

# 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 that 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 or a teacher/principal request. 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

**Select your courses thoughtfully!** You are expected to take registration seriously. Selecting courses you wish to take is extremely important, and it should be done with careful consideration for your future plans. Students are encouraged to schedule time to talk with teachers, the principal, or the school student advisor to help select courses that will best fit their needs. Taking a course because your friend is taking it is not an acceptable reason. You are the one taking the course, and keep in mind your friend will not be the one interviewing for your job.

**Preparing for registration:** You will be asked to select specific courses you would like to take during your high school years that will best prepare you for the future. Your four-year plan will assist in taking you down the path that will lead you to reaching your goal. Every attempt will be made to try to make sure you are able to take all the courses you desire while in high school, so you should pick the most appropriate courses and **STICK WITH THEM.**

**Policy on minimum course load:** Students must be enrolled in classes for all periods of the day, except for one period, which may be used as a study hall.

**Prerequisites:** Some courses have prerequisites, which are courses that must be taken before another course may be taken. The prerequisites must be successfully completed before the next course can be taken.

**Full classes and schedule conflicts:** Do not be alarmed if, as a 9th or 10th grade student, you do not get the course or courses desired. Remember, you have two or three years left to take these courses. Seniors will be given preferences first, juniors second, sophomores third, and freshmen last. Some courses may be full, and you will have to select another course. If one of your elective courses is full or a schedule conflict occurs, efforts will be made so that you will automatically be scheduled for another course that you selected as an alternate course. Therefore, it is very important that you select your alternates carefully.

### **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.

### **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**

### **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, unless there is a teacher/principal referral.*

**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.

Classes in **BOLD** type are DHS Graduation Requirements and cannot be dropped or replaced.

**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 **US Government, Economics, World History, Personal Finance, and Senior Capstone Experience.** Seniors will also need an **English** credit, which can be either 1 credit of English IV, .5 credit of Literature of Genre, .5 credit of Creative Writing, or .5 credit of DC Introduction to Composition, .5 credit of DC Introductory Literature Course(principal approval needed). 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 student advisor.**

**Dual Credit Program-** See High School Distance Education Handbook

# De Smet High School Graduation Requirements

Minimum # of credits to graduate is 23 ½

*\*denotes required classes*

## English (4.0 credits) must include:

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

- Can also be Literature of Genre (.5), Creative Writing (.5), or
- DC Introductory Composition Course (.5), DC Introductory Literature Course (.5). Principal approval needed for DC courses

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior Experience** (1 credit) \_\_\_\_\_

**Fine Arts** (1.0 credit): \_\_\_\_\_

## Electives (6.5):

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

**High School Course Plan**

**NAME:**

**GRADE:**

	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)				
Econ (.5)				
Senior Experience (1.0)				
Computers (.5) <i>(Workplace Tech Skills)</i>				
CTE (1.0)				
Electives (6.5)				
<b>Total Credits</b>				

**Post High School**

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

<b>Tasks to accomplish post high school plan: put an 'x' on tasks you need to complete</b>			
	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

<b>Top Career Cluster of Interests: Put an 'X' in your top choice</b>			
	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

<b>Personality Style: Put an 'X' in your personality styles</b>			
	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

<b>Select which Endorsement(s) you are working towards (you can select more than 1)</b>		
Advanced Endorsement	Advanced Career Endorsement	Advanced Honors Endorsement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Following the same curriculum as required for a SD 4-year college</li> <li>- 3 years math(Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II), 3 years science</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 credits within the same career cluster</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An industry-recognized credential (i.e., OSHA) or a silver on the NCRC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Same curriculum as the SD Opportunity Scholarship</li> <li>- 4 years math;4 years science</li> <li>- All courses with a 'C' or higher for semester grade</li> </ul>

## 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>

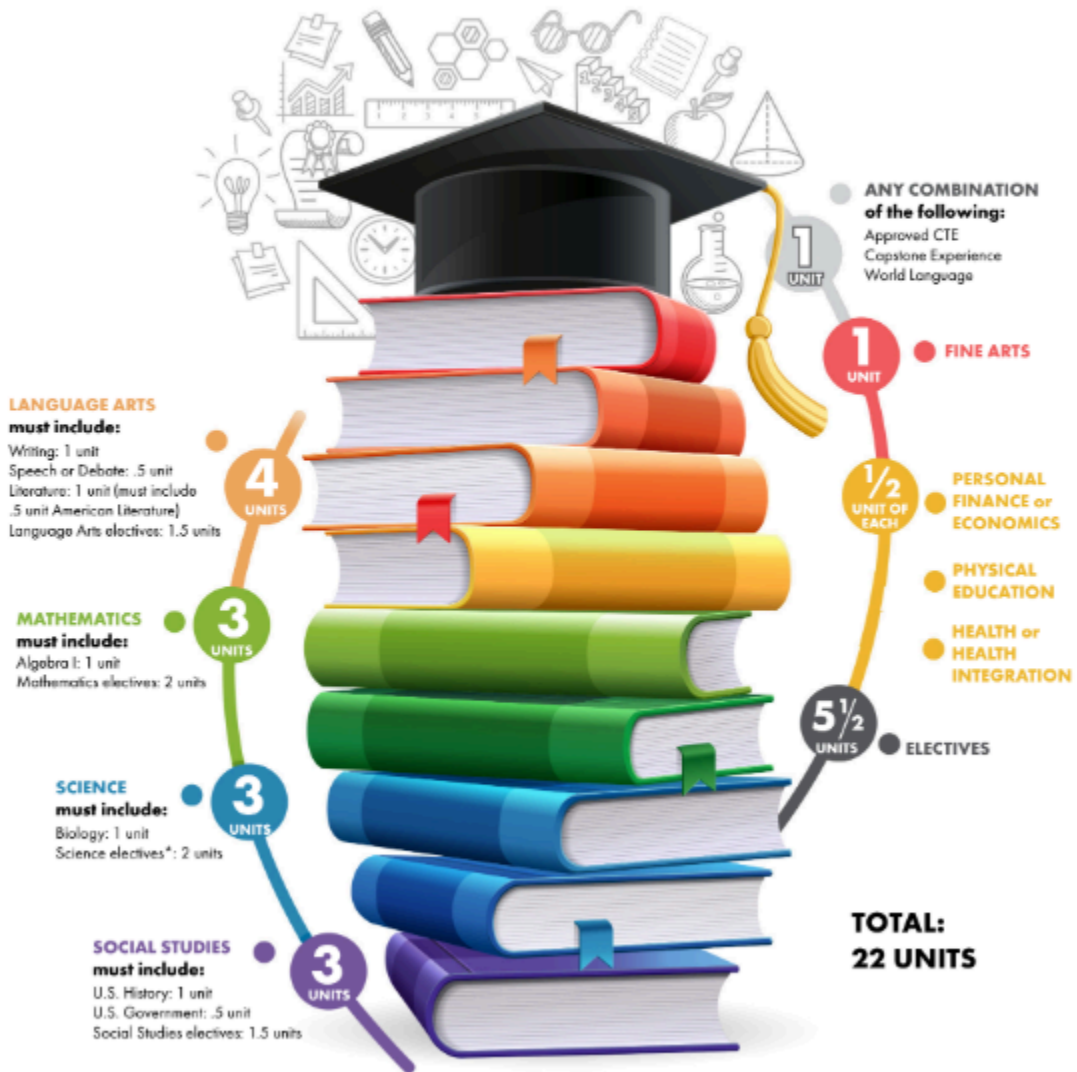
## NCAA Eligibility Check

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

### 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

<b>4 UNITS OF LANGUAGE ARTS</b> 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	<b>1 UNIT OF FINE ARTS</b>	<b>3 UNITS OF SOCIAL STUDIES</b> must include: • U.S. History: 1 unit • U.S. Government: .5 unit • World History: .5 unit • Geography: .5 unit • Social Studies electives: .5 unit	<b>½ UNIT OF HEALTH or HEALTH INTEGRATION</b>
<b>4 UNITS OF MATHEMATICS</b> must include: • Algebra I: 1 unit • Geometry: 1 unit • Algebra II: 1 unit • <b>Advanced Mathematics: 1 unit</b> (details at <a href="http://sdos.sdbor.edu/require/require.html">sdos.sdbor.edu/require/require.html</a> )	<b>½ UNIT OF PERSONAL FINANCE or ECONOMICS</b>	<b>2 UNITS OF ANY COMBINATION</b> of the following: • Approved Career & Technical Education OR • Modern or Classical Language (including American Sign Language); must be in the same language	<b>2 ½ UNITS OF ELECTIVES</b>
<b>4 UNITS OF SCIENCE</b> must include: • Biology: 1 unit • Any Physical Science: 1 unit • Chemistry or Physics: 1 unit • Science elective: 1 unit	<b>½ UNIT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>		

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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](http://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](http://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.