



Decatur Independent School District

2026-2027 UIL Academic Eligibility Calendar

- Students lose eligibility for a three-school week period, defined as 15 class days. (One shortened week may be counted as 5 days with 10 other actual class days making up the 15 class days.)
- Grace periods are seven (7) calendar days after the grade check, with the exception of holidays.
- Academic Eligibility is determined from nine-week grades, not semester grades.
- Students may only lose academic eligibility at the end of the 1st 6 weeks or at the end of each 9-week grading period.
- Students can gain academic eligibility at the 3-week, 6-week, or 9-week progress report.
- All students are eligible during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break holidays and summer break.
- All students not meeting credit/promotion requirements on Aug. 6th, 2026, will be ineligible until the end of the 1st 6 weeks.
 - 7th-9th grade: Promotion to the next grade
 - 10th Grade = 5 credits; 11th Grade = 10 credits; 12th Grade = 15 credits

Thursday	September 17, 2026	Check grades of all students	1 st 6 weeks progress check
Thursday	September 24, 2026	Students can gain/lose eligibility	End of school day
Thursday	October 8, 2026	Check grades of all students	End of 9 weeks
Thursday	October 15, 2026	Students can gain/lose eligibility	End of school day
Tuesday	November 3, 2026	Check grades of ineligible students	3-week progress report
Tuesday	November 10, 2026	Students can gain eligibility	End of school day
November 19-29 Thanksgiving Break – All Students Are Academically Eligible			
Monday	November 30, 2026	Ineligible students return to ineligible	End of holiday eligibility
Thursday	December 3, 2026	Check grades of ineligible students	6-week progress report
Thursday	December 10, 2026	Students can gain eligibility	End of school day
Thursday	December 17, 2026	Check grades of all students	End of 9 weeks
December 17-January 4 Christmas Break – All Students Are Academically Eligible			
Tuesday	January 5, 2027	Ineligible students return to ineligible	End of holiday eligibility
Tuesday	January 12, 2027	Students can gain/lose eligibility	End of school day
Tuesday	January 26, 2027	Check grades of ineligible students	3-week progress report
Tuesday	February 2, 2027	Students can gain eligibility	End of school day
Friday	February 19, 2027	Check grades of ineligible students	6-week progress report
Friday	February 26, 2027	Students can gain eligibility	End of school day
Thursday	March 11, 2027	Check grades of all students	End of 9 weeks
March 11-21 Spring Break – All Students Are Academically Eligible			
Monday	March 22, 2027	Ineligible students return to ineligible	End of holiday eligibility
Monday	March 29, 2027	Students can gain/lose eligibility	End of school day
Tuesday	April 13, 2027	Check grades of ineligible students	3-week progress report
Tuesday	April 20, 2027	Students can gain eligibility	End of school day
Thursday	May 6, 2027	Check grades of ineligible students	6-week progress report
Thursday	May 13, 2027	Students can gain eligibility	End of school day
Thursday, May 26 – All Students Are Academically Eligible for Summer Eligibility			

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Grading guidelines

As noted in the Decatur ISD Student Handbook, students who receive grades below 70 at the end of a grading period in any academic class may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three school weeks.

However, if a student receives a grade below 70, but above 59, at the end of the grading period in an Advanced Placement (AP) or a designated Honors course in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, or languages other English, the student remains eligible for participation in all extracurricular activities. A student who receives a grade below 60 at the end of grading period in any advanced or honors class may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three school weeks. The advanced and honors courses that are exempt from the "no pass, no play" requirements and utilize the local requirements are listed below.

If a student is enrolled in a state-approved course that requires demonstration of the mastery of an essential knowledge and skills in public performance and the student receives a grade below 70 in any course at the end of the grading period, the student may participate in a performance so long as the general public is invited.

Decatur ISD Exempted Courses 2026-27				
ELAR	Math	Science	Social Studies	World Language
Advanced English I	Advanced Algebra 1	Advanced Biology	Advanced World Geography	Advanced Spanish III
Advanced English II	Advanced Geometry	Advanced Chemistry	AP World History	AP Spanish Language
Dual English 3	Advanced Algebra 2	Dual Biology	Dual US History	
Dual English 4	Advanced/On-Ramps Pre-Calculus	Dual Animal Science	Dual Government	
	On-Ramps College Algebra	Dual Anatomy and Physiology	Dual Personal Finance (Economics)	
	AP Calculus AB	Dual Chemistry		
		Dual Plant and Soil Science		