

**>>** 2025-2026

# HIGH SCHOOL COURSE GUIDE

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The Dubuque Community School District will not discriminate in its educational activities on the basis of age, ancestry, color, creed, familial status, gender identity, marital status, national origin, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, political belief, political party preference, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The Dubuque Community School District offers Career Technical Education (CTE) programs in the following service areas:

- Applied Sciences, Technology, Engineering, and Manufacturing
- Business, Finance, Marketing, and Management
- · Health Sciences
- · Human Services
- · Information Solutions

To be admitted for CTE courses, students must meet the necessary course prerequisites. The district will not discriminate in determining CTE admission and participation. Lack of English language skills will also not be a barrier to admission and participation in the district's CTE programs.

For the full policies, see SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES #1001 and #1005.

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# **WELCOME STUDENTS!**

The Dubuque Community School District takes great pride in being able to offer students a wide variety of challenging academic courses at Dubuque Senior High School, Stephen Hempstead High School and Dubuque Online High School. The course guide provides information about graduation requirements, course offerings, college requirements, academic opportunities, and various grading issues.

As students plan for life during and after high school, it is crucial that they select appropriate and challenging courses. Each student should review and discuss the different course offerings with parents/guardians. In addition to parents/guardians, we encourage students to discuss course offerings with their current teachers, counselor, and representatives from post-secondary institutions they may consider attending. Only after careful consideration of each student's long range educational plan should courses be selected for the 2025-2026 school year. We believe that careful planning will develop world class leaders and citizens of character.

We encourage all students to give thoughtful consideration to their course selections. The results of the course selection process directly impact the courses that will be offered for the 2025-2026 school year and will determine your schedule.

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Principal Principal

Dubuque Senior Stephen Hempstead

High School High School

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