



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



**High School  
Course Planning Guide  
2023-2024**

# General Revisions



Added TEA Algebra II Notification Letter



Added TEA Automatic College Admissions Letter



Added Missing Course Information/Codes

# General Clarifications



Required Course Loads for 5<sup>th</sup> Year Seniors



Schedule Change Processes



Transfer Grades When a D is Considered a Passing Grade



English IV Dual Credit Composition Option

# Changes in Practice



Attendance Failure Reporting Process



Texas Bridge Course Options



Speech Proficiency Courses: Add Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (CTE), and Theory of Knowledge (IB)



# Semester Averaging Options

*A student at any grade level enrolled in a 1-credit, 2-semester course for HS credit who receives a grade of 60 or higher in the second semester is eligible to earn credit for the course if the final averaged grade of both semesters is 70 or above. If the average for both semesters is less than 70, the student is awarded credit for only the semester with the passing grade.*

*Semester averaging only applies the first time a student takes each semester of the course. (It is not applied in credit recovery scenarios.) Semester averaging cannot be applied to courses taken through CBE, correspondence or online courses, non-accredited courses, or credits awarded outside of Denton ISD.*

*Semester averaging is applied when the two semesters are the same course at the same level or are honors and non-honors courses. AP/IB and non-AP/IB semesters cannot be averaged together.*

*When a student earns credit through semester averaging, the original grades earned in each semester are the grades reported on the academic record (transcript) and are the grades used in GPA calculations, when applicable.*



# Allow for Non-Physics Pathways for Graduation & GPA

Area of Interest	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Medicine	Biology or Biology Hon Chemistry or Chem Hon	AP Biology + Anatomy/Physiology	AP Chemistry
Marine Biology	Biology or Biology Hon Chemistry or Chem Hon	AP Biology + Aquatic Science	AP Environmental Science
Animal Science	Biology or Biology Hon Chemistry or Chem Hon	AP Biology + Anatomy/Physiology	Advanced Animal Science
Culinary Arts	Biology or Biology Hon Chemistry or Chem Hon	AP Chemistry	Food Science (Req)
Law Enforcement	Biology or Biology Hon Chemistry or Chem Hon	Anatomy/Physiology	Forensic Science (Req)
Environment	Biology or Biology Hon Chemistry or Chem Hon	AP Biology	AP Environmental or Environment DC
Humanities	Biology or Biology Hon Chemistry or Chem Hon	Environmental Systems	Astronomy

# Course Changes



AP Environmental Grade Level Change



Add 3 Computer Science Courses



Add PSAT/SAT Prep Course



Add ELDA for HS Emerging Bilingual Students



Add Combined PFL/Economics Course (TEA Required)



Add 3 New CTE Courses



Revise Credits Received for 9 CTE Courses (TEA Required)



Remove: Latin V, HS Reading (old), 4 Blended Learning Courses





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**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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# General Revisions



Added PE Course Codes and Course Descriptions






Added Dance 3 Information (previously approved)



*Added TEA Automatic College Admissions Letter*

# General Clarifications

-  PE Health Requirements/Options
-  Credit by Exam Rules
-  Prerequisites for Spanish for Spanish Speakers Courses

# Changes in Practice






*Attendance Failure Reporting Process*



*Semester Averaging Option*

# Course Changes

-  Add Languages and Cultures HS Elective Credit Course (for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Accelerated Spanish DL/SSS Students)
-  Student Mentor Course
-  Sports and Skills 6 Course