

Meet Our Professionals

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Mission:

DC West Community Schools engages, prepares, and empowers all of our students for the future.

BELIEFS:

We Believe...

- Achievement and growth empowers students.
- We learn through and from inclusive experiences.
- We provide educational opportunities that challenge all of us.
- Everyone is important and unique with their own special talents.
- The school district is accountable to the community.
- Physical and emotional safety is essential for learning.
- A positive learning and teaching environment is created through mutual respect for all.
- Our educational process prepares everyone to be productive and responsible citizens.
- Students, parents and educators share the responsibility for learning.
- Public education is the responsibility of the entire community.



Academic Overview



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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

*Metro Intro to Lit

Science

Physics

Honors Chemistry

Mathematics

*Metro Calculus/Calculus

*Metro Pre-

Calculus/Algebra/Pre-Calculus

*Metro Trigonometry

*CTE Math 1240

Social Sciences

*Metro US History

*Metro World Civ I, II

*AP Metro American Govt

Career & Technical Education

*Metro Personal Finance

*Metro Business

*Metro Entrepreneurship

*Metro Marketing

*CTE Metro Construction Management

Weighted

Health Sciences

*Metro Med. Terminology I

*Metro Med. Terminology II

*Metro Health Careers

*UNO Intro to Sports Medicine

*Metro Med Nutrition

UNMC High School Alliance

Half Weighted

Language Arts

Honors English 9

Honors English 10

Science

Honors Chemistry

Honors Physical Science

Social Sciences

Economics

Foreign Language

French IV

Spanish IV

Fine Arts

Band IV

Choir IV

Advanced Art IV

Career & Technical Education

Honors Computer Science

*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.

Grade Scale

DC West College Grade Scale		
Grade	Grade Points	Percent
A	5.0	90
B+	4.5	85
B	4.0	80
C+	3.5	75
C	3.0	70
D+	2.5	65
D	2.0	60
F	0.0	0

DC West Weighted Grade Scale		
Grade	Grade Points	Percent
A	5.0	90
B+	4.5	87
B	4.0	80
C+	3.5	77
C	3.0	70
D+	2.5	67
D	2.0	60
F	0.0	0

DC West 1/5 Weighted Grade Scale		
Grade	Grade Points	Percent
A	4.5	90
B+	4.0	87
B	3.5	80
C+	3.0	77
C	2.5	70
D+	2.0	67
D	1.5	60
F	0.0	0

DC West Grade Scale		
Grade	Grade Points	Percent
A	4.0	90
B+	3.5	87
B	3.0	80
C+	2.5	77
C	2.0	70
D+	1.5	67
D	1.0	60
F	0.0	0



Our 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

5 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