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DC WEST
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

MISSION

At Douglas County West
Community Schools

We create passionate learners by maximizing student achievement through dynamic learning experiences which inspire and provide a quality education for all students within a safe and community-supported environment.

BELIEFS

We Believe...

- Student achievement builds self-esteem.
- Every student can learn and develop through successful experiences.
- Each child will be provided educational opportunities that challenge him/her full potential.
- Each child is important is a unique individual with special talents.
- The district is accountable to the community for student performance and fiscal responsibility.
- Physical and emotional safety is essential for learning.
- A positive learning and teaching environment can be created through courtesy and through the mutual respect for the dignity of every person.
- The educational process should prepare students to live with and affect change.
- Students, parents, and teachers share responsibility for learning.
- Public Education is the responsibility of the entire community.

Douglas County West Community Schools



School Profile 2020-2021

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ADVANCED COURSE LIST

Weighted

Language Arts

Honors English 11

*Metro English 12 including:

- Metro Composition 1010
- Metro Composition 1020
- Metro British Lit. 2610

*Metro Ethnic Literature

*Metro Creative Writing

*CTE English

- 1220-Technical Writing
- 1240 Oral and Written Reports

Science

Physics

- Online Metro Biology
- Online Metro Chemistry
- AP Biology

Mathematics

*Metro Calculus/Calculus

*Metro Pre-

Calculus/Algebra/Pre-Calculus

*Metro Trigonometry

*CTE Math 1240

Social Sciences

*UNL/Metro Psychology

*Metro US History

*Metro World Civ I, II

*AP Metro American Govt

Career & Technical Education

*Metro Software Applications

*Metro Personal Finance

*CTE Metro Construction

Management

Health Sciences

*Metro Med. Terminology I

*Metro Med. Terminology II

*Metro Health Careers

*UNO Intro to Sports Medicine

*Metro Med Nutrition

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Dual Enrollment Courses

Some students may have the experience of attending college, taking college classes over distance learning, taking independent study courses, or receiving college course instruction on site while still enrolled in high school.

Half Weighted

Language Arts

Honors English 9

Honors English 10

Science

Chemistry

Social Sciences

Economics

Career & Technical Ed.

Intro to Architecture

Foreign Language

French IV

Spanish IV

Fine Arts

Band IV

Choir IV

Advanced Art IV

Other

Digital Media IV

*DUAL ENROLLMENT

GRADE SCALES

DC West College Grade Scale			
Grade	Description	Grade Points	Percent
A	Excellent	5.0	90
B+	Good +	4.5	87
B	Good +	4.0	80
C+	Average	3.5	77
C	Average	3.0	70
D+	Below Average +	2.5	67
D	Below Average	2.0	60
F	Poor	0.0	0.0

DC West Weighted Grade Scale			
Grade	Description	Grade Points	Percent
A	Excellent	5.0	94
B+	Good +	4.5	90
B	Good +	4.0	87
C+	Average	3.5	83
C	Average	3.0	77
D+	Below Average +	2.5	73
D	Below Average	2.0	70
F	Poor	0.0	0.0

DC West 1/2 Weighted Grade Scale			
Grade	Description	Grade Points	Percent
A	Excellent	4.5	94
B+	Good +	4.0	90
B	Good +	3.5	87
C+	Average	3.0	83
C	Average	2.5	77
D+	Below Average +	2.0	73
D	Below Average	1.5	70
F	Poor	0.0	0.0

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D	Below Average	1.0	70
F	Poor	0.0	0.0

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The high school will give students a structured educational pattern for a four year education, help students meet the needs of new college entrance requirements, prepare citizens for the future and experience a wide range of activities to develop students as a complete person. The following requirements for graduation have been established by the Board of Education for students at DC West High School. In addition to the High School Diploma, students may choose a second diploma path (High School Diploma with Distinction). Students may choose the path which best meets their educational needs and future goals. The two-diploma paths area is outlined below.

High School Diploma-47 Credits

8 Credits - Language Arts

6 Credits - Mathematics

6 Credits - Science

6 Credits - Social Science

4 Credits - Career & Technical Education

4 Credits - Health and Physical Education

2 Credits - Fine Arts

11 Credits - Electives

Distinguished Diploma-56 Credits

8 Credits - Language Arts

6 Credits - Mathematics

6 Credits - Science

6 Credits - Social Science

4 Credits - Career & Technical Education

4 Credits - Health and Physical Education

2 Credits - Fine Arts

18 Credits - Electives

*8 total credits of which must be weighted

Class GPA

All courses taken in high school are counted for class GPA.

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