

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE

GPA will be calculated for the foundation courses as follows:

*Only courses taken during 9th through 12th grade will be computed in a student's GPA.*

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

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

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

WEIGHT	GRADE POINTS EARNED			
	NO. GRADE	LETTER GRADE	REGULAR	PRE-AP/AP/IB
90-100	A	4	5	
80-89	B	3	4	
70-79	C	2	3	
Below 70	F	0	0	

### SAT—CEEB #441-951

#### SAT COMPOSITE SCORES 2014 CLASS

	WRITING	Critical READING	MATH
U. S.	487	497	495
Texas	461	476	495
Denton ISD	474	500	502
<b>Denton High</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>497</b>

#### ACT COMPOSITE SCORES 2014 CLASS

<b>DHS</b>	<b>20.6</b>
DISD	20.9
Texas	20.9
Nation	21.0

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Approximately 96% of our graduates will go on to higher education. Denton High graduates will continue their formal education with 65% attending four-year institutions and 22% going on to community colleges, and 5% attending technical schools, and 4% entering the armed services.



**NATIONAL MERIT**—The senior class of 2014 had three Commended Scholars.

### Daniel Ford, Principal

Renée Koontz, Instructional Associate Principal  
 Glen Harrison, Assistant Principal (A-D)  
 Jason Tackett, Assistant Principal (E-L)  
 Jacqueline San Miguel, Assistant Principal (M-R)  
 Howard Palmer, Assistant Principal (S-Z)  
 Marilyn Rabsatt, Assistant Principal (9th grade)

Jari Peltier, Counselor (A-D)  
 Kathleen Ashton, Counselor (E-L)  
 Dr. Justin Fields, Counselor (M-R)  
 Dr. Doretha Hudspeth, Counselor (S-Z) (Lead)  
 Chris Lydia, Counselor (9th grade)  
 Kimberly Keith (Career Counselor)  
 Jennifer Mize (Student Assistance Counselor)  
 Beth Hughes, IB Coordinator  
 Kimberly Thaggard, IB Middle Years Programme Coordinator  
 Martha Puga, Social Worker

### Denton Independent School District

Dr. James K. Wilson, III, Superintendent  
 Dr. Mike Mattingly, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum  
 David Hicks, Executive Director of Secondary  
 Vickie Sargent, Executive Director of Elementary

# DENTON HIGH SCHOOL



**An International Baccalaureate  
World School**

## PROFILE 2014-2015

### —Mission Statement—

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

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

**Adopted 2007**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Denton ISD: 'A fast growing community'

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

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

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

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

## CURRICULUM

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

Students must also pass a state proficiency examination (TAKS) in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies to receive a diploma. Identified gifted students are served in high school through advanced coursework options.

## THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

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

## THE SCHOOL

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

**ENROLLMENT**—Total of 2185 students, with a senior class of 445.

**SCHOOL DAY**—Total of eight credit-earning classes; six classes of 90-minutes each in length-meeting on alternate days, and two classes of 55-minutes each in length-meeting every day (officially referred to as a modified block schedule).

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

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

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

**DUAL/CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES**—Available through University of North Texas, Texas Woman's University and North Central Texas College; college math, economics, history, chemistry, and English classes also available on campus.

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

## PRE-ADVANCED PLACEMENT / MYP INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSES

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

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

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

## IB COURSES

IB English HL	IB Math Studies SL
IB Spanish SL	IB Math SL
IB French SL	IB Music SL
IB German SL	IB Dance HL & SL
IB Latin SL	IB Art HL & SL
IB History of the Americas HL	IB Film HL & SL
IB Biology HL	
IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL	
IB Computer Science HL & SL	

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

	RECOMMENDED	DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)	4	4
World Geography	1	1
World History	1	1
U. S. History	1	1
U.S. Government	1/2	1/2
Economics	1/2	1/2
Communications Applications (Speech)	1/2	1/2
Physical Education	1	1
Fine Arts (Art, Music, Theatre, Dance)	1	1
Foreign Language	2 (same language)	3 (same language)
Electives	5 1/2	4 1/2
Specialized Components		4 Advanced Measures
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>

**THE DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**—This graduation program recognizes students who fulfill the recommended college preparatory program plus a third year of the same foreign language. They must also complete four advanced measures as defined by the state of Texas.