

Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professions



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- I took a High School level course in Middle School. Will that class be calculated into my High School GPA? **No. Your GPA starts your freshman year.**
- I took Biology in middle school. Do I still have to take IPC? **Yes.**
- Is COED PE required? **Yes.**
- I took AP Spanish in Middle School; do I have to take a foreign language? **You will need to provide AP scores with scores of 3 or higher.**
- 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. Once you are accepted to DeBakey you will receive information.
- 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, it is a requirement of DeBakey.**
- Can I take classes outside of DeBakey or take a CBE? **No. All coursework is completed on the DeBakey Campus with DeBakey Teachers.**

Please note students follow a course sequence for all courses.

Math: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, & AP Math
Science: IPC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, & AP Science

Required Courses for Freshmen

English 1

Algebra 1 (if already completed, next math course in sequence)

IPC and/or Biology

World Geography or AP Human Geography

Principle of Health Science

Fine Arts (Art, Music, or Theatre)

Coed PE

Foreign Language (Spanish)