

De Smet High School



2026-2027

Registration Packet and Information

General Information for Registration

1. Graduation from De Smet High School requires **23 ½ credits**.
2. 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.
3. **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
4. Students must have completed Algebra I (with a passing grade) prior to taking Algebra II, or Geometry and Physical Science.
5. Students must get a waiver signed by a parent/guardian, Mr. Bettin, Mrs. Beck, and Mr. Vockrodt 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)
6. De Smet will no longer have Drop/Add options. Final Registration will take place in August, before school begins. No changes will be made unless it is necessary for a credit requirement. Only the principal can make changes to a student's schedule.

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-

Special Notes:

Youth Internship- PRINCIPAL APPROVAL-

You are not allowed to work for/with a parent/guardian or any family members (principal must verify/approve place of work)

- There are restrictions for work outside of city limits, and it must be approved by the principal
- seniors only- must have - 3.25 GPA

HS Student Assistant: allowed 1 full credit per student (cannot enroll more than 1 time during HS career)(offered to juniors and seniors)

Registration Process Overview

1. Review Completed Courses

Begin the registration process by reviewing which courses you have completed using the provided **Graduation Requirements Checklist**. A minimum grade of **66% (D-)** is required for credit to be awarded. Please remember that **taking a course does not automatically guarantee credit**—you must have passed it.

Also, be sure to distinguish between **first-semester** and **second-semester** credits. For example, if you failed the second semester of Physical Science, you will need to **retake only the second semester**, not the entire course.

2. Transfer Courses to the Checklist

Once you have reviewed your transcript, transfer all completed courses to the Graduation Requirements Checklist. This will help you determine which remaining courses you need to take.

Please note the **total number of credits required** in each subject area.

- A **semester course** equals **0.5 credit**
- A **yearlong course** equals **1 credit**

3. Complete the Registration Form

Using the information from your checklist, complete the **Registration Form** by listing the classes you need—and would like—to take next school year.

Students wishing to register for **independent study, work-study, peer mentoring, or credit recovery** must obtain the **required signatures** before enrolling.

De Smet High School Registration
2026-2027 School Year
DHS requires 23 ½ credits to graduate

Students must understand that the school will make final adjustments to their schedule if they fail a class and must make up graduation-required credits. *Registrations completed in the Fall before school starts will be considered your final registration. Drop and add will no longer be accepted starting the 2026-27 school year.*

ALL STUDENTS NEED TO SELECT 7 CREDITS.

Students should check their transcripts for accuracy to make sure they have passed the required classes and have enough elective credits.

FRESHMEN (8th Grade) will be registered for English I, Biology, *Algebra I or *Pre-Algebra, Geometry(if Algebra I taken)Workplace Tech Skills, World Geography, P.E. and Health. Freshmen must be enrolled in 7 credits for the school year. Freshmen must be enrolled in 7 credits.

** Placement in Algebra I and Pre-Algebra is determined by state test scores and teacher recommendations*

SOPHOMORES (9th Grade) will be registered for English II, Physical Science, Geometry or Algebra, or Algebra II(If Geometry taken). They should also register for any failed classes as a 9th grader. 9th-grade classes must be completed before taking 10th-grade classes. Keep in mind that you may need to take a Fine Arts class if you are not taking Choir or Band. Sophomores must be enrolled in 7 credits.

**Not allowed to take Dual Credit courses per De Smet school policy.*

JUNIORS (10th Grade) will be registered for English III, US History, 1(one) Math class, and 1(one) Science class. Keep in mind that you may need to take a Fine Arts class if you are not taking Choir or Band. They should register for any failed classes as a 9th or 10th grader. They will need to register for enough electives to fill their schedule. Juniors must be enrolled in 6 credits for the school year. You should also register for any failed courses from Grade 9th and/or 10th grade.

Dual Credit (DC) courses: Principal approval needed. Must take Algebra II before College Algebra. Must take semester 1(one) of English III before taking English 101 or 201. They need to understand that College classes are just that, College classes. There are many more expectations for these types of classes. DC courses will not count towards De Smet graduation credits.

SENIORS (11th Grade) will be registered for English IV, US Government, Economics, World History, Personal Finance, Technical Writing, and Senior Capstone Experience. Keep in mind that you may need to take a Fine Arts class if you have not taken Choir or Band. Seniors must be enrolled in 5 credits, but pick 7 credits. They should register for any courses that they have failed in previous years.

Dual Credit (DC) courses: Principal approval needed. Must take Algebra II before College Algebra. Must take semester 1(one) of English III before taking English 101 or 201. They need to understand that College classes are just that, College classes. There are many more expectations for these types of classes. DC courses will not count towards De Smet graduation credits.

Make sure you are not forgetting any required classes or classes you may have failed.

Independent Study is highly discouraged. Students need to keep in mind that independent study is **only allowed** if a student has a scheduling conflict. Permission must be granted by the principal *and* the instructor.

If you have any questions about any classes or the requirements you graduate under, contact the principal or counselor.

Dual Credit Program

De Smet High School offers eligible juniors and seniors the opportunity to participate in dual credit courses through South Dakota Board of Regents institutions (e.g., SDSU, USD, LATI). Students and families are responsible for all costs associated with earning college credit. Dual Credit courses/credits cannot be used in place of required courses for graduation.

Credit and Transcription

- Dual credit course grades will be transcribed and weighted the same as De Smet High School courses.
- Students will earn:
 - **1.0 high school credit** for each 4-credit (or above) college course successfully completed.
 - **0.5 high school credit** for each 3-credit (or below) college course successfully completed.
- **Dual credit courses do not count toward De Smet High School graduation requirements.** College credits earned are college-level only and do not replace required high school credits.

Textbook Reimbursement

Students who earn a passing grade may receive reimbursement for the cost of textbooks. To receive reimbursement, students must obtain an official college transcript or grade report and submit it to the business office.

Technology

De Smet High School will issue the technology necessary for participation in dual credit coursework. Students may need to provide additional technology if course requirements exceed school-issued laptop capabilities.

Eligibility Requirements

General Requirements (Both Juniors and Seniors)

To be eligible for a dual credit course, a student must:

- Have **no grade lower than a C-** in the two semesters prior to enrollment.
- Have **no more than ten (10) non-exempt absences** in any single class during the semester prior to enrollment.

Junior Eligibility

Juniors must meet **two of the following criteria**:

- ACT composite score of **24 or higher** (70th percentile)
- Rank in the **top one-third (1/3)** of their class
- Cumulative GPA of **3.50 or higher** on a 4.0 scale

Juniors who do not meet these requirements may qualify with administrative approval.

Senior Eligibility

Seniors must meet **any two** of the following:

- ACT composite score of **21 or higher** (50th percentile)
- Rank in the **top one-half (1/2)** of their class
- Cumulative GPA of **3.25 or higher** on a 4.0 scale

Seniors may also qualify if they meet **either** of the following:

- ACT composite score of **18 or higher**
- Earn a **Level 3 or above** in both Math and ELA on the State Accountability Tests

Seniors who do not meet these requirements may qualify with administrative approval.

Dual Credit Expectations

Dual Credit coursework must be completed **during your scheduled study hall or on your own time**. Work may **not** be done during regular class periods.

- Dual Credit tests must be **scheduled in advance** with Mr. Bettin or the office.
- All Dual Credit tests must be taken **in the office** during your **regularly scheduled study hall**.
- Students may **not** use non-study hall class periods to complete work or take tests. Plan accordingly.
- If you require phone use, you must **bring your computer to the office** and use your phone **only while in the office**.
- Phones may **not** be taken back to class.

****Per De Smet credit requirements, only Juniors and Seniors are eligible to take college courses, no exceptions.**

De Smet High School Graduation Requirements

Minimum # of credits to graduate is 23 ½

English (4.0 credits) must include:

English I	___ S1	___ S2
English II	___ S1	___ S2
English III	___ S1	___ S2
English IV	___ S1	___ S2

Social Studies (3.0 credits) must include:

World Geography (0.5)		___
World History (0.5)		___
US History (1.0)	___ S1	___ S2
Government (0.5)		___

Math (3.0 credits) must include:

Algebra I (1.0)	___ S1	___ S2
Geometry (1.0)	___ S1	___ S2
Algebra II (1.0)	___ S1	___ S2

Science (3.0 credits) must include:

Biology (1.0)	___ S1	___ S2
Physical Science (1.0)	___ S1	___ S2
Science Elective (1.0)	___ S1	___ S2

- For those students planning to attend a 4-year college, they are STRONGLY encouraged to take Chemistry as their 3rd science
- Chemistry is required for the SD Opportunity Scholarship

Personal Finance (0.5 credit) _____

Computer Science (0.5 credit)
Workplace Tech Skills _____

Physical Education (0.5 credits) _____

Health (0.5 credits) _____

Technical Writing (0.5 credit) _____

Senior Experience (0.5 credit) _____

Fine Arts (1.0 credit): _____

Electives (6.5):

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

High School Course Plan

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English(4.0)				
Math (3.0)				
Science (3.0)				
Social Studies (3.0)				
Fine Arts (1.0)				
PE/Health (.5) Each				
Personal Finance (.5)				
Senior Experience (1.0)				
Computers (.5)				
CTE (1.0)				
Electives (6.5)				
Total Credits				

Post High School

Post High School Plan: put an 'x' in your top choice			
	Associates Degree		Bachelor's Degree
	Certificate		Apprenticeship
	Military		Employment
	No Plans at this time		Other

Tasks to accomplish post high school plan: put an 'x' on tasks you need to complete			
	Research Colleges		Create a resume
	Attend a college fair or college visit		Complete a job search
	Take a college entrance exam		Meet with a military recruiter
	Complete scholarship applications		Other:

De Smet Personal Learning Plan

ABOUT ME

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Career Interests

Top Career Cluster of Interests: Put an 'X' in your top choice			
	Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources		Hospitality & Tourism
	Architecture & Construction		Human Services
	Arts, A/V Technology		Information Technology
	Business Management & Administration		Law, Public Safety, Correction & Security
	Education & Training		Manufacturing
	Finance		Marketing
	Government & Public Administration		Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
	Health Science		Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

Top Career if Interest	This career requires the following education/training

Personal Characteristics

Personality Style: Put an 'X' in your personality styles			
	Realistic (Builder)		Investigative (Thinker)
	Artistic (Creator)		Social (Helper)
	Enterprising (Persuaders)		Conventional (Organizer)

Experiences (volunteer or work)

	Organization Name	Experience Dates	Types of Tasks/Duties
Experience			
Experience			
Experience			

Endorsements to be placed on Transcript

Select which Endorsement(s) you are working towards (you can select more than 1)		
Advanced Endorsement	Advanced Career Endorsement	Advanced Honors Endorsement
- Following the same curriculum as required for a SD 4-year college - 3 years math(Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II), 3 years science	- 2 credits within the same career cluster AND - An industry-recognized credential (i.e., OSHA) or a silver on the NCRC	- Same curriculum as the SD Opportunity Scholarship - 4 years math;4 years science - All courses with a 'C' or higher for semester grade

South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship

All eligible students receive the scholarship and can attend any SD Post-Secondary School (4-year and 2-year)

☐ Student meets Advanced Honors Endorsement requirements

☐ Student achieves a 24+ on their ACT

More information at <https://sdos.sdbor.edu>

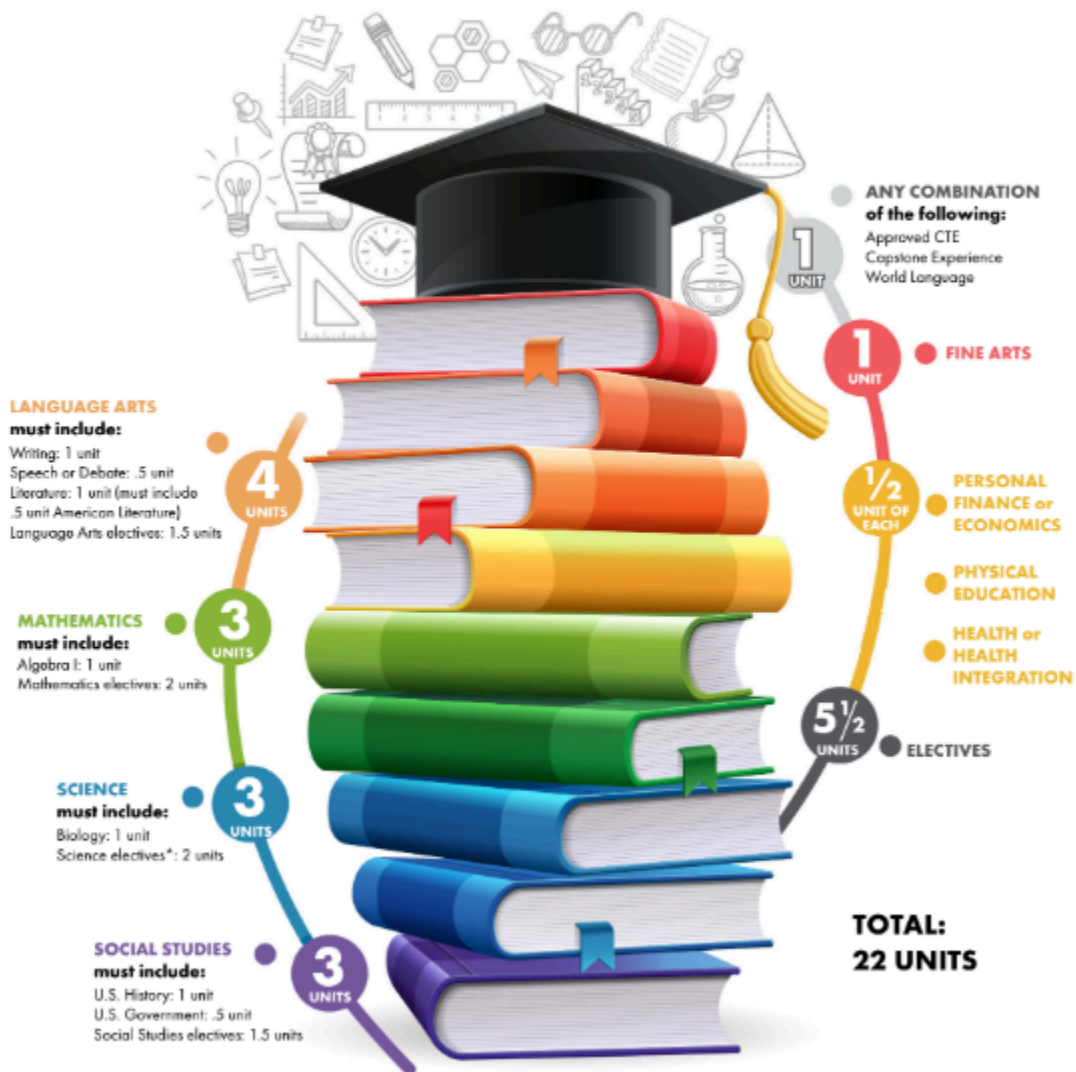
NCAA Eligibility Check

Students must meet academic eligibility in order to participate in NCAA Division I or Division II athletics.

See NCAA requirements at <https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2021/2/8student-athletes-future.aspx>

South Dakota High School Graduation Requirements

Approved by the South Dakota Board of Education Standards in July 2018



*A state-approved advanced computer science course may be substituted for one unit of a science elective, but may not replace Biology. A list of approved courses is available at <http://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements>.

Students are required to meet the above High School Diploma requirements, also known as the "base diploma". Students may earn advanced endorsements with their high school diploma. A student's personal learning plan must document a minimum of 22 credits that include the above requirements.

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ADVANCED ENDORSEMENTS

In addition to the base requirements for the High School Diploma, students may earn advanced endorsements that are in alignment with the student's personal learning plan. Advanced endorsements outline specific coursework within the base diploma requirements to denote specific emphases. Students may earn one or more of three advanced endorsements: Advanced Endorsement, Advanced Career Endorsement and Advanced Honors Endorsement.

The requirements beyond the base high school diploma requirements are in red text in each advanced endorsement section below.

ADVANCED ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS		ADVANCED CAREER ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS	
Indicates a student has pursued coursework consistent with entrance requirements for postsecondary education at a university.		Indicates a student has career experience in a concentrated area, based on academic and/or workplace experience and a related credential.	
4 UNITS OF LANGUAGE ARTS must include: • Writing: 1 unit • Speech or Debate: .5 unit • Literature: 1 unit (must include .5 unit American Literature) • Language Arts electives: 1.5 units	1 UNIT OF FINE ARTS	4 UNITS OF LANGUAGE ARTS must include: • Writing: 1 unit • Speech or Debate: .5 unit • Literature: 1 unit (must include .5 unit American Literature) • Language Arts electives: 1.5 units	1 UNIT OF FINE ARTS
3 UNITS OF MATHEMATICS must include: • Algebra I: 1 unit • Geometry: 1 unit • Algebra II: 1 unit	½ UNIT OF PERSONAL FINANCE or ECONOMICS	3 UNITS OF MATHEMATICS must include: • Algebra I: 1 unit • Mathematics electives: 2 units	½ UNIT OF PERSONAL FINANCE or ECONOMICS
3 UNITS OF SCIENCE must include: • Biology: 1 unit • Other Lab Sciences: 2 units	½ UNIT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION	3 UNITS OF SCIENCE must include: • Biology: 1 unit • Science electives: 2 units (a state-approved computer science course may be used as 1 unit elective)	½ UNIT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
3 UNITS OF SOCIAL STUDIES must include: • U.S. History: 1 unit • U.S. Government: .5 unit • Social Studies electives: 1.5 units	½ UNIT OF HEALTH or HEALTH INTEGRATION	3 UNITS OF SOCIAL STUDIES must include: • U.S. History: 1 unit • U.S. Government: .5 unit • Social Studies electives: 1.5 units	½ UNIT OF HEALTH or HEALTH INTEGRATION
1 UNIT OF ANY COMBINATION of the following: • Approved Career & Technical Education • Capstone Experience • World Language	5 ½ UNITS OF ELECTIVES	2+ UNITS OF ANY COMBINATION of the following: • Approved Career & Technical Education units from the same career cluster OR • Capstone Experience AND Attainment of an industry-recognized credential	4 ½ UNITS OF ELECTIVES

ADVANCED HONORS ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS			
Indicates a student has pursued advanced rigorous, academic coursework consistent with §13-55-3.1 (High school course requirements for opportunity scholarship eligibility).			
All high school coursework completed with a "C" or higher			
4 UNITS OF LANGUAGE ARTS must include: • Writing: 1.5 units • Speech or Debate: .5 unit • Literature: 1.5 unit (must include .5 unit American Literature) • Language Arts electives: .5 unit	1 UNIT OF FINE ARTS	3 UNITS OF SOCIAL STUDIES must include: • U.S. History: 1 unit • U.S. Government: .5 unit • World History: .5 unit • Geography: .5 unit • Social Studies electives: .5 unit	½ UNIT OF HEALTH or HEALTH INTEGRATION
4 UNITS OF MATHEMATICS must include: • Algebra I: 1 unit • Geometry: 1 unit • Algebra II: 1 unit • Advanced Mathematics: 1 unit (details at sdos.sdbor.edu/require/require.html)	½ UNIT OF PERSONAL FINANCE or ECONOMICS	2 UNITS OF ANY COMBINATION of the following: • Approved Career & Technical Education OR • Modern or Classical Language (including American Sign Language); must be in the same language	2 ½ UNITS OF ELECTIVES
4 UNITS OF SCIENCE must include: • Biology: 1 unit • Any Physical Science: 1 unit • Chemistry or Physics: 1 unit • Science elective: 1 unit	½ UNIT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION		

A **state-approved advanced computer science course** may be substituted for 1 unit of a science elective in the High School Diploma and Advanced Career Endorsement. It may not replace Biology. It may not count for the Advanced and Advanced Honors Endorsements. A list of approved courses is available at doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements.

Academic core content may be earned for an **approved career and technical education course**. Approval to offer credit must be obtained through a CTE for Core Content application with the Department of Education. Visit doe.sd.gov/cte/corecontentcredit.aspx for application details.

A district may offer credit for extracurricular **Fine Arts** activities. Students may be granted up to one credit in Fine Arts for participation in extracurricular activities. A maximum .25 credit may be granted for each activity in each school year.

Students are required to take .5 unit of **Health** at any time during grades 6-12 (see FAQ #6 on page 20 for specific guidance on offering prior to Grade 9). A district may choose to integrate Health across the curriculum at the middle or high school level in lieu of a stand-alone course.

“Double dipping” is not allowed. Courses may not be counted more than once to fulfill high school graduation requirements. For example, Economics cannot meet both the Social Studies elective credit requirement and the Personal Finance or Economics credit requirement. It can only meet one of the requirements. A course may count to meet both the base high school diploma and advanced endorsement(s) requirements. For example, Algebra I can meet both the high school diploma requirement and any or all of the advanced endorsement requirements.