Our School
DeBakey High School for Health Professions, the first of its kind, was established in 1972 as a partnership between HISD and Baylor College of Medicine. It was designed to provide increased opportunities for students to access careers in medicine, science and the health professions by focusing on educational experiences in science and the health professions. We are a Title I magnet program, and students are accepted through a lottery system. DeBakey is recognized as one of the strongest college preparatory high schools in the US. Today, DHSHP serves as a national model, and has three sister campuses in Texas.

Curriculum and Special Program
100 hours of documented community service are required for graduation. DeBakey requires 32 credits for graduation (6 more than other schools in HISD). All 9th grade core courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) are HISD Advanced. The curriculum for every course is beyond state and district standards. The uniquely designed curriculum that sets the school apart from any college-preparatory program in the nation. DeBakey provides students with an innovative approach that includes hands-on medical training, and a two-year preceptorship program with the Texas Medical Center in Houston. DeBakey places students on a path-changing trajectory and positions graduates to think critically about the world and excel throughout college.

DeBakey Curriculum Requirements
6 credits of Health Science * (included in core curriculum)
5 credits of Mathematics including AP Calculus or AP Stats
5 credits of Science including an AP science
1 credit of Physical Education
3 credits of a Foreign Language
1 credit of Fine Arts
4 credits of Social Studies
0.5 credit of Speech communication
4 credits of English
2.5 credits of Electives

*Health Science courses are located under the Career & Tech Education section on student transcripts. Through these courses, students engage with college level anatomy, physiology, histology, biomedical engineering, phlebotomy, and microbiology. During their apprenticeship in the medical center, students receive CPR and first aid certification, observe surgeries, assist doctors and nurses in hospital clinics, practice foundational patient care, and gain exposure to coursework, training, and experiences typically reserved for graduate level professional programs in medicine and health care. Students log over 100 clinical hours in the Texas Medical Center observing world-class physicians and world health research across a range of specialties.

Extracurricular Options
DeBakey offers intramural athletic opportunities including: basketball, and volleyball. Students who pursue athletic passions at DeBakey have to work much harder than their peers at other schools.
Honors (Pre-AP, HADV) and AP Courses

DeBakey offers 6 Pre-AP, 3 HADV, and 22 AP courses (designated as “Q” & “P” on transcript respectively). All 9th graders are required to take core courses. The average AP scores at DeBakey far exceed the district and many national averages.

- Pre-AP Algebra 1 & 2
- HADV Art
- Pre-AP Biology
- Pre-AP or On-Ramps Chem
- Pre-AP English 1 & 2
- AP Pre-Calculus

### National Merit Data

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### AP Exam Summary

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### AP Exam Summary 2023

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### Class of 2023

- Adelphi University
- Baylor
- Brigham Young
- Carleton College
- Case Western Res
- Dillard
- Fisk
- George Washington
- Georgia Institute
- Houston Christian
- Houston Community
- Jackson State U
- Johns Hopkins
- Louisiana State
- Macalester College
- Michigan State
- Montanna State
- NOVA
- NYU
- Pima
- Prairie A&M
- Rice
- Rochester IT
- Sam Houston State
- San Jacinto College
- Texas A&M
- Texas Christian
- Texas State University
- Texas Tech
- Texas Woman's
- Trinity
- U of Connecticut
- U of Massachusetts
- U of Michigan
- U of Mississippi
- UNC Charlotte
- U of Houston
- UH Downtown
- UT Arlington
- UT Austin
- UT Dallas
- UT North Texas
- UT San Antonio
- Univ of St. Thomas
- Willamette