

Distinguished Scholars Academy

eHours Requirements

Endorsement with High Honors: 400 hours/4 years

Endorsement with Honors: 300 hours/4 years

Endorsement: 200 hours/4 years

*Requirements are adjusted for graduating classes of 2018, 2019, and 2020. See back for adjusted requirements.

60%

of eHours for endorsement must come from academic activities.

- Academic activities extend your learning beyond the school day.
- Academic activity eHours do not include anything that is required for a class.
- **If you question if something would be considered “academic” or not, see your content area teacher.**

Examples of academic activities include, but are not limited to:

- Academic school teams/clubs (Scholars Bowl, poetry club, Student Democrats, Faraday Society, etc.)
- Math/science/writing competitions

Curiosity Journals

- You may complete up to five Curiosity Journals per year (June 1-May 31).
- Curiosity Journals must include artifacts as well as all written components as outlined in the Curiosity Journal Assignment.
 - You may earn up to 20 eHours per Curiosity Journal. eHours will be dependent on the activity and quality of the journal, and eHours earned will be determined by your DS content-area teacher.

40%

may come from other activities.

- Your time spent doing other, non-academic activities may count up to 40% of the endorsement requirements.
- Activities that are required for a class will only count if they occur on Saturday or Sunday. For example, after-school/evening debate practice will not count but a Saturday debate tournament will count.
- Volunteering and community service will count in this category.
- Church-related activities will not count unless the activity can be considered community service/volunteering.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

 - Non-academic school clubs (Stuco, GSA, etc.)
 - Musical performances/competitions

All eHours, excluding Curiosity Journals, must have an adult signature to count toward endorsement.

All submitted hours are subject to approval by DS content-area teacher and/or DS facilitator.

Additional Information for eHours Implementation

Adjusted Requirements			
	Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Endorsement with High Honors	100	200	300
Endorsement with Honors	75	150	225
Endorsement	50	100	150

Above-listed requirements are total eHours necessary by graduation, not per year.

- Students may document and submit activities dating back to June 1, 2017, to meet eHours requirements.
- All activities other than Curiosity Journals must include an adult signature to count towards your requirements.
- All submitted hours are subject to approval by DS content-area teacher and/or DS facilitator.

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