



THE EPISCOPAL  
SCHOOL of DALLAS

# FRESHMAN YEAR

The Episcopal School of Dallas offers an array of transformative experiences that foster the pursuit of academic excellence within a strong, supportive community. We honor students' individual talents while helping them develop a moral compass, confidence in self, and appreciation and respect for others.

## THE HALLMARKS OF AN ESD EDUCATION



## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

**ENGLISH** In pursuit of four required units of English in the Upper School, students begin their paths to one or two AP English courses with a rigorous foundational course freshman year.

**MATHEMATICS** Regular and Honors Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II are offered, in addition to three AP Math courses. Three units are required for graduation.

**HISTORY** Freshmen take World Cultures to develop a global perspective on various regions, cultures, and major religions. World Cultures fulfills a half unit in History and a half unit in Religion. Three history units are required for graduation, and seven AP History courses are offered.

**SCIENCE** Freshmen take regular or Honors Biology. Six AP Science courses are offered. Three science units are required for graduation.

**CLASSICAL AND MODERN LANGUAGES** Students choose between Regular or Honors Spanish, French, Latin, and Mandarin Chinese. Four AP Foreign Language courses are offered. Three language units are required for graduation.

**FINE ARTS** Freshmen choose one or more introductory courses in Acting, Band, Ceramics, Choir, Dance, Film

Studies, Speech, Strings, Studio Arts, and Theater Production. Four AP Fine Arts courses are offered. One year of fine arts is required for graduation.

### ESD OFFERS

**31 AP  
COURSES**



**COMPUTER SCIENCE** Freshmen can choose from Mobile Apps, Robotics, Engineering, and Honors Computer Science or postpone their fulfillment of the ½ unit requirement by taking Engineering I and II starting their sophomore year. Two AP Computer Science courses are offered.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS/ATHLETICS** ESD competes in the Southwest Preparatory Conference. Fall sports include football, cross country, crew, volleyball, field hockey, and cheerleading. Winter sports include basketball, soccer, and wrestling. Spring sports include lacrosse, baseball, softball, track and field, crew, golf, and tennis. Students may also choose from mountain biking, outdoor education, dance, personal fitness, or lifetime fitness activities. Six activity credits and a 1/2 unit health course are required for graduation. Freshmen can start with science-based Physiology of Health, or wait to take either Food Science or Anatomy and Physiology.

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*ESD admits qualified students without regard to race, religion, or national origin.  
We are an inclusive community.*

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# 2017-2018 UPPER SCHOOL SAMPLE SCHEDULE

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Wednesdays
7:45-8:40 am	FCT	FCT	FCT	FCT	FCT	FCT	FCT	FCT
8:40-9:40 am	UA	UF	UD	UB	UA	UE	UC	U $\alpha$
9:40-9:50 am	Passing Period							
9:50-10:50 am	UB	M	M	UC	M	M	M	M, B, or C
10:50-10:55 am	Passing Period							
10:55-11:15 am	Chapel							10:50-11:40 Chapel/Eucharist
11:15-11:35 am	Morning Break (note: no passing period at end)							
11:35-12:35 pm	UC	UA	UE	UD	UB	UF	UD	11:40-12:40 U $\beta$
12:35-1:05 pm	Lunch							12:40-1:15 Lunch
1:05-1:35 pm	Flex, Clubs, Advisory							1:15-1:35 Flex
1:35-1:40 pm	Passing Period							
1:40-2:40 pm	UD	UB	UF	UE	UC	UA	UE	U $\Delta$
2:40-2:45 pm	Passing Period							
2:45-3:45 pm	UE	UC	UA	UF	UD	UB	UF	U $\epsilon$
3:45-4:15 pm	FCT	FCT	FCT	FCT	FCT	FCT	FCT	FCT

FCT stands for Faculty Collaboration Time.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fifty total hours are required for graduation. On average, more than 66 percent of our students earn the President's Volunteer Service Award for 100+ hours per year.



All students, faculty and staff sign ESD's **CODE OF CONDUCT** pledging honor, respect and integrity.



**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** include nearly 40 clubs with multiple opportunities for leadership positions.



**DAILY CHAPEL** is an important part of our community. ESD is an inclusive community where all faiths are welcomed.



### COLLEGE GUIDANCE

We have three full-time counselors who begin working with students during their freshman year. Junior year, students can participate in the Worx Internship Program. ESD is on an 4.3 grading scale with additional weights for honors and AP courses.



### WOLF RUN OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

is located in Anna, Texas, and serves as the hub of our Outdoor Education program. Students will enjoy multiple trips that build community and foster a greater understanding in academics, like history and science.



**ADVISORY SYSTEM** The advisory program is a historic and integral part of the ESD experience. It gives students a place where they can confidently assert they belong.