This two-semester course offers instruction in a variety of drawing media and techniques. Students will be expected to utilize and expand upon the elements and principles of art and skills learned in Art 1. Emphasis is on skill building and creative problem solving. In addition, the practical, cultural, and historical aspects of drawing will be addressed. There will be periodic quizzes and tests to check for understanding. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p> <p><u>30230 - Painting 2</u></p> <p>This two-semester course expands the student’s knowledge of the elements and principles of art, and drawing skills, and explores the use of color and color theory with watercolor and acrylic paints. Students will study the influence of historical and cultural factors on painters of the past and present. They will explore aesthetics and engage in art criticism. There will be periodic quizzes and tests to check for understanding. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p> <p><u>30240 - Ceramics 2</u></p> <p>This two-semester course expands on the elements and principles of art explored in Art 1 and offers students a well- rounded clay experience that incorporates thrown and hand- built construction, glaze processes, glaze chemistry, and exposure to potters of many cultures past and present.</p>

	<p>Students in Ceramic 2 will be given specific hand- building assignments to increase skill and encourage creativity. They will also be expected to throw on the potters- wheel periodically to increase ability. Problem solving with all methods of construction will increase skill and understanding of the properties of clay. Teacher demonstrations, vocabulary, and art history presentations, along with periodic research assignments, will provide students with a source of inspiration. There will be periodic tests and quizzes to check for understanding. Students will be responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p> <p><u>30250 - Sculpture 2</u></p> <p>This two-semester course will expand the application of the elements and principles of art learned in Art 1. Students will explore the properties of three-dimensional design in a variety of media including clay metal, wood, plaster, wire, found materials, and more. Students will learn important methods, research the work of other artists, and create specific assignments with individual expression. Art History lessons will provide a resource for inspiration while informing students of sculpture’s cultural importance. There will be periodic tests and quizzes to check for understanding. The course is predominately studio based, but is meant to be a class that incorporates all aspects of learning to increase problem solving, creativity, and knowledge. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p>
<p>30320/30330/30340/30350 – Art 3</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Successful Completion of Corresponding Art 2 Course and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p><u>30320 - Drawing 3</u></p> <p>This two-semester course further explores the elements and principles of art and continues instruction in a variety of drawing media and techniques. Students will be expected to utilize the information and skills that were learned in Drawing 2. Emphasis is on skill building and creative problem solving, and developing a portfolio. The practical, cultural, and historical aspects of drawing will also be addressed. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p> <p><u>30330 - Painting 3</u></p> <p>This two-semester course further explores of the elements and principles of art, painting skills, and use of color through watercolor, acrylic, and oil paints. Students will study the influence of historical and cultural factors on painters of the past and present through research and oral presentations. They will explore aesthetics and engage in art criticism. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p> <p><u>30340 - Ceramics 3</u></p> <p>This two-semester course will further explore the elements and principles of art while allowing students to specialize, focusing on a specific ceramics method/medium. Students will have opportunities to further develop present skills while exploring more challenging techniques. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p> <p><u>30350 - Sculpture 3</u></p> <p>This two-semester course will further explore the elements/principles of art and incorporate the knowledge and skills learned in Sculpture 2, while allowing students to become specialized. They may work with a medium of choice to increase skill and produce original designs. Students are required to pay a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of supplies.</p>
<p>30420/30430/30440/30450 – Art 4</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12</p>	<p><u>30420 - Drawing 4</u></p> <p>This two-semester course continues instruction in a variety of drawing media and techniques. Students will further develop experimental approaches to drawing building on skills developed in</p>

<p>Credits – 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Successful Completion of Corresponding Art 3 Course and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Drawing 3, and incorporate painting techniques in their work as well. Emphasis is on skill building, creative problem solving, and building a portfolio. The practical, cultural, and historical aspects of drawing will also be explored through research and oral presentations. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p> <p><u>30430 - Painting 4</u></p> <p>This two-semester course continues instruction in a variety of painting media and techniques. Students will further develop experimental approaches, building on skills developed in Painting 3, drawing skills, and use of color using watercolor, acrylic, and oil paints. Students will study the influence of historical and cultural factors on painters of the past and present through research and oral presentations. They will explore aesthetics, engage in art criticism and engage in portfolio development. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p> <p><u>30440 - Ceramics 4</u></p> <p>This two-semester course will allow students to further explore the elements and principles of art through advanced ceramics exploration. The students specialize more, focusing on a specific method. Students will have opportunities to further develop presentation skills and portfolio development. They will explore aesthetics and engage in art criticism. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p> <p><u>30450 - Sculpture 4</u></p> <p>This two-semester course will further explore elements and principles of art and incorporate the information and skills that were learned in Sculpture 3, while allowing students to become more specialized. They may work with a medium of choice to increase skill and produce original designs. Students will have opportunities to further develop presentation skills and portfolio development. They will explore aesthetics and engage in art criticism. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p>
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<p>30525 – AP Studio Art</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite –Successful Completion of Honor’s Studio Art and/or Art 3, Portfolio Review, and Instructor Approval Required.</p> <p><i>Note: Although The College Board does not list prerequisites for this course, it is understood that previous advanced Art coursework is required and necessary to be successful in developing the Portfolio required for successful completion of this course.</i></p>	<p>AP Studio Art is a two-semester course that provides a challenging educational opportunity for the high school art student. This course emphasizes the production of a portfolio that will be rigorously evaluated. This course completes the “Concentration” portion of the AP 2D/Drawing Exam. The course requires students to complete a series of works based on a single theme, visual interest, or problem, and the student’s need for a substantive experience in formal, technical and expression as an artist. The AP Studio Art Program is intended for the student who is highly motivated and keenly interested in a rigorous and time-intensive course of study. Success will most likely result from having taken previous training in art. The AP examination is given in May. Results are sent to the colleges of the student’s choice, which may grant three or six hours of college credit, advanced placement, or both. Placement and credit are granted by institutions in accordance with their own policies. Students are responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of art supplies.</p>
<p>SFAAHP1 - AP Art History</p> <p>Grade Placement- 11-12 Credits-1</p> <p>Prerequisite-Successful completion of Honors Studio Art, OR Honors English 1, OR AP World History, OR PSAT/NMSQT score of .5 or higher.</p>	<p>The AP Art History course is equivalent to a two-semester introductory college course that explores the nature of art, art making, and responses to art. By investigating specific course content of 250 works of art characterized by diverse artistic traditions from prehistory to the present, the course fosters in-depth, holistic understanding of the history of art from a global perspective. Students become active participants in the global art world, engaging with its forms and content. They experience, research, discuss, read, and write about art, artists, art making, responses to, and interpretations of art. Students may be responsible for a course fee. A more detailed overview of the course can be found on The College Board website here: https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-art-history</p>
<p>35110 – Theatre 1</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Theatre 1 is a two-semester course that incorporates an introduction to theatre, the role of the actor in interpreting dramatic literature, safe and effective use of the body and voice through various performance theory and techniques, and an overview of the technical elements of theatrical production.</p>
<p>35110 – Theatre 1 Advanced</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-10 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Recommendation from 8th grade Theatre Arts teacher, Audition, Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Theatre 1 Advanced is a two-semester course designed for students who successfully completed a minimum of Theatre 1 & 2 in Middle School, and participated in after school productions at the middle school level. This course builds on the knowledge and skills developed in Middle School Theatre 1, 2, and 3. Students will explore safe and effective use of the body and voice in character development, scene study and character analysis, critical analysis of live performance, and basic technical elements of theatre. Students will be required to produce advanced level work in quality and quantity. Students may be responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of supplies.</p>
<p>35210 – Theatre 2</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Successful completion of Theatre 1 and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Theatre 2 is a two-semester course that builds upon the study of movement, voice, character and script analysis, the historical evolution and cultural contributions of the theatre to society explored in Theatre 1. Th is course includes exploration of production approaches and acting techniques. Students study basic components of technical production and apply them through monologue, duet, and group scene performance. Students may be responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of supplies.</p>

<p>35310 – Theatre 3</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Successful completion of Theatre 2, Audition, and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Theatre 3 is a two-semester course that extends and builds upon the study of movement, voice, character and script analysis, the historical evolution and cultural contributions of the theatre to society explored in Theatre 2. This course includes exploration of various genres, production styles, and advanced acting techniques. Students study basic components of technical production and apply them through monologue, duet, and group scene performance in a variety of genres. Students may be responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of supplies.</p>
<p>35410 – Theatre 4</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Successful completion of Theatre 3, Audition, and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Theatre 4 is a two-semester course that offers advanced study of movement, voice, character and script analysis, and the historical evolution and cultural contributions of the theatre to society. This course extends the exploration of various genres, production styles explored in Theatre 3, and extends the exploration of acting techniques explored in Theatre 2 and 3. Students study components of technical production and apply them through a variety of performances. Students may be responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of supplies.</p>
<p>35120/35220/35320/35420 – Theatre Production 1, 2, 3, and 4</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – .5 - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Production assignment in co-curricular work (requiring rehearsals outside of the school day), By Audition Only.</p>	<p>Theatre Production is a co-curricular laboratory designed for the exploration, development, and synthesis of all the elements of theatre. Theatre Production provides for the hands-on production of a cast and crew in the rehearsal and performance aspects of theatre. Students gain practical experience in theatre through extensive daily rehearsal during class, after school, and on weekends. Public performance is required. This course may also include UIL competition. Credit for this course may be given to students who audition and are selected to be cast or crew members for productions that require after school and weekend rehearsals lasting most of the semester. This course is co-curricular. Students may be responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of supplies.</p>
<p>35130 – Technical Theatre 1</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Technical Theatre 1 is a two-semester course that is an introduction to safe and effective carpentry and construction techniques including the safe use of power tools, lighting equipment and basic electrical elements, audio production, costume construction, and an introduction to theatrical design including an exploration of the elements and principles of design. Play analysis is also a part of this course. Technical Theatre 1 students may be able to assist in the production of various activities requiring the use of the scene shop and auditorium. Students may be responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of supplies.</p>
<p>35230 – Technical Theatre 2</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Successful Completion of Technical Theatre 1, Portfolio Review and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Technical Theatre 2 is a two-semester, advanced course exploring the safe and effective operation of equipment in the scene shop and the auditorium. The course provides students the opportunity to further develop construction and design aspects explored in Technical Theatre 1 through the teaching of production and stagecraft. Students will further explore the elements and principles of design and play analysis techniques, building on concepts introduced in Technical Theatre 1. Students may also design sets, and costumes, make-up, sound and basic lighting. Technical Theatre 2 students may assist in the production of various school activities requiring use of the auditorium including theatre productions, band and orchestra concerts, drill team productions, and various civic group activities. Students may be responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of supplies.</p>

<p>35330 – Technical Theatre 3</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Successful Completion of Technical Theatre 2, Portfolio Review and Instructor Approval.</p> <p>35440 – Technical Theatre 4</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Successful Completion of Technical Theatre 3, Portfolio Review and Instructor Approval.</p>	<p>Technical Theatre 3 and 4 are full-year advanced courses applying the safe and effective operation of equipment in the scene shop and the auditorium. The course provides students the opportunity to further develop construction techniques explored in Technical Theatre 2. Students will further explore application of the elements and principles of design through designing sets, costumes, and lighting. Students will acquire advanced skills in make-up artistry, and audio production. Technical Theatre takes the playwright’s script from “page to stage” through the formation of highly trained production staffs; this course prepares students to serve as a member of a production staff. Technical Theatre 3 & 4 students assist in the production of various after school activities requiring use of the auditorium including theatre productions, band and orchestra concerts, drill team productions, and various civic group activities. Students may be responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of supplies.</p>
<p>Musical Theatre</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Successful Completion of level 1 and 2 in two of the following disciplines: Theatre, Dance, Choir. Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Musical Theatre is a two-semester course that will expose students to a wide range of on-stage performance disciplines, including acting performance, vocal performance, and dance performance. The course will also provide an atmosphere in which students benefit from a teaching and learning experience in these performance disciplines of musical theatre. Students will receive comprehensive and rigorous instruction so that they may make informed choices about the craft, college, and the profession. The course will enable students to study and perform the varied styles of musical theatre with special attention to the principles of stage movement, stage vocal technique, stage choreography, acting, characterization, and other aspects of a musical production. Students may be responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of supplies.</p>
<p>Theatre Management</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Successful Completion of Technical Theatre 1 & 2 or Theatre Production 1 & 2. Portfolio Review and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Theatre Management is a two-semester course that affords students the opportunity to acquire and develop administrative skills that are commonly used in the management of theatre spaces and productions. Students apply a myriad of technical theatre concepts and skills along with developing knowledge and skills associated with production responsibilities, arts administration, theatre management, and applications of previously acquired theatre studies. Students may be responsible for a course fee and/or purchasing and maintaining a set of supplies.</p>
<p>33110 – Dance 1</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Dance 1 is a two-semester course providing students the opportunity to practice and perform dance skills through a variety of dance forms. While the emphasis is placed on developing physical skills, the program encourages development of the total person. The greatest continuing values for a student participating in the dance program are not in learning dance techniques but in the student’s physical growth and development, attitudes, standard of conduct, and health habits which become beneficial lifetime experiences. In addition, students will grow to appreciate dance as an art form. Dance 1 is based on the TEKS and provides Fine Arts and can be taken for P.E. credit (when teacher is certified in those content areas). The credits are not awarded simultaneously.</p>

<p>33210 – Dance 2 Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Successful completion of Dance 1 and Instructor Approval.</p> <p>33310 – Dance 3 Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Successful completion of Dance 2 and Instructor Approval.</p> <p>33410 – Dance 4 Grade Placement – 12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Successful Completion of Dance 3 and Instructor Approval.</p>	<p>Dance 2, 3, and 4 are full year courses providing the student with extensive work on technique, placement, and a series of steps from all genres of dance, including Jazz, Modern, Ballet, Tap and Folk. Following the Dance 1 course, Dance 2-4 will provide more physical and scientific perception of the body, creative expression through performance, historical and cultural heritage, and critical evaluation. The student will learn more advanced terminology, techniques, and the choreographic process which will enable them to pursue dance as a career or a beneficial attribute for life. In addition, students will continue developing their appreciation of dance as an art form.</p>
<p>33510 – Dance (Drill Team) 2 Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Successful completion of Dance 1 and Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p> <p>33610 – Dance (Drill Team) 3 Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Successful completion of Dance 2 and Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p> <p>33710 – Dance (Drill Team) 4 Grade Placement – 12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Successful Completion of Dance 3 and Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Dance (Drill Team) 2, 3, and 4 are full year courses providing the student who successfully auditions with extensive work on technique, placement, and a series of steps from all genres of dance, including Jazz, Modern, Ballet, Tap and Folk. Following the Dance 1 course, Dance (Drill Team) 2-4 will provide more physical and scientific perception of the body, creative expression through performance, historical and cultural heritage, and critical evaluation. The student will learn more advanced terminology, techniques, and the choreographic process which will enable them to pursue dance as a career or a beneficial attribute for life. In addition, students will continue developing their appreciation of dance as an art form. Dance (Drill Team) 2, 3, and 4 are Fine Arts courses and can serve as a P.E. substitution credit in the fall semester.</p>
<p>31116/31210/31310/31410 – Band (Sub Non-Varsity) 1,2,3,4 Grade Placement – SNV Band 1-9-12 SNV Band 2-10-12 SNV Band 3- 11-12 SNV Band 4-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Band (Sub Non-Varsity) is a full year courses for students who have been prepared technically and musically for early high school literature. Through band as a performance ensemble, this course develops music performance skills, music literacy, critical evaluation and response to music, creative expression, and teaches historical and cultural relevance of music. During the fall semester, all band classes are combined to form the Marching Band and will participate in University Interscholastic League Marching Band Contests. Band students are required to attend pre-season marching band rehearsals prior to the start of the academic school year. Participating in fall semester Marching Band may substitute for the physical education requirement. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Band is a two- semester course; students must participate in and successfully complete the fall semester as a member of the Marching Band to be considered for any of the spring band classes. Students are responsible for a course fee and purchasing and maintaining supplies.</p>

<p>31117/31220/31320/31420 – Band (Non-Varsity) 1,2,3,4</p> <p>Grade Placement – NV Band 1-9-12 NV Band 2-10-12 NV Band 3- 11-12 NV Band 4-12</p> <p>Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Band (Non-Varsity) is a full year course for students who have been prepared technically and musically for high school literature. Through band as a performance ensemble, this course develops music performance skills, music literacy, critical evaluation and response to music, creative expression, and teaches historical and cultural relevance of music. During the 1st Semester, all band classes are combined to form the Marching Band and will participate in University Interscholastic League Marching Band Contests. Band students are required to attend pre-season marching band rehearsals prior to the start of the academic school year. Participating in Fall Semester Marching Band may substitute for the physical education requirement. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Band is a two-semester course; students must participate in and successfully complete the fall semester as a member of the Marching Band to be considered in any of the spring band classes. Students are responsible for a course fee and purchasing and maintaining supplies.</p>
<p>31130/31230/31330/31430 – Band (Varsity) 1,2,3,4</p> <p>Grade Placement – V Band 1-9-12 V Band 2-10-12 V Band 3- 11-12 V Band 4-12</p> <p>Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Band (Varsity) is a full year course for students who designed for students who are the most technically proficient on their instruments. A challenging repertoire will be developed throughout the year. Through band as a performance ensemble, this course develops music performance skills, music literacy, critical evaluation and response to music, creative expression, and teaches historical and cultural relevance of music. Varsity Band is a two-semester course and requires participation in marching band rehearsal. During the fall semester, all band classes are also combined to form the Marching Band and will participate in University Interscholastic League Marching Band Contests. Band students are required to attend pre-season marching band rehearsals prior to the start of the academic school year. Participating in fall semester Marching Band may substitute for the physical education requirement. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Students must participate in and successfully complete the fall semester as a member of the Marching Band to remain in any of the spring band classes. In the Spring Semester, Varsity students are required to perform in the University Interscholastic League Concert and Sight-Reading Assessment. Students are responsible for a course fee and purchasing and maintaining supplies.</p>
<p>31125/31225/31325/31425 –Jazz Ensemble 1,2,3, and 4</p> <p>Grade Placement – Jazz Band 1-9-12 Jazz Band 2-10-12 Jazz Band 3- 11-12 Jazz Band 4-12</p> <p>Credits – 1 Prerequisite – By audition only and open to currently enrolled members of the performing band ensembles. The only exceptions are students that audition on these rhythm section instruments: guitar, bass, or piano.</p>	<p>Jazz ensemble is a two-semester course that provides the opportunity to learn and perform a variety of styles such as: swing, big band, Latin, blues, and rock. Students explore jazz improvisation and small group performances. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Students are responsible for a course fee and purchasing and maintaining supplies.</p>

<p>SFTC2R/SFFSLI/SFFH1I/SFFH2I</p> <p>Mariachi 1,2,3, and 4</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – By audition only and open to currently enrolled members of the performing band or orchestra ensembles.</p>	<p>Mariachi ensemble is a two-semester course that provides the opportunity to learn and perform Mariachi music, and explore the history and tradition of Mariachi performance. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Students are responsible for a course fee and purchasing and maintaining supplies.</p>
<p>34110/34210/34310/34410 – String Orchestra (Sub Non-Varsity) 1,2,3,4</p> <p>Grade Placement – 34110 SNV String Orchestra 1- Grades 9-12 34210 SNV String Orchestra 2- Grades 10-12 34310 SNV String Orchestra 3- Grades 11-12 34410 SNV String Orchestra 4- Grade 12</p> <p>Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>String Orchestra (Sub Non-Varsity) is a two-semester course designed to help students develop playing skills to accommodate higher levels of reading and performing required in the standard orchestral literature. Through orchestra as a performance ensemble, the student will develop music performance skills, music literacy, critical evaluation and response to music, creative expression, and teaches historical and cultural relevance of music. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Students are responsible for a course fee and purchasing and maintaining supplies.</p>
<p>34120/34220/34320/34420 – String Orchestra (Non-Varsity) 1,2,3,4</p> <p>Grade Placement – 34120 NV String Orchestra 1- Grades 9-12 34220 NV String Orchestra 2- Grades 10-12 34320 NV String Orchestra 3- Grades 11-12 34420 NV String Orchestra 4- Grade 12</p> <p>Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>String Orchestra (Non-Varsity) is a two-semester course for students who wish to develop their playing skills to achieve higher levels of reading and performing of orchestral literature. Through orchestra as a performance ensemble, this course develops music performance skills, music literacy, critical evaluation and response to music, creative expression, and teaches historical and cultural relevance of music. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Students are responsible for a course fee and purchasing and maintaining supplies.</p>

<p>34500/34510/34520/34530 – String Orchestra (Varsity)</p> <p>Grade Placement – 34500 V String Orchestra- Grades-9-12 34510 V String Orchestra- Grades-10-12 34520 V String Orchestra- Grades 11-12 34530 V String Orchestra- Grade 12</p> <p>Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Previous experience in Orchestra, Audition, and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>String Orchestra (Varsity) is the top performing orchestra on campus. This is a two-semester course for students who are highly musically and technically proficient on their instruments and have experience playing in a string orchestra. Very challenging repertoire will be developed throughout the year. Through orchestra as a performance ensemble, this course develops music performance skills, music literacy, critical evaluation and response to music, creative expression, and teaches historical and cultural relevance of music. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Students will perform in the University Interscholastic League Concert and Sight-Reading Assessment. Students are responsible for a course fee and purchasing and maintaining supplies.</p>
<p>32110/32120/32130/32140 – Choir (Tenor-Bass)</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite –Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Choir (Tenor-Bass) is a two-semester course for students with tenor and bass range voices who wish to develop their singing skills toward higher levels of reading and performing of choral literature. In this course, the student will develop safe and effective vocal performance skills, breath and articulation skill, ensemble performance skills, music literacy, critical evaluation and response to music, and creative expression. Students will explore historical and cultural relevance of music. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Students are responsible for a course fee.</p>
<p>32610/32620/32630/32640 – Choir (Treble)</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite –Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Choir (Treble) is a two-semester course for students with soprano and alto range voices who wish to develop their singing skills toward higher levels of reading and performing of choral literature. In this course, the student will develop safe and effective vocal performance skills, breath and articulation skill, ensemble performance skills, music literacy, critical evaluation and response to music, and creative expression. Students will explore historical and cultural relevance of music. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Students are responsible for a course fee.</p>
<p>32710/32720/32730/32740 – Choir (Non-Varsity B) 1,2,3, and 4</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite –Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Choir (Non-Varsity B) is a two-semester course for students who wish to develop their singing skills toward higher levels of reading and ensemble performing required in choral literature. This course develops music performance skills, music literacy, critical evaluation and response to music, creative expression, and explores historical and cultural relevance of music. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Students are responsible for a course fee.</p>
<p>32810/32820/32830/32840 – Choir (Non-Varsity A) 1,2,3, and 4</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite –Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Choir (Non-Varsity A) is a two-semester course for students who wish to develop their singing skills toward higher levels of reading and performing required in choral literature. This course develops music performance skills, music literacy, critical evaluation and response to music, creative expression, and explores historical and cultural relevance of music. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Students are responsible for a course fee.</p>

<p>32910/32920/32930/32940 – Choir (Non-Varsity A) 1,2,3, and 4</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite –Audition and Instructor Approval Required.</p>	<p>Varsity Choir is a two-semester course for students with highly developed vocal proficiency. Varsity Choir students must exhibit advanced music-reading skills. This ensemble performs the most advanced vocal literature. This course develops music performance skills, music literacy, critical evaluation and response to music, creative expression, and explores historical and cultural relevance of music. All students will be required to perform in public concerts. Students will perform in the University Interscholastic League Concert and Sight-reading Assessment. Students are responsible for a course fee.</p>
<p>31525 – AP Music Theory</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1</p> <p>Prerequisite – Instructor approval required. Strong musical notation skills, basic vocal and/or instrumental music skills required. Interview may be required.</p>	<p>AP Music Theory is a two-semester course in which students develop ability to recognize, understand, and describe the basic elements heard or presented in a musical score. The student will work to develop fluency in reading notation, listening skills, and the ability to integrate skills in sight reading. Visual and aural understandings are tested in relation to musical elements and compositional procedures. This course prepares the student to take the AP Music Theory Exam.</p> <p>A more detailed description from The College Board can be found here: http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/ap/ap-music-theory-course-description.pdf</p>

Physical Education, Athletics, & Health

To find out more about the English Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) click [here](#).

Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	Credits
74110	P.E. 1-A / Foundations of Personal Fitness	9-12	1
742103	P.E. 1-C / Physical Education Equivalent	9-12	.5
74460	Partner P.E.	9-12	1
603003	Athletic Training 1 (Sports Medicine)	9-12	.5
60310	Athletic Student Trainer	9-12	1
381103	Health Education	9-12	.5

Special Education Services

The following courses are for students who meet the eligibility requirements for special education services. Enrollment is based on Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) Committee decision and instructional arrangement. Adapted Physical Education (APE) services/supports are available for identified students as per ARD decisions.

38104	Health 1
38204	Health 2
38304	Health 3
38404	Health 4

PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ATHLETICS, & HEALTH COURSE DESCRIPTION

<p>74110 – P.E. 1-A / Foundations of Personal Fitness</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>Foundations of Personal Fitness is required for graduation. This course represents a new approach in physical education and the concept of personal fitness. The basic purpose of this course is to motivate students to strive for lifetime personal fitness with an emphasis on the health-related components of physical fitness.</p>
<p>742103 – P.E. 1-C / Physical Education Equivalent</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>P.E. 1-C is a semester course designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop health-related fitness and an appreciation for teamwork and fair play through participation in a variety of team and individual sports. Aerobic activities are designed to help students develop a strong level of cardiovascular fitness and skills necessary to engage in a variety of aerobic activities that will help them develop and maintain a positive attitude and build the foundation of fitness for life. Individual and group sports are designed to provide students with the opportunity to develop health-related fitness and an appreciation of a variety of lifetime activities related to developing and maintaining an appropriate level of personal fitness</p>
<p>74460 – Partner P.E.</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Application and Teacher Approval</p>	<p>Partner P.E. is a success oriented physical education course for students with special needs and peer partners. This course can be taken for physical education credit or as an elective. Partner P.E. will enhance the existing academic schedule by offering a class that includes students with disabilities and students without disabilities working together to encourage physical activity while developing respect for one another. This course promotes physical activity, acquisition of individual lifetime wellness skills, team sports, and recreational activities while fostering relationships and developing leadership skills in the peer partners. The goals of the Partner P.E. course are (1) to meet the physical education requirement for the students with disabilities in an environment of support and partnership, to increase their social skills, create friendships, and build self-esteem, and (2) to meet the physical education requirement for the students without disabilities, to develop leadership skills, to learn to interact and develop respect and empathy for their peers with disabilities, and to understand from first-hand experience the expectations for careers working with individuals with special needs.</p>
<p>603003 – Athletic Training 1 (Sports Medicine)</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Athletic Training 1 (Sports Medicine) is designed to provide the student with the basic knowledge of the field of athletic training. Emphasis will be placed on specific human anatomy and injury recognition, injury management, therapeutic modalities, rehabilitation techniques, and administrative issues in athletic training. This course is intended for students who may seek further education in order to be athletic trainers.</p>
<p>60310 – Athletic Student Trainer</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Athletic Training 1 and Teacher Approval</p>	<p>Athletic Training (Student Trainers) is a course designed to provide hands-on opportunities for students to apply the knowledge and skills acquired in the Athletic Training 1 (Sports Medicine) course. Students will serve as actual “Athletic Trainers” as they travel with various teams throughout U.I.L. competitions. Student Athletic Trainers will assist the coaching staff with injury management, physical therapy, and rehabilitation techniques as appropriate for skill level. Athletic Training / Sports Medicine is predicted to be one of the most lucrative careers of the future. Students successfully completing several years in high school as an athletic trainer will be top candidates for athletic training scholarships</p>
<p>381103 – Health Education</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>This course is designed to provide knowledge and understanding of the following areas: lifetime fitness, nutrition, communicable diseases, mental health, drug abuse and prevention, safety and emergency procedures, family living, and environmental health.</p>

Special Education Services

* Foundation Program Only

All courses may not be offered on every campus

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38104 [Health 1](#)

38204 [Health 2](#)

38304 [Health 3](#)

38404 [Health 4](#)

Air Force Junior R.O.T.C.

To find out more about the English Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) click [here](#).

Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	Credits
55110	J.R.O.T.C. 1	9-12	1
55210	J.R.O.T.C. 2	10-12	1
55310	J.R.O.T.C. 3	11-12	1
55410	J.R.O.T.C. 4	11-12	1
55510	J.R.O.T.C. Military Drill	9-12	.5-1

AIR FORCE JUNIOR R.O.T.C. COURSE DESCRIPTION

<p>55110 – J.R.O.T.C. 1</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Instructor Approval</p>	<p>This aviation history course (AS) is designed to acquaint the student with the historical development of flight and the role of the military in history throughout the centuries. It starts with ancient civilizations then progresses through time to modern day. The emphasis is on civilian and military contributions to aviation and the continuous development of today's Air Force. Leadership studies (LE) introduces cadets to the AFJROTC program while instilling elements of good citizenship. It contains sections on Air Force organization structure, uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and other military traditions. Wellness is designed to introduce cadets to diet and exercise regimes, enhancing individual fitness utilizing the Presidents Fitness Program for high school students.</p>
<p>55210 – J.R.O.T.C. 2</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – J.R.O.T.C. 1</p>	<p>This curriculum for second year students is a science course designed to acquaint students with the aerospace environment, human requirements for flight, and principles of aircraft flight and flight navigation The Leadership portion focuses cadets on communications skills, group awareness, and leadership dynamics. Written reports and speeches compliment academic materials. Wellness continues to focus cadets on personal diet and exercise habits leading to enhanced fitness for cadets.</p>
<p>55310 – J.R.O.T.C. 3</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – J.R.O.T.C. 1 and 2</p>	<p>This AS course includes the latest information available in space science and exploration. It begins with the study of the space environment from the earliest days of interest in astronomy, through the Renaissance, and on to modern astronomy and space exploration. The next level of Leadership focuses on life skills, how to begin a job search, beginnings of financial planning, decisions on college versus vocational education, etc. This program is helpful to students deciding which path to take after high school. Wellness continues to focus cadets on personal diet and exercise habits leading to enhance fitness for cadets.</p>
<p>55410 – J.R.O.T.C. 4</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – J.R.O.T.C. 1, 2, and 3</p>	<p>Fourth year cadets manage the corps. This course is a practicum for senior cadets in leadership positions, using hands-on experience from previous leadership courses in managing the corps. All planning, organizing, coordinating, directing, and decision-making will be done by cadets (under JROTC instructor supervision). The Leadership component emphasizes allowing cadets to develop their management styles. This includes four management building blocks from the military and civilian perspective: management techniques, management decisions, management functions, and managing self and others. Wellness culminates with senior cadets talking to and leading junior cadets through discussions on personal diet and exercise habits as well as leading exercise routines for the corps.</p>
<p>55510 – J.R.O.T.C. Military Drill</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits - .5 - 1 Prerequisite – Instructor approval, tryout, and concurrent enrollment in J.R.O.T.C. 1, 2, 3, or 4</p>	<p>This Drill and Ceremonies course provides fundamentals and in-depth instruction in Air Force drill and ceremonies, to include cadet ability to perform the AFJROTC 30-step drill sequence at the appropriate level commensurate with their enrollment experience. This course concentrates on the elements of military drill and describes individual and group precision movements, procedures for saluting, drill, ceremonies, reviews, parades, and development of command voice. Students are provided detailed instruction on ceremonial performance and protocol for civilian and military events and have the opportunity to personally learn Air Force drill concepts and procedures. Though each class will follow an established lesson plan, most of the work is "hands-on". This course will also help cadets develop teamwork, self-discipline, pride, and esprit-de-corps while working as a group.</p>

Career and Technical Education

Introduction

Career and Technical Education courses are designed to prepare students in the technical and professional skills necessary to succeed in today's high-demand occupational environment. Career and Technical Education can help a student explore his/her potential and establish future career goals. Our mission is to provide a positive difference in the lives of our students by making connections through technology rich, academically rigorous curriculum and real-world applications that empower our students to become contributing members of the global community. Students may choose to take advantage of the articulated agreements in which students received community college credit for technical courses completed in high school. Be sure to read the information listed under Preparing Today's Students. Several courses prepare students for employment and certification/licensures.

Questions concerning any of the following courses or requests for career information may be directed to any of the Career Counselors or CTE Director. For additional CTE information visit our website at www.dentonisd.org/CTE.

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Career Planning

- To gain the latest occupational information.
- To expand and consider other career options.
- To narrow potential occupations.
- To plan your educational courses.
- To interpret career assessments in grades 9-12.
- To prepare your individualized four-year high school plan.
- To develop post-secondary plans.
- To understand and establish your articulated program of study.

Career Planning

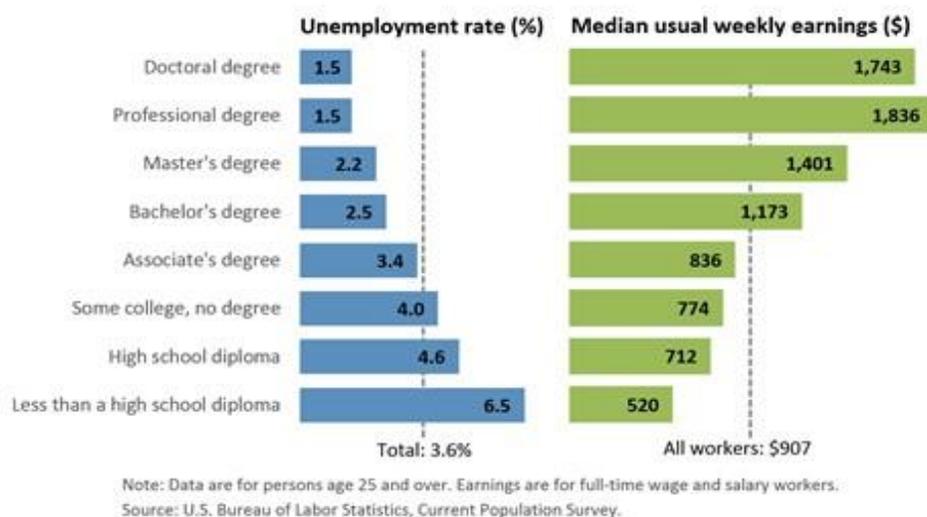
DOES SCHOOL REALLY PAY OFF? The answer is an unequivocal YES!! One of the largest factors in determining your future is the amount of education you have completed.

Did you know that if you drop out of high school, your average annual income will be only \$25,636.00? BUT, if you stay in school and graduate from high school, your average income jumps to \$35,256.00.

Talk about a great return on your investment! Just think, by staying in school, you are probably going to earn \$9,620.00 more a year than if you dropped out

The best part is that the more school you complete, the higher your average annual salary could be! The chart below details average weekly incomes based on the highest level of school completed.

Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2017



Dual Credit

Students should plan to attend Dual Credit Program informational meetings at the ATC. Program requirements, cost and application process will be discussed at the meeting. For more information please check the ATC website

CTE Dual Credit Options	
NCTC	
Firefighter I	Graphic Design I and Lab
Firefighter II	Commercial Photography I and Lab
Emergency Medical Technician	HVAC
Anatomy & Physiology	
TCC	
Aircraft Airframe Technology	

Advanced Technology Complex

Introduction

Advanced Technology Complex (ATC) Special Information

To keep pace in the rapidly changing world, Denton ISD opened the state-of-the-art Advanced Technology Complex in 2006. It is a professional training facility to prepare high school students for today's and tomorrow's high demand careers. The ATC provides professional training, industry certification preparation and opportunities for college credit. Classes at the ATC have fees associated with them for lab materials, supplies and professional certification examinations. Placement is not guaranteed. Student's attendance, behavior and grades may be considered in course placement with an expectation of maintaining these areas while attending. Buses will be available for student transportation to and from the ATC. Students can drive to the ATC if in compliance with Denton ISD District Policy. If you have questions or need more information, contact Principal Marcus Bourland at 940-369-4850

Accelerated Classes

Courses at the ATC are double-blocked (two class periods). Students will complete one full credit per semester. For more information, contact your campus Career Counselor.

Academic Credit

Academic Credit for Career & Technical Education

Students may choose from the following options for required academic credit:

Academic Credit for CTE Options	
Science	Math
Food Science (12) (1)	Accounting II (11-12) (1)
Advanced Animal Science (11-12) (1)	Mathematics in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (10-12) (1)
Engineering Design & Problem Solving (12) (1) (ATC)	Fine Arts
Forensic Science (12) (1) (ATC)	Floral Design (10-12) (1)
Engineering Science (11-12) (1) (ATC)	Speech
Anatomy & Physiology (11-12)	Professional Communications (9-12) (.5)

Student Leadership

Leadership training is an essential component in Career and Technical programs. Career and Technical Student Organizations serve as a cohesive agent in the worldwide networking of education, business, and industry. Competitive events enhance career preparation, workplace competencies, self-confidence, and the instructional program.

BPA (Business Professionals of America)

BPA is a student organization that contributes to the advancement of leadership, citizenship, personal growth, as well as academic and technological skills. Competitive events enhance career/job preparation, workplace competencies, self-confidence and the instructional program.

DECA (Marketing)

DECA is a student organization which provides well-planned activities that can be integrated into the curriculum and projects that promote occupational competence for students. DECA is committed to building relationships between education and the business community that will enhance the career and educational development of students.

FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America)

FCCLA is a student organization that provides opportunities for personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader, FCCLA members develop skills for life through personal development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communications, practical knowledge, and career preparation.

FFA (National FFA Organization)

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)

HOSA is a student organization that provides opportunities for leadership development, knowledge and skill recognition through the competitive events program and community service projects. By networking with health care professionals, students receive guidance in selecting and pursuing a health career.

NTHS (National Technical Honor Society)

A nationally recognized and proven national honor organization with thousands of member schools and colleges. Students must meet membership standards and should be persons who have demonstrated scholastic achievement, skill development, leadership, honesty, responsibility, and good character. NTHS Technical Student Membership is an important career and professional investment recognized by education, business and industry.

TAFE (Texas Association of Future Educators)

TAFE is a statewide leadership organization that encourages students to learn about careers in education and assists them in exploring the teaching profession while promoting character, service and leadership skills necessary for becoming effective educators.

TSA (Technology Student Association)

TSA is a student organization that enhances personal development, leadership, and career opportunities in STEM, whereby members apply and integrate these concepts through intracurricular activities, competitions, and related programs. Leadership training is provided through curriculum activities in which students learn to conduct and participate constructively in organized meetings, speak effectively before groups, work cooperatively with others, solve problems, and compete as individuals. TSA assists students in the achievement of technologically related competencies in the areas of bio-related technology, communication, engineering, electronics, graphics design, manufacturing, and research and development.

SKILLS USA (SKILLS USA)

SKILLS USA/VICA is a national organization preparing students for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health science occupations. As an integral part of the instructional program, Skills USA activities enhance and expand classroom instruction to ensure that America has a skilled workforce.

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Middle School Courses

To find out more about the English Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) click [here](#).

Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
MC100R1	Investigating Careers	7-8	0
MC115R1	College and Career Readiness	7-8	0
MC140J/ MC145J/ MC150J	Gateway to Technology I, II, and III	7-8	.5
MC125J3	Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness	7-8	.5
MC130J	Principles of Information Technology	7-8	1

**CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
DESCRIPTION**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

COURSE

<p>MC100R1 – Investigating Careers Grade Placement – 7-8 Credits - 0 Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>Students in this class will learn about careers related to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; Construction or Business and Industry. Students will develop the basic knowledge and skills in one of these career areas through project-based learning activities, virtual field trips and guest speakers. The students will also research labor market information, further educational requirements, learn job-seeking skills, and create documents required for employment.</p>
<p>MC115R1 – College and Career Readiness Grade Placement – 7-8 Credits - 0 Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>Students in this class will explore education and career information to learn more about themselves and their interests and abilities. Students integrate skills from academic subjects, information technology, and interpersonal communication to make informed decisions. This course is designed to guide students through the process of investigation and in the development of a college and career readiness achievement plan. Students will learn time management, study skills and critical thinking strategies as well as explore options and requirements for a variety of chosen career paths.</p>
<p>MC140J / MC145J / MC150J – Gateway to Technology I, II, and III Grade Placement – 7-8 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>This course is designed to introduce and explore design through 3D computer aided design, automation, and robotics. It is a course centered on engineering concepts and hands-on projects that are designed to give students an introduction to the engineering field. The students will develop problem solving, science, technological, engineering and math skills that will prepare student for a future career in any engineering field. Students will receive high school credit upon successful completion of each class</p>
<p>MC125J3– Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness Grade Placement – 7-8 Credits - .5 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Students in this laboratory class will learn how to use principles of wellness and nutrition to help them make informed choices that promote wellness as well as pursue careers related to hospitality and tourism, education and training, human services, and health sciences. Students will learn about dietary guidelines, food purchasing, food safety and sanitation, as well as food preparation and nutritional factors associate with food. Students will receive .5 high school credit upon successful completion of the class.</p>
<p>MC130J – Principles of Information Technology Grade Placement – 7-8 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>Students in this class will develop computer literacy skills to adapt to emerging technologies used in the global marketplace. Students will focus on applications that utilize personal and interpersonal skills, networking, computer programming and application development. Students will enhance reading, writing, computing, communication, and reasoning skills and apply them to the information technology environment. Students will receive 1 high school credit upon successful completion of this class.</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Career Development

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC001R/SC002R	Career Preparation I & II	11-12	3

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Career Development

<p>SC001R/SC002R – Career Preparation I & II</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits - 3 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Students may choose to earn THREE high school elective credits per year for attending one Career Preparation class and working 15 hours per week in a related career field. Students may receive teacher assistance in finding job openings, but students are responsible for securing employment on their own. Students may enter this program only at the beginning of each school year. Students must have an approved paid employment location by the end of the first week of the semester in order to earn credit.</p> <p>Students are eligible for a work release from school in order to report to their employment location. Students will receive instruction concerning work ethics, attitude, employers' expectations, and goal setting. Students will be monitored at the employment location and receive on-the-job experience and training. The majority of these students tend to graduate with work experience on their resume. Students must be 16 years old to be considered and their attendance and grades will be evaluated. Enrollment and employment location are approved by the instructor. Students must provide their own transportation to their work-based learning sites.</p>
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CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC300R	Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	9-12	1
SC007R	Wildlife, Fisheries & Ecology Management	10-12	1
SC011R	Floral Design (Fine Arts)	10-12	1
SC015R	Advanced Floral Design	11-12	1
SC019R	Small Animal Management	10-12	1/2
SC023R	Equine Science	10-12	1/2
SC027R	Livestock Production	10-12	1
SC031R	Advanced Animal Science (Advanced) Science Credit	11-12	1
SC035R	Veterinary Medical Applications	11-12	1
SC039R	Agricultural Mechanics & Metal Technologies	10-12	1
SC043R	Agricultural Structures Design and Fabrication	11-12	1
SC047R	Practicum in Agriculture Food and Natural Resources	11-12	2
SC051R	Math Applications in Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources	12	1
SC055R	Project Based Research in Agricultural Science	11-12	1

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

<p>SC003R - Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Grade Placement - 9-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>Where would we be without Agriculture? Cold and hungry! This is a comprehensive course for freshmen and/or first year agriculture students that introduces them to the international scope of agriculture, food, and natural resources and its effect upon society. It includes topics related to career development, building leadership skills through communication practices, developing technical knowledge and skills related to animal production.</p>
<p>SC011R - Floral Design Grade Placement - 10-12 Credits - 1 (FINE ARTS CREDIT) Prerequisite - None</p>	<p>Want to earn extra income making homecoming mums and floral arrangements? Floral Design is a lab based technical course designed to develop knowledge and skills associated with identifying and demonstrating the principles and techniques related to floral design as well as developing an understanding of the management of floral enterprises. Students are required to purchase supplies for personal projects. This course counts as a Fine Arts credit for graduation.</p>
<p>SC019R3 -Small Animal Management Grade Placement - 10-12 Credits - 1/2 Prerequisite - Recommended: Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources</p>	<p>Small Animal Management is a course designed to prepare students for a career in the field of animal science as it relates to small animal care and production. Students will learn responsibility of small animal ownership, animal welfare, care, animal health and management, facilities management, and record keeping systems, as well as examine career opportunities.</p>
<p>SC023R3 - Equine Science Grade Placement -10-12 Credits - 1/2 Prerequisite Recommended - Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources</p>	<p>Want to learn about horses? Equine Science prepares students for a career in the field of animal science as it relates to horse(equine) care and production. Students will learn the responsibilities of ownership, health, facilities management, and anatomy and physiology, and develop a supervised agricultural experience program.</p>
<p>SC031R - Advanced Animal Science Grade Placement - 11-12 Credits - 1 (4th SCIENCE CREDIT) Prerequisite: Biology, Chemistry, Algebra I & Geometry, Small Animal Management or Equine Science, or Livestock Production</p>	<p>Want to be a vet? Let us get you started. Advanced Animal Science is a lab based technical course that allows students to explore the various areas of livestock production through a hands-on approach to learning. At least 40% of the instructional time will be used to conduct field and laboratory investigations. Nutrition, genetics, breeding systems, anatomy and physiology, health, and selection are some of the areas that will be covered. This course counts as a 4th SCIENCE credit for graduation.</p>
<p>SC047R -Practicum in Ag: Veterinary Medical Application Grade Placement -11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite: Equine Science, Small Animal Management or Livestock Production</p>	<p>Student enrolled in this course will attain and develop the knowledge and technical skills related to animal systems and the workplace, career opportunities, entry requirements and industry expectations. Topics covered in this course include but are not limited to veterinary practices as they relate to both large and small animal species. Students will be exposed to small animals and be in direct proximity of avian, fish, amphibians, dogs, cats & rabbits. They will also have the opportunity to work with large animals such as cattle, sheep, horses, goats and pigs.</p>

<p>SCo27R - Livestock Production</p> <p>Grade Placement - 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite Recommended: Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources</p>	<p>Want to learn where your food comes from? Want to raise your own animal? We will show you how. Livestock Production is a course designed to prepare students for a career in the field of animal science. Students will learn employability characteristics, technical skills dealing with livestock and business operating plans. Within these areas, they will learn anatomy and physiology, feeding, breeding, and facility design and management.</p>
<p>SCo07R - Wildlife, Fisheries & Ecology Management</p> <p>Grade Placement - 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite Recommended: Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources</p>	<p>This course examines the management of game and non-game wildlife species, fish and aqua crops. The student may complete the Hunter Safety course, identification of wildlife and fish, state and federal policies and wildlife careers. Class may include demonstrations of taxidermy skills.</p>
<p>SCo39R - Agricultural Mechanics & Metal Technologies</p> <p>Grade Placement - 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite Recommended: Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources</p>	<p>To be prepared for careers in agricultural power, structural, and technical systems, students need to attain technical knowledge and skills related to these areas and the industry. This course is designed to develop an understanding of agricultural mechanics as it relates to safety and skills in tool operation, electrical wiring, plumbing, carpentry, fencing, concrete, and metal working techniques. Students are expected to complete a NCCER Certification exam.</p>
<p>SCo43R - Agricultural Structures Design and Fabrication</p> <p>Grade Placement - 11-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite: Agricultural Mechanics & Metal Technologies</p>	<p>Do you own horses but have no place to keep them when it rains? Do you have a cool car but have nowhere to park it at night? Maybe you just want to save money on repairs to your house. This course will provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to consider a career in constructing agricultural and building systems. Instruction will focus on the specific components of building systems and on developing leadership and career skills.</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Architecture and Construction

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC100R	Architecture Design I	10-12	1
SC104R	Architecture Design II (Advanced)	11-12	2
SC108R	Practicum in Architectural Design (Advanced)	12	2
SC116R	Interior Design I	10-12	1
SC120R	Interior Design II	11-12	2
SC124R	Principles of Construction - RHS Only	9-12	1
SC128R	Construction Management I		2
SC132R	Construction Management II		2
SC136D	HVAC I	11-12	1

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Architecture and Construction

<p>SC100R - Architectural Design I</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits - 1 Prerequisite – Algebra I and English I</p>	<p>Principles of Construction provides a solid foundation for students entering into the construction and craft skilled areas. The students will learn construction safety, construction math, hand and power tools and explore career paths in construction.</p>
<p>SC104R - Architectural Design II</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Architecture Design I Location – ATC</p>	<p>Are you concerned about energy use and the environment? Architectural Design II begins to prepare the student for a career in the architectural field. The learner will use advanced AutoCAD principles to draw and design several residential structures of different historical influences. Environmental green materials and applications will be studied and applied to these designs as a continuation of 21st century technology. The student will learn safety procedures of all equipment used to build architectural models for TSA competitions.</p>
<p>SC108R - Practicum in Architectural Design</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Architecture Design II Location - ATC</p>	<p>What’s the problem with house designs today? Practicum students will have advanced projects that transcend a traditional classroom. Students will work on design problems modeled to meet university standards. Advanced environmental green materials and applications will be studied and applied to these designs as a continuation of 21st century technology.</p>
<p>SC128R - Construction Management I</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite Recommended – Principles of Construction Design II Location- ATC</p>	<p>Have you ever been fascinated by watching a new home take shape from raw building materials? Then this is a great beginning opportunity for you! Students will learn about all facets of construction, focusing on building the knowledge and skills necessary to participate in the construction industry. Students will participate in designing and building group or individual projects. Students will continue to develop advanced skills and techniques related to power equipment and safety requirements. Students will be required to purchase material for personal projects. This course is located at the ATC.</p>
<p>SC128R - Construction Management II</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Construction Management I Location - ATC</p>	<p>Students build on the knowledge learned in the previous class and are introduced to exterior and interior finish-out skills. Students will focus on environmental green building techniques and knowledge. They will acquire knowledge and skills in general safety, hand and power tool use, building materials, HVAC, Electrical and code requirements for structural framing as well as interior finishes including floors, walls, and ceilings. This course is two class periods during the school day at the high school.</p>
<p>SC136D/SC140D/SC144D - HVAC Dual Credit Program</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite - None Location – Denton High School</p>	<p>Students will gain knowledge and skills needed to enter the industry as a HVAC Technician Students will acquire knowledge and skills in safety, electrical theory, HVAC tools, building codes, installation of commercial HVAC equipment, heat pumps, building science, troubleshooting techniques, various duct systems, and maintenance practices. Students will have the opportunity to test for their HVAC Technician Level 1 and EPA 608 Certification. This course is a dual credit Program offered with NCTC. The courses students will register for are HART 1307, 1301, 1256, 1341 and RBPT 1300.</p>

<p>SC116R - Interior Design I</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite - Algebra I and English I</p>	<p>Students will learn about design, color and texture theories for interior and exterior design. They will also design models for presentations. Interior design is a technical course that addresses psychological, physiological, and sociological needs of individuals by enhancing the environments in which they live and work.</p>
<p>SC120R - Interior Design II</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Interior Design I and English II</p>	<p>Students will learn processes, principles, technologies, communication tools, equipment and materials related to interior design to meet industry standards. Interior Design II will be a double blocked class for two credits.</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communications

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC200R	Professional Communications	9-12	1/2
SC204R	Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications	9-10	1
SC208R	Commercial Photography I & Lab (Advanced)	11-12	2
SC212R	Commercial Photography II Lab (Advanced)	12	2
SC216R	Audio/Video Production I & Lab(Advanced)	11-12	2
SC220R	Audio/Video Production II & Lab (Advanced)	12	2
SC224R	Graphic Design and Illustration I & Lab(Advanced)	11-12	2
SC224D	Graphic Design - Dual Credit	11-12	2
SC228R	Graphic Design and Illustration II & Lab (Advanced)	12	2
SC228D	Graphic Design II - Dual Credit	12	2
SC232R	Animation I & Lab (Advanced)	11-12	2
SC236R	Animation II & Lab (Advanced)	12	2
SC240R	Fashion Design I (Advanced)	10-12	1
SC244R	Fashion Design II (Advanced)	11-12	1

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communications

<p>SC200R3 - Professional Communications</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1/2 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Professional Communications blends written, oral and graphic communication in a career-based environment. Careers in the global economy require individuals to be creative and have a strong background in computer and technical applications, a strong and solid academic foundation, and a proficiency in professional oral and written communication. This course will satisfy the Speech requirement for graduation.</p>
<p>SC204R - Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communications</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>This course is an introduction to Arts, Audio/Video Technology and communications cluster. Students are introduced to different technology careers including Digital Imaging and Photography, Animation, Graphic Design, Audio Engineering, Video Production and Fashion Design. Through team and individual projects based on these careers, students improve their communication, interpersonal, and presentation skills.</p>
<p>SC208R - Commercial Photography I and Lab</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Recommended: Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Comm Location – ATC</p>	<p>Do you love to take pictures but want to take it to the next level? Commercial Photography covers everything from setting up a shot to delivering the finished product in a competitive market. Students will develop knowledge of different types of cameras and lenses and their applications to photography. They will analyze customer needs, preferences, apply the principles of art to photographs, and develop photographs using a variety of production processes. Students are expected to complete the Adobe certification exam.</p>
<p>SC212R - Commercial Photography II and Lab</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Recommended: Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Comm Location – ATC</p>	<p>Commercial Photography II develops advanced skills and knowledge in commercial photography projects. Students' knowledge will increase in creating photographs for defined purposes, applying elements and principles of design to projects, choosing appropriate camera equipment for projects, and selecting appropriate production processes for the finished product.</p>
<p>SC216R - Audio/Video Production I and Lab</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Recommended: Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Comm Location – ATC</p>	<p>Audio/Video Production is a course designed to provide training for entry level employment in the Radio, Television & Film industries. The students will learn the pre-production, production and postproduction phases as well as nonlinear editing using Apple's Final Cut Pro Studio software. Assignments include events at the C.H. Collins Athletic Complex and taping of district and community activities and projects. Students will also prepare and create a project to be shown at the annual Feature Fest at the end of the year.</p>
<p>SC220R - Audio/Video Production II and Lab</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Audi/Video Production I and Lab Location – ATC</p>	<p>Audio/Video Production II is a course designed for students to continue learning all three phases of the production process as well as nonlinear editing using Apple's Final Cut Pro Studio software. This course is project based, where students create, storyboard, as well as video tape and edit their advanced projects such as their annual Feature Fest short film. Outside assignments include attending events at the C.H. Collins Athletic Complex and taping of district and community activities and projects.</p>

<p>SC232R - Animation I and Lab</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Recommended: Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Comm Location – ATC</p>	<p>The student will use Adobe Flash to create animations and games, then place their work onto a website. They will also create animations for cell phones, industry control panels, company logos, advertising, and local current business applications. A portfolio will be the student's final product. Students are expected to complete the Flash Certification exam.</p>
<p>SC236R - Animation II and Lab</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Animation I Location – ATC</p>	<p>The student will use NewTek 3D Lightwave v. 9.6 software on multi-processor computers to model, light, surface texture, animate, camera shoot and render characters and projects as directed by the instructor. This course requires advanced level math. Upon completion of this program the student will have created and animated 3D models embedded into scenes.</p>
<p>SC224R/SC224D - Graphic Design & Illustration I and Lab</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Recommended: Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communication Location – ATC</p>	<p>A course for creative and artistic students, this course will appeal to students who enjoy designing and creating projects that communicate visually. Graphic Design and Illustration is a creative study of the art of visual communications and advertising through creativity, illustration, design, analysis, approach and technical skills. Students will improve communication skills by learning to communicate visually, describe and defend their work, interview clients, present completed layouts and develop electronic and print portfolios. Students will have an opportunity to test for certification. Students may take the course for high school credit only which would require no tuition payment. This course may be offered in partnership with North Texas Central College. NCTC registration must be completed and tuition requirements met in order to earn the NCTC dual credit.</p>
<p>SC228R - Graphic Design & Illustration II and Lab</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Graphic Design I and Lab Location – ATC</p>	<p>Graphic Design and Illustration II will be a more in-depth study of illustration and visual communication with demonstrated ability to create, illustrate and communicate complicated ideas or designs with regard to technique and layout skills. Advanced students will be involved in projects for real world situations or clients. Additionally, students will have an opportunity for certification in Adobe Photoshop CS4. Students will further perfect a well-developed portfolio, both in electronic format and print.</p>
<p>SC240R - Fashion Design I</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Students will develop an understanding of fashion, textile and apparel industries. They will create apparel products using principles of effective design: body types, clothing silhouettes, and fabric selection. They will use basic design tools and techniques for fashion drawing, draping and flat pattern methods for fitting a garment. Identifying characteristics of quality apparel construction as a basis for consumer decision making is included.</p>
<p>SC244R - Fashion Design II</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – Fashion Design I</p>	<p>Students will build upon the skills learned in Fashion Design I class and develop their design portfolio of fashion drawings. They will develop an advanced technical understanding of fashion with emphasis on design and production. Students will analyze international design influences and trends as well as the planning and production of garments.</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Business Management & Administration, Marketing and Finance

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC300R	Touch System Data Entry (Keyboarding)	7-12	1/2
SC304R	Principles of Business, Marketing and Finance	9-12	1
SC308R	Business Information Management I	9-12	1
SC312R	Business Information Management II (Advanced)	10-12	1
SC316R	Business Law (Advanced)	11-12	1
SC320R	Human Resources Management	11-12	1/2
SC324R	Global Business	11-12	1/2
SC328R	Business Management (Advanced)	10-12	1
SC356R	Practicum in Business Management	11-12	2
SC344R	Accounting I	10-12	1
SC348R	Accounting II (Advanced)	11-12	1
SC352R	Securities and Investments	10-12	1
SC332R	Advertising	10-12	1/2
SC336R	Sports and Entertainment Marketing	10-12	1/2
SC340R	Entrepreneurship	10-12	1

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Business Management & Administration, Marketing and Finance

<p>SC308R - Business Information Management I</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Do you want technology skills to make you competitive in the workforce? Students will learn the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access) and its application to high school, college, and the workplace. Students apply technical skills to create word-processing documents, develop a spreadsheet, formulate a database, and make an electronic presentation using appropriate software. Students in this course will be required to complete the Microsoft Word and Powerpoint Certification exam.</p>
<p>SC312R - Business Information Management II</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Sharpen your competitive technology skills in a more advanced setting! Students will apply technical skills to address business applications of emerging technologies, create complex word-processing documents, develop sophisticated spreadsheets using charts and graphs, manage and create enhanced data reports and create an electronic presentation using appropriate multimedia software. Students in this course will be required to complete the Microsoft Expert Word Certification exam.</p>
<p>SC304R - Principles of Business, Marketing and Finance</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Will you make a good business owner or team member in the corporate world? In Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance, students gain knowledge and skills regarding economies and the private enterprise systems, the impact of global business, marketing of goods and services, advertising, and product pricing. Students analyze the sales process and financial management principles. This course allows students to reinforce, apply, and transfer academic knowledge and skills to a variety of interesting and relevant activities, problems and settings in business, marketing, and finance.</p>
<p>SC320R - Human Resources Management</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 1/2 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Whom do you hire? Why would you fire an employee? Students will prepare for a rapidly evolving business environment. Students will understand the functions of human resources management including hiring, training, and compensation. Students will have a broad base of knowledge that will allow them to be successful in business.</p>
<p>SC316R - Business Law</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>What causes a business to fail? Business Law students will learn legal issues which effect businesses may include: business ethics, contracts, negotiable financial instruments, personal property, sales, warranties, business organizations, and real property. Students apply technical skills to address business applications of contemporary legal issues. Students incorporate a broad base of knowledge that includes the legal, managerial, marketing, financial, ethical, and international dimensions of business to make appropriate business decisions.</p>
<p>SC320R3 - Global Business</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 1/2 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Students put their skills to work strengthening individual performance in the workplace and to help make a successful transition after high school. They apply technical skills to address global business applications of emerging technologies. Students develop a foundation in the economic, finance, technology, international relations and ethics of a business to become informed consumers, employees, and entrepreneurs.</p>
<p>SC328R - Business Management</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Do you enjoy being a leader or being in charge? Students will learn to effectively plan, organize, direct, and evaluate business functions essential to efficient and productive business organizations. This class will help develop technical and interpersonal skills related to management, finance, operations, customer service management, and ethics.</p>
<p>SC300R3 - Touch System Data Entry (Keyboarding)</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1/2 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Students will increase their speed and accuracy while learning to type by touch. Students will learn the alphabetic, numeric, and symbol keys, as well as the ten-key pad. Students will learn to format business documents such as letters, reports, outlines, and reports.</p>

<p>SC344R - Accounting I Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Do you like working with numbers? Students will explore the field of accounting, as well as the economic, financial, technological, international, social, legal, and ethical issues related to the maintenance of financial records. Students will record, classify, summarize and analyze accounting information in order to communicate it effectively to others. Students will learn to formulate and interpret financial information used in management decision making. Students will learn these processes both on paper and electronically.</p>
<p>SC348R - Accounting II Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 1 (Math Credit) Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Students continue to explore the field of accounting. Studies will include industry standards and the impact of economic, financial, technological, social, legal and ethical issues in the field. Students will integrate and interpret managerial and cost accounting information as it would relate to managerial decision making. Electronic methods to convey financial information will be employed. This course counts as a Math credit for graduation. Students in this course will be required to complete the Quickbooks certification exam.</p>
<p>SC352R - Securities and Investments Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>As close to Wall Street as you can get in Denton! This class focuses on the investment and security side of finance. Students will learn about monetary regulations, investing, how to run a financially secure business, managing portfolios, providing investment advice and how to develop a career in the securities industry. Students will develop a portfolio that includes work completed in class such as stock portfolios, PowerPoint presentations and job resumes.</p>
<p>SC340R – Entrepreneurship Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>This course will provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to become an entrepreneur. They will learn the principles necessary to begin and operate a business. The primary focus of the course is to help students understand the process of analyzing a business opportunity, preparing a business plan, determining feasibility of an idea using research, and developing a plan to organize and promote the business and its products and services. In addition, students understand the capital required, the return on investment desired and the potential for profit.</p>
<p>SC332R3 – Advertising Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1/2 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Advertising course is designed as a comprehensive introduction to the principles and practices of advertising. Students will gain knowledge of techniques used in current advertising, including print, broadcast and digital media. This course provides an overview of how communication tools can be used to reach target audiences and increase consumer knowledge.</p>
<p>SC336R3 - Sports & Entertainment Marketing Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1/2 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>This course will provide students with a thorough understanding of the marketing concepts and theories that apply to sports and sporting events and entertainment. The areas this course will cover include basic marketing, target marketing and segmentation, sponsorship, event marketing, promotions, sponsorship proposals and implementation of sports and entertainment marketing plans. This course will also provide students an opportunity to develop promotional plans, sponsorship proposals, endorsement contracts, sports and entertainment marketing plans, and evaluation of management techniques.</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Education and Training

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC750R	Principles of Education and Training	9-12	1
SC754R	Human Growth and Development	10-12	1
SC758R	Instructional Practices (Advanced)	11-12	2
SC762R	Practicum in Education and Training (Advanced)	12	2

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Education and Training

<p>SC750R - Principles of Education and Training</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Do you like to work with children? Principles of Education and Training is designed to introduce learners to the various careers available within the education and training career cluster. Students use self-knowledge and educational and career information to analyze various careers.</p>
<p>SC754R - Human Growth and Development</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Human Growth and Development provides an overview of human development across the lifespan with emphasis on the developmental areas-physical, emotional and social development. Evaluation of society, culture, legislation, theory, guidance techniques, and responsibilities are a part of the various age groups.</p>
<p>SC758R - Instructional Practices</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location - ATC</p>	<p>Do you want to be a teacher and work with students? Students work under the supervision of the elementary/middle school teacher and the instructor. Students learn to plan, develop and prepare instructional materials, teach activities for the classroom and complete responsibilities of teachers in general.</p>
<p>SC762R - Practicum in Education and Training</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Instructional Practices Location - ATC</p>	<p>Practicum in Education and Training provides an opportunity to build on skills developed with a teacher in one of Denton ISD's Pre-K, Kindergarten, Elementary or Middle School classes. Students will continue to plan and present lessons, supervise individualized instruction and group activities, prepare instructional materials, assist with record keeping, manage the classroom and other teacher responsibilities as assigned by the instructor. The TWU Teacher Education Program recognizes that all Denton ISD Education and Training students who provide evidence of successful completion of the Instructional Practices course with a grade of "B" or better OR both the Instructional Practice and Practicum in Education and Training with a combined average of a "C" or better will have met the competencies required of the first introductory course listed in the education minor, EDUC 2003: Schools and Society. The Teacher Education Program will waive this course from the degree plan upon the student's admission into the TWU Teacher Education Program. This non-transferable course waiver may provide both time and cost savings.</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Health Science

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC900R	Principles of Health Science	10-12	1
SC904R	Health Science Theory & Clinical	11-12	2
SC908R	Health Science Lab	12	2
SC912R	Practicum of Health Science -Medical Assisting (CCMA) (Advanced)	12	2
SC916R	Practicum in Health Science - Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.) (Advanced)	12	2
SC920D	Practicum in Health Science-Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) (Dual Credit)	12	2
SC924R	Practicum in Health Science - Pharmacology	12	2
SC928d	Anatomy and Physiology - DC	11-12	1
SC932R	Practicum in Health Science -EKG/Phlebotomy	12	2

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Health Science

<p>SC900R - Principles of Health Science</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>This course gives an overview of the medical terminology, therapeutic, diagnostic, environmental and informational systems of the health care industry. The focus is on career exploration, leadership development, ethical and legal issues and the history, economics and trends in financing health care. Students will develop a concept of health and wellness from the perspective of a consumer as well as a potential professional in the health care industry. This course is a required prerequisite for Health Science.</p>
<p>SC904R/SC908R - Health Science Theory and Clinical</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Principles of Health Science and Biology (Application/Approval Required) Location – ATC</p>	<p>This course is designed to provide for the development of multi-occupational knowledge and skills related to a wide variety of health care careers. Students will have hands-on experiences for continued knowledge and skill development. The course may be taught by different methods such as laboratory, simulations, clinical rotation, or cooperative education. Students may be placed in clinical rotation internships at the hospitals; this placement is a privilege, not a guarantee. This course is a required prerequisite for Practicum in Health Science courses.</p>
<p>SC912R - Practicum in Health Science: Medical Assisting (CCMA)</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Principles of Health Science, Health Science Theory & Clinical/Biology Location – ATC</p>	<p>This course prepares students to take the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant exam. Testing for this exam is required and will equip students with an employable certification in medical facilities. Instruction in this course includes study in clinical and administrative areas such as human anatomy, medical terminology, pharmacology, first aid, lab techniques, how to administer medicine, coding and insurance processing, record-keeping & accounting, and medical law and ethics. Students must provide their own transportation for site visits throughout the year.</p>
<p>SC916R - Practicum in Health Science: Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Principles of Health Science, Health Science Theory & Clinical/Biology Location – ATC</p>	<p>This course is designed to provide instruction toward a certification with the State of Texas for Certified Nursing Assistant. CNAs provide basic bedside care under the care of a Physician, Registered Nurse and Licensed Vocational Nurse. Students will be able to work in a medical facility after passing state certification. Class requirements include 76 hours of classroom instruction along with 30 to 40 hours of clinical instruction at the nursing facility. Students are expected to complete the CNA certification exam.</p>
<p>SC924R - Practicum in Health Science: Pharmacology</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Principles of Health Science, Health Science Theory & Clinical/Biology Location – ATC</p>	<p>The Pharmacology Program provides students with the skills and knowledge to prepare them for the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Board exam and enable students to qualify for entry-level positions in retail and hospital pharmacies. The course content will emphasize medical math skills for pharmacy and nursing, drug classifications, drug actions, drug administration, ethical and legal issues, safety, and pharmacodynamics/pharmacokinetics of prescription and nonprescription medications. Students will explore career options. Students are expected to complete the Pharmacology Certification Exam.</p>

<p>SC920R - Practicum in Health Science: Emergency Medical Technician (Dual Credit Program)</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Principles of Health Science, Health Science Theory & Clinical/Biology Location – ATC</p>	<p>This course provides an introduction to the normal structure and function of the body, including an understanding of body systems in maintaining homeostasis with principles of microbiology also included. The course uses a method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience, and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Instruction includes all the skills necessary to provide emergency medical care at a basic life support level with an ambulance service or other specialized services. The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) courses provides instruction to prepare students for EMT certification. This course is a dual credit program offered with NCTC . The courses students will register for are VNSG 1420, EMSP 1160 & 1501. The EMT curriculum is based on the National EMS Educational Standards</p>
<p>SC932R - Practicum in Health Science: EKG and Phlebotomy</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Principles of Health Science, Health Science Theory & Clinical/Biology Location – ATC</p>	<p>This course covers the fundamentals of cardiovascular anatomy and physiology. Students will learn basic electrocardiography procedures, interpretation of basic dysrhythmias, and appropriate treatment modalities. The course instruction trains students to draw blood from patients, testing of blood glucose levels, preparation of blood, urine and other specimens for testing and maintain medical equipment such as needles, test tubes and blood vials. Students will be expected to complete both the EKG and Phlebotomy certification exams upon completion of the course.</p>
<p>SC928D - Anatomy & Physiology - Dual Credit</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – Biology and Chemistry, TSI College Admissions Exam Location – ATC</p>	<p>This course serves as a high school Science credit and earns college credit through NCTC. This course will require student-provided transportation to the ATC. The instruction will include study in the following areas: human organ systems, principles of genetics, the nervous system and relationship to muscles and glands, and immune system. College admission requirements must be met</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Hospitality and Tourism

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC400R	Introduction to Culinary Arts	10-12	1
SC404R	Partner to Intro to Culinary Arts	10-12	1
SC408R	Culinary Arts (Advanced)	11-12	2
SC412R	Advanced Culinary Arts (Advanced)	12	2
SC416R	Food Science (Advanced)	11-12	1
SC420R	Practicum in Culinary Arts/Extended	11-12	3
SC424R	Hospitality Services (Advanced)	11-12	2
SC428R	Practicum in Hospitality Services (Advanced)	12	2

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Hospitality and Tourism

<p>SC400R - Introduction to Culinary Arts</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Introduction to Culinary Arts will provide a foundation in basic food production, nutrition and sanitation, and management and services. As part of the instruction, reinforcement of basic skills is provided to assist students in practicing communication skills, utilizing listening skills to follow directions, practicing basic math skills as applied to a culinary arts setting. Students will gain insight into a careers in the Hospitality and Tourism field.</p>
<p>SC408R - Culinary Arts</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Recommended: Intro to Culinary Arts Location - ATC</p>	<p>This is an introductory course into the professional world of food production. The student will have the opportunity to explore many facets of the food service industry. Students will complete the Serv-Safe curriculum and have the opportunity to take the certification exam. Once completed, the learner will focus on basic food preparation skills. There will be practical experiences to accompany the course work through the various catering opportunities that are offered to the students.</p>
<p>SC412R – Advanced Culinary Arts</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location - ATC</p>	<p>The student will expand upon the basic skills that they developed in Culinary Arts, through more in depth baking as well as exploring international cuisines. They will take on the role of leadership during the catered events, thus developing their managerial skills.</p>
<p>SC424R/SC428R Hospitality Services and Practicum of Hospitality Services</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location - ATC</p>	<p>Students will develop the skills needed to excel in careers including; hotel and restaurant manager, cruise ship director, chef, amusement park manager, travel agent, and many more. Curriculum will be delivered through classroom instruction and/or internships in community hotels. Example of skills covered include; communications and guest services, hotel ownership types, career exploration, security, ethics, forecasting, housekeeping, food service, and travel and tourism.</p>
<p>SC416R - Food Science</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 1 (4th Science Credit) Prerequisite – Chemistry, Biology & 3rd Science</p>	<p>In Food Science students conduct laboratory and field investigations, using scientific methods during investigations, and make informed decisions using critical thinking and scientific problem solving with foods as the experimental focus. Food Science is the study of the nature of foods, the causes of deterioration, the principles underlying food processing, and the improvement of foods for the consuming public. The student, for at least 40% of instructional time, conducts laboratory and field investigations using safe, environmentally appropriate, and ethical practices. This course counts as a 4th Science credit for graduation.</p>
<p>SC420R - Practicum in Culinary Arts</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 3 Prerequisite – Recommended Intro to Culinary Arts Location - ATC</p>	<p>Restaurant Management introduces students to the basic management techniques and administrative practices and procedures of the restaurant and food service industry. This course focuses on the following areas of study: food preparation, food purchasing, food and beverage cost control, sanitation and safety, customer service, human resource management, beverage management, hospitality marketing and dining room management services.</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Human Services

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC700R	Principles of Human Services	9-12	1
SC704R	Child Development	10-12	1
SC708R	Child Guidance - Internship RHS	11-12	2
SC712R	Practicum in Human Service - Child Guidance Intership	12	2
SC716R	Interpersonal Studies	9-12	1/2
SC720R	Dollars and Sense	10-12	1/2
SC724R	Counseling and Mental Health	11-12	1
SC728R	Principles of Cosmetology Design and Color Theory	10-12	1
SC732R	Introduction to Cosmetology	10-12	1
SC736R	Cosmetology I	11-12	2
SC740R	Practicum in Human Services - Cosmetology I (Advanced)	11-12	2
SC744R	Cosmetology II	12	2
SC748R	Practicum in Human Services - Cosmetology II (Advanced)	12	2

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Human Services

<p>SC700R - Principles of Human Services</p> <p>Grade Placement – 7-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>This hands-on course will allow the student to sample and gain knowledge about careers in the human services career cluster, including counseling and mental health, early childhood, family and community, and personal care services. Each student is expected to complete the knowledge and skills essential for success in high-skill, high-wage, or high demand human service careers. Students are encouraged to participate in the student organization: Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).</p>
<p>SC704R - Child Development</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>This class concentrates on the development, care, guidance and protection of children. Students will look at the growth and development of infants, toddlers, and school age children. Students will use the skills obtained in this class to promote the well-being and healthy development of children and investigate careers related to the care and education of children.</p>
<p>SC716R3 - Interpersonal Studies</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 /2 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>In Interpersonal Studies, students will develop valuable skills that will help them prepare for life as a young adult. This program has a central focus on family but also on developing a lifelong positive impact in their community. The goal is to provide opportunities for personal development through a variety of activities including decision making and problem solving.</p>
<p>SC720R3 - Dollars and Sense</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 /2 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Dollars and Sense focuses on consumer practices and responsibilities, the money management process, decision-making skills, impact of technology, and preparation for managing one’s own financial affairs.</p>
<p>SC708R - Child Guidance – Internship</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Child Development</p>	<p>Child Guidance focuses on knowledge and skills related to child growth and guidance to help students develop positive relationships with children and learn effective caregiver skills. This technical laboratory course provides an opportunity for students to promote the well-being and healthy development of children, strengthen a culturally diverse society, and pursue careers related to the care, guidance, and education of all children.</p>
<p>SC724R - Counseling and Mental Health</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Students begin the study of mental health disorders and examine treatment options. Students learn self-management skills that will benefit them in a variety of human services professions such as their ethical/legal responsibilities, the limitations/implications of their actions and stress/coping mechanisms. Students model knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a Counseling & Mental Health career through simulated environments.</p>

<p>SC736R3/SC740R3 - Introduction to Cosmetology/Principles of Cosmetology Design/Color Theory</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None (Application) Location – ATC</p>	<p>This course will provide a foundation of academic, career and technical skills needed to be successful in the Cosmetology field. The students in this course will develop knowledge and skills regarding various cosmetology design elements, sanitation procedures, hair care, nail care, skin care and work place skills. Students will begin to earn hours toward their state licensing requirements. Parent Meeting and application required.</p>
<p>SC736R3/SC740R3 - Cosmetology I & Practicum in Human Services – Cosmetology</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Introduction to Cosmetology/Principles of Cosmetology Design/Color Theory Location – ATC</p>	<p>Cosmetology includes the knowledge and application of the principles and practices of the treatment of the hair, skin, and nails in accordance with licensing requirements. Students will develop the skills required to be competitive in the field of cosmetology including cutting, coloring, texture services, waxing, and styling. In addition, students will also develop highly needed skills for success: group participation, leadership, appropriate work habits, safety and sanitation procedures, customer service, and communication with workers as well as clientele. Students are expected to earn 500 hours each year through the completion of TDLR hours. After school hours are mandatory for students to complete this hour expectation.</p>
<p>SC744R3/SC748R3 - Cosmetology II & Practicum in Human Services – Cosmetology</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Cosmetology I & Practicum Location – ATC</p>	<p>Cosmetology II continues subjects begun in Cosmetology I. After the completion of all TDLR hours, students will have earned 1000 hours of laboratory work, they are eligible to take the licensure examination. Cosmetology is regulated by the State of Texas, and students must complete all graduation requirements and successfully pass a written and a practical exam in order to receive their Cosmetology License. This course requires extended attendance on designated evenings.</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Information Technology

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC642R	Computer Maintenance & Lab	11-12	1
SC646R	Computer Technician Practicum	12	2
SC650R	CISCO Internetworking Tech I (Advanced)	11-12	1
SC654R	CISCO Internetworking Tech II (Advanced)	11-12	1
SC658R	Practicum in Information Technology - Cisco III & IV	11-12	2

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Information Technology

<p>SC642R - Computer Maintenance and Lab</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location – ATC</p>	<p>Computer Maintenance covers the fundamentals of computer hardware and software as well as advanced concepts. Students learn about the internal components of a computer, assemble a computer system, install an operating system and troubleshoot using system tools and diagnostic software. Students will also be able to connect to the internet and share resources in a network environment. Topics also include laptop and portable devices, wireless connectivity, security, safety and environmental issues, and communication skills. Students will explore a variety of topics including installation procedures, security issues, back up procedures and remote access. Hands-on lab activities is an essential element. Students are expected to complete the A+ Certification Exam.</p>
<p>SC646R - Computer Technician Practicum</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Computer Maintenance Location – ATC</p>	<p>Students gain knowledge and skills in the area of computer technologies, including advanced knowledge of electrical and electronic theory, computer principles and components related to the installation, diagnosis, service, and repair of computer-based technology systems. Students will reinforce, apply and transfer their knowledge and skills to a variety of settings and problem-solving situations. Students also prepare computers for the Computers for Kids Program and provide professional repair service to the community.</p>
<p>SC650R3/SC654R3 - Cisco Internetworking Technologies I & II</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location – ATC</p>	<p>Cisco Internetworking, I / II curriculum covers networking-based application, networking concepts within the context of network environment that students may encounter in their daily lives – from small office and home office (SOHO) networking to larger scale networking models. The curriculum is the Cisco Networking online computer-based curriculum and hands-on lab assignments. Students are expected to take the Cisco Networking Certification</p>
<p>SC658R - Practicum in Information Technology: Cisco III & IV</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Cisco Internetworking I & II Location – ATC</p>	<p>This course will extend the learning of Cisco Internetworking to level III and IV. The curriculum covers networking-based application, networking concepts within the context of network environment that students may encounter in their daily lives – from small office and home office (SOHO) networking to larger scale networking models. The curriculum is the Cisco Networking online computer-based curriculum and hands-on lab assignments. Students are expected to complete the certification exam upon completion of the course.</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Government, Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC840R	National Security	11-12	1
SC800R	Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	9-12	1
SC804D	Firefighter I	11	2
SC808D	Firefighter II	12	2
SC812R	Law Enforcement I	11-12	1
SC816R	Law Enforcement II (Advanced)	11-12	1
SC820R	Court Systems and Practices (Advanced)	11-12	1
SC824R	Correctional Services	11-12	1
SC828R	Forensic Science - Science (Advanced)	11-12	1
SC832R	Criminal Investigation	11-12	1
SC836R	Disaster Response	11-12	1
SC844R	Pre-Law Practicum	12	2
SC848R	Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security (Advanced)	12	2

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Government, Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security

<p>SC840R3 - National Security</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location – ATC</p>	<p>National Security includes knowledge of maintaining a strong national security and encompasses such activities as operating a security agency, responding to disasters (participating in Community Emergency Response Teams/CERT), leadership skills and intelligence information. It also includes mitigating and preparing for the possible effects of chemical, biological or nuclear events and understanding the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) on a local, state, and national level. Understanding of and ability to work corroboratively with military and paramilitary structures is a necessary addition. Leaders in the field will be frequent guest speakers.</p>
<p>SC800R - Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None Location – ATC</p>	<p>The Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security course introduces students to professions in law enforcement, security, corrections, fire and emergency management services, and the legal field. Students will examine roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and protective agencies of fire and emergency services within local, county, state, federal, and private industry. The course provides students with an overview of the skills necessary for such careers.</p>
<p>SC820R3 - Court Systems and Practices</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location – ATC</p>	<p>Court Systems and Practices is an overview of the federal and state court systems. The course identifies the roles of judicial officers and the trial processes from pretrial to sentencing and examines the types and rules of evidence. Emphasis is placed on constitutional laws for criminal procedures such as search and seizure, stop and frisk, and interrogation. In addition to classroom learning, the student will hear lectures from individuals employed in the community in related fields. Students will participate in scenarios using skills from this course and academic courses to prepare various forms of grammatically correct communication, both oral and written. The class will participate in various mock trials, demonstrating mastery of knowledge and skills. This course is a required prerequisite for the Pre Law Practicum</p>
<p>SC844R - Pre Law Practicum</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Court Systems and Practices Location – ATC</p>	<p>The Practicum will allow advanced students to intern within the court and legal service in Denton County. This internship is designed to give students supervised practical application of previously studied knowledge and skills. Students must meet strict guidelines that govern community placement. Placement is not a guarantee, but an earned opportunity for the serious student. Internship location may be at Denton County District Attorney's office or at a local private law firm.</p>
<p>SC812R3/SC816R3 - Law Enforcement I and II</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location – ATC</p>	<p>Law Enforcement I and II is an overview of the history, organization, and functions of local, state and federal law enforcement. Students will learn the basics of patrol functions and crime scene investigations. This course includes the role of constitutional law, the United States legal system, criminal law, law enforcement terminology, and the classification and elements of crime.</p>

<p>SC848R - Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Law Enforcement I and II</p>	<p>Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security course includes knowledge of and preparation for postsecondary education and training or employment in the law enforcement field in the areas of forensic science, communications, GIS, law enforcement and investigations. The rules, regulations, laws, and techniques that assist the law enforcement professional are applied using a variety of tools and equipment.</p> <p>Location – ATC</p>
<p>SC828R - Forensic Science Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location – ATC</p>	<p>Forensic Science is a course focusing on the drive to unlock the mystery of crimes through the application of science. It is designed to provide students with an introductory understanding of criminology. Knowledge and skills will be gained in hair/fiber analysis, blood type analysis, bloodstain patterns, DNA, and fingerprint comparison. The student, for at least 40% of instructional time, conducts laboratory and field investigations using safe, environmentally appropriate, and ethical practices. This course counts as a 4th SCIENCE credit for graduation.</p>
<p>SC832R3 - Criminal Investigation Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Recommended: Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Location – ATC</p>	<p>Criminal Investigations course will focus on basic functions of criminal investigations and procedures. Students will learn terminology, and investigating processing, evidence collection, fingerprinting, and courtroom presentation. Students will collect and analyze evidence from a simulated crime scene.</p>
<p>SC824R3 - Correctional Services Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Recommended: Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Location – ATC</p>	<p>Instruction prepares students for certification required for employment as a correctional officer. Students will learn the roles and responsibilities of a correctional officer; discuss relevant rules, regulations, and laws; and discuss defensive tactics, restraint techniques, and first-aid procedures as used in the correctional setting. Students will analyze rehabilitation and alternatives to institutionalization. Students will be expected to take the Jailer Certification Exam</p>
<p>SC836R3 - Disaster Response Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Recommended: Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Location – ATC</p>	<p>Disaster Response is a course in which students may become CERT certified in order to work as a volunteer emergency team member or perhaps as a preparation for employment with the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).</p>
<p>SC804D - Firefighter I - Dual Credit Grade Placement – 11 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Recommended: Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Location – ATC</p>	<p>This course is the first year of a 2-year commitment in the Denton ISD Fire Academy. This is a dual credit program in cooperation with the Denton Fire Department and NCTC. The Fire Academy is designed to give the student a well-rounded education for a professional career in the fire service and the training for Basic Firefighter Certification in accordance with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP).</p>
<p>SC808D - Firefighter II - Dual Credit Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Firefighter I Location – ATC</p>	<p>This course is the second year of a 2-year commitment in the Denton ISD Fire Academy. This is a dual credit program in cooperation with the Denton Fire Department and NCTC. The Fire Academy is designed to give the student a well-rounded education for a professional career in the fire service and the training for Basic Firefighter Certification in accordance with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP).</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Manufacturing

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC500R	Principles of Manufacturing	9-12	1
SC504R	Precision Metal Manufacturing I	11-12	2
SC508R	Precision Metal Manufacturing II (Advanced)	12	2
SC512R	Intro to Welding	10-12	1
SC516R	Welding I	11-12	2
SC520R	Welding II (Advanced)	11-12	2

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Manufacturing

<p>SC500R - Principles of Manufacturing</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Do you ever wonder how things are made? Have you ever wondered what it would take to make something yourself? In Principles of Manufacturing, students learn skills in the design, production, and testing of products that can be made from raw materials. Students will also gain an understanding of career opportunities available in manufacturing and what employers require in order to gain and maintain jobs in these careers. Students learn basic safety standards and proper use of power and hand tools.</p>
<p>SC504R - Precision Metal Manufacturing I</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location – ATC</p>	<p>Ever wondered how precision metal products are manufactured for the aerospace, automotive, medical, and many other industries? Then this is the class for you! This course requires precision manufacturing tolerances within ten thousandths of an inch. In this course you will learn to work with the leading CAD/CAM (Computer Aided Design/Computer Aided Machining) software utilized by industry. Students will also learn about material machinability and how to select and use the precision instruments necessary to ensure machined parts meet specifications and are within tolerance.</p>
<p>SC508R - Advanced Precision Metal Manufacturing II</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Precision Metal Manufacturing I Location – ATC</p>	<p>Advanced Precision Metal Manufacturing builds on first year knowledge and skills. It will include exposure to a 4th axis in design and part production. Students will complete a job shadow rotation at local manufacturing company.</p>
<p>SC512R - Intro to Welding</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Students will be introduced to the three basic welding processes. Topics include: industrial safety and health practices, hand tool and power machine use, measurement, laboratory operating procedures, welding power sources, welding career potentials, and introduction to welding codes and standards. Introduction to Welding will provide students with the knowledge, skills, and technologies required for employment in welding industries. Students will develop knowledge and skills related to welding and apply them to personal career development. This course supports integration of academic and technical knowledge and skills. Students will reinforce, apply, and transfer knowledge and skills to a variety of settings and problems</p>
<p>SC516R - Welding I</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Intro to Welding Location – ATC</p>	<p>This course is an entry level technical welding course. It is designed for the beginner with little or no welding experience who is interested in pursuing a course of study that can lead to an American Welding Society (AWS) entry level certification. Course curriculum follows American Welding Society “SENSE” guidelines to prepare the serious student for entry level certification testing after completing Advanced Welding. Students may take the course for high school credit only which would require no tuition payment.</p>
<p>SC520R - Welding II</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – Welding I Location – ATC</p>	<p>This advanced welding program will follow American Welding Society “SENSE” guidelines to prepare the serious student for entry level certification testing after completing Advanced Welding. Students will complete individual projects to demonstrate industry competencies.</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC600R	Year 1 - Introduction to Engineering Design (PLTW)	9-12	1
SC604R	Year 1- Principles of Applied Engineering - Digital Electronics	10-12	1
SC608R	AC/DC Electronics	11-12	1
SC612R	Solid State Electronics	11-12	1
SC614R	Practicum in STEM-Electronics (Advanced)	12	2
SC618R	Year 2 - Engineering Science (Science) (Advanced)	11-12	1
SC622R	Year 2 - Robotics I (Advanced)	11-12	1
SC626R	Engineering Design & Problem Solving - Science Credit (Advanced)	12	1
SC630R	Scientific Research Design -Civil Engineering and Architecture	12	1
SC634R	Scientific Research Design- Aerospace Engineering	12	1
SC638R	Computer Integrated Manufacturing	12	1

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

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<p>SC600R - Introduction to Engineering Design (IED)</p> <p>Grade Placement – 9-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – None</p>	<p>Students dig deep into the engineering design process, applying math, science, and engineering standards to hands-on projects. They work both individually and in teams to design solutions to a variety of problems using 3D modeling software and use an engineering notebook to document their work.</p>
<p>SC604R - Principles of Applied Engineering: Digital Electronics (DE)</p> <p>Grade Placement – 10-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – Recommended IED</p>	<p>From smartphones to appliances, digital circuits are all around us. This course provides a foundation for students who are interested in electrical engineering, electronics, or circuit design. Students study topics such as combinational and sequential logic and are exposed to circuit design tools used in industry, including logic gates, integrated circuits, and programmable logic devices. Students will have the opportunity to test for college credit.</p>
<p>SC622R3 - Robotics I</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – Introduction to Engineering Design/Principles of Applied Engineering: Digital Electronics Location – ATC</p>	<p>Robotics 1 course was designed to introduce the students to the fundamentals of problem solving, program design, algorithms and programming using a high-level language. This course introduces the fundamental concepts of programming and robotics. Programming and building robots apply science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts. Students will have the opportunity to complete multiple challenges involving guided research, problem solving, working in teams, and design documentation. This course is taken with Engineering Science.</p>
<p>SC618R - Engineering Science</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – Introduction to Engineering Design/Principles of Applied Engineering: Digital Electronics Location – ATC</p>	<p>Engineering Science is designed to help students understand the field of engineering and engineering technology. Exploring various technology systems and manufacturing processes help students learn how engineers and technicians use math, science and technology in an engineering problem solving process to benefit people. The course also includes concerns about social and political consequences of technological change. Students will have the opportunity to test for university credit. The course counts as a 4th Science credit for graduation.</p>

<p>SC626R - Engineering Design & Problem Solving</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – Introduction to Engineering Design/Principles of Applied Engineering: Digital Electronics, Robotics I and Engineering Science Location – ATC</p>	<p>Engineering Design & Problem Solving is an applied physics course designed to provide a study in force, work, rate, resistance, energy, power and force transformers as applied to mechanical, fluid, thermal, and electrical energy. Students learn to apply principle theories to the design and development process through project-based lessons where they create a variety of projects to meet specific goals. The course counts as a 4th Science credit for graduation</p>
<p>SC634R3 - Aerospace Engineering</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – Introduction to Engineering Design/Principles of Applied Engineering: Digital Electronics, Robotics I and Engineering Science Location – ATC</p>	<p>This course propels students' learning in the fundamentals of atmospheric and space flight. As they explore the physics of flight, students bring the concepts to life by designing an airfoil, propulsion system, and rockets. They learn basic orbital mechanics using industry-standard software. They also explore robot systems through projects such as remotely operated vehicles.</p>
<p>SC630R3 - Civil Engineering and Architecture</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – Introduction to Engineering Design/Principles of Applied Engineering: Digital Electronics, Robotics I and Engineering Science Location – ATC</p>	<p>Students learn important aspects of building and site design and development. They apply math, science, and standard engineering practices to design both residential and commercial projects and document their work using 3D architecture design software.</p>
<p>SC638R3 - Computer Integrated Manufacturing</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite – Introduction to Engineering Design/Principles of Applied Engineering: Digital Electronics, Robotics I and Engineering Science Location – ATC</p>	<p>Manufactured items are part of everyday life, yet most students have not been introduced to the high-tech, innovative nature of modern manufacturing. This course illuminates the opportunities related to understanding manufacturing. At the same time, it teaches students about manufacturing processes, product design, robotics, and automation. Students can earn a virtual manufacturing badge recognized by the National Manufacturing Badge system.</p>

<p>SC606R3 - AC/DC Electronics</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite –Recommended Principles of Applied Engineering: Digital Electronics Location – ATC</p>	<p>AC/DC Electronics focuses on the basic electricity principles of alternating current/direct current circuits. Students will demonstrate knowledge and applications of circuits, electronic measurement and implementation. Through the use of the design process, students will transfer academic skills to component design in project-based environment. Students are expected to complete the ISCET Certification Exam.</p>
<p>SC612R3 - Solid State Electronics</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 1 Prerequisite –Recommended AC/DC Electronics Location – ATC</p>	<p>In Solid State Electronics, students will demonstrate knowledge and application of advanced circuits, electronic measurement, and electrical implementation used in the electronics and computer industries. Students will transfer advanced academic skills to apply engineering principles and technical skills to troubleshoot, repair and modify electronic components, equipment, and power 16 electronic systems in a project based learning environment.</p>
<p>SC614R - Practicum in STEM – Electronics</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite –AC/DC Electronics, Solid State Electronics Location – ATC</p>	<p>Students will learn advanced semiconductor/solid state theories (transistor/integrated circuit-IC chip theories), associated labs, test equipment usage and prototyping. Students will build and analyze a basic power supply, amplifier and learn digital theories! Students will have an opportunity to design projects that utilize electronics skills. At the end of each semester you will have the opportunity to test for an industry standard electronics certification through ISCET.</p>

CAREER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

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Denton ISD Course No.	Subject	Grade	HS Credits
SC524D	Aircraft Airframe Technology (Advanced)	11-12	2
SC528D	Aircraft Powerplant Technology (Advanced)	12	2
SC532R	Automotive Technology I: Maintenance and Light Repair (Advanced)	11-12	2
SC536R	Automotive Technology II: Automotive Service (Advanced)	12	2

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

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<p>SC532R - Automotive Technology I: Maintenance and Light Repair</p> <p>Grade Placement – 11-12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location - ATC</p>	<p>The Automotive Technology student will gain knowledge and skills in the repair, maintenance, and diagnosis of motor vehicles. This study allows students to reinforce, apply, and transfer academic knowledge and skills to a variety of interesting and relevant activities, problems, and settings. Students will explore career and post-secondary opportunities as they relate to the automotive repair industry. Students are expected to complete the ASE Certification exam Maintenance and Light Repair</p>
<p>SC536R - Automotive Technology II: Automotive Service</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location - ATC</p>	<p>The Automotive Technology II student will build on the knowledge and skills in the repair, maintenance, and diagnosis of motor vehicles acquired from Automotive Technology I. Students will explore career and post-secondary opportunities as they relate to the automotive repair industry. Students are expected to complete the ASE Certification Exam Automotive Services</p>
<p>SC524R - Aircraft Airframe Technology</p> <p>Grade Placement – 12 Credits – 2 Prerequisite – None Location – Tarrant County College</p>	<p>In Aircraft Airframe Technology, students gain knowledge and skills in the general repair, maintenance, and diagnosis of aircraft systems. This study allows students to reinforce, apply, and transfer academic knowledge and skills to a variety of interesting and relevant activities, problems, and settings. Students will be introduced to the aviation industry, air traffic control system, ground operations, as well as weather considerations, reporting, and prediction. Students will also learn the safety procedures, uses, and care of major shop equipment and tools. Students will explore career and post-secondary opportunities as they relate to the aviation repair industry.</p>