

# DOWNTOWN MAGNETS HIGH SCHOOL

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## DOWNTOWN MAGNETS HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024 PROFILE

### BUSINESS | FASHION | ENGINEERING | ELECTRONIC INFORMATION

## OUR HISTORY

Downtown Magnets High School began in 1981 as the Downtown Business Magnet (DBM), a component of the Los Angeles Unified School District's expanding voluntary integration program. When the Electronic Information Magnet (EIM) was created in 1994, DBM adopted the name "Downtown Magnets" to incorporate both magnets into its name. We now house the Academy of Fashion Design and Merchandising, The Academy of Engineering, The Academy of Information Technology, and the Academy of Finance. We have a thriving IB program where almost 100% of students consistently earn the full International Baccalaureate Diploma. After 41 years on Temple Street, DMHS moved in 2022 to the campus of Roybal Learning Center, but we maintain our separate identity and name on the far side of campus at First Street and Beaudry Avenue.

## AWARDS

#2 Ranked School  
in LAUSD

2023 National Blue Ribbon School  
California Gold Ribbon School  
5 Magnet School of Distinction Awards

2 National Merit Semi-Finalists  
18 National Recognition Scholars in 2023

865

STUDENTS

212

SENIORS

186

JUNIORS

221

SOPHOMORES

246

FRESHMEN

82%

OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE LUNCH

57.8%

HISPANIC

32.5%

ASIAN/FILIPINO

3.18%

BLACK

3.8%

MULTI-RACIAL

3.5%

WHITE

-

NATIVE

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

120

STUDENTS DESIGNATED AP SCHOLARS

31

AP SCHOLARS WITH HONORS

22

AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION

## COLLEGE ENTRANCE TEST SCORES | 2022

ACT

-  
ENGLISH

-  
MATH

-  
READING

-  
SCIENCE

-  
COMPOSITE

SAT

509  
CR/READING

503  
MATH

1012  
TOTAL

96.6% OF THE CLASS OF 2024 WAS ACCEPTED TO COLLEGE

71%

4 YEAR SCHOOL

27.6%

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

<1.4%

MILITARY

<1%

WORK / OTHER

<1%

GAP YEAR

# INFO ABOUT COVID-19

On March 13, 2020, all LAUSD schools were closed for the rest of the semester. Work was done remotely until the term ended. At that time, no student could be assigned a failing grade. Students could improve, but not drop below their mid-term mark (the last in person grading period).

In the fall of 2020, we returned to a regular A-F grading system, but we were remote learning only. In April 2021, students were invited to return to campus but remain in online learning. Because of this, only about 5% decided to return and remained remote for the entire year.

Because the vast majority of LAUSD students live in poverty that greatly affected their ability to learn, the district implemented a policy that allowed students to use a Pass/No Pass (P/NP) grade for some or all classes for the 2020-21 school year only. In the Fall of 2021 we returned to a fully in person experience, with those who wished to stay remote moving to the district virtual school. Some have returned for the 2022-23 school year.

## SCHOOL CURRICULUM

### HONORS CLASSES

#### IB CLASSES

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| English 1 HL | English 2 HL |
| History 1 HL | History 2 HL |
| Spanish 1 HL | Spanish SL   |
| Humanities   | Mandarin SL  |
| Film 1 HL    | Film 2 HL    |

Math Applications

Math Analysis & Approaches

Physics SL      Biology SL

Theory of Knowledge

Advanced Biology

English 9 AB  
English 10 AB  
Contemporary  
Composition  
American Literature  
Advanced Math  
Statistics  
Pre-Calculus  
Algebra 2

#### AP CLASSES

|                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| English Language               | Art History           |
| American History               | Biology               |
| U.S. Government                | Chemistry             |
| Human Geography                | Environmental Science |
| World History                  | Computer Science A    |
| Studio Art 2D                  | Physics 1             |
| Spanish Language               | Psychology            |
| Spanish Literature             | Studio Art: Drawing   |
| Chinese Language               |                       |
| Calculus AB                    |                       |
| Calculus BC                    |                       |
| English Literature/Composition |                       |

# MAGNET PROGRAMS

## DBM

Downtown Business Magnet attracts students from throughout the district, and includes the Academy of Finance, and the Academy of Fashion Design and Merchandising. Students in the Finance program enroll in up to eight accelerated courses, one of which is a college course, Foundations of Corporate Finance, taken at the University of Southern California. Design and Merchandising seniors are placed as interns at various industry sites in the Downtown fashion district. Academy courses include Clothing, Apparel Skills, Design, and Merchandising. The culminating activity is a show featuring fashion lines designed and created by the senior students.

DBM is proud to maintain strong partnerships with the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Woodbury University, Cal Mart, and many other businesses.

## EIM

The Electronic Information Magnet incorporates technology into all aspects of the educational process and was originally developed with the L.A. Central Library and the UCLA Graduate School of Education. EIM includes the Academy of Information Technology, which contains both computer science and digital design pathways, and the Academy of Engineering. A sampling of classes unique to EIM includes Engineering Design and Development, Computer Science, Generative Art, Digital Production, Media Arts, and Filmmaking.

## IB

IB was introduced to our school 11 years ago with some preparatory courses. The curriculum was very rigorous, and these students sacrificed higher GPA's by remaining in the program. 2017 marked the first graduating cohort of our school's IB Diploma Programme. Of the 60 students over three cohorts who completed the curriculum, 57 received the full diploma, many with extra points. In 2022, the school saw 120 graduates in 6 cohorts, with 116 receiving the full diploma

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR RECENT GRADUATING CLASSES

Cal Poly Pomona  
UC Irvine  
USC  
Middlebury College  
Smith College  
UC Berkeley  
UPenn  
Wellesley College  
Occidental College  
Princeton University  
UC Merced  
Brown University  
Vassar College  
Harvard University  
UCLA  
Columbia University  
Woodbury University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Howard University

Stanford University  
University of San Francisco  
Georgetown University  
Pitzer College  
Cal Poly SLO  
Ithaca College  
UC San Diego  
Northwestern University  
Utah Tech University  
Texas Southern  
Harvey Mudd  
Mount St. Mary's University  
Pomona College  
Syracuse University  
Claremont Mckenna  
US Naval Academy  
Yale University  
MIT  
University of Rochester