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The Certificate of Advanced Academics provides SDOHS students with the opportunity to showcase their academic excellence and dedication. The certificate will supplement their diploma and serve as an indication of their rigorous course work above and beyond the district requirements. It allows students to showcase college readiness, 21st century skills, and elevate themselves above Arizona's standard high school graduates. This distinction celebrates their academic talents and commitment to excellence.

The certificate is awarded at graduation and reflects four years of advanced course work and service learning. The requirements are designed to honor truly advanced learners and acknowledge the time and dedication it takes to pursue a four-year program of advanced course work and commitment to their communities.

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Interested seniors should complete the application below by February 11, 2022 and notification of receipt of their Certificate of Advanced Academics will be announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony in May.

Student Name _____ **Student ID #** _____

E-mail address: _____ Cell Number: _____

Requirement 1: Freshman Academic Rigor. List the grades earned in your three honors courses taken during your freshman year.

ELA 1-2 Honors _____ / _____ Math (specify course) _____ / _____

Biology Honors _____ / _____ Other (specify course) _____ / _____

Spanish 1-2 Honors _____ / _____ Alt.: _____

Requirement 2: Sophomore Academic Rigor. List the grades earned in your three honors courses taken during your sophomore year.

ELA 3-4 Honors _____ / _____ Math (specify course) _____ / _____

Chemistry Honors _____ / _____ AP World History _____ / _____

Spanish 3-4 Honors _____ / _____ Alt.: _____

Requirement 3: Junior Academic Rigor. List the grades earned in your 3 Advanced Placement courses, or 2 Advanced Placement courses and 2 Full-Year Dual Enrollment courses taken during your junior year.

AP English Lang & Comp _____ / _____	Math (specify course) _____ / _____ _____
AP Science (specify course) _____ / _____	AP US History _____ / _____ _____
Spanish 5-6 Honors _____ / _____	Other AP Course (specify) _____ / _____ _____
French 5-6 Honors _____ / _____	
ENH 110 _____ / _____	
Bio 160 _____ / _____	Other Dual Course (specify) _____ / _____ _____
Chem 151/152 _____ / _____	

Requirement 4: Senior Academic Rigor. List the grades earned in your 3 Advanced Placement courses, or 2 Advanced Placement courses and 2 Full-Year Dual Enrollment courses taken during your senior year.

AP English Lit & Comp _____ / _____	Math (specify course) _____ / _____ _____
AP Science (specify course) _____ / _____ _____	AP US Gov/Econ _____ / _____
AP Spanish _____ / _____	Other AP Course (specify) _____ / _____ _____
AP French _____ / _____	
ENG 101/102 _____ / _____	
Bio 160 _____ / _____	Other Dual Course (specify) _____ / _____ _____
Chem 151/152 _____ / _____	

Requirement 5: Grade Point Average

My current cumulative weighted G.P.A. is _____ (must be at or above 4.0)

Requirement 6: College Testing Students must take the PSAT in their sophomore or junior year and either the SAT or ACT in their junior or senior year.

PSAT: Date Taken: _____	Score Earned: _____	(circle) Sophomore Year	Junior Year
SAT: Date Taken: _____	Score Earned: _____	(circle) Junior Year	Senior Year
ACT: Date Taken: _____	Score Earned: _____	(circle) Junior Year	Senior Year

Requirement 7: Course Load Enrollment List your senior schedule for Fall and Spring. You must take at least **FOUR** courses each semester

_____ Period 1

_____ Period 2

_____ Period 3

_____ Period 4/5

_____ Period 6

_____ Period 7

Requirement 8: Service Learning Students must complete service learning hours in their junior year (minimum of 25 hours) and their senior year (minimum of 25 hours). These service learning hours need to center around a specific theme. Students may choose different topics their junior and senior year. The service learning should be pre-approved by Mrs. Sara Stollar-Yates (the Department Chair of Advanced Academics).

Junior Year: Hours Completed: _____ Verification: (Mrs Stollar-Yates): _____

Topic Explanation: _____

Senior Year: Hours Completed: _____ Verification: (Mrs Stollar-Yates) _____

Topic Explanation: _____

Guidance Counselor Authentication.

Your Guidance Counselor needs to authenticate the information on this form.

Counselors, by signing below, you verify the accuracy of the submitted application.

Student Signature

Guidance Counselor Signature

Please turn in to Mr. Brazell in the Administrative Building by February 11th at 3pm.

Approval: Yes No Reason:

Signature: _____ **Date :** _____