



# CLASS OF 2027

Welcome

DUNWOODY HIGH SCHOOL  
2023-2024 School Year  
*The Wildcat Way*

# Welcome to DHS 9th Graders

## Agenda

- Brief Introductions and Roles
- High School Terminology
- Diploma Choice
- Elective Descriptions
- Course Request for 2nd Semester
- Step by step Action Items

## Clubs and SEL

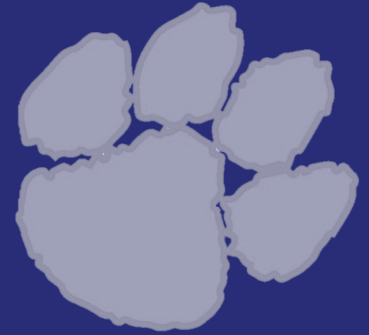
See complete list on the DHS Website

Clubs are vital for:  
belonging, fun, and social/emotional learning



2023 - 2024 Clubs & Organizations

# Meet our Team of DHS Counselors



Mr. Luke Ingram  
Head Counselor, 10-12  
(W – Z)



Mrs. Deanna deRoux  
10-12, Counselor  
(A – F)



Mrs. Shamia Moffitt  
Counselor (New 9th)



Ms. Rhashida Bunyan  
10-12, Counselor  
(G – M)



Ms. Denise Quintana  
10-12, Counselor  
(N – V)



Our Roles

# SCHOOL COUNSELORS



Academic Advisement



Postsecondary Planning



Social/Emotional



Community Partnerships

# COMMUNICATIONS

- [Weebly Website](#)
- [PTSO Newsletter](#)
- Daily School Announcements
- Email: [Shamia\\_Moffitt@dekalbschoolsga.org](mailto:Shamia_Moffitt@dekalbschoolsga.org)
- Your email : s-7-digit #@dekalb... Example below:  
s9123456@dekalbschoolsga.org
- Remind



# Meet Our Support Team



**Ms. Kaila Flynn**  
Counseling  
Administrative Assistant



**Mr. Clarence Thomas**  
Data Clerk



**Mr. Cary Garner**  
Social Worker



**Ms. Pam Holloway**  
Registrar

# Grades and Point Averages (GPA)

- ▶ Please check grades once or twice a week in IC. Why is this important? When can students with a 9-week course expect to receive their first credit? Pace Yourself!
- ▶ All grades for High School credit count towards the DCSD Grade Point Average (GPA).
- ▶ Core GPA: Only core courses in grades 9-12 count towards the Core GPA for the HOPE Scholarship.
  - ▶ Core Classes include Math, Science, Social Studies, English and World Language

# Grade Point Average

- A = 4 points
  - B = 3 points
  - C = 2 points
  - D = 1 point
  - F = 0 point
- **AP & Dual Enrollment courses count for 1 extra point for your DCSD GPA.**





# High School Credits and Transcript

## High School Credits

- A Credit is received when you pass a class.
- DHS is on a block schedule, which means you will take 4 classes 1st semester and 4 classes 2nd semester (18wks/semester).
- Exceptions
  - PE-9 & Health (9 wks each)
  - World Geo. & American Govt. (9 wks each)

## HS Transcript

- All classes you take, and grades you receive are permanently recorded on your HS transcript
- You will share your transcript when/if you apply to colleges

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses That Count Towards The DCSD GPA and Graduation

- Accelerated Coordinate Algebra/Analytic Geometry A - No longer offered, now two separate classes
- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Spanish for Native Speakers I
- Spanish for Native Speakers II
- French I
- French II
- Foundations of Engineering
- Physical Science
- Comprehensive Visual Arts I

## **Promotion Policy**

**9th to 10th 6 credits – 3 core and 3 elective**

**10th – 11th 12 credits – 6 core and 6 elective**

**11th – 12th 18 credits – 9 core and 9 elective**

## **Making Up Failed Classes**

**If you fail with 69% or below these are your options**

- **GA Virtual School (GAV\$), Credit Recovery, Flex Academy**
  - **Retake the class at DHS**

# Additional Requirement for High School Graduation

## GEORGIA MILESTONES

- EOC- End of Course assessment counts 20% of your final course grade.
  - 9th Graders will potentially take 2 EOC courses:  
Algebra C&C and Biology

# What is Required to Graduate

- 24 Credits needed for Graduation (Block Scheduling allows 32 Credits)
- English/Lang. Arts -4.0 credits
- Mathematics – 4.0 credits
- Science -4.0 credits
- Social Studies -4.0 credits
- Health/Personal Fitness -05/.05 credit
- Physical Education -1.0
- World Lang- (Same Language) (credits determined by diploma)
- Electives - Pathway





# DIPLOMA CHOICES

## Career Technology Seal

- 1 Unit of a World Language
- 3 Units in one Career Pathway
- 1 General Elective

## College Prep Seal

- 2 Units in the same World Language**
- 3 Units in one Career Pathway or in the Humanities
- 1 General Elective

## Honors & Distinction Seal

- 3 Units of the same World Language
- 3 General Electives
- 3.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average
- 3.0 Core Grade Point Average

Class of 2022 and subsequent years (Rev 10/22)

### DEKALB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM OF DIPLOMA SELECTION/ADJUSTMENT FORM

Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Counselor Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Courses	General Diploma Seal (Select type of diploma seal by checking the appropriate box.)				Transition Diploma Required course work determined by Individualized Educational Program (IEP)
	Students with Disabilities (GAA)	College Preparatory Seal	Career Technology Seal	Honors /Distinction Seal †	
<b>ENGLISH*</b> Literature 9 American Literature Two Additional English Units*	4	4	4	4	
<b>MATH*</b> Algebra: Concepts & Connections Geometry: Concepts & Connections Advanced Algebra: Concepts & Connections 4th Core Mathematics Course	4	4	4	4	
<b>SCIENCE*</b> Biology Physical Science or Physics Chemistry, Earth Systems, Environmental Science or any AP/IB One Additional Science Unit*	4	4 4 <sup>th</sup> science can meet science or elective requirement	4 4 <sup>th</sup> science can meet science or elective requirement	4 4 <sup>th</sup> science can meet science or elective requirement	
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES*</b> .50 American Government/Civics World History US History .50 Economics One Additional Social Studies Unit*	4	4	4	4	
<b>HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b> .50 Health .50 PE 1.00 Physical Education **	2	2	2	2	
<b>ELECTIVES ***</b> Humanities *** World Languages* Career Technology***	6	6 *2 Units of the same World Language required  ***3 Units of Career Tech in the same pathway required or 3 Units of Humanities  1 General Elective	6 *1 Unit of a World Language required  ***3 Units of Career Tech in the same pathway required  2 General Electives	6 *3 Units of the same World Language required  3 General Electives	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	

\*Requires 3.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) and a 3.0 Core Grade Point Average (CGPA)

\*\*Core Courses

\*\*\*One unit may be exempt through validated full-year participation in DeKalb County School District sponsored athletics, marching band, dance and/or JROTC.

\*\*\*\*Students are required to select elective courses based on the area of concentration with a minimum of three (3) units within the area of Career Technology or a minimum of three (3) units within the area of Humanities. Career Technology units must be in one of the following areas: BUS ED, FCS, TE, Tai or JROTC. Humanities include the following areas: World Languages, \*ESOL, Fine Arts, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, ELA and Social Studies.

+All identified ELL students must be enrolled in an ESOL course. Course level placement must be made per results of the ACCESS and/or WIDA Standards Language Proficiency Level. For approved ESOL delivery models, please refer to CaDOE ESOL Resource Guide.

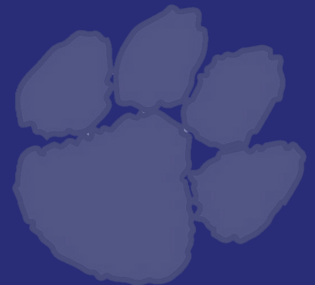
Parent's/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2023-2024

# Humanities Pathways

- Art
- Drama
- Band
- Chorus
- Orchestra
- 3 AP Social Studies credits beyond graduation requirements
- 3 World Language credits beyond graduation requirements
- Yearbook (application required)





2023-2024

# CTAE PATHWAYS

- Aerospace/JROTC
- Food and Nutrition
- Engineering
- Programming
- Computer Science
- Early Childhood Education
- Interior Design
- Healthcare Science
- Finance Academy (Application Required)
- Mass Comm Academy (Application Required)
- *Cross Keys/DHST-N (Application Required)*



## CTAE Programs at DHSTN/Cross Keys HS



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# Course Request Forms for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester- Deadlines

**Dunwoody High School**  
**2023-2024 Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Request Form**

Parents: Please complete the top of this form.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Teachers:** Please initial on the line of each course that you recommend for this student.

**1. Required English:**

Literature Composition 9

\_\_\_\_ College Prep \_\_\_\_ Accelerated/Gifted \_\_\_\_ Co-Taught \_\_\_\_ ESOL

**2. Required Math:**

a. Algebra Support for Algebra: Concepts and Connections (1<sup>st</sup> Semester) and  
Algebra: Concepts and Connections (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)

\_\_\_\_ College Prep \_\_\_\_ Co-Taught \_\_\_\_ ESOL

b. Algebra: Concepts and Connections (1 semester)

\_\_\_\_ College Prep \_\_\_\_ Co-Taught

c. Algebra: Concepts and Connections (1 semester)

\_\_\_\_ Accelerated/Gifted

d. Geometry: Concepts and Connections (1 semester)

(Prerequisite - Accel GSE Coordinate Algebra/Analytic Geometry A)

\_\_\_\_ Accelerated/Gifted

**3. Required Science:**

Biology

\_\_\_\_ College Prep \_\_\_\_ Accelerated/Gifted \_\_\_\_ Co-Taught

OR

Environmental Science

\_\_\_\_ College Prep \_\_\_\_ Co-Taught \_\_\_\_ ESOL

**4. Required Social Studies:**

American Government/World Geography

\_\_\_\_ College Prep \_\_\_\_ Accelerated/Gifted \_\_\_\_ Co-Taught \_\_\_\_ ESOL

OR

\_\_\_\_ \*Advanced Placement Government & Politics of the U.S. (1 Semester)

**\* Advanced Placement Course Expectations:**

Students and Parents should consider the expectations, rigor, and level of independence required in an Advanced Placement Course, as these courses are taught at a college level. Students are encouraged to discuss this course with their current Social Studies Teacher. Once an AP Course is placed on a student's schedule, they may not be able to drop the course.

**5. Required Health/Physical Education:**

Health/PE 9

**HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS**

**COLLEGE PREP**

All classes at DHS are taught at a college preparatory level.

**ACCELERATED/GIFTED**

This is for students who want a more rigorous class and are extremely strong in the subject area.

**CO-TAUGHT**

This is for students who have an IEP.

**ESOL**

Courses for English Language Learners

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT**

The curriculum is college level and developed by College Board.

**Academic Levels:**

**College Prep**

**Accelerated/Gifted**

**Co-Taught**

**6. World Languages:**

\_\_\_\_ Spanish I \_\_\_\_ Spanish I (Co-Taught) \_\_\_\_ Native Speaking Spanish I  
 \_\_\_\_ Native Speaking Spanish II OR \_\_\_\_ Native Speaking Spanish II/Spanish V  
 \_\_\_\_ Spanish V (Prerequisite is Native Speaking Spanish II – This Course is Only Offered in the Spring)  
 \_\_\_\_ Spanish II OR \_\_\_\_ Spanish II/III OR \_\_\_\_ Accelerated/Gifted Spanish II/III  
 \_\_\_\_ Accelerated/Gifted Spanish III OR \_\_\_\_ Accelerated/Gifted Spanish III/IV

\_\_\_\_ French I  
 \_\_\_\_ French II OR \_\_\_\_ French II/III  
 \_\_\_\_ French III OR \_\_\_\_ French III/IV

\_\_\_\_ Latin I \_\_\_\_ German I (Based on students' requests, this course will be offered)

**7. Please select your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices from the pathway options below:**

**Humanities Pathway Courses:**

\_\_\_\_ Visual Arts I \_\_\_\_ Visual Art II (Prerequisite Visual Arts I)

\_\_\_\_ Band \_\_\_\_ Chorus \_\_\_\_ Orchestra

\_\_\_\_ Beginning Guitar Technique \_\_\_\_ Drama

\_\_\_\_ \* Advanced Placement Human Geography

**CTAE (Career, Technical & Agricultural Education) Pathway Courses:**

\_\_\_\_ Aerospace Science (Air Force JROTC)

\_\_\_\_ Audio, Video, Technology & Film

\_\_\_\_ Introduction to Software Technology

\_\_\_\_ Early Childhood Education

\_\_\_\_ Foundations of Engineering and Technology (one course per year allowed)

\_\_\_\_ Engineering Concepts – (Prerequisite Foundations of Engineering and Technology)

\_\_\_\_ Food, Nutrition & Wellness

\_\_\_\_ Introduction to Healthcare Science

\_\_\_\_ Introduction to Interior Design

**Teacher Recommendations Only Below:**

\_\_\_\_ Basic Reading and Writing – Teacher Recommendation Only

\_\_\_\_ ESOL II/III/IV – ELL Teacher Recommendation Only

\_\_\_\_ Study Skills – Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) Required

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

\_\_\_\_ Gifted Services \_\_\_\_ Special Education Services \_\_\_\_ ELL Services

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade MAP Assessment:**

\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_ Language Arts \_\_\_\_ Science



# Questions?



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