Is the 2018 winner of the... For top public charter school network in the nation!
Staff Introductions!

Name
Role
Ask me about…
Who are we?
Community, Relationships, Genuine Care.

Authentic relationships between students, teachers, and staff! Students know each other, support each other, and grow together.
Core Values

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

COURAGE

CURIOSITY

INTEGRITY

DOING YOUR BEST
Advisory

Small community within school

• Snapshot – 15 student small group
  ▪ Adult mentorship
  ▪ Grade conferencing
  ▪ Identity
  ▪ College Planning
  ▪ Community Building & Fun
High Academic Standards / Transformative Growth for **ALL**

-1 of 2 total high schools in the city of Denver to achieve the highest rating possible in the framework: Blue - Distinguished!

-Metrics include: student growth, achievement, parent satisfaction, student satisfaction…

-Highest student and parent satisfaction & engagement ratings of any high school in all of Denver!
2018 9th Grade PSAT Average Scores

Transformational Academic Results:

- **DSST CGHS**: 993
- **DSST Stapleton HS**: 945
- **GW High School**: 911
- **Northfield HS**: 909
- **District (DPS)**: 858
- **State (CO)**: 902
- **National**: 885

National Average Score: 993, 945, 911, 909, 858, 902, 885
Transformational Academic Growth:
2018 9th Grade PSAT Median Growth Percentile (MGP)

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100% of all DSST graduates since 2008 have been accepted to a 4-year College or University.

Our Alumni attend some of the best schools in the country – from University of Colorado and University of Denver to Stanford University and Princeton University.
Colleges Attended by DSST Graduates

- Colorado College
- NYU
- University of North Carolina Tar Heels
- Regis University
- Princeton University
- University of Colorado Boulder
- DU
- Colorado School of Mines
- University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
- Ohio University
- University of Vermont
- Harvard University
- UCLA Bruins
College Placement

- Unparalleled personalized approach
- Director of College Placement (2018-2019)
- Coordinator of College Success – Internships (2019 – 2020)
- College Placement Assistant (2021-2022)
- Deeply personalized process- Matching students to find their best fit academically, financially and socially
- Multiple CO college trips each year
- **College Seminar** – College focused and targeted lessons to prepare and teach students in finding their best fit school
Your Coursework!
# 9th Grade Courses

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Honors and AP Coursework

9th: Math 2 Honors & Physics Honors Option
10th: AP Chemistry, Alg 2 Honors, AP Computer Science

Creative Core Electives

Visual Arts
- Visual Arts I
- Visual Arts II
- Graphic Design

Music
- Intro to Music Theory
- Music Production

Performing Arts
- Performing Arts I
- Musical Theater
- Theater Production

Engineering
- Creative Engineering I
- Creative Engineering II

Computer Science
- Computer Science I

Additional Electives as we add 12th grade in 2020-2021!

All students take PE & Spanish Language as well.
Beyond Academics
Internships

- 1 Trimester
- Junior Year (11th)
- Morning classes
- Afternoon internship
  - (after 11:30am, w/lunch)
- Internship Showcase
  - (akin to a science fair)
- Application, choice, connections!
Spirit Weeks!
PEP RALLIES!
**SPORTS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Clubs, Activities, Honor Societies**
- Cyber Patriot Club
- Rugby
- Animation Club
- Improv Club
- Music Club
- Latinx Club
- National Honor Society
- Gaming Club
- Student Council
- Dungeons and Dragons (D&D)
- Black Student Alliance (BSA)
- Asian Affinity Club
- Rock Band Club
- Speech and Debate
- International Travel Club
- Yearbook
- Yoga
- AND MORE…

**CHSAA Sports at DSST**
- Cross Country (B/G)
- Basketball (B/G)
- Soccer (B/G)
- Volleyball (G)
- Cheerleading (B/G)

**Partnered with Northfield HS**
- Golf (B/G)
- Swimming (B/G)
- Football (B)
- Baseball (B)
- Softball (G)
- Lacrosse (B/G)
- Tennis (B/G)

**High School Experience!**
- Class Choice
- Open Dress Code
- Homecoming, Prom & Others
- Full 5 Min Transitions
- Off-Campus Lunch for Juniors and Seniors
- Pep Rallies
- Spirit Weeks
Brand New Touch Screen Laptops!

- 1:1 Laptop program, students use laptops in all classes!
- Students take home laptops and are responsible for them!
Whole School Policies
Collaborated with students to create, most things in dress code!

**Key Points –**

- **Tops:** Blouses, collars, professional and / or spirit Tees and all outerwear including hoodies

- **Pants:** No rips, sweats, yoga pants unless casual Friday

- **Shoes:** Close toed, hard sole – for safety. No slides / flip flops
Interventions

Refocus, College Prep, & Mandatory Tutoring

Interventions are mandatory behavioral interventions designed to teach students to reinforce core values and expectations. Students will be assigned to a security team by year. The following interventions do not follow expectations of core values and school norms. Refocus will be focused during the academic and lunch time. During the intervention, students will be assigned to a security team for the following reasons:

- Inappropriate language or behavior
- Disrespect (excessive yelling, profanity, or cutting in line)
- Low levels of participation in class
- Tardies or absent: Students must explain the reason for tardiness. Students who do not complete the homework to the satisfaction of the teacher, will be assigned to the College Prep dual role. Students who do not complete the homework to the satisfaction of the teacher, will be assigned to the College Prep dual role.
- College Prep: College Prep is required of all students who do not complete homework that is due on time in an acceptable manner. Students who are required to stay until second period or after period 4 to complete their assignments. If students do not complete the homework, they must submit a signed statement of homework showing the homework they made to sign out. The teacher will give the student discretion to determine whether or not the student has completed homework or been absent. Students who do not complete homework to the satisfaction of the teacher, will be assigned to the College Prep dual role. Students who do not complete homework to the satisfaction of the teacher, will be assigned to the College Prep dual role.
- High school or college
- Smaller class size
- Higher academic standards
- More leveled courses
- More focused curriculum

Mandatory Tutoring Program: We will assign students to mandatory tutoring based on how the student handles assignments and assessments. Specifically, the program is designed to meet the needs of our students. If your child is assigned mandatory tutoring, please make arrangements for picking up at 3:30 p.m. Mandatory Tutoring is an optional activity for students to participate in. A schedule of mandatory tutoring will be posted at the end of the school year.

If you have any questions, please contact the principal. Students who are assigned mandatory tutoring will remain at school until 3:30 p.m.

Important part of school culture!

Ensures students are building positive habits, staying on top of academics, preparing for college, and maintaining a strong school community.
Interventions Overview

- **After School Interventions**: Students stay an additional 45 minutes after school. Parents are notified mid-day if their child has earned an intervention. M, Tues, Thurs, Fri only.

- **College Prep or CP**: Homework is not turned in, incomplete, or not completed to the expectations set by the teacher.

- **Mandatory Tutoring or MT**: Student needs extra help as determined by teacher or has requested extra tutoring in their subject.
Interventions Overview

• **Refocus**: Behavioral intervention during lunch time, students earn for the following reasons:
  - Inappropriate language
  - Food, drink (except water), gum, or candy in the school environment (including the commons)
  - Unexcused tardy to school or class
  - Public Displays of Affection (beyond hand-holding and “Catch and Release” Hugs)
  - Inappropriate use of Technology
  - Inappropriate behavior during Electives

Which will be easiest for you to avoid?
Which will you need support on?
Orientation
Folders
Core Value Pledge

DSST is a high performing, values driven school. Our six core values of Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Courage, Curiosity, and Doing Your Best are the foundation of our school culture. We value the commitment between students, parents/guardians, and our DSST staff to work together to uphold these core values in everything we do. It is this mutual commitment that we are able to create a learning environment that promotes a high quality, rigorous education and ensures that all of our students receive the support they need to succeed in and beyond school.

Our mission is to prepare our students, beginning from their first day at DSST, for future acceptance into a four year college or university.

Student Pledge:

Responsibility, I will:
- Ask for help or clarity when accepting a task
- Be trusted and depended upon to complete tasks and follow directions
- Be accountable for my actions when I fall short of an expectation
- Follow the DSST dress code
- Be prompt, arriving at 8:00 A.M. to begin school
- Come prepared to learn every day

Curiosity, I will:
- Be eager to learn and explore
- Ask questions
- Learn from new ideas and experiences

Integrity, I will:
- Be truthful, fair, and trustworthy in my words and actions
- Express myself respectfully
- Do what is right, even when nobody is watching
- Interact with others in productive and positive ways that build trust
- Follow the academic honor code, submitting only individual work that is entirely my own.

Doing Your Best, I will:
- Put my best effort into everything I do
- Always work, think, and behave according to DSST Core Values
- Do whatever it takes for my fellow students and me to learn

Courage, I will:
- Take risks and make good decisions in the face of pressure
- Be willing to take steps to make the community stronger, even though it may require me to step out of my comfort zone
- Honestly reflect and act on any feedback

Respect, I will:
- Have empathy for others and treat them with dignity
- Be an effective listener and an engaged student
- Show respect through my words, actions, and attitude to treat people respectfully.

- Drives everything we do
- Pledges for students, parents, and staff
- Review with student
- Will be reviewed during Home Visit
Bell Times, Sample Schedules, and Attendance

• MTRF: 8:00AM-3:25PM
• Interventions until 4:15 if you have them – Mandatory Tutoring or College Pep
• Wednesday: Early dismissal at 2:15PM – No after school activities
Fee Schedule

• Make our school program and curriculum possible
• First opportunity to pay: at Registration (August), or payment options/plans are available
• Adjusted if your student qualifies for free or reduced lunch
• Laptop damage fees
Other Forms for Reference

- Network Calendar
- Our website!
  - www.dsstpublicschools.org
Transportation

Transportation to DSST CGHS

- Existing RTD routes to Sandoval that connect to the central park station on the light rail. Students will also have parking. **RTD Information in Folders – FRL Families inquire about reduced fare passes at front office.** (Traditionally, DPS doesn’t offer bussing to HS with few exceptions)
Science and Tech Parents (STP)

COMMUNITY
Science & Tech Parent Group
Parent Coffee Days
Meet & Greet Opportunities
Club Sponsorship
Advisory Parent
“+1” Contributions
Summer New-Student Onboarding

- **New-to-DSST Students Only**
  - Learn DSST culture, take reading/math classes, determine placement for freshman courses.
  - **June 17-27th, 2019**
  - 8:00AM – 11:30 – Interventions / clubs until 12:15
  - No School July 4
  - Come in dress code and on time!
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THANK YOU!

Questions?