

Honors Diploma Requirements

Dallas High School students may elect to complete a planned program of study that culminates in the awarding of an Honors Diploma. It is a program that takes the place of the required Careers course and allows students to receive recognition for outstanding work at Dallas High School.

- a. Program Admission:
 - b. Students may elect to enter the program no earlier than second semester of the sophomore year. Students with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher will be admitted upon application approval. Students whose grade point average is below 3.50 may be provisionally admitted upon recommendation from staff and approval by a majority of advisory team members.
 - c. Upon admission, students may elect an advisor from among the staff members trained to assist students in academic and career planning and extended application project development.
2. General Requirements:
 - a. Honors diploma candidates will have a 3.50 accumulative GPA at the end of 7th semester (end of January senior year).
 - b. Each candidate will be required to complete 26 credits by graduation (a standard diploma requires 24 credits).
 - c. Candidates must pass two years (4 semesters) of AP classes or Willamette Promise, or College Credit Now classes, or college-level classes.

Choose from: AP Spanish, AP US History, Anatomy 1 & 2 (2 sem/CCN/credit), AP Calculus, AP European History, Med Term 1 & 2 (2 sem/CCN credit), AP Studio Art, AP Biology, College Writing (1 sem only/WP credit) AP Physics (if offered), College Algebra, AP English, AP Chemistry or any 100-level college course (WP credit).
 - d. Candidates must participate two years (4 semesters) of school or community activities in any combination of the following:
 - (1) Sports - all Athletics in or out of School;
 - (2) Theater/Band/Choir/Dance/Cheer;
 - (3) Scouts/Search and Rescue/Sea Cadets/Junior Firefighter;
 - (4) Volunteer/Church/Community Activities/Fundraising;
 - (5) Clubs/leadership/FFA/Newspaper/Yearbook;
 - (6) Work Experience/Catering/Peer Tutoring;

- e. Take one college entrance/placement exam: SAT, ACT, PSAT, ASVAB, CCC Placement Test.
- f. Attend one college fair or college preview day or career fair (Beyond Dallas Night and OUS Roadshow counts).
- g. Complete two college admission applications (real or practice applications are ok. Can be copies of college acceptance letters).
- h. Complete two scholarship applications (real or practice applications are ok - make copies).
- i. Reflections (1 or 2 paragraphs each) required for:
 - (1) Each of the advanced courses you took (one paragraph).
 - (2) One of the school/community activities you did.
 - (3) One college/career preview day/fair/campus visit/event you made.

3. Transcription:

- a. The transcript of any student awarded an Honors Diploma who meets a median admission criterion for an Oregon University System institution shall bear the "Honors" notation.
- b. The transcript of any student awarded an Honors Diploma who fails to meet the median admission criteria for an Oregon University System institution shall bear the "Applied Honors" notation.
- c. All transcripts that bear the "Honors" or "Applied Honors" notation shall include an attachment that details Honors Diploma requirements at Dallas High School.