

**Welcome to**  
**DeBakey High School**  
**for Health Professions**



# Meet the Counselors...

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# Document Drop-off

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## Message from the school registrar, Ms. Niaves:

The following documents help us create student folders in the event of delays with the middle school records.

### **Please bring a copy the following documents with you:**

- Parent/Legal Guardian Picture ID
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Residency (Parent/Legal Guardian)
- Birth Certificate
- Student Social Security Card (if applicable)
- School Records from Last School attended, e.g., Final 7th & 8th Grade Report Card/Transcript (the final 8<sup>th</sup> grade report card must say PROMOTED), STAAR Scores, AP College Board Scores (if applicable), Other School Records (IEP/504 – if applicable)

**Dates: June 17, 18 & 20, 8 am-12 pm& 1 pm-3 pm**

**In the event you cannot attend one of the dates. Please email Ms. Niaves**

**[SNIAVES@houstonisd.org](mailto:SNIAVES@houstonisd.org)**

# COURSE SELECTION

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- The link opens May 12, 2025, at 2:00 pm
- Course Selection will close May 22, 2025, at 2:00 pm
- Use Final Report Cards from 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to complete course selection & the DeBakey Course Sequence. Remember, DeBakey is known for its rigorous curriculum

# COURSE SELECTION

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**Note about HISD Course Planner:** We understand some students may have completed the SchoolLinks Course Planner in middle school. We need all incoming DeBakey students complete the Google Form Course Selection for the 2025-2026 school year. This will ensure students are selecting courses that will reflect their abilities.

**The Course Selection form may only be submitted once**

Any changes or issues to selections will be addressed in August

Please do not email the counselors for changes to course selection

**\*\*Courses will not be loaded without the Final 8<sup>th</sup> grade report card**

# Freshmen Required Courses

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English 1

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Algebra 1 or next Math course in sequence

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IPC and/or Biology, or next Science course in sequence

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Pre-AP World Geography or AP Human Geography

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Principles of Health Science

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Fine Arts (Art, Theatre, or Music)

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Coed PE Foundations

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Foreign Language

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# AP Human Geography

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AP Human Geography is the equivalent of a one-semester college-level course and is designed to provide the student with an in-depth understanding of the earth's regions, religions, languages, recent regional histories, governments, economic systems, and physical features. **Note students on average have over 6 hours of homework per week for this course.**

## Requirement for this course:

- Student must achieve a Masters Level on the Reading 8 STAAR to be placed in the AP Human Geography course.
- Students will not be placed in the course if they do not meet the requirement!

**Please do not complete summer coursework if you do not meet the Masters Level Reading 8 STAAR requirement**

# DEBAKEY HSHP Course Requirements

Discipline for DeBakey HSHP	Credits Needed to Graduate
English	4
Math	5 (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2, AP Pre-Cal, AP Cal AB)
Science	5 (IPC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, AP Science)
Social Studies	4
Physical Education	1
Languages other than English	3 (in same foreign language)
Fine Arts	1
Health Science	6
Other Electives	3
Total	32



# Course Labels

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- **Magnet/Regular**- on-level course
- **HADV**- HISD Advance course
- **Pre-AP** – Pre-Advanced Placement
- **AP**- Advanced Placement (College Board)

# HADV/Pre-AP & AP

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- Remember: Freshmen need time to transition into high school.
- Consider all your options and weigh the PROS & CONS.
- Magnet/Regular courses are rigorous
- Take HADV/Pre-AP courses only in those subjects you do best in.
- DO NOT OVERLOAD!
- It is better to make an “A” or “B” in a Magnet/Regular course than a “C” in a HADV/Pre-AP course.
- Allow time for extracurriculars and community service work.

# Magnet/Regular vs. HADV/Pre-AP/AP

## Calculating Your Grade Point Average (GPA)

The GPA is the average of all your grades starting from freshman year. All grades are included, even if a student retakes a course due to a failing grade.

It is important to know how to calculate your GPA. A little planning in your freshman year can go a long way toward a high GPA when you graduate.

### Explanation of GRADES

<u>GRADES</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>HADV/AP</u>
<b>A</b> = 90-100	4 Points	5 Points
<b>B</b> = 80-89	3 Points	4 Points
<b>C</b> = 75-79	2 Points	3 Points
<b>D</b> = 70-74	1 Points	2 Points
<b>F</b> = 0-69	0 Points	0 Points

Your **GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)** is all your final semester grades throughout the year in your classes, added together, and averaged

**Grades from Middle School will not count towards High School GPA**

# HISD Report Card

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – not all student will have credits from 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Course Description	Teacher	Period	Grades		Exam	Avg	Credit Attempted	Credit Earned	Conduct		Excused Absences		Unexcused Absences	
SPANISH 7 F	Sanchez, R	1	91	95		93	0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
ALGEBRA 1A	Kho, A	12	91	88	90	90	0.50	0.50	E	E	0	0	0	0
CHOIR 1F MS	Jones, D	13	95	96		96	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
READING 7 Y	Moses, S	2/9	88	93			0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
TEXAS HISTORY 7	Brown, C	3/10	94	90			0.00		E	S	0	0	0	0
SCIENCE 7	Sandles, Y	4/11	90	91			0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
MATH 7	Abergos, M	5	93	95			0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
TECH APPL 7 F	Do, A	6	100	97		99	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
ENGLISH 7	Taylor, S	7/14	88	91			0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
COED PE/HLTH 7F	Jackson, C	8	92	93		93	0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
SPANISH 7 S	Sanchez, R	1	92	90		91	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
ALGEBRA 1B	Manzon, R	10	93	91	84	90	0.50	0.50	S	S	0	0	0	0
CHOIR 1S MS	Lattimore, K	13	95	100		98	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
READING 7 Y	Moses, S	2/9	93	94		92	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
MATH 7	Manzon, R	3	96	88		93	0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
SCIENCE 7	Sandles, Y	4/11	90	90		90	0.00		S	S	0	0	1	0
TEXAS HISTORY 7	Brown, C	5/12	98	96		95	0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
TECH APPL 7 S	Do, A	6	99	99		99	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
ENGLISH 7	Taylor, S	7/14	99	95		93	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
COED PE/HLTH 7S	Jackson, C	8	89	84		87	0.00		S	S	0	0	0	0
Total Current Credits							1.00	1.00						

# HISD Report Card

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – not all students will have credit from 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Course Description	Teacher	Period	Grades		Exam	Avg	Credit Attempted	Credit Earned	Conduct		Excused Absences		Unexcused Absences	
ADVOCACY MS	Kelso, A	G1					0.00				0	0	0	0
THTRE ADV 2F MS	Foster, A	P1	100	100		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
US HIST8 MYP/VG	Flores, N	P2	98	100			0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
SPANISH 1A	Cantu, E	P3	99	100	96	99	0.50	0.50	E	E	0	0	0	0
LEADSHP TEAM F	Giroir, M	P4	100	100		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
INT DANCE F	Joseph, K	R1	100	100		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
IPC A PIB	Scott, C	R2	96	98	93	96	0.50	0.50	E	E	0	0	0	0
ALG 1A PREIB	Blair, B	R3	98	93	87	94	0.50	0.50	E	E	0	0	0	0
ENG 8 MYP/VG	Williams, A	R4	98	100			0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
ADVOCACY MS	Kelso, A	G1					0.00				0	0	0	0
THTRE ADV 2S MS	Foster, A	P1	100	100		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	1
US HIST8 MYP/VG	Flores, N	P2	100	100		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
SPANISH 1B	Cantu, E	P3	100	98	99	99	0.50	0.50	E	S	0	0	0	1
LEADSHP TEAM S	Giroir, M	P4	100	100		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	1
INT DANCE S	Joseph, K	R1	100	99		100	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
IPC B PIB	Scott, C	R2	98	96	85	95	0.50	0.50	E	E	0	0	0	1
ALG 1B PREIB	Blair, B	R3	93	94	94	94	0.50	0.50	E	E	0	0	0	0
ENG 8 MYP/VG	Williams, A	R4	99	88		95	0.00		E	E	0	0	0	0
Total Current Credits							3.00	3.00						

# NON-HISD or Private Schools

## NON-HISD Schools (other districts)

- Report cards
- Official Transcript

## Private Schools

- Report Card
- Letter with credits earned or Official Transcript

Date Letter Sent

Michael E. DeBakey High School  
for Health Professions  
2545 Pressler St.  
Houston, TX 77030

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Student Name has successfully completed the following course(s) for high school credit. They are as follows.

Course(s)	Grade Received	Credit Received
Algebra 1A	85	.5
Algebra 1B	92	.5
Integrated Physics and Chemistry 1A	90	.5
Integrated Physics and Chemistry 1B	80	.5
Spanish 1A	75	.5
Spanish 1B	85	.5

Please accept this letter to ensure the student named above receive proper credit for course(s) taken for high school credit. If further information is required please contact us at

School Telephone Number

Thank you in advance

Sincerely,

Principal Signature

SEAL  
or  
STAMP

# Personal Graduation Plan (PGP)

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The personal graduation plan is a working document used by counselors and/or administrators designated by the principal to track student completion of graduation requirements. It is a tool used to document grades, endorsement selections, and coursework. The personal graduation plan is an opportunity for students, parents/guardians, and counselors/administrators to meet individual student needs. The use of the personal graduation plan is necessary to ensure desired outcomes for college and career readiness

DeBakey Endorsements

Public Services

STEM

PGPs are completed on SCHOOLINKS

Instructions will be sent in September

\*By viewing this slide you are acknowledging that the PGP description has been provided.

# FAQs

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- I took a High School level course in Middle School. Will that class be calculated into my High School GPA? **No. Your GPA starts in your freshman year.**
- I took Biology in middle school. Do I still have to take IPC? **Yes.**
- Is COED PE required? **Yes. All freshmen need to complete their requirements as soon as possible.**
- I took AP Foreign Language in Middle School; do I have to take a foreign language? **Please provide AP scores, and your counselor will let you know.**
- Can I take PE or Fine Arts later? **All freshmen need to complete their requirements as soon as possible.**
- Can I take Summer School to get ahead? **No.**
- Can I play sports at my zoned school? **We do not recommend that freshmen participate in sports due to the rigorous curriculum at DeBakey.**
- Can I take a class over? **No, if you earned credit. Yes, if you failed the class and did not receive credit.**
- Is DeBakey a Dual Credit/Early College Campus? **No. We are a specialty school. Other schools in the district offer these programs.**
- Do I have to take Health Science all four years? **Yes, DeBakey is a Health Science Magnet School.**
- Can I take classes outside of DeBakey? **No. All coursework is to be completed on the DeBakey Campus with DeBakey Teachers.**



# Review

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- **Course Selection closes May 22, 2025, at 2 pm**
- Make sure to use 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade report cards to complete course selection & the DeBakey Course Sequence. Remember, DeBakey is known for its rigorous curriculum
- Once you submit the course selection form, you will receive an email confirmation. Save and print this email.
- No changes can be made to the course selection once it is submitted.
- If you have questions, please contact your counselor after reviewing this video/PowerPoint.

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**Thank you!**

