



Dripping Springs High School

School Profile 2022-2023

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Mission Statement

Together, we will foster a learning environment that promotes resiliency and integrity as we empower all members of the DSHS community to fearlessly explore their passions.

Our Community

Dripping Springs High School is the only high school in the Dripping Springs School District. DSISD includes four elementary schools and two middle schools. 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 2500 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 consist of two 18-week semesters. DSHS operates on an eight period A/B Block schedule. Each period is 90 minutes in length.

Demographic Profile

African American or Black .89%
American Indian 1.5%
Asian 2.31%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander .04%
Hispanic or Latino 22.18%
Multi-race, Non-Hispanic 6.48%
White 88.79%
Low Income 8.26%
Gifted & Talented 8.62%

Grading System

All grades are recorded numerically. Transfer grades are recorded using the numerical equivalent on the grade scale of the sending school.

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| A | 90-100 |
| B | 80-89 |
| C | 70-79 |
| F | 0-69 |

Class Rank & GPA

The grade average is based on a 100-point weighted scale. In calculation of the weighted GPA, all Advanced Placement courses receive an additional 15 points and all honors courses receive an additional 10 points. All Dual Enrollment courses also receive an additional 10 points. 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 third nine week grading period.

Class Grade

Distribution summary

Top 10%: 104.357 – 112.094
1st Quartile: 97.724 – 104.345
2nd Quartile: 90.345 – 97.519

Response to COVID-19

In May of 2020, the Dripping Springs Board of Education elected to omit the spring semester from all students' grade point average and class rank. Additionally, all grades were changed to a Pass/Incomplete designation. Students with a 70 or higher were awarded a P and grades 69 and below were designated as an Inc. However, transfer schools, colleges or universities may request a report card that shows the grades prior to the P/I being awarded. It is not an option for students to have their second semester grades appear on a transcript.

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 twenty-one honors and twenty-five Advanced Placement courses.

DSHS also offers eighteen dual credit courses that includes courses from both Austin Community College and the University of Texas.

Graduation Requirements

All students graduate under the Foundation Plan (22 credits) or the Foundation Plan with an Endorsement (26 credits). Endorsements are offered in the following areas: Multidisciplinary Studies, Arts and Humanities, Public Services, STEM, and Business and Industry. Additionally, students can graduate with a Distinguished Level of Achievement (indicating completion of four years of study in the four core areas, including Algebra 2, as well as completion of an endorsement). Students can also earn Performance Acknowledgements for AP/SAT/ACT scores, National Merit recognition, college credit earned in high school, bilingualism, and industry certifications or credentials. Below are the credits required for graduation under the Foundation Plan with an Endorsement.

English – 4 credits

Math – 4 credits

Science – 4 credits

Social Studies – 4 credits

LOTE – 2 credits

Fine Arts – 1 credit

Physical Education – 1 credit

Endorsement electives – 6 credits

Post-Secondary Plans

Four-Year Colleges 70%

Two-Year Colleges 22%

Trade Schools 3%

Military Service 2%

Employment 3%

Advanced Placement Exams

564 students took one or more AP course(s) in 2021-2022

909 Exams were taken by DSHS students in 2022

79% of the scores were 3 or above

College Entrance Exam Summary

SAT:

Mean SAT 1156

Write/Read 583

Math 573

ACT:

Composite Mean 23.9

Senior Showcase

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 who wishes to exempt exams 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