



DHS UPDATES: September 15, 2020 - Welcome Back!

Below are reminders and updates for the week! For previous DHS Updates please visit our website here: [DHS Weekly Updates](#). All are encouraged to follow DHS on Twitter at [@TweetDHS](#) and to use the Danvers Public Schools app. and the [DHS website](#) to keep up to date on all things Falcons. Parents are always welcome to contact DHS with any and all questions and concerns. We are here to help and to be sure every student is getting what they need to succeed!

Dear DHS Students and Families,

We are thrilled to open the 2020-2021 school year tomorrow! Thank you in advance for taking the time to review the details below, as there are many important updates to ensure students have all the information they need to start the school year off on a positive note!

We want to thank everyone for their hard work, patience and caring this summer as we navigate this challenging time together!

1. Introductions, Contact Information and School Hours

Please find the contact information below for the DHS Leadership team.

Principal – Jason Colombino, ext. 2200

9th Grade Primary Contact and Assistant Principal – Peter DiMauro, ext. 2215

10th Grade Primary Contact and High School Curriculum Director – Amy Gerade, ext. 2270

11th/12th Grade Assistant Principal – Sean Emberley, ext. 2204

Athletic Director - Andrew St. Pierre, ext. 2286

Administrative Assistant to the Principal – Karin Chmura, ext. 2202

Administrative Assistant to Assistant Principals – Karen Mansfield, ext. 2201

In addition, staff and faculty contact information can be found on our website on the [DHS Staff Directory](#)

We have a number of faculty who will be working remotely this school year. Teachers will be teaching a mix of fully remote classes (to students who are also fully remote) as well as streaming into classes held at Danvers High School. The classes where teachers are streaming into a class at Danvers High School will be supervised at all times by a consistent teacher aide, special education teacher or administrator who will work closely with the classroom teacher who is streaming into the classroom.

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School hours are **7:30 AM – 1:55 PM**. Please note that this year students should be dropped off no earlier than 7:20 am. Students will report directly to class upon entering the building unless they are purchasing breakfast in the cafeteria.

2. Cohort Assignments

In order to clear up any confusion we have given nicknames to the M/T and TH/F sections of

- *Cohort A* is known as the DANVERS cohort
 - Attends in-person classes at DHS on Monday and Tuesday
 - Works remotely on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
- *Cohort B* is known as the FALCONS cohort
 - Attends in-person classes at DHS on Thursdays and Fridays
 - Works remotely on Wednesdays, Monday and Tuesday
- *Cohort C* will be fully remote all week
 - Students with the last names A-L will report for live instruction on screen with a DHS teacher on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
 - Students with the last names M-Z will report to instruction on screen with a DHS teacher on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- *Cohort D* students will be present at DHS Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
 - Students with the last names A-L will report the to physical classrooms listed on their schedule on Monday and Tuesday
 - Students with the last names M-Z will report to will report to the physical classrooms listed on their schedule on Thursday and Friday

- When students are not reporting to the physical classrooms, we are asking this cohort of students to report to the library

3. Attendance Protocols

Attendance will be taken everyday for all students, regardless of location.

- **Hybrid students who are at DHS for the day** - DHS faculty will take attendance during each class period
- **Remote students who are working directly with a teacher on screen for the day** - DHS Faculty will take attendance during each class period
- **Hybrid and Remote students who are doing asynchronous work that day** - we are asking students to utilize this Attendance [ATTENDANCE FORM](#) and sign in by 7:35 each morning. We will capture email addresses through the form, as it is time stamped for accuracy. Only students with Danvers email address will be able to access and use the form.

4. Remote Protocols

- All technology acceptable use policies as well as student handbook rules apply to online classroom work
- When using ZOOM, students should ensure their screen name is their real name so teachers can easily take attendance and identify who is speaking
- Students should initially have cameras on for the entirety of the class. Because we cannot physically see our students, being able to see the students will allow them to stay connected. If there are concerns from students on showing themselves on camera, they can meet with the teacher privately to discuss those issues.
- Students will be muted upon entering all Zoom/Google Hangout classes. Please stay on mute unless you have been called upon to speak. After speaking, please mute yourself again.
- The group chat feature may be enabled during some of our sessions. This feature is meant for respectful class communication and questions.
- Any unauthorized recording of a class remote session is illegal. You may not record any portion of our remote classes.
- Students must conduct themselves appropriately and respectfully, as if they were at school, in person. We are all dealing with the challenges of adapting to new ways to learn, and we cannot have unnecessary distractions that prevent students from receiving an education.

5. Google Classroom Codes

We are releasing all of the classroom codes for your student's schedule on the attachment provided. We ask that you share this document with your student so they can access the google classroom for their class and then specific cohort. Please have them use the following instructions:

1. Open up powerschool so that they can see their schedule
2. Locate their A block class in powerschool and identify their teacher. The google classroom code document is organized by department.
3. Once they have located their teacher, have them identify the A block class as well as the specific course code for their cohort (Cohort A - DANVERS or Cohort B - FALCONS)
4. Have your student open up their google classroom landing page and click the plus (+) button at the top right hand corner of the screen and select "join class"
5. Once the screen pops up, please have students enter the classroom code and then select the blue join button in the top right corner.
6. Have students repeat the process for their entire schedule **including advisory**

You can see a tutorial video of how to sign up for a google classroom [here!](#)

6. Wednesday Schedule

Students should check their google classrooms Tuesday evening and/or Wednesday morning to identify the zoom or google hangout link for their advisory class as well as for the remainder of their schedule:

- All students will report to their advisory class at **8am for 10 minutes**. Attendance will be taken that time.
- They will then go through their schedule in its entirety. Each class period will run 20 minutes in length with the expectation that students participate during class.

7. Thursday and Friday Attendance

- Students in Cohort B - FALCONS will report to class at DHS. **Please note that students will not be allowed into the building prior to 7:20 to ensure the health and safety of everyone coming into the building**
- Students in Cohort A - DANVERS will fill out the attendance [ATTENDANCE FORM](#) by 7:35am using their Danvers email address
- Students in Cohort C (last names A-L) - will fill out the attendance [ATTENDANCE FORM](#) by 7:35am using their Danvers email address
- Students in Cohort C (last names M-Z) - will report to their virtual class at online promptly at 7:35

8. School Nurse Update - Our school nurses are available for students, everyday Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:20 am – 2:40 pm.

If your child needs medication during the school day, please visit our DHS website: [DHS Health Services](#)

Please also find the attached [DPS COVID Family Information Sheet](#) put together by our School Nurses.

9. Student Mac WiFi Access (Please review carefully)

This year students are allowed to have their personal device on the school's wifi in place of a chromebook. Please see the directions below on how to set up a personal device on the DHS wifi (note there are steps that need to happen at home before bringing the device into school.

In order to set up your personal MacOS computer for wireless access at the High School download the profile link below ***before coming to school*** and install it on your computer by double clicking on it. This will install the wireless network on your Mac computer as well as the SSL certificates needed to access the internet while at school.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uDQ6v3GCoZtzL9SIHYxibmhrEvGH4eRE/view?usp=sharing>

Once you have clicked on the link, click the download button.

Removing the profile from your computer will remove the WiFi and certificates from your computer and you will no longer be able to access the school WiFi on your personal computer.

We want to thank the Technology Department for their hard work this summer and for providing this option for our students. We are working on wifi access for PCs and will update families when that process is complete.

10. STUDENT SCHEDULES on PowerSchool are now accessible. All students should now be able to access their schedules on PowerSchool. Please reach out to our Guidance Department with any schedule questions:

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11. [Student Handbook](#) - Our 2019-2020 DHS Student Handbook, including COVID-related health and safety addendums, can be found online here: [DHS 20-21 Student Handbook](#). Please review the handbook for important policies, procedures and expectations.

12. School Communication

DHS Updates are sent out on Fridays during the school year through Connect-Ed. We use the DHS Updates to keep families informed of events, activities and announcements to the DHS community. These updates can also be accessed on our website under the [Quick link button / Newsletters](#). Please also utilize the [DHS Calendar](#), [DHS Athletic Calendar](#) and the Danvers Public Schools mobile app. to keep up to date on all things Falcons.

Closing

Have a great night and we look forward to seeing everyone virtually tomorrow!

Best,
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