

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Dripping Springs High School Mission is to ensure successful student achievement by providing an environment that fosters the safety, health, intellectual, physical, and emotional needs of all students.

## OUR COMMUNITY

Dripping Springs High School is the only high school in the Dripping Springs Independent School District. DSISD includes three elementary schools and one middle school. The school is located in a suburban residential area about 15 miles west of Austin in the northwest Hays County community of Dripping Springs.

## OUR SCHOOL

Dripping Springs High School is a comprehensive, four-year public high school with an enrollment of approximately 1700 students in grades 9-12. The school places a strong emphasis on college preparation with a majority of our students continuing their education after high school.

The school year consists of two 18-week semesters. DSHS operates on an eight period A/B Block schedule. Each period is 90 minutes in length.

## GRADING SYSTEM

All grades are recorded numerically. Transfer grades are recorded using the numerical equivalent on the grade scale of the sending school. When necessary, grades are converted using the following scale:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	75-79
D	70-74
F	0-69



## DRIPPING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2016-2017

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## CLASS RANK & GPA

The grade point average is based on a 100 point weighted scale. In calculation of the weighted GPA, all Advanced Placement courses receive an additional 15 points weight and all Pre-Advanced Placement courses receive an additional 10 points weight. The additional grade weights are not included in the course grades recorded on the transcript. Final class ranking for seniors is determined at the end of the sixth week of the fifth six week grading period.

## CURRICULUM

Dripping Springs High School offers a variety of courses to meet the individual needs and interests of our students with a primary focus on college preparation and advanced academic studies. Advanced academic courses include 19 Pre-Advanced Placement and 23 Advanced Placement courses including

*English Language & Composition English Literature and Composition Spanish Language*

*Latin Virgil*  
*Calculus AB*  
*Calculus BC*  
*Statistics*  
*Computer Science*  
*Biology*  
*Chemistry*  
*Physics 1*  
*Physics 2*  
*Environmental Science*  
*Human Geography*  
*U.S. History*  
*World History*  
*Government*  
*Macroeconomics*  
*Psychology*  
*Studio Art 2D Design*  
*Studio Art 3D Design*  
*Studio Art Drawing*  
*Music Theory*

Fifteen dual enrollment courses are offered on our campus with a total of 52 approved dual enrollment courses offered through Austin Community College & The University of Texas. Electives are offered in each of the major disciplines and in fine arts, technology applications, business, agricultural science, industrial technology, automotive technology, athletics, and leadership.



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## CLASS OF 2016 PROFILE

### POST-SECONDARY PLANS

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES	70%
TWO-YEAR COLLEGES	22%
TRADE SCHOOLS	3%
MILITARY SERVICE	2%
EMPLOYMENT	3%

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK	.44%
AMERICAN INDIAN	.38%
ASIAN	1.39%
HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER	.13%
HISPANIC OR LATINO	17.59%
MULTI-RACE, NON-HISPANIC	4.16%
WHITE	75.19%
LOW INCOME	9.21%
GIFTED & TALENTED	8%

### COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM SUMMARY

#### SAT REASONING EXAM

77% of the 2016 graduates took the SAT

The traditional DSHS mean SAT score was 1134

Texas 956  
National 1020

The DSHS mean score including writing was 1671

Texas 1410  
National 1490

#### ACT EXAM

46.5% of the 2016 graduates took the ACT

The DSHS composite mean ACT score was 24.7

Texas 20.9  
National 20.9

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM SUMMARY

476 DSHS students took one or more AP courses in 2016

776 exams were taken by DSHS students in 2016

71.6% of the scores were 3 or above

### CLASS GRADE DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY

The following is the grade point average distribution summary for the graduating class of 2015 by quartile and top decile:

<b>Top 10%</b>	<b>99.98-110.14</b>
<b>1st Quartile</b>	<b>93.14-99.97</b>
<b>2nd Quartile</b>	<b>85.5-93.16</b>

### SENIOR PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT

Dripping Springs High School was the first in Texas to implement a portfolio assessment program for the purpose of measuring student success and preparation for real world endeavors. During the spring semester, every senior presents a portfolio before a three-member panel consisting of an educator from the Dripping Springs I.S.D, a community member or parent, and a professional from his or her career field of interest. The criteria for portfolio assessment includes the following indicators:

*Personal and Interpersonal standards*

*Thinking and Problem Solving*

*Communication Skills*

*Employment Literacy*

*Technology Literacy*

*Making Connections*

The top five areas of career interest for the class of 2015 include:

*Health Careers*

*Business*

*Engineering*

*Mass Communication*

*Education*