

De Smet High School



2025-2026 Registration Information

General Information for Registration

1. Graduation from De Smet High School requires 22 ½ credits.
2. Freshmen and Sophomores must be enrolled in 7 courses. Juniors must be enrolled in 6 academic courses, and Seniors must be enrolled in 5 academic courses.
3. On the SDMyLife registration page fill in the courses, you will be taking next year. In addition, if you are an 8th-10th grader, *please fill out every year up to senior year*. This will count as the state-required 4-year plan of study. Do your best to fill in the classes you see yourself taking at each grade level. This is not final, so changes can be made in the future.
4. Registration will start the week of March 3rd
 - a. Upcoming freshmen, Parent/Student Registration meeting March 17th- we will send out an email and send it out on Remind with the time. Please have schedule filled out as much as possible and bring to the meeting.
 - i. Deadline to complete registration (grades 9-11) is: March 11th
 - ii. Deadline to complete registration for upcoming freshmen will be March 19th
5. Students must have permission from parents to drop/add classes during drop/add week.
 - a. Semester one Drop/Add week, the first week of school.
 - b. Second-semester drop/add to be completed *by December 17, 2025*

The first step in the registration process is to what courses you have completed via the provided Graduation Requirements Checklist. It is important to note that a minimum grade of 66% or D- must have been obtained for credit to be granted. Simply taking the course does not guarantee credit. In addition, it is important to differentiate between first semester and second semester of any course. For example, if you failed second semester of physical science, you will have to retake just second semester.

When you have all the courses transferred from your student's transcript to the Graduation Requirements Checklist, you should now be able to determine the next classes to take. Please note on the requirement sheet the total number of credits needed in each content area. Keep in mind that a semester class is equal to ½ a credit while a yearlong class is equal to one credit.

Complete the Registration Form by filling in the classes you would need and would like to take in the upcoming school year. Students who want independent classes, work-study, peer mentoring, and/or credit recovery classes need to get the required signatures to enroll.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent study is only allowed if a student has a scheduling conflict. The following criteria must be met before a student will be allowed to enroll in an independent study course:

- Only those students who have scheduling conflicts will be allowed to take a class independently from an instructor.
- Permission to take the class must be granted by the instructor and the principal.

Dual Credit Coursework

Juniors and Seniors may have the opportunity to participate in dual credit courses through De Smet High School. Dual credit courses will be offered in partnership with the South Dakota Board of Regents affiliated higher education institutions only (e.g. SDSU, USD, LATI). Students and their families will be responsible for any costs associated with college credit earned through these courses.

Grades earned in dual credit courses will be transcribed and weighted the same as courses that are taken at De Smet High School. One (1) full credit will be awarded for each 3-credit dual credit course successfully completed. One-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) credit will be awarded for each 1-credit course successfully completed.

Successful dual credit course completion may also be used in place of certain State of South Dakota Graduation requirements. Students may use dual credit courses to replace no more than one (1) credit of coursework in any discipline (e.g. ELA, Math, CTE, Science) needed to meet the State of South Dakota graduation requirements. For a list of courses that fall into this category, please consult the school counselor.

Students who obtain a passing grade will be reimbursed for the cost of textbooks used for the course. Students are responsible for obtaining a transcript or grade report from the college and submitting it to the business office in order to receive reimbursement.

De Smet High School is not responsible for supplying technology for Dual Credit coursework. Students will be responsible to obtain technology that is above and beyond the school-issued Chromebooks.

Students must satisfy the following requirements in order to participate in dual credit courses through De Smet High School.

High school juniors must satisfy two of the following criteria:

- Earn an ACT composite score of 24 reflective of the 70th percentile;
- Rank in the upper one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of their graduating class;
- Earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale;
- High school juniors not meeting the above requirements may qualify pending approval by the administration.

High school seniors must satisfy any two of the following criteria:

- Earn an ACT composite score of 21 reflective of the 50th percentile;
- Rank in the upper one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of their graduating class;
- Earn a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.25 on a 4.0 scale

High school seniors may also qualify if they:

- Earn an ACT composite score of at minimum 18;
- Earn a level 3 or higher in both Math and ELA on the State Accountability tests
- High school seniors not meeting the above requirements may qualify pending approval by the administration

Also for students to be eligible for dual credit courses, they must not have earned a grade lower than a C- during either of the two semesters prior to enrolling in a dual credit course. The student must also have no more than ten (10) non-exempt absences in a single class during the one semester prior to enrolling in the dual credit course.

- Prerequisites for any Dual Credit Math Class - Algebra II
- Prerequisite for any English Class for Dual Credit: English III
 - Will allow students to take English 101 (DC) Spring Semester of Junior Year

De Smet High School Class Requirement Cheat Sheet

FRESHMAN REQUIRED COURSES - English I, Biology, Algebra I or Pre-Algebra, Geometry (if Algebra I taken), Workplace tech Skills/Computer Applications, World Geography, Health, and P.E..

SOPHOMORE REQUIRED COURSES - English II, Physical Science, Geometry or Algebra I, Algebra II (if Geometry taken)

JUNIOR REQUIRED COURSES - English III, US History, Math, Science(only allowed to take 1 dual credit course)

SENIOR REQUIRED COURSES - English IV or English Elective,Senior Experience, US Government, Economics, World History & Personal Finance (Seniors are only allowed 2 free study halls and only one extra SH for DC courses)

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2. Academic enrollment requirements
 - Freshmen must be enrolled in 7 academic courses
 - Sophomores must be enrolled in 7 academic courses
 - Juniors must be enrolled in 6 academic courses
 - Seniors must be enrolled in 5 academic courses
3. Students must have completed Algebra I (with a passing grade) prior to taking Algebra II, or Geometry and Physical Science.
4. Students must get a waiver signed by a parent/guardian, Mr. Julius, Mr. Bettin, Mrs. Beck, and Mr. Vockrodt/Mrs. Geyer to be enrolled in 2 or more Math or Advanced Science courses in the same semester. Science courses that need to be completed before Junior year
 - a. Biology (not optional)
 - b. Physical Science (not optional)
 - c. Environmental Science (optional)
5. Students must have permission from parents to drop/add classes during the drop/add week.
 - Semester 1- First week(5 days)g of school.
 - Second Semester completed by December 18. 2025
6. Students will not be allowed to drop from Algebra II to Consumer Math
 - a. Algebra I → Geometry → Consumer Math → Algebra II

Classes with Size Limits

Ag Business Sales and Marketing- max 15 students

Ceramics- max 16 students

Arts -max 12 students

Lifetime Fitness- max 22 students

Visual Art Comprehensive -max 16 students

Fashion Design I - max 12 students

Ag Systems Tech – max 15 students

Culinary I and II- max 12 students

Cyber Security – max 15 students

Print Graphics -max 16

Art Portfolio- max 8 students

Interior Design I - max 12 students

- **NOTE:** Visual Arts & Art Portfolio are separate classes (just taught at the same time)- you must take Visual Art Comprehensive before you can take Art Portfolio-

Weightlifting Classes- max 15 students

Special Notes:

Youth Internship- PRINCIPAL APPROVAL- Cannot drop a class later to pick this class up

- you are not allowed to work for/with parent/guardian or any family members (principal must verify/approve place of work)
- you must find work for someone in De Smet city limits
- seniors only- 3.25 GPA

HS Student Assistant: allowed 1 full credit per student (cannot enroll more than 1 time during HS career)