

Denham Springs High School



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Any situation not covered in this handbook will be dealt with by a member of the administrative staff.

School Information

School Phone Numbers

Main Office 665-8851
FAX 665-4082
Guidance 665-8865
STEM Center.....667-8756

Band Room 665-8822
Library (NC).....665-9780
Cafeteria (NC)665-8258
Jackets Nest..... 667-5600

Student Username Information:

Student ID #: _____
OFFICE 365 Username: _____
OFFICE 365 Password: _____
Google Classroom Username: _____
Google Classroom Password: _____

Computer Username: _____
Computer Password: _____
Email Address: _____
PowerSchool Username: _____
PowerSchool Password: _____

About Us

Denham Springs High School was founded in 1897. It is the largest of nine high schools in Livingston Parish. Denham Springs High School has been accredited since 1953.

Denham Springs High School is fed by Denham Springs Junior High School, Juban Parc Junior High School, and Southside Junior High School. These junior high schools are fed by nine elementary schools in our district.

DSHS serves the community of Denham Springs by offering a large variety of course selections, including Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment opportunities, a certified and mature faculty, a variety of extra-curricular and athletic opportunities, and an ever-increasing technological infrastructure.

The curriculum offerings at Denham Springs High School provide for the needs of a student body with a variety of interests and abilities. The instructional program is guided by the Comprehensive Curriculum and the Louisiana State DOE standards. High school graduation requirements may be found at:
<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/academics/graduation-requirements>

Alma Mater



**On old Denham's northern border
Reared against the sky,
Proudly stands our Alma Mater
As the years go by.
Forward ever be our watchword,
Conquer and prevail.
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater
Denham High, all hail.**



Denham Springs High School

Contract for Student Success

Livingston Parish Public Schools, pursuant to "The Education/Juvenile Justice Partnership Act" (R.S. 17:251 and 17:252), has developed the following statements of compliance.

School Vision: Our vision is to create a learning partnership of home, school, and community to ensure personal and academic excellence.

Mission Statement: Jackets Are Committed to Knowledge, Excellence, Teamwork, and Success!

All parties commit to the following:			
School:	Teacher:	Student:	Family:
- Provide high quality curricula and instruction aligned with the LA Standards. - Provide an opportunity for conference as requested. - Report on an ongoing basis about child's progress (interim reports, report cards, PowerSchool, etc.). - Provide opportunities for family involvement and assistance to families to help child at home. - Provide a safe, orderly learning environment. - Provide tutoring in core areas and access to technology.	- Provide rigorous activities and lessons aligned with LA Standards. - Provide high expectations for all students in an encouraging and supportive manner. - Provide a well-disciplined and managed learning environment. - Provide an open line of communication with family members. - Differentiate instruction/provide different avenues for input, output, content, and tie learning to the real world, so that all students will have access to an education that will prepare them for meaningful work and/or higher education. - Maintain a current communication tool. - Update PowerSchool grade book every 1½ to 2 weeks.	- Attend school regularly. - Report to class on time. - Complete all school and homework assignments in a timely manner. - Stay attentive and actively participate in classroom activities. - Follow school and classroom rules, expectations, and procedures. - Respect classmates, myself, teachers, administrators, school staff, and property. - Maintain a positive learning environment. - Review my school's student handbook and follow the procedures. DO MY BEST! - Ask for help if I need it!	- Ensure that my child attends school regularly and arrives to school on time each day. - Ensure that my child completes all required homework and studies for courses. - Provide necessary materials my child needs for his/her success. - Keep open lines of communication with my child's teacher(s) including parent/teacher conferences, electronic communication, etc. - Support the school and all teachers in maintaining a positive, disciplined environment. - Encourage my child to do his/her best. - Ensure that my child reviews the student handbook. - Ensure that I know when grades are issued and posted and I will go over grades with my child.

All parties (the school, teacher, student, and family) have read the above and agree to do all to assure success for our students.

School Calendar

Class Work Begins	Thursday, August 6, 2026
Interim I Issued to Students.....	Wednesday, September 9, 2026
LPPS Professional Development Day	Thursday, September 17, 2026
Interim II Issued to Students.....	Wednesday, October 14, 2026
LPPS Professional Development Day (1/2 Day) ...	Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Interim III Issued to Students	Friday, November 13, 2026
Fall Exams	December 15 – December 17, 2026
First Semester Ends.....	Friday, December 18, 2026
Second semester begins.....	Wednesday, January 6, 2027
Report Card Issued to Students.....	Tuesday, January 12, 2027
Interim IV Issued to Students.....	Wednesday, February 17, 2027
LPPS Professional Development Day	February 4, 2027
Interim V Issued to Students	Friday, March 19, 2027
LPPS Professional Development Day (1/2 Day) ...	Wednesday, March 10, 2027
Interim VI Issued to Students.....	Tuesday, April 28, 2027
Graduation.....	Sunday, May 16, 2027
Spring Exams	May 20 – May 21, 2027
Second Semester Ends	Wednesday, May 26, 2027
Report Card Mailed Home	Thursday, May 27, 2027

School Holidays

Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2026
LPPS Professional Development	Thursday, September 17, 2026 (full day)
LPPS Fall Break.....	Thursday – Friday, October 8 – 9, 2026
LPPS Professional Development	Wednesday, October 21, 2026 (early dismissal)
Convention and Thanksgiving	Monday – Friday, November 23 – 27, 2026
Christmas and New Year's	Monday, December 21, 2026 – Tuesday, January 5, 2027
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 18, 2027
Mardi Gras.....	Monday – Friday, February 8 – 12, 2027
Professional Development Day.....	Wednesday, March 10, 2027 (early dismissal)
Easter	Friday, March 26, 2027 – Friday, April 2, 2027



REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

CAMPUS BELL	7:00
BELL TO CLASS	7:20
1 ST /2 ND BLOCK	7:25:30-9:01:30
3 RD /4 TH BLOCK	9:07-10:40
<i>5TH/6TH ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>10:45:30-10:49:30</i>
5 TH / 6 TH BLOCK	10:45:30-12:57:30
<i>FIRST LUNCH</i>	<i>10:49:30-11:19:30</i>
<i>SECOND LUNCH</i>	<i>11:38-12:08</i>
<i>THIRD LUNCH</i>	<i>12:27-12:57:30</i>
7 TH /8 TH BLOCK	1:03-2:36

ACTIVITY/PEP BELL SCHEDULE

CAMPUS BELL	7:00
BELL TO CLASS	7:20
1 ST /2 ND BLOCK	7:25:30-8:49:30
3 RD /4 TH BLOCK <i>ACTIVITY/PEP</i>	8:55-10:16 <i>10:21:30-11:06:30</i>
5 th /6 th ATTENDANCE	11:12-11:16:30
5 TH / 6 TH BLOCK	11:12:30-1:09:30
<i>FIRST LUNCH</i>	<i>11:16:30-11:46:30</i>
<i>SECOND LUNCH</i>	<i>11:58-12:28</i>
<i>THIRD LUNCH</i>	<i>12:39-1:09:30</i>
7 TH /8 TH BLOCK	1:15-2:36

ALL 8 BELL SCHEDULE	
CAMPUS BELL	7:00
BELL TO CLASS	7:20
1 ST BLOCK	7:25:30-8:11
2 nd BLOCK	8:16:30-9:01:30
3 rd BLOCK	9:07-9:52
4 TH BLOCK	9:57:30-10:42:30
<i>5TH BLOCK ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>10:48-10:52:30</i>
5 TH BLOCK	10:48-12:04:30
<i>FIRST LUNCH</i>	<i>10:52:30-11:16:30</i>
<i>SECOND LUNCH</i>	<i>11:16:30-11:40:30</i>
<i>THIRD LUNCH</i>	<i>11:40:30-12:04:30</i>
6 th BLOCK	12:10-12:55
7 TH BLOCK	1:00:30-1:45:30
8 TH BLOCK	1:51-2:36

STEM REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE 2026-2027

CAMPUS BELL	7:00
BELL TO CLASS	7:20
1 ST /2 ND BLOCK	7:37-8:49
3 RD /4 TH BLOCK	9:19-10:28
<i>FIRST LUNCH</i>	<i>10:49:30-11:19:30</i>
5 TH / 6 TH BLOCK	11:33-12:45
7 TH /8 TH BLOCK	1:15-2:20

STEM ACTIVITY/PEP BELL SCHEDULE 2026-2027

CAMPUS BELL	7:00
BELL TO CLASS	7:20
1 ST /2 ND BLOCK	7:37-8:37
3 RD /4 TH BLOCK <i>ACTIVITY/PEP</i>	9:07-10:04 <i>10:21:30-11:06:30</i>
<i>FIRST LUNCH</i>	<i>11:16:30-11:46:30</i>
5 TH / 6 TH BLOCK	12:00-12:57
7 TH /8 TH BLOCK	1:27-2:20



Field House

DENHAM SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL NORTH CAMPUS

Hornsby Gym

Wood Shop 73	Ag Shop 75	Welding Shop 77
Industrial Arts Building		
72	74	76

Manager
Cafeteria

Concession Stand

Store 80
Jacket Hall
82
84
86
88

81
83
85
87

Practice Rooms
RR
Pride And Spirit Band Hall
Office
Band Room 71

ROTC Building

Jacket Gym

N. Range Ave.

LAB
Library
78

35 33 31
36 34 32
Junior Hall

27 28
26
Freshman Hall

20 18 16 14
Sopomore Hall
25 24 23 22 21 19 17 15

1 PD Room
3

Commons Area

RR 2 4 6 8 10 12 RR
5 7 9 11 13
Senior Hall

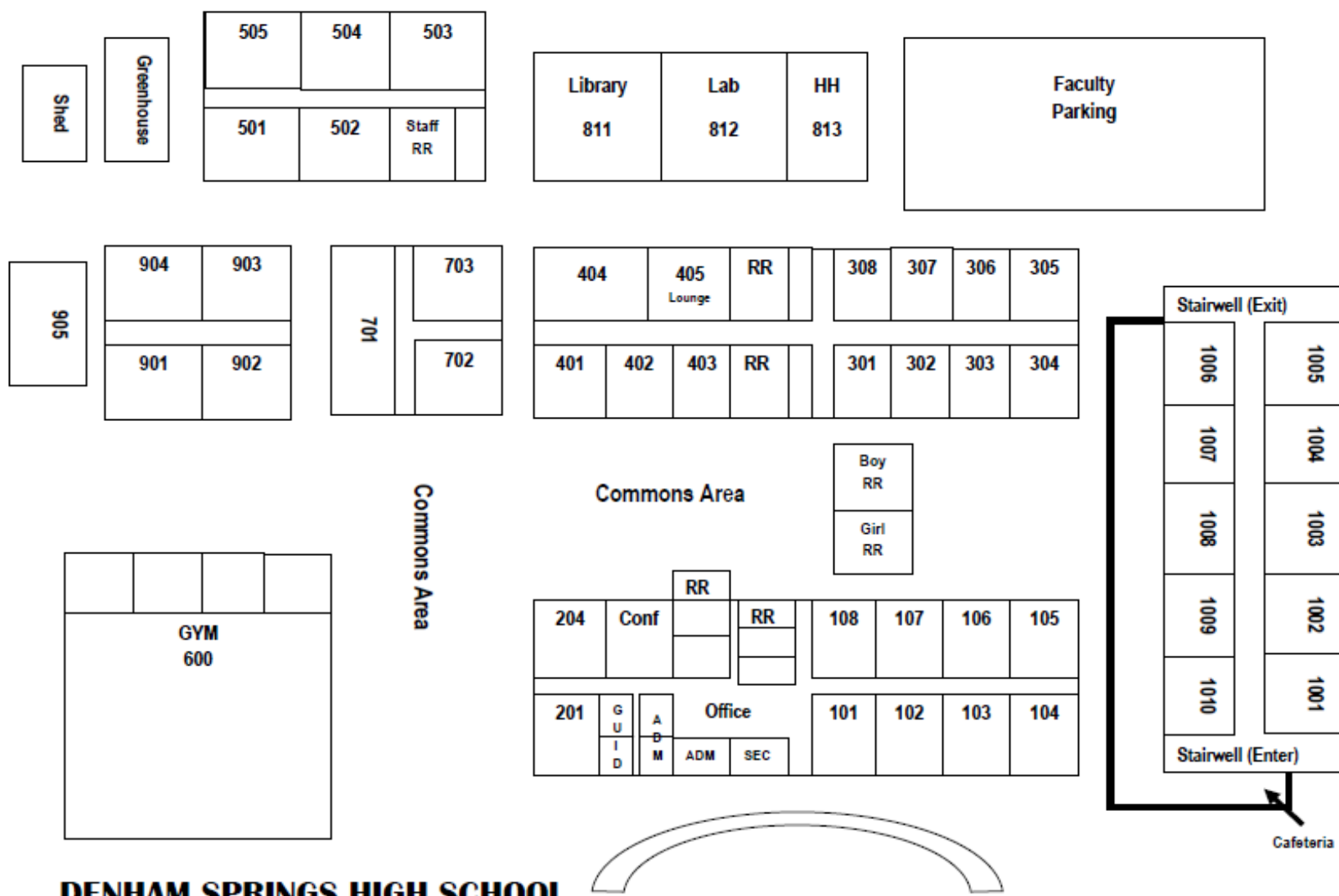
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Main Office
Sec. AP Dis. Conf. Room Copy

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53 52 45 44
RR Book
English Building
RR Copy
51 50 43 42
49 48 41 40 Teacher's Lounge

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Business Annex
69 67
61 60 58 56
62 RR
Business Building
63 BE 59 Lab 57
64 65

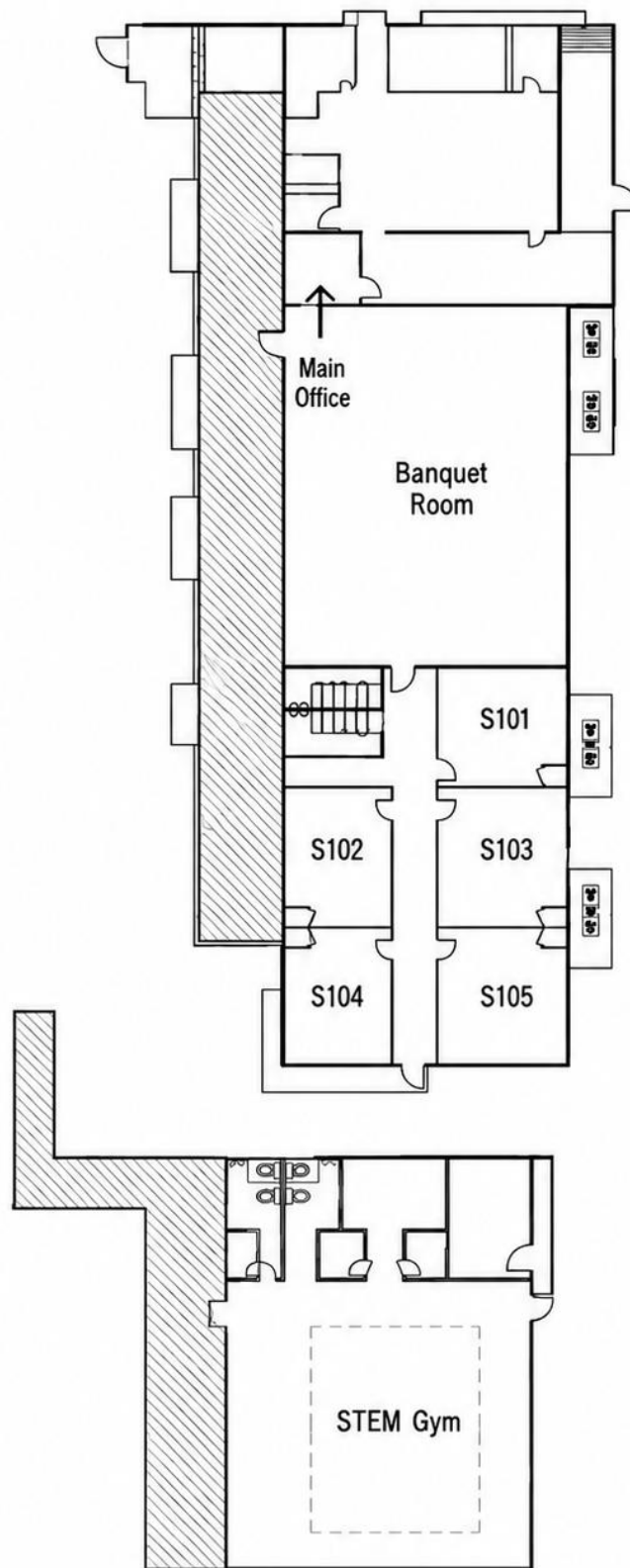
Up
208
207
206
205 Lab
204
203 Lab
202
201
Carlie Science Bldg
RR
RR
Work Room
106
105
104 Kitchen
103
102
101
Down

Yellow Jacket Blvd.



DENHAM SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH CAMPUS

DSHS STEM AND ROBOTICS CENTER



General Information

Address Change

Students must inform the office and present documentation (e.g. current electric bill) of a change of address or phone number. **Due to security reasons, only people listed with phone numbers on file in the office will be allowed to check out students.**

Announcements

Announcements are read to all students over the intercom each morning and placed on the school app at the end of the day. Students are accountable for all information read over the intercom. You may also sign up to receive announcements via DSHS School App. **You can download our DSHS school app from the Apple Store or Google play.**

Assemblies

Assemblies and special programs are held throughout the year. Students are expected to be courteous to other students, teachers, and guests. Students will follow this procedure: 1) Enter the gym through the assigned door and take a seat quietly in the assigned area. 2) Talk as little as possible. 3) Applaud when appropriate, but do not whistle, boo, or stomp your feet. 4) Always give courteous attention to the speaker. 5) Failure to follow procedure will result in exclusion from future assemblies and disciplinary action.

Bus Regulations

Bus number and morning pickup times can be found on the LPPS web page (lpsb.org). Click "Our District", then "Transportation Department" under "CENTRAL OFFICE DEPARTMENT", and get your answers for "What bus? What school? What time?" on the left side of the screen. **A note from a parent and signed by the Office Staff is required for any student to ride a different bus. All notes will be verified by phone.**

***Rules for Bus Riders**

1. Cooperate with the driver. Your safety depends on it.
2. Be on time, the bus will not wait.
3. Follow the driver's instructions when loading and unloading.
4. Be quiet and well behaved.
5. Do not damage the bus in any way. You are responsible for the damages.
6. Remain seated while the bus is in motion.
7. Do not extend arms, head or objects out of the windows or doors.
8. Keep the center aisle clear of feet, books, or objects that may obstruct the walkway.
9. Keep your hands, feet, and possessions to yourself.
10. Do not eat or drink on the bus, with the exception of water.
11. Do not throw anything in the bus or out the bus windows or doors.
12. All school rules apply on the bus and at the bus stop.
13. The following items are not allowed on the bus: alcohol, drugs, tobacco, tobacco products, matches or lighters, glass objects (except eye-glasses), pets (cats, dogs, etc.-unless service animal.), weapons (including knives), objects too large to be held in your lap or placed under the seat.

Emergency Drills

Emergency and fire drills will be held during the school year and monitored under the DSHS Emergency Response Plan. During an emergency drill, students **must quietly follow the instructions of the teacher**. Northside Baptist Church will serve as the secondary relocation center for student pickup in the event of a campus evacuation.

Equipment and Facilities

Each student is expected to assume responsibility for the care of all school property. Students who damage property accidentally are responsible for paying for the damage. Damage of a malicious nature will be considered a very serious matter. Any damage must be repaired or replaced at the expense of the student at fault, and disciplinary action taken.

Fees

DSHS assesses each student a \$75 student fee. Several courses, as listed in the DSHS Course Directory, require small fees for consumable materials and supplies. Certain courses, because of the nature of the course, require larger fees. Each teacher will provide the student with fee information. If a fee is issued by a teacher but does not appear in the Course Directory on the Guidance web page, please let an administrator know. **Students must pay all fees in order to attend or participate in the following: club meetings, field trips, competitions, and/or dances. PAY ONLINE AT <https://lpps.schoolcashonline.com/>.**

***Laptop Loaner Guidelines**

The school laptop is loaned/checked out to each student at Denham Springs High School. A student is only eligible to receive a device once the student fee has been paid. Students and parents are responsible for any damages to the device once it is loaned out. Cost examples (subject to change): Charger - \$60, Keyboard - \$100, Screen - \$150, Replacement Device - \$300. Parents are *strongly* encouraged to purchase an insurance plan (\$25) from the school that covers 2 instances of qualifying incidental damage to your rental laptop for the duration of the school year. The following items are **NOT** covered by the insurance and would still be the responsibility of the student: **replacement of charger**, vandalism, lost or stolen devices or peripherals, damages resulting from negligence such as leaving the device in a non-climate-controlled area. All students must abide by the LPPS Technology Acceptable Use Policy (summarized near the end of the handbook) at all times with regard to rental laptops.

Hall Passes

To leave class for any reason, students must sign out electronically and be issued a hall pass. Students then must carry the **designated HALL PASS** sign from their teacher. Students out of class without signing out or without their hall pass will be disciplined. Students in an unauthorized area will also be disciplined.

Designated Restrooms

Students **MUST** use the restroom located in the building of the class they are currently attending. Sophomore Hall, Junior Hall and Jacket Hall must use Freshman Hall restrooms. 100 / 200 Halls must use the outside commons area restrooms. 500 / 700 / 900 Halls must use 500 hall outside restrooms.

Insurance

The school is not responsible for hospital or doctor bills due to accidents that happen on the school premises. It is the student's responsibility to maintain adequate insurance coverage when participating in any extra-curricular activities. Visit the following website for more information on affordable, voluntary student accident insurance plans: <https://www.bollingerschools.com/site/>.

Library

The North/South Campus libraries are open from 7:00 to 3:00 every day. Students may report to the library to work on school projects or read quietly before school and/or at any time during their lunch shift. If a student reports to the library at any other time without a pass, they are considered to be in an unauthorized area and will be disciplined. The fine for overdue books is ten cents per day on regular loan (14 days) and twenty-five cents per day on overnight books. **Jacket Java Coffee Shop, located in the North Campus library, is open every morning at 7:00 serving hot coffee, cocoa, flavored cappuccino, and pastries. FRESHMEN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CROSS THE STREET IN THE MORNINGS FOR JACKET JAVA.**

Lockers

Lockers will be assigned on an as-needed basis. If you want a locker, you must complete and submit a Locker Request form on the DSHS school app. It is the student's responsibility to report lockers that are not working properly or lockers that will not lock. **Students are responsible for all items in their lockers, including illegal items, such as drugs, etc.** Lockers must be kept locked at all times using the school combination lock. ***The North Campus Office has record of all locker numbers and combinations.**

To open a Locker: Turn two times to the right and stop at first number. Then, turn one time left, go past the first number, and stop at second number. Finally, turn right and stop the first time at the third number.

Locker Problem Procedure: Report to class prior to the tardy bell and ask the teacher for permission to return to your locker. Locker problems are not an excuse to be tardy. **The school is not responsible for items stolen or lost on campus. This includes all textbooks.** ***The North Campus Office has record of all locker numbers and combinations.**

Lunch/Breakfast

Breakfast will be served at 7:10 AM every morning. Freshmen will eat breakfast on South Campus. Sophomores and Juniors will be in the north campus commons area, and Seniors will eat breakfast in the North Campus Cafeteria. Lunch will be served in the school cafeterias depending on which campus (north or south) you are on for 5th/6th block on Regular/Activity Schedules, OR 5th block during ALL 8 Period Schedule. Lunch is available between 10:49-12:57 (Regular Schedule), 11:16-1:09 (Activity Schedule), or 10:52-12:04 (All 8 Classes) and dependent on each students' lunch shift and campus during that time.

Classes go to lunch on a designated schedule. **"1st" Lunch** - 1st lunch students will report to their 5th/6th block class, check in with their teacher, leave their bag in the room, and report to lunch once the lunch bell rings. **STEM students will drop their book sacks off at the STEM busses and will eat 1ST lunch ONLY ON SOUTH CAMPUS.** **"2nd" Lunch** - 2nd lunch students will report to their 5th/6th block class, begin class, break for 2nd lunch, then return to class for instruction. **"3rd" Lunch** - 3rd lunch students will have full class instruction, then leave their bags in their 5th/6th block class and go to lunch, and return to their 5th/6th block at the end of lunch. **NO book bags may be brought to the cafeteria. DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION OF YOUR 5TH/6TH BLOCK CLASS (NORTH OR SOUTH CAMPUS), DETERMINES THE LOCATION OF YOUR LUNCH AND CAFETERIA.**

General Lunch Rules

1. No change will be given. All extra money goes into the student's account.
2. Students will walk to and from the cafeteria in an orderly manner, staying on the sidewalks.
3. Students who are in line are to stay in single file, and maintain their place. **Anyone caught skipping will be sent to the back of the line and be subject to disciplinary action.**
4. When the last student in line enters the cafeteria, the line will be closed.
5. Once students leave the serving area, they may not return to the serving area.
6. Students are to clean off their table and surrounding areas and place trash into the nearest trash can.
7. **No carbonated beverages or outside fast food may be brought into the cafeteria.**
8. Students must report to the cafeteria within the first 8 minutes of their lunch period or be considered tardy.
9. Students who are eating will be given first priority for seating in the cafeteria.
10. Students are to use ONLY the restrooms in the concession building during lunch and recess (NORTH CAMPUS) or outside between the 100 and 300 halls (SOUTH CAMPUS).

Medication

According to school board policy, students cannot take, *have in their possession*, or be given non-prescription medication such as Tylenol, aspirin, cold medications, ointments, etc. by school personnel during school hours. Students also *may not possess* prescription medication. If prescription medicine must be taken during school hours, written parental consent AND a completed doctor's form must be on file in the Nurse's Office. It is the student's responsibility to report at the proper time for medication. A parent or guardian must bring all medicine/medications to school. Students in possession of any medication (prescription or over-the-counter) will be subject to disciplinary action. Contact the Nurse's Office for more information.

Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off

Students may be dropped off or picked up only at the Yellow Jacket Boulevard loading sheds. Students may not arrive prior to 7:00 AM. In the afternoons, **SIX** vehicles will be loaded at a time. Students being picked up must pay attention and be ready when their ride stops. **We will not allow one student to hold up the entire line. Parents, please pull forward until all loading zone spaces are filled. Our objective is to load 6 vehicles at one time and 6 leave at about the same time. When you stop in your space and your riders are not there to be loaded, please pull forward and turn into the nearest parking lot and wait there. (We are trying not to hold up the line).** The traffic light at Range is traffic activated. As long as you don't leave a large space between you and the vehicle in front of you, it will remain green for a longer period of time. **BOTH LANES CAN TURN LEFT ONTO RANGE AVENUE.** Our objective is to get the students picked up in a safe and timely manner. Students violating these rules may receive discipline. **Anyone caught trying to be picked up or dropped off in an unauthorized area will be disciplined.**

Student Vehicles/Registration

Each student must register the vehicle he/she drives to school. Parking permits cost \$35. Parking Permit application forms are located on our DSHS school app under FORMS...PARKING. Complete the electronic form and pay for Parking Tag fee online. The Attendance Office will distribute the parking tag to students. The permit must hang from the rearview mirror and be easily seen. Violation of driving and parking regulations will result in monetary fines, discipline, and/or loss of parking privileges. Students may only park in designated parking lots. **NO parking on the South Campus.**

Parking Violations and Fines

Failure to follow parking lot regulations will always result in a loss of driving privileges. In order to regain those privileges, students will be assessed a fine based on the violation. Examples of violations and fines include, but are not limited to:

Reckless Operation (\$20) – Spinning tires; speeding (2nd violation will result in suspension of driving privileges.)

Moving Violations (\$10) - Unbuckled occupants, riders in a pickup bed, changing exit lanes after reaching the gates, and any irresponsible operation of the vehicle.

Illegal Parking (\$10) - Parking in Reserved, Fire Zone, or Handicapped spaces. Parking in the faculty/staff parking lots. Parking in a RESERVED/PAINTED senior parking spaces. Parking without registering vehicle (No tag visible).

Minor Violations (\$5) - Parking in the wrong direction (in one-way aisles, you may not pull all the way through a space). Parked too far up or back in the space. Parking tag not properly displayed. Radios being played too loud (No one outside the vehicle should be able to hear your radio).

***STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LOITER IN THE PARKING LOT. STUDENTS MUST EXIT VEHICLES BY NO LATER THAN 7:15AM. ONCE YOU EXIT YOUR VEHICLE YOU MUST REPORT TO YOUR DESIGNATED MORNING AREA.**

Fines will be assessed to those students who violate the parking regulations. Students who drive a vehicle on campus after having driving privileges revoked will be subject to suspension.

School Phones

Phones are to be used for official business only. Students will always be called to the phone in case of an emergency. The office phone is available for students to use in case of a personal emergency; therefore, **all student to parent communication should go through the front office.**

Textbooks

Textbooks will be issued at the beginning of the term. When receiving a book, the student should note any damages, report these to the teacher, and write his name in the appropriate area of the inside cover. **If a student receives a book that is damaged, then it should be exchanged for a new one. Any damage not noted will be the responsibility of the student when the book is turned in at the end of the semester or year.** Replacement fees will be charged for lost or damaged books and/or tampering with bar codes. Theft or loss of a student's book does not negate responsibility for that student's book. **Students MAY BE REQUIRED to bring their textbooks to each class.**

Visitors

All visitors must report to the North Campus office immediately upon arrival. Students are required to direct visitors to the office. Students are not allowed to have visitors during school hours. **No flowers, food, balloons, gifts, etc. will be delivered to students during school hours. NO DOOR DASH, UBER EATS, ETC. Such deliveries will be turned away at the office.**

Academics

Grades

On-Level Course		Honors Course/ Dual-Enrollment		College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Course	
Grade/Point Value	Average	Grade/Point Value	Average	Grade/Point Value	Average
A = 4	90 - 100	A = 4	90 - 100	A = 5	90 - 100
B = 3	80 - 89	B = 3	80 - 89	B = 4	80 - 89
C = 2	70 - 79	C = 2	70 - 79	C = 3	70 - 79
D = 1	60 - 69	D = 1	60 - 69	D = 2	60 - 69
F = 0	0 - 59	F = 0	0 - 59	F = 0	0 - 59

Weighted Categories for Each Course	PowerSchool Abbreviation	Weights per Category
Major Assessments	MA	40%
Assessed for Accuracy	ACC	35%
Participation / Completion	PC	10%
End of Semester Assessment	SEM EX	15%

Grading Procedures

Teachers update grades weekly, therefore PowerSchool demonstrates the most up to date version of grades. Parents and students are strongly encouraged to check PowerSchool weekly <https://lpps.powerschool.com/>. Students will receive two report cards, one at the end of each semester. The report card will be a cumulative grade of the entire semester's work based on weighted grades per subject. Three interim reports will be issued each semester: 4 1/2 weeks, 9 weeks, and 13 1/2 weeks. Interim grades are cumulative as well. When calculating percentages to determine a letter grade, .50 and above will always be rounded off to the next highest number. If you need your login information, please contact the Guidance Secretary at 225-665-8865.

How to Calculate Weighted Averages

Grade weights are subject to change. In cases where grades do not share the same weight, (ie. when multiple grading categories exist), the calculation is different. The weight of each grade category must be considered. Individual grades might also be worth different amounts within a given category.

Consider the following example:

<u>Grade Categories</u>	
<u>Category</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Major Assessments	40%
Assessed for Accuracy	35%
Participation	10%
End of Semester Assessment	15%

<u>Student Grades</u>			
<u>Category</u>	<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>
Major Assessments	50/60	45/50	92/100
Assessed for Accuracy	55/75	43/52	78/100
Participation	9/10	8/10	7/10
End of Semester Assessment	88/120		

PowerSchool demonstrates the most up to date version of grades. To calculate the weighted average, you should do the following:

1. Calculate the grade average within each category.

<u>Individual Category Averages</u>		
<u>Category</u>	<u>Calculation</u>	<u>Result</u>
Major Assessments	$(50 + 45 + 92) / (60 + 50 + 100)$	.89
Assessed for Accuracy	$(55 + 43 + 78) / (75 + 52 + 100)$	.76
Participation	$(9 + 8 + 7) / (10 + 10 + 10)$	.80
End of Semester Assessment	88/100	.88

2. Multiply each category average by its corresponding weight.

<u>Category * Weight</u>		
<u>Category</u>	<u>Calculation</u>	<u>Result</u>
Major Grades	$.80 * 40$	32
Projects	$.76 * 35$	26.6
Minor Grades	$.80 * 10$	8
Mid-Term Exam	$.88 * 15$	13.2

4. Add the weighted categories together and divide by the sum of the weights.

<u>Overall Average</u>	
<u>Calculation</u>	<u>Result</u>
$(32 + 26.6 + 8 + 13.2) / 100$	79.80 (80)

Congratulations, you now know that the student scored an overall grade of 80% C.

<http://gradedgrid.com/articles/grading/how-to-calculate-weighted-grade-average>

Late Work Policy-Homework, Tests, & Projects

If a student misses school, then the student will have the same number of days to make up the assignment before being penalized with grade deductions. After those days have expired, the assignment will be deducted no more than the amount of points equivalent to a letter grade for each day the assignment is missing.

All missing tests and projects must be made up in a timely manner by communicating with the teacher and discussing due dates. Tests may be made up by setting up an appointment with a teacher before or after school, during tutoring, or during Academic Recovery. It is the student's responsibility to approach the teacher regarding missing tests and projects.

Each teacher will give more information regarding late work policy in his or her syllabus on the first day of school.

All missing assignments/assessments must be completed BEFORE the interim period is up.

Academic Recovery

Any student who has a missing quiz or test, *is subject to* be assigned to "Academic Recovery". This will give the student an opportunity to redeem the "0" in PowerSchool. Academic Recovery will be held during Club/Pep Rally Schedule Period. Students will not be allowed to attend their Club Meeting if they have a make-up assessment assigned to them. This program will ensure that our students stay on track with their academic progress.

Field Trip Policy

In order for a student to attend a field trip, he or she must meet the following criteria:

- No "F"s in any subject on a current PowerSchool check
- No excessive absences in the current semester (no more than 5 unexcused absences or 5 consecutive excused absences at the time of the trip.)
- No school debts

Advanced Placement Courses

Advanced Placement courses are an invaluable asset to a student's education. AP helps to build a student's **confidence**, offers an opportunity to earn college credit, and significantly increases student success in college. Students that earn a score of 3, 4, or 5 on the test could earn college credit.

Students register for AP Courses in the spring for the following school year. A team of instructional leaders will evaluate each student's academic history (including, but not limited to, transcripts and high stakes testing data) to ensure the student registering for the course is prepared for the expectations of the course they registered for. Students will receive an acceptance letter that allows them to officially enroll or the opportunity to unenroll from the course. Once the deadline of returning the acceptance letter has passed, no student will be able to opt out from an AP course. **If a student fails the fall semester of an AP class, they WILL be removed from that class for the spring semester and be required to pay a \$40 withdrawal fee to cover the cost of the exam.**

Students that are enrolled in AP courses **must** take the AP test in May. Failure to take the test as a Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior, or not take the test seriously as indicated by certain behaviors in the testing room, will result in being placed on AP Academic Probation and will pay the \$40 fee to cover costs of the test. Students on AP Academic Probation will not have the privilege of taking AP classes for one year. Seniors that do not take the AP test seriously could lose the privilege of walking at graduation. ***Any student that does not take the test due to an emergency will not receive a test refund, will be responsible for paying the "unused test fee," and will have to meet with the Assistant Principal of Instruction to determine AP eligibility in the future. Administration will determine if each situation constitutes as an emergency or not. Any student who requires a make-up exam may have to pay the fee for the make-up exam to be administered. Seniors: if you fail to report to your assigned AP exam, your grade will be changed and you will lose the extra quality point towards your GPA.***

CLEP Testing

Denham Springs High School offers CLEP testing for our students. The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) offers students the opportunity to receive college credit for what they already know by earning qualifying scores on any of the offered exams. Most exams are 90 minutes in length, administered in a computer-based format on campus, and results are given upon completion. Most colleges require a minimum scale score of a 50 in order to earn credit, but students should refer to their prospective college of choice to confirm.

We encourage students to learn more about the wide array of testing opportunities available to them through CLEP. We also provide CLEP testing for students enrolled in specific courses. More information will be disseminated through that particular class.

CLEP Exam Required	
High School Course	CLEP Exam
English III	College Composition (120 minutes)
Advanced Math (Pre-Calc)	College Algebra
Spanish III	Spanish
Sociology	Introduction to Sociology
Algebra III	College Mathematics
Psychology	Introduction to Psychology

CLEP Exam Optional	
High School Course	CLEP Exam
U.S. History	History of the United States I or II
Biology II	Biology
Principals of Marketing II	Principles of Marketing
Accounting	Financial Accounting
Law Studies	Introductory Business Law
Educational Psychology	Educational Psychology

A full list of CLEP exams are as follows:

- American Government
- History of the United States I
- History of the United States II
- Human Growth and Development
- Introduction to Educational Psychology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology*
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Social Sciences and History
- Western Civilization I
- Western Civilization II
- Spanish Language
- Humanities
- American Literature
- Analyzing and Interpreting Literature*
- College Composition*
- College Composition Modular*
- English Literature
- Biology
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- College Algebra
- College Mathematics
- Natural Sciences
- Pre-Calculus
- Financial Accounting
- Information Systems
- Introductory Business Law
- Principles of Management
- Principles of Marketing
- French Language
- German Language

*Denotes courses most frequently passed

Exam sessions will begin in October and will take place by appointment with Mr. Easterly in the office or Ms. Burroughs in the North Campus Library. *It is the student's responsibility to schedule tests in a timely manner to be exempt from a "Proficiency Test" (for more information, see exam exemptions page 19.)*

Payment: The cost per exam is \$97, however students can receive a voucher to take the exam for free by completing an online course for the subject through ModernStates.org. **Test registration must be completed online on the College Board website.** College Board will provide a registration ticket. Students must report to the office with their registration ticket to select the day and the exam they would like to take.

Stinging Seniors Banquet

To be invited to the *Stinging Seniors Banquet* during the Spring Semester, Senior students must meet the following academic criteria:

- 1) Maintain a 4.0 or higher-grade point average throughout all four years of high school; **AND**
- 2) Must be in good standing with the attendance office. (Should not have excessive absences.); **AND**
- ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**
- 3) Score a 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) test prior to his or her Senior year; **OR**
- 4) Score a 27 or higher on the ACT administered prior to the end of the first semester of the Senior year. The last qualifying ACT a student can take is on December 2026.

If a student accomplishes the qualifying criteria above, then he or she will be designated as a Stinging Senior and invited to the banquet in the spring of his or her graduation year.

***Students that graduate with a 3.5 CUMULATIVE GPA or higher **will still** graduate with Honors and be recognized as an Honor Graduate at the graduation ceremony.**

Jacket Jumpstart Banquet:

To be invited to the *Jacket Jumpstart Banquet* during the Spring Semester, Senior students must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA on the Jumpstart Diploma Track;
- 2) Must be in good attendance standing (Should not have excessive absences);
- AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**
- 3) Earned an Advanced Credential (deadline: end of January)
- 4) Scored a Gold on the WorkKeys Assessment or a 20 on the ACT (deadline: end of January)

If a student accomplishes the qualifying criteria above, then he or she will be designated as a Jacket Jumpstart Banquet in the spring of his or her graduation year.

Ethics

Cheating at DSHS is considered an ethical violation. Examples of cheating which constitute an ethics violation are: copying another's work, copying and pasting information directly from a website without having a Works Cited page, allowing work to be copied, plagiarism, giving answers to others in any form/unauthorized help on a test or assignment, having another person do work, doing another's work, using cheat sheets or other techniques, unauthorized use of AI, unauthorized use of technology (including possession or use of a cellular device during testing) and failure to follow behavioral directions given before a test or assignment.

The consequences of cheating are:

- 1) **First offense:** Student will receive a zero on the assignment, a phone call home from the teacher, and a behavior clinic.
- 2) **Second offense (and any thereafter):** Student will receive a zero on the assignment, a phone call home from the teacher, and a suspension.

Please Note: Cheating on End of Semester Tests or State Mandated Tests such as Midterms, Finals, LEAP, ACT, Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, Work Keys, CLEP, etc., will result in an automatic suspension.

Stealing, copying, or taking a picture or screenshot of a teacher's exam, key, or other instructional assignment by any means as to distribute material will be an automatic suspension from school. Anyone found to be in possession of such materials will be disciplined.

School Supplies

General school supplies: notebooks, binders, loose leaf, black/blue ink pens, pencils, highlighters, dry-erase marker, post-it notes, and a scientific calculator. Teachers will specify supplies needed for individual courses on their syllabi. The Jacket's Nest, Rm. 80, sells many of the necessary supplies.

LEAP 2025 Testing:

The LEAP 2025 tests are designed to measure whether students have mastered the knowledge and skills necessary for completion. Students will take LEAP 2025 tests in Algebra I, English I, English II, Geometry, Biology, Civics, and US History (if currently enrolled in these courses). LEAP 2025 tests are a necessary requirement for graduation.

Students who earn an overall score of Advanced or Mastery on a LEAP 2025 test will be exempt from the final test in that subject during "Final Test Days."

Exams

Students are required to take multiple assessments throughout the year in order to determine students' mastery of standards and drive instruction. ***None of the assessments listed below will be given early.***

Mid-term and final exams will not be administered early due to testing security.

Assessment	Category & Weight	Description	Administration Date
Classroom Tests	Major Assessment 40%	A comprehensive assessment created by the teacher/department/LPPS.	August-May
Proficiency Test	End of Semester Assessment (Fall & Spring) 15%* *The only assignment in the category*	A comprehensive, standards-based assessment created by the district. Administered in Fall and Spring. *Average of Semester I & Semester II Proficiency Test will determine if student is exempt from Final Test*	Fall December 15 th (4 exams) December 16 th (4 exams) December 17 th (make-ups) Spring May 13 th (4 exams) May 14 th (4 exams)
LEAP 2025 Assessment (in Spring Semester for these subjects only) English I English II Algebra I Geometry Biology US History Civics	End of Semester Assessment (Spring Only) 15%* *The only assignment in the category*	A comprehensive, standards-based assessment created by the LA State Department of Education. Graded using a state-issued scale. Student must earn a certain score on the assessment in order to be exempt from the Spring Final Test (more information available in Spring semester).	April 2027
Spring Final Major Assessment	Major Assessment 40%	A test that covers the last Unit studied. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors who do not meet the EXEMPTION criteria outlined below <u>MUST</u> take the corresponding subject's Final Test on 5/20 and 5/21. *Spring Final Major Assessments will NOT be administered early. The last day of school is May 26, 2027 and this information was made public in Fall, 2026. All vacations should be planned accordingly*	May 20 th (4 exams) May 21 st (4 exams) May 24 th (makeups)

Exemptions for Spring FINAL Test (Excluding LEAP Testing Subjects)

In order to be exempt from Spring Final Major Assessments, Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors must meet the following criteria:

Freshmen	To be exempt from a Spring <u>FINAL</u> Test • Meet the teacher's SLT goal for Proficiency test • Have a "C" average in the class
Sophomores	To be exempt from a Spring <u>FINAL</u> Test • Meet the teacher's SLT goal for Proficiency test • Have a "C" average in the class
Juniors	To be exempt from a Spring <u>FINAL</u> Test • Meet the teacher's SLT goal for Proficiency test • Have a "C" average in the class

Exemptions for Spring FINAL Test for LEAP Testing Subjects

In order to be exempt from Spring Final Tests, students enrolled in LEAP subjects (Algebra I, Geometry, English I, English II, Biology, Civics, and US History) must meet the following requirements:

Subject	Exemption Requirements
Algebra I, Geometry, English I, and English II	• Meet the growth target on the LEAP test for that subject as identified by the teacher: ○ Increase by one-half achievement level if previous year's score was Unsatisfactory, Approaching Basic, or Basic ○ Earn one point higher on scaled score if previous year's score was Mastery ○ Maintain an Advanced if previous year's score was Advanced. • Maintain a "C" grade average in the class
Biology, Civics, and US History	• Score "Mastery" or higher on the LEAP test for that subject • Maintain a "C" grade average in the class

Meeting these exemption requirements may also open opportunities for other rewards beyond final test exemptions.

Tutoring

Free tutoring is offered in core areas for students who need extended help or enrichment. Many teachers also hold tutoring sessions in their classroom before or after school. Contact individual teachers for those times and dates.

Tutoring Schedule 2:40-3:40	
Subject	Day of the Week
Math	Monday
English	Tuesday
Science	Wednesday
Social Studies	Thursday

Grade Classification

Students have the opportunity to earn 8 half-credits (.5) each semester, per subject. By the end of a school year a student can earn up to 8 credits or 32 credits total during his or her high school career. Students must have the minimum number of credits listed below in order to be classified in the correct grade-level:

<u>Freshman</u> 0 Credits
<u>Sophomore</u> 5 Credits
<u>Junior</u> 11 Credits
<u>Senior</u> 17 Credits

Students who fail one or more semester courses are advised to take advantage of the LPPS Virtual School program to stay within their cohort and be classified in the correct grade.

Credit Recovery to Regain Credits

Students that have failed a course can take advantage of Livingston Parish Public School's Credit Recovery Program. There are multiple benefits to participating in Virtual School such as 1) not having to repeat the course during the school day with younger students, 2) working at your own pace, 3) not having to worry about essays, papers, projects, and tests after school, 3) being classified in the correct grade, and 4) GRADUATING ON TIME. Virtual School is held after school twice a week, from 3:00-5:00. Prices for one semester course starts at \$200 but are subject to change each semester. Virtual School courses are offered for the following subjects:

English I	SI, SII	Algebra I (Part I)	SI, SII
English II	SI, SII	Algebra I (Part II)	SI, SII
English III	SI, SII	Algebra I	SI, SII
English IV	SI, SII	Geometry	SI, SII
Senior Applications in English	SI, SII	Algebra II	SI, SII
Physical Science	SI, SII	Algebra III	SI, SII
Biology I	SI, SII	Financial Math	SI, SII
Chemistry	SI, SII	Math Essentials	SI, SII
Environmental Science	SI, SII	Advanced Math (Pre-Calc)	SI, SII
Health	SI, SII	World Geography	SI, SII
Spanish I	SI, SII	Civics	SI, SII
Spanish II	SI, SII	American History	SI, SII
		World History	SI, SII

Sessions are held during the Fall, Spring, and Summer. Contact the guidance office for more information 665-8865.

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

In addition to the honors, AP, and CLEP courses, we are proud to offer a selection of Dual Enrollment (DE) courses by partnering with local universities and community colleges. These courses allow students to earn college credit along with their high school credit. Students who register for these classes will also be required to apply to the college the DE class is offered through. These applications include various GPA and ACT requirements. If a student has not taken the ACT yet, their PRE-ACT score will be used instead. If a student does not meet the ACT/PRE-ACT requirement as set by the university/college, their counselor may be able to write them a recommendation letter if the student's transcript and LEAP scores show the student will be successful in the class.

Students enrolled in DE classes will be supplied with a syllabus from the professor of record for the course. This syllabus will contain all information on how to stay in good academic standing along with procedures to follow if the student wants to drop the class. It will be the students' responsibility to ensure they keep up with all procedures outlined in the syllabus.

Students can take up to 12 credit hours per school year. If a student exceeds 12 hours, there is a fee of \$50 per credit hour.

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE RECOGNITION:

The Distinguished Graduate honor is awarded to seniors who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and commitment throughout their high school career. This prestigious recognition is symbolized by a **white cord** word during the graduation ceremony.

To earn the Distinguished Graduate distinction, students must go above and beyond the standard graduation requirements by meeting **one** of the following criteria:

- **ACT & AP Achievement**
 - A composite score of 20 or higher on the ACT **and**
 - A score of 3 or higher on at least one Advanced Placement (AP) exam.
- **ACT & Dual Enrollment Success**
 - A composite score of 20 or higher on the ACT **and**
 - Completion of 6 or more hours of core dual enrollment college credit
- **ACT & Advanced English Proficiency**
 - A composite score of 20 or higher on the ACT **and**
 - A score of 26 or higher on the English section of the ACT
- **ACT & Advanced Math Proficiency**
 - A composite score of 20 or higher on the ACT **and**
 - A score of 25 or higher on the Math section of the ACT
- **ACT & CLEP Mastery**
 - A composite score of 20 or higher on the ACT **and**
 - Passing scores on three or more approved CLEP (College-Level Examination Program) tests.
- **ACT or WorkKeys & Credential Achievement**
 - A composite score of 20 or higher on the ACT or a Gold level score on the WorkKeys assessment **and**
 - Completion of an approved advanced credential.

Students who meet any of the above combinations will automatically be recognized as Distinguished Graduates. This honor reflects a student's dedication to academic excellence, career readiness, and preparation for post-secondary success. For questions regarding qualifications or approved testing/credential lists, please contact the school counselor or administration.

EARLY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

DSHS students can qualify for early graduation if they meet the following conditions:

1. Students must meet the credit requirements for graduation in their diploma pathway.
2. Students must have a qualifying ACT score of 20 or a qualifying WorkKeys score of Gold.
3. Students must qualify for white cord (see above).
4. Students must have passed their required LEAP exams.

DISCIPLINE POLICY & GUIDELINES

Proper student conduct is the responsibility of the student and parents. It is the daily responsibility of school personnel to ensure that no single person interferes with the learning environment of other students.

Disciplinary action will include but not be limited to one of the following: Counsel/warn a student, administer punishment, contact parent/guardian, loss of privileges, restorative practices, recess detention, after-school detention, behavior clinic, suspension, or expulsion. The action taken is determined by the severity of the infraction and the number of prior offenses. The principal or his designee will determine when offenses are extreme or flagrant. School administrators may notify law enforcement officials whenever there is a belief that a criminal offense has been committed.

Policy on Weapons

Any student found to be in possession of a firearm or weapon on campus, on school property, on any school bus, or any school-related function shall immediately be recommended for expulsion. Schools are Weapons Free Zones.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

The possession or use of illegal drugs as well as the unlawful possession or consumption of nicotine or alcohol is also a criminal offense punishable by the laws of the State of Louisiana.

Search and Seizure

School officials are empowered to conduct searches of particular students while on school property, at school-sponsored events, and in transit to and from school when there is reasonable suspicion that the student may be in possession of drugs, alcohol, weapons, or other materials in violation of school policy or state law. Property (cars, cell phones, lockers, book bags, purses, etc.) shall remain under the control of school officials and shall be subject to search. Students are responsible for all items found on their person or in their possession - including cars, cell phones, laptops, lockers, book bags, purses, etc.

Bullying, Harassment, Hazing

DSHS does not tolerate bullying, intimidation, harassment, and hazing of any kind on our campus. These are offenses which are subject to expulsion. If you are being harassed, please notify a teacher, school counselor, or administrator *immediately*. It will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken. This includes cyberbullying and digital forms of communication which cause a disruption to the school environment.

Sexual Harassment

LPPS disapproves of and does not tolerate harassment of any type, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment by employees to students, by students to employees, or by one student to another student. No employee or student, either male or female, should be subject to unsolicited and unwelcome harassment, including unwelcome sexual overtures or conduct, either verbal or physical. Sexual harassment is behavior that is not welcome, that is personally offensive and therefore interferes with the purposes of the employee and/or student in the academic, extracurricular, and co-curricular atmosphere. All complaints should be made orally or in writing to a teacher, school counselor, or administrator.

Student Code of Conduct:

Denham Springs High School expects students to be well-behaved while attending school or any school activity and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. Every school personnel is authorized to hold every pupil to strict accountability for any disorderly conduct in school or on the grounds of the school, on the street or road while going to or returning from school, or during intermission or recess. Students have the responsibility to know and respect the rules of the school system. Students shall comply with all state laws, Board policies, and school regulations, directions of administrators, teachers, and other authorized school personnel during any period of time when the student is under the authority of school personnel.

Student Behavior Expectations

1. Students are required to follow instructions from any school employee at any time. School employees will not make unreasonable requests of students.
2. Upon arrival to campus, students may not leave campus without checking out through the office (except for student leaving for CTE or the STEM Center at the designated time.) Even if the first bell has not rung in the morning, students must check out prior to leaving campus. No student may arrive on campus prior to 7:00 a.m. nor after 3:00 p.m. unless participating in a school-approved extracurricular activity.
3. Upon arrival to campus between 7:00 and 7:20, freshmen shall report to the South Campus Commons Area, Sophomores and Juniors shall report the North Campus Commons Area. Seniors shall report to the North Campus Cafeteria.
4. In the event of inclement weather, freshmen will report to the South Campus Gym. Sophomores and Juniors will report to the Jacket Gym (near the carpool loading shed). Seniors will report to the cafeteria. No food or drinks are allowed in the gyms.
5. Students are not to go to their cars during the school day without permission from an administrator. Any student attempting to re-enter a vehicle without permission shall be subject to disciplinary action and/or search.
6. Students are to leave campus in an orderly manner at the designated time. Only students directly supervised by a teacher may remain in the halls.
7. Maintain a free flow of traffic in halls, stairwells, and walkways. This includes any one-way signs or directions.
8. Students are required to use the restroom in the hall (or closest to the hall) of their current classroom. Any other locations will be considered an unauthorized area. Students may not loiter or congregate in the restroom. Students not actively conducting bathroom business will be disciplined and subject to search.
9. If a student leaves out of class, he or she must sign out electronically and be in possession of a hall pass. Students may not leave a teacher's classroom without permission for any reason. Students who fail to comply will be subject to disciplinary action.
10. Excessive or loud noise is prohibited on campus, including noise from vehicles.
11. Fighting is strictly prohibited. Any student found instigating or participating in a fight, or any other disorderly conduct which constitutes a significant disruption, **shall be subject to disciplinary action and arrest.** Any student guilty of battery considered to be wanton or malicious shall be subject to expulsion. Students who exhibit a pattern of violent or threatening behavior (e.g. multiple fights or threats) will be subject to expulsion.
12. Use or possession of **vaping products, tobacco products, or paraphernalia (i.e. charger, lighter etc.) of any kind is prohibited. Violators are subject to suspension and referral to law enforcement.**
13. Altering or forging of any official school document such as interim reports, detention letters, doctor's excuses, etc. is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.
14. Gum chewing is not allowed on campus.
15. Food, candy, and drinks are **not** to be brought to school to be consumed during any class period. Before school or during lunch, all food must be consumed in the designated areas. Students are not allowed to order or receive deliveries from anyone at any time.
16. State law prohibits students from carrying firearms, knives, or other implements which can be used as weapons. This regulation includes sharp combs, manicuring devices, game items, headbands, jewelry, etc.
17. **Any threat**, digital, verbal, or written, will be taken seriously and may result in school and/or legal consequences.
18. Obscenities/inappropriate material of any kind, digital, verbal, or written, will result in disciplinary action.
19. Non-compliance with any rule, verbal or written, will result in disciplinary action.
20. Unless otherwise expressly stated, the principal shall make the final decision regarding student dress, student behavior, school rules, and disciplinary consequences.

Denham Springs High School NO Cellphone Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a focused and distraction-free learning environment in compliance with state law (ACT no. 313-R.S.17:239).

Policy Statement

In accordance with state law, the possession and or use of cellphones by students during school hours is strictly prohibited. This policy applies to all students from grades 9 through 12.

Scope

This policy is applicable to all students within Denham Springs High School premises during school hours, including but not limited to classrooms, hallways, restrooms, the cafeteria, athletic facilities, and school grounds.

Definitions

- **Cellphone:** Any mobile device capable of making calls, sending text messages, accessing the internet, or utilizing applications. (SMART WATCHES INCLUDED)
- **School Hours:** The time a student steps foot on campus until the time a student leaves campus. This will also include all transition times, breakfast, and lunch. This extends to afterschool detentions and clinics, and extracurricular activities as appropriate. Students may not have or use a cell phone while on the bus in transit to or from school.

Guidelines

1. Prohibited Use:

- Students are not permitted to use cellphones during school hours.
- Cellphones must be turned off and stored in backpacks or designated areas from the time a student gets onto campus until the time a student leaves campus.

2. Emergencies:

- In the event of an emergency, students are to notify a staff member immediately. Staff will contact emergency services and parents as necessary.
- Parents needing to reach their child during school hours should contact the school office.

3. Disciplinary Actions: *(This includes any unauthorized electronic device, i.e. cell phones, smart devices, headphones, personal laptops, etc.)*

- **First Offense:** The cellphone will be confiscated, and the student will be assigned a Detention. Parents will be notified to pick up the cellphone from the school office.
- **Second Offense:** The cellphone will be confiscated, and the student will be assigned a Behavior Clinic. Parents will be notified to pick up the cellphone from the school office.
- **Third Offense and Subsequent Offenses:** The cellphone will be confiscated, and the student will receive an automatic suspension. Parents will be notified to pick up the cellphone from the school office. Additional disciplinary actions may be taken as deemed necessary by the school administration.

Digital Citizenship and Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices

1. No student, unless authorized by the school administration shall use (must be in the off position), make visible, or operate any personal electronic device including any device in a student's possession that electronically communicates, sends, receives, stores, reproduces or displays voice and/or text communication or data on school grounds or any bus while being transported to and from school or any school functions (i.e. pep rally). **This includes cell phones, smart devices, airpods, headphones, personal laptops, etc.**
2. No headphones, AirPods, earbuds, or personal listening devices of any kind are allowed on any campus of Denham Springs High School or while traveling to/from campus (example: crossing the street).
3. Devices shall be in the off position (not left on silent/vibrate) and completely stowed away **in the book sack** while on school campuses, unless authorized by administration. Devices cannot be stored in students' pockets or on the exterior of book sacks.
4. Students shall not use devices to record, transmit, or post photographic images, sound, or video of a person or persons (including themselves) on campus during school activities and/or hours at any time, unless otherwise approved by administration. Examples: phone calls, Facetime, Snapchat, etc. This policy does not apply to *parents* at general assemblies, award ceremonies, and other school sponsored events at DSHS.
5. Student devices with camera and video capability shall not be used in any way to infringe upon the privacy of students and staff.
6. Students shall comply with all teacher or administrator requests regarding technology, such as shutting down, handing the device(s) to school personnel, closing screen, storing, etc.
7. Possession or use of an active personal electronic device during testing or assignments, shall be subject to immediate confiscation and the student shall be disciplined, including an ethics violation.
8. Improper use of devices will result in *additional* disciplinary action. Examples of improper use include, but are not limited to, the following: videoing a fight, academic dishonesty, interference, disruption or obstruction of the educational environment, plagiarism, or violation of intellectual property laws, accessing files or sites not relevant to the curriculum, sending or displaying offensive messages, texting, sending pictures, or using inappropriate language (e.g. sexting or use in a manner that is profane, indecent, obscene, or vulgar), cyberbullying, harassing, intimidating, coercing, threatening, or attacking others, making public private information without consent, downloading VPN's or any unauthorized programs / files to school devices, damaging networks, or electronic devices.
9. Each student shall be responsible for personal electronic devices at all times. The school is not responsible for storing or keeping the device(s) secure at any time. A student brings such device at his/her own risk. The school will not be responsible for searching for lost, stolen, confiscated, damaged devices.
10. A confiscated device shall be held in the administrative office, and the student's parents or guardian will be contacted. Parents or a designated adult may retrieve the device before, or at the end of, the regular academic day, or other designated time determined by the principal/designee.
11. Any student who refuses to relinquish an electronic device to school personnel at the time of the infraction will be subject to an *additional* suspension for willful disobedience.
12. The devices shall include, but are not limited to, cellular phones, smart phones, e-Readers, iPods, SPY Pens, Pocket Audio Key Chains, audio flash drives, smart watches, cameras, video recorders, smart glasses, personal hotspots, wireless headphones/airpods, bluetooth devices, and personal GPS tracking devices.
13. Violation of these guidelines may result in the loss of privileges (i.e. confiscation) as well as other disciplinary or legal action.
14. Cell phones believed to contain data relevant to any school or legal investigation may be confiscated for the duration of the investigation.

DSHS Campus Infractions

OFFENSE	Warning/ Recess Detention	Detention	Behavior Clinic	Short Term Suspension	Long Term Suspension	Expulsion
Alteration of grade reporting, medical excuses, school documents, etc.				X	X	
Assault or battery ¹					X	X
Breaking and entering school property					X	X
Buying/Selling of personal items at school		X	X	X	X	X
Campus Disruption		X	X	X	X	X
Cheating			X	X		
Disrespect for authority		X	X	X	X	X
Distribution/Possession/Use/Under the Influence of Controlled/ Dangerous Substance, Cannabinoid, or Paraphernalia						1
Extortion (Reimbursement)					X	X
Failure to attend detention and/or clinic			X	X		
Failure to comply with detention rules/dismissed				X		

OFFENSE	Warning/ Recess Detention	Detention	Behavior Clinic	Short Term Suspension	Long Term Suspension	Expulsion
Failure to comply with Behavior Clinic rules/dismissed				X		
Failure to complete alternative assignment (after being doubled by school personnel)		1		2 (Susp until assign, comp.)		
Failure to identify				X	X	X
False charges against authority				X	X	X
Fighting ¹				X	X	
Fighting (Continuing to fight after instructed to stop) ¹					X	X
Fighting (multiple offenses) ¹						X
Flagrant Dress Code Violation (no uniform shirt/pants, extreme hair, crocs/slides, etc.)	X (may be sent home)	X	X	X		
Forgery of administrator, teacher, or parent's signature				X	X	
Gambling			X	X	X	X
Gum		1, 2	3			
Harassing student or school personnel	X	X	X	X	X	X
Horseplay		X	X	X	X	X
Indecent Behavior		X	X	X	X	X
Instigating major disturbance/fight ¹			X	X	X	X
Leaving campus-unauthorized check out				X		
Leaving Class without Permission				X	X	
Lying to school personnel			X	X		
Missing STEM Bus	1	2, 3	4, 5	6 or more		
Multiple Students in a Restroom Stall				X	X	X
No Laptop/Charger	1,2,3	4	5	6 or more		
Prohibited Piercings		1	2	3 or more		
Possession of inappropriate/unauthorized personal items (Items will be confiscated)		X	X	X		
Possession/Use of alcohol/medication/non-prescribed mood-altering substance				x	X	X
Possession/use of fireworks		X	X	X	X	X
Possession/use of nicotine or paraphernalia (lighter, vape, etc.) ¹				X	X	X
Profane Language			X	X	X	X
Public Display of Affection (holding hands, hugging, kissing, etc.)		1	2, 3	4		
Shirt Untucked, No School Shirt, Hood/Hat on Head, Crocs/Slides, or Sunglasses		1, 2	3, 4	5		
Skippping School/Class			X	X	X	
Sleeping in Class		X	X	X		
Stealing (Reimbursement required)				X	X	X
Taking/posting/sharing unauthorized pictures or video				X	X	X
Tardies-1 st /2 nd Block	1, 2, 3	4, 5	6, 7	8		
Tardies-3 rd – 8 th Block (Includes Returning from Lunch)	1, 2	3, 4, 5	6, 7	8		
Threatening student or school personnel		X	X	X	X	X
Throwing Objects		X	X	X		
Unacceptable/unauthorized use of computers/ Internet		X	X	X	X	X
Unauthorized area/Out of Area		X	X	X	X	X
Unauthorized use of personal electronic device (i.e. cell phone, smart watch, airpods, headphones, etc.)		1	2	3 or more		X
Uniform Violations	1, 2, 3	4, 5	6, 7	8 or more		
Use of any object as a firearm or weapon						X
Vandalism/destruction of school property (suspension until reimbursement is made)			X	X	X	X
Videoing a Fight				X	X	X
Violation of medication policy				X	X	X
Willful Disobedience		X	X	X	X	X
Other offenses and punishments may be added if necessary.						

X - Represents a range of possible consequences based on severity. ¹Law enforcement referral

DSHS Cafeteria Infractions

OFFENSE	Warning/ Recess Detention	Detention	Behavior Clinic	Short Term Suspension	Long Term Suspension	Expulsion
Loitering in Bathroom or Out of Area	X	X	X	X	X	
Cutting in line	X	X	X	X		
Disrespect towards cafeteria employees	X	X	X	X	X	X
Inappropriate noise level	X	X	X	X		
Throwing food	X	X	X	X	X	
Failure to clean lunch area	X	X	X	X		

X - Consequence depends on severity of infraction. *All campus infractions and disciplinary actions are recognized in the cafeteria as well.

DSHS Bus and Bus Stop Infractions

OFFENSE	Warning	Detention	Behavior Clinic	Short Term Suspension	Long Term Suspension	Expulsion	Bus Suspension
Distracting Driver		X	X	X	X	X	X
Getting on or off at the wrong stop/no permission to ride bus		X	X	X	X	X	X
Not staying in seat		X	X	X	X	X	X
Throwing Objects out of or in bus **		X	X	X	X	X	X

X Consequence depends on severity of infraction. *All campus infractions and disciplinary actions are recognized on the bus or at the bus stop as well.

****Students are responsible for cost of damages.**

Discipline Consequences Defined

Detention and Behavior Clinic Policy

Once students are scheduled for detention or clinic, the date will not be rescheduled unless approved by administration due to extenuating circumstances. If a student fails to attend a scheduled detention, the student will attend a behavior clinic. Should a student fail to attend a behavior clinic, the student shall be subject to an out-of-school suspension. Behavior Clinic is intended as an alternative to suspension.

Minor Infraction in Classroom

1st offense- Conference with the student one on one. 2nd offense- Assign minor infraction assignment and contact a parent/guardian via phone call or KINVO to discuss the behavioral problem. 3rd offense- Referral to the office. Note: Repeated or major infractions may result in an immediate referral to the office.

Loss of Privileges

In lieu of or in addition to other school discipline, students may be banned from certain activities.

Example: banned from extracurricular events, phone confiscated, etc.

Restorative Practices

In lieu of or in addition to other school discipline, students may be required to make amends with any parties harmed by the disruptive behavior. Example: have a conference with the individual, write a letter of apology, etc.

Lunch/Recess Detention

This may be assigned for minor classroom disruptions and/or other minor campus issues. Students will sit at a designated area in the cafeteria for the duration of the lunch shift. Students are not allowed to talk or socialize during this time.

Detention (Monday through Thursday from 2:45 - 4 PM)

Students will be required to do written work during detention. Students must work the entire hour or will be dismissed. Any student dismissed from detention shall be subject to suspension.

(Morning detention may also be offered as an alternative. Morning detention begins at 6:30 AM.)

Behavior Clinic (Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 AM)

Behavior Clinic is an alternative to a suspension from school. Students will be required to perform "clean-up duties" (sweep, mop, pick up trash, etc.). Any student dismissed from clinic shall be subject to suspension.

Suspension

Short term suspensions will range from 1 – 3 days. Long term suspensions will be 4 or more days. The severity of the offense will determine the length of punishment at the discretion of the administrator. The student may not attend any school or LPPS events during the suspension.

Expulsion

Upon receiving the **THIRD** suspension, the student will be recommended for expulsion. If the offense is severe enough to warrant expulsion, at the discretion of the administration, the **THIRD** suspension rule will be waived and expulsion will be recommended immediately. The student may not attend any school or LPPS events during the expulsion.

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT ALL TEACHERS AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS ARE OBLIGED TO CARRY OUT ANY AND ALL POLICES OF THIS SCHOOL, AND THAT THE STUDENTS ARE OBLIGED TO TAKE INSTRUCTIONS FROM ALL FACULTY AND STAFF.

ANY STUDENT AND HIS/HER BELONGINGS (INCLUDING CELL PHONES AND THEIR CONTENTS) ARE SUBJECT TO BEING SEARCHED IF SCHOOL PERSONNEL HAVE REASONABLE SUSPICION OF ANY MATERIAL THAT MAY VIOLATE SCHOOL POLICY.

Grooming/Personal Appearance

1. Caps, hats, chains (including hanging from a wallet or pocket), headwear of any kind, ties (unless specifically permitted by the principal), headbands that detract from a professional setting (Animal ears, greater than 2", etc.), hair wraps, hair bonnets, bandanas or scarves as headbands, and non-prescribed glasses are not permitted, and will be confiscated. **Hoods are not to be worn on the head nor over the ears.**
2. Foundation garments must be worn.
3. Piercings, other than ears, are not permitted. Clear (concise stud only) pierce hole fillers are allowed for nose rings.

No other piercings of any kind are allowed. Female students may wear up to three earrings in each ear lobe. Male students may wear one small earring in each ear lobe which is no greater than one half-inch in any dimension. Gauges and spiked earrings are not allowed. Prohibited jewelry will be confiscated.

4. Pins, buttons, patches, decorations, slogans, symbols, tags, marks, or advertisements are not allowed unless approved by the administration. (Prohibited examples: beer, cigarettes, drugs, obscene suggestions, sexual connotations, political, etc.)
5. Jewelry, including earrings, worn during the school day should be of a size and dimension that is not a safety concern or distraction on campus. Students may wear a maximum of the following: (1) one thin necklace inside shirt (2) two bracelets per arm.
6. Hair must appear professional, clean, neat, and well-groomed at all times. It must be out of the student's eyes at all times. Hair length, as a whole, must be of a uniform length or must blend, fade, or taper. Stark contrasts in hair length (example: shaven sides with long hair on top) are not permitted. Extreme coloring and hairstyles are not acceptable. These items are prohibited: extreme or unnatural coloring, extreme styles, hair in rollers, excessive bows or beads, lines cut in the hair or eyebrows, and "Mohawk" style hair. Any headband worn (limit 1) must be appropriate and smaller than 2 inches in width. No other head coverings may be worn. Artificial hair (examples: wigs, weaves, hair extensions) is acceptable provided that it is a single natural coloration.
7. Students are permitted to maintain the following styles of facial hair:
 - **Clean-shaven**
 - **Mustache** –well trimmed, extend the entire length of the lip, may not extend below the corners of the mouth
 - **Goatee** – well trimmed, the cheeks, jawline, and neck must remain clean shaven
 - **Natural Beard** – neatly trimmed well above the jawline (no "chin strap" beards) and maintain a neatly groomed neckline, no portion of the beard may be exceptionally longer than the rest, the bulk/length of the beard may not be excessive

Students are to maintain a neat, clean, professional appearance at all times. At no time shall any student be in a perpetual state of attempting to grow facial hair. Any facial hair that gives the appearance of being unkempt (example: five o'clock shadow) is not permitted. Facial hair, if worn, must be of uniform length and distribution. Any grooming, sculpted lines, or styling resulting in an unnatural appearance is prohibited. Sideburns, unless part of a full beard, may not extend below the lobe of the ear.

9. Students in violation of any grooming rules are subject to disciplinary action. (Example: hair style, color, etc.) Students may be sent home unexcused until they are in compliance.
10. Extremes in hair styles, colors, or contrasting colors (examples: colored streaks, strands, or splotches, etc.) are not permitted. Hair in differently colored layers is not permitted (example: "peekaboo" highlights). Hair, as a whole, must be a natural coloration and be professional in appearance as defined by school administration.
11. Radical departures from conventional dress (including makeup, if worn) or personal grooming and hygiene standards are not permitted.
12. Students must be properly dressed and groomed at all school events, including dances. Revealing attire is unacceptable. For homecoming, prom, and casual dress day attire, refer to those sections in this handbook.
13. Students must follow the rules of appropriate dress as directed by the needs of special classes (examples: physical education, industrial arts, agriscience, chemistry, etc.) due to safety concerns.
14. Students must submit to reasonable dress code compliance checks by school personnel (example: verifying length of skirt/short, etc.)

Dress Code Guidelines

The School Board is permitted by state law to adopt dress codes mandating the use of school uniforms. The purpose of the *School Uniform Dress Code* shall be to provide additional opportunities for increased school safety; to encourage students to experience a greater sense of school identity and belonging; to encourage an improvement in student behavior; and to encourage a high level of program participation. All clothing must fit properly. Extremely loose or tight clothing is not acceptable.

BELTS. Belt required with clothing designed with belt loops, any color, no inappropriate logos or slogans. Belts are to be worn correctly and buckles are not to be excessive size or offensive in design. Studs and spikes are prohibited. Must be appropriate length for waist size.

COATS •Coat/jacket/sweater may be worn *as long as the uniform shirt collar is revealed*. •Coats/jacket/sweater must reach to the waist. •Trench coats are prohibited (including jackets longer than uniform bottom). •No shirt can be worn as a jacket •Jackets/Coats must have a lining. •Jackets/Coats must button, snap, zip in front from top to bottom.

Hoods may not be worn on the head nor over the ears while on campus.

JUMPERS • Jumpers **are not** allowed.

PULLOVERS OF ANY KIND • (Defined as sweaters, sweatshirt, vests: any garment which is pulled over the head and does not snap, button, or zip from top to bottom) • Solid color—Navy blue or white **or** Denham Springs High School pullover • Designs, emblems, insignias, monograms and logos are prohibited (except for school logo) • A pullover cannot be worn in place of a shirt nor be so large that it conceals a student's bottom garment • Turtlenecks are prohibited – Any non-compliant pullovers may be confiscated for the remainder of the day. **Students found to repeatedly violate this policy may have their pullover confiscated until a parent/guardian picks it up in the office.**

SKIRTS • Solid color—khaki • Cotton twill or cotton blend (no jean material) • Must be worn at waistline • Pleated, flat or A-line • Length of skirt or slit in skirt—top of knee or longer • Front and back pocket, uniform style, are acceptable.

SHIRT • Solid color: Navy blue or white • **All shirts must be tucked in** (not rolled up) at all times • Polo (golf-boxed, hemmed), two, three, or four buttons at top with collar (short or long sleeves) • Oxford/dress shirt—Properly buttoned (short or long sleeves) • Short sleeve shirt length must be at least half way between shoulder and elbow. • Undershirts and t-shirts, if worn, must be plain white, grey, or black in color and can only be worn underneath the standard uniform shirt. • Short sleeves may not be worn over long sleeves.

*AP shirts may be worn on Thursday, and in-season sport shirts on Friday only.

SHOES • Must tie, buckle, or Velcro • Must be properly tied if applicable • Closed toe and closed-heel shoes mandatory (tennis shoes, dress shoes, casual shoes, slip-on shoes). • Pants may not be tucked into boots • Long pants must be worn with boots. • Moccasin/slipper style/croc-style/slides shoes are not allowed at any time including Casual Dress. Footwear shall not extend above the knee.

SHORTS/SKORTS • Length—Top of knee (top of kneecap) to four inches above knee • Length cannot be below knees • Solid color—khaki • Style must be cotton twill or cotton blend (no jean material) • No pockets on pants leg—Pleated, flat, or A-line • No flaps on pockets • No patch pockets • Shorts must have belt loop and belt • Can be cuffed or uncuffed • Above criteria applies to skorts as well. • Appropriate fit: not too loose, not too tight; no sagging • Skorts (skirt-look in the front/short-look in back) must be visible and of regulation length • Skorts with belt loop require a belt • Pleated, flat or A-line • Must be worn at the waistline. • No "biker-type" shorts (tight fitting to the knee) • No capri style pants. • No "skinny" type shorts or skirts or "jeggings" material.

SOCKS • If worn, socks may not have any inappropriate or offensive wording or images. Socks above the knee are prohibited.

TIGHTS/LEGGINGS • solid color black, gray, navy blue, white, or skin tone (may only be worn under skirts/dresses.) Designs, insignias, monograms and logos are prohibited. Extreme, distracting, or unprofessional styles of socks, hose, or tights are prohibited.

SLACKS • Solid color—khaki—Cotton twill or cotton blend (no jean material) • Appropriate fit: not too loose, not too tight; no sagging • Must be worn at waistline • Straight legs—no slits in hem • No elastic or gathering at ankles • Must be hemmed and length may not exceed top of shoe • No pockets on lower leg • No flaps on pockets • No patch pockets • Pleated or flat front • Must have belt loops and belt • Cropped, stirrup, parachute, wind, stretch/warm-up, jogger, and jean style (with rivets, brads) are prohibited • Cargo type garments are prohibited. • No capri style pants may be worn. • No "skinny" style pants or "jeggings" material.

Any clothing, hair style, makeup or jewelry that is considered a distraction, a safety issue, or interferes with any student's performance is prohibited. Per LPPS Policy, the principal shall make the final decision as to what is considered proper attire and appearance.

A list of approved uniform vendors and a sample uniform display is available in the main office and on the LPPS website.

CASUAL DRESS GUIDELINES: Periodically students will have the opportunity to participate in a “casual or free dress” day. Students must adhere to the following guidelines. Failure to do so will result in the student being required to change into school uniform and will result in a loss of “casual/free dress” privileges for the remainder of the semester/school year.

BOTTOMS:	TOPS:
-Jeans (NO holes above knees)	-Shirts with sleeves
-Sweatpants	-NO crop tops
-Pajama pants	-NO low cut
-Uniform bottoms	-NOTHING revealing
-NO SHORTS other than Uniform bottoms	-Uniform shirt

****STUDENTS NOT IN COMPLIANCE MUST CALL HOME TO HAVE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BROUGHT TO CAMPUS. STUDENTS CAN'T RETURN TO CLASS UNTIL DRESS CODE COMPLIANT!**

***NON-COMPLIANT 1ST TIME WILL RESULT IN A DETENTION. 2ND OFFENSE WILL RESULT IN NO MORE CASUAL/FREE DRESS OPPORTUNITIES.**

Attendance Requirements

Louisiana state policy states that students must be in attendance 167 out of 177 days during the school year. **Therefore, a student will only be able to miss 5 unexcused days of school per semester. Excused absences are subtracted from PowerSchool attendance.** Examples of excused absences are: ▪Doctor's Excuse for illness ▪Court appearance ▪Death in immediate family (Obituary) ▪College Visit (2 per school year)

We will only accept excuses up to 2 weeks after the student has been absent. Also, there must be NO alterations on the excuse to be accepted. Any alteration or false creation of an excuse will result in a suspension.

To clarify high school absences, please note that our absences are by individual class periods not by the full day. For example, if a student misses 6 unexcused days in first period and only 5 unexcused days third, fifth, and seventh periods, they will be no credit for the first period class period.

At 6 unexcused absences, you will be placed on the NO CREDIT list. If you are on this list, you can't participate in clubs, field trips, or dances.

At 6 unexcused absences, you will **not receive credit** for the particular class with those 6 unexcused absences.

At 6 unexcused absences, you will be referred to FINS (Families in Need of Services) for truancy.

*****ATTENDANCE FOR ATHLETICS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR/CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS: MUST BE AT SCHOOL IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN PRACTICE/EVENTS/GAMES/ETC.**

If you have missed 5 or more unexcused days of school and/or not paid your student activity fee, then you may not attend or participate in club meetings, field trips, competitions, Homecoming or Prom.

Perfect Attendance

Students must be present for school all day, every day. Students cannot participate in Early Release after exams if they are trying to get perfect attendance. Any school-related absences are acceptable and not counted against a student trying to get perfect attendance. Contact shana.white@lpsb.org for more information.

Regulations for Absences, Tardies, Check-Ins and Check-Outs

Once a student arrives on campus and must leave due to an emergency, he/she must follow the check-in/check-out procedures below:

1. **Students may only be checked out by their legal guardian or designee whose name appears on the student's PowerSchool contact list.**
2. Student will fill out the check-out clipboard in the office and return to class.
3. An office worker or secretary is permitted to call **only** the parent or guardian listed on the PowerSchool contact list.
4. Parents/Guardians must pick up the student at the office, unless the student drives.
5. If a student drives to school, a parent/guardian can call the school to check their student out.
6. **In order for a student to return to school the same day, he/she must have a subtractable excuse (ex: excuse from doctor's office, court, or funeral home).**
7. Attendance will be taken immediately after the tardy bell rings each class period.
8. Any student who arrives to class after the tardy bell begins to ring may enter only with a verified note excusing the tardiness from the office or other authorized school personnel. All unexcused check-ins and tardies will be handled by the office. Students returning more than 4 minutes after the end of lunch will be marked as tardy.
9. **All students tardy for the 1st block of the day are sent to the office. The student will return to class with a tardy slip from the office. Teachers need to email the DSHS Tardy email group for any students who are tardy AFTER the 1st block of the day.** Students with excessive tardies will be disciplined.
10. When a student comes to school after missing half of any class period, he/she is considered absent for that class.
11. If a student is called to the office for tardies or other disciplinary reasons, the time missed from class may be unexcused.
12. Students have one day after returning to school for every day absent to make up work.

Homework during Absence

Students who are absent must check Google Classroom for any missed work.

Homebound Policy

Students requiring homebound services must pick up a homebound packet from the guidance office. All assignments will be posted in Google Classroom. Any documents sent home must be returned within a week of being picked up. Certain classes are not available for homebound students. Students may not be employed while receiving homebound services and may not attend **any** school functions. In order to participate in graduation, homebound seniors must return to school the week before final exams. **Students are prohibited from participating in extracurricular events while receiving homebound services (dances, field trips, etc.)**

Spring Testing/College Visits

Spring testing and official college visits will be subtractable absences and must have prior approval from the Attendance Office. **Only 2 visits per year will be excused absences.**

Guidance Department

Phone #: 225-665-8865/Fax #: 225-665-4082

Counselors are available to meet and counsel students at DSHS to help them during their high school career. A student may schedule a conference with his/her counselor for any number of reasons. **Students must make appointments with a specific school counselor through the DSHS school app under "FORMS." Student then click on "GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT" folder, then click on "SCHOOL COUNSELOR APPOINTMENTS." IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY, SEE GUIDANCE IMMEDIATELY AND DON'T GO THROUGH THE APP.** These areas may include vocational and career counseling, college and scholarship consulting, testing, written recommendations and references and personal problems. Strict confidentiality is maintained except when there is imminent personal danger. A counselor is always available for consultation and guidance, **BUT THE FINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEETING GRADUATION AND TOPS REQUIREMENTS RESTS WITH THE STUDENT AND PARENTS.**

Curriculum

In order for Denham Springs High School to provide you with the best possible education, you must take the responsibility of choosing courses that will help you achieve your goals. In accordance with state requirements, each student must complete and have on file an IGP that is reviewed annually. In choosing your courses, keep in mind that you need to be striving for the following: 1. Courses which prepare you for a particular career, college, or other advanced training; 2. Courses required for TOPS or JUMPSTART diploma; 3. Courses which allow you to develop or expand areas that are of particular interest to you; 4. Courses to provide opportunities such as AP, DE, or advanced credentials. **You are not allowed to change teachers or courses once schedules are issued.**

Early Release

All senior class members of the current graduating class must schedule 8 classes and will not be released early unless they are enrolled in a school-work program. Call the Guidance Office for more information.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parents/Guardians may request a personal or phone conference with a student's teacher by calling the Guidance Office to set up an appointment. **All parent/teacher conferences are at 7 AM.** The reason for the conference must be stated and conferences are scheduled as quickly as possible. If a parent/guardian/ teacher must cancel, the Guidance Office should be notified. Parents may also contact teachers via email through the school website.

Enrollment/Transfers (ALL ENROLLMENTS/TRANSFERS MUST BE DONE THROUGH NORTH CAMPUS GUIDANCE OFFICE)

According to Livingston Parish School Board Policy, new enrollees must prove residence in our school district. **A copy of a current electric bill plus any three of the following documents must be provided to Guidance in order to enroll:**

- A Livingston Parish current homestead exemption notification
- A certified copy of the Act of Sale for home not land
- An original lease agreement/rental contract
- An original, current driver's license or Dept. of Motor Vehicle ID with current address
- An original, current water bill indicating address (a deposit receipt is not acceptable)
- An original, current cable, waste, or home alarm bill
- A Livingston Parish food stamp verification form with current address
- IRS statement indicating current address -no financial information needed
- Voter registration with current address
- All books/laptops/chargers must be returned, locker emptied, and debts cleared before any records are released to another school.

***ONLINE ENROLLMENTS:**

- **NEW STUDENT: WWW.LPSB.ORG – PARENT RESOURCES – REGISTRATION INFORMATION**
- **RETURNING STUDENT: EMAIL SENT WITH LINK TO UPDATE INFORMATION**

ACT Testing Information

Denham Springs High School is an ACT testing site. It is the student's responsibility to sign up for the ACT online by going to myact.org and creating a profile. Check in the guidance office for test dates, registration information, etc.

TOPS Scholarship Information

TOPS (Taylor Opportunity Program for Students) is a program of state scholarships for Louisiana residents who attend either one of the Louisiana Public Colleges and Universities, schools that are a part of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, Louisiana approved Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools or institutions that are a part of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

TOPS Opportunity Award

The TOPS Opportunity Award pays for tuition and certain fees at any of the Louisiana Public Colleges and Universities. If a student attends a college within the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the award amount will be the **weighted average** tuition of public-degree granting schools.

Standards Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum TOPS Core Curriculum GPA of 2.50 (GPA computed on TOPS Core Curriculum courses only)
- Completion of the 19.0 Core Units of the TOPS Core Curriculum
- Minimum ACT Score (or SAT Equivalent) of the prior year state average but never less than a 20 (Click here for the LOSFA ACT and SAT codes needed to be added to your test registrations)
- Must enroll full time as a first-time freshman, by the first semester following the first anniversary of high school graduation
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Meet TOPS Louisiana residency requirements

TOPS Performance Award

The TOPS Performance Award pays for tuition and certain fees at any of the Louisiana Public Colleges and Universities plus an annual stipend of \$400. If a student attends a college within the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the award amount will be the **weighted average** tuition of public-degree granting schools plus the annual stipend of \$400.

Standards Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum TOPS Core Curriculum GPA of 3.25 (GPA computed on TOPS core courses only)
- Increases to 3.25 TOPS Core Curriculum GPA beginning with the graduating class of 2023
- Completion of the 19.0 Core Units of the TOPS Core Curriculum
- Minimum ACT Score (or SAT Equivalent) of 23 (Click here for the LOSFA ACT and SAT codes needed to be added to your test registrations)
- Must enroll full time as a first-time freshman, by the first semester following the first anniversary of high school graduation
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Meet TOPS Louisiana Residency requirements

TOPS Honors Award

The TOPS Honors Award pays for tuition and certain fees at any of the Louisiana Public Colleges and Universities plus an annual stipend of \$800. If a student attends a college within the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the award amount will be the **weighted average** tuition of public-degree granting schools plus the annual stipend of \$800.

Standards Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum High School GPA of 3.5 (GPA computed on core courses only)
- 19.0 Core Units
- Minimum ACT Score (or SAT Equivalent) of 27
- Must enroll full time as a first time freshman, by the first semester following the first anniversary of high school graduation
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Meet TOPS Louisiana Residency requirements

TOPS Tech Award

The TOPS Tech Award pays for tuition for skill or occupational training at any schools within the Louisiana Community and technical College System, Louisiana approved Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools or Louisiana Public Colleges and Universities that do not offer a baccalaureate degree. If a student pursues skill or occupational training at a college within the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities or one within the Louisiana Public Colleges and Universities that offer baccalaureate degrees the award amount will be the average award paid to students attending public institutions that do not offer a baccalaureate degree.

Standards Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum TOPS Core Curriculum GPA of 2.50 (GPA computed on TOPS Core Curriculum courses only)
- 21 units that comprise the TOPS Tech JumpStart Core Curriculum
- Students may also qualify for the TOPS Tech Award by completing the 19 units that comprise the TOPS Core Curriculum for the Opportunity, Performance and Honors Awards
- Minimum ACT Score (or SAT Equivalent) of 17 or the Silver level score on ACT WorkKeys (Click here for the LOSFA ACT and SAT codes needed to be added to your test registrations)
- Must enroll full time as a first-time freshman, by the first semester following the first anniversary of high school graduation
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Meet TOPS Louisiana Residency requirements

For a list of approved Louisiana Colleges, Universities, Proprietary, and Cosmetology Schools visit www.osfa.la.gov.

Graduation Ceremony Guidelines

Copy of the Graduation Guidelines Letter

Dear potential graduate and your parent(s)/guardian(s),

We expect and demand that our graduation ceremony be a dignified event. We have certain expectations of the graduates. Anything that will take away from the dignity of this ceremony will not be allowed.

Graduates are required to arrive at the graduation ceremony at 11:00 AM. Any graduate who arrives after 12:15 PM will not be allowed entry or participation in the graduation ceremony.

If a graduate has a cell phone or any other electronic device, it will be confiscated and placed in the graduate's envelope that is given to them at the end of graduation.

If a graduate has any other prohibited item (sunglasses, prohibited jewelry of any kind including piercings other than the earlobes, prohibited cords or stoles), it will be confiscated and disposed of.

If a graduate is caught with a prohibited item (vapes, tobacco products, controlled substances, etc.), they will be dismissed from the graduation ceremony immediately.

If a graduate arrives to the ceremony without the proper attire or hair color, they will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.

During the ceremony, if your child does anything that disrupts, or in any way does something to take away from the dignity of the ceremony, your child will be taken from the group and escorted out of the ceremony, where their gown will be confiscated, and they will be escorted off the premises without receiving a diploma.

We are responsible for your child's education. You, as parents, are responsible for your child's behavior.

After the ceremony, your graduate will return his/her gown in order to receive their official diploma. They will then meet you outside of the University Center.

Your student is required to attend a MANDATORY practice at SLU's University Center (unless taking an AP Exam). Please make sure your student is present for this practice, or your student will not participate in the graduation ceremony.

This letter must be signed by the graduate and parent/guardian and returned at graduation practice at SLU. Failure to return this form before practice will prevent your child from walking in the ceremony.

DRESS FOR COMMENCEMENT

*****Graduates may NOT decorate cap!!!**

BOYS

- Button down dress shirt with tie; **NO BOW TIES!!**
- Slacks; no jeans
- Dress shoes/boots (NO sneakers)

GIRLS

- Outfit that does not extend above or below the gown
- Dress shoes (NO sneakers)
- ONLY small necklaces

NO NOSE RINGS (Clear Studs ONLY)
NO SUNGLASSES
NO "IN MEMORY OF" PINS/NECKLACES
NO CORDS OR STOLES OTHER THAN THE ONES ISSUED BY DSHS

Attendance at both the Graduation meeting and practice is *required* in order to participate in the Graduation ceremony. The Senior meeting is held on DSHS campus, and the SLU practice is held at the SLU University Center or on DSHS campus. Dates and times will be given during the Spring Semester.

SENIORS WITH 7 OR MORE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES 2ND SEMESTER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY BUT WILL BE ABLE TO PICK UP THEIR DIPLOMA THE DAY AFTER GRADUATION.

School Elections

Class Officers

Nominations for Class officers shall consist of each of the following:

- A copy of the student's most recent interim report showing at least a 3.0 GPA
- One teacher recommendation
- A clear discipline record

ONE SUSPENSION WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC LOSS OF OFFICE ON ANY AND ALL LEVELS.

Homecoming Court

Two weeks before Homecoming, all students will be eligible to nominate one female from their class (9, 10, 11, and 12) as a representative on the court. The nominees will be those who receive the highest number of nominations from each class. The Homecoming Court will consist of 15 girls. Students will vote as follows for court members from their class: Seniors: 6 maids; Juniors: 4 maids, Sophomores: 3 maids, and Freshmen: 2 maids. The Senior with the most votes will be crowned Homecoming Queen. **NO CAMPAIGNING FOR HOMECOMING COURT (POSTERS, TREATS, AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS). CAMPAIGNING WILL IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFY YOU FROM BEING ON THE HOMECOMING COURT.**

Extra-Curricular Activities and Timelines

School Events

Homecoming Dance.....	October 3, 2026
Fall Semester Finals.....	December 15 – December 17, 2026
Mardi Gras Ball.....	January 30, 2027
Jr/Sr Prom	April 17, 2027
Stinging Seniors Banquet.....	April 19, 2027
Jumpstart Banquet	April 26, 2027
Proficiency Exams.....	May 13 – May 14, 2027
Senior Graduation Meeting *	May 14, 2027 – Hornsby Gym
Graduation Practice*	May 14, 2027 – Hornsby Gym DSHS Campus
Graduation**	May 16, 2027 – SLU University Center (Hammond)
Junior Ring Ceremony.....	May 18, 2027
Final Tests.....	May 20– May 21, 2027

***Mandatory attendance!**

****It is the student's responsibility to order a cap and gown for graduation during the spring semester. If you miss the deadline, contact Herff Jones, Inc. to order at 225-667-4466.**

Dances

If you have missed 6 or more unexcused days of school and/or not paid your student school fee, then you may not attend or participate in club meetings, field trips, competitions, or dances.

Homecoming Dance Guidelines

Saturday, October 3rd, 8:00—10:30 PM at Hornsby Gym, Denham Springs High School

This is a DSHS Homecoming, sponsored by DSHS. ALL DSHS school rules and Livingston Parish School Board policies will apply with the exception of those stated below. DSHS students will be required to show their ID and ticket at the door. Students and parent must sign this permission slip and return it to DSHS before a ticket may be purchased. **STUDENT AND GUEST, WHETHER THE GUEST IS A DSHS STUDENT OR NOT, MUST ABIDE BY ALL RULES. ANYONE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WILL NOT BE ADMITTED OR WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE WITHOUT ANY REFUND. ALL SCHOOL GROOMING RULES APPLY FOR BOTH STUDENT AND GUEST. Guests must not be over 20.**

Dress Guidelines:

Boys: The Homecoming Dance is a sporty event. It is not formal or even semi-formal. Dress slacks should be worn. Dress jeans (no holes) will be acceptable. A dress shirt is required with a tie being optional. All school grooming rules apply for both students and guests.

Girls: The Homecoming Dance is a sporty event. It is not formal or even semi-formal. Dresses should be appropriate in style and length. Hair style and coloring must be in compliance with school rules.

***The only acceptable pierced body parts are the ear lobes of females and males.

Dancing: Obscene (offensive to accepted standards of decency or modesty) dancing will not be allowed. (Example: "dirty" dancing).

Tickets will be on sale the week prior to the dance. Listen to the announcements or check the school app for details.

Mardi Gras Ball Guidelines

If you have missed 6 or more unexcused days of school and/or not paid your student activity fee, then you may not attend or participate in club meetings, field trips, competitions, or dances.

Saturday, January 30, 2027, 8:00 – 10:30 PM, Hornsby Gym DSHS Campus

This is a Denham Springs High School dance, sponsored by Denham Springs High School. ALL DSHS school rules and Livingston Parish School Board policies will apply with the exception of those stated below. DSHS students will be required to show their ticket at the door. Students and parent must sign this permission slip and return it to DSHS before a ticket may be purchased. **STUDENT AND GUEST, WHETHER THE GUEST IS A DSHS STUDENT OR NOT, MUST ABIDE BY ALL RULES. ANYONE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WILL NOT BE ADMITTED OR WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE WITHOUT ANY REFUND. ALL SCHOOL GROOMING RULES APPLY FOR BOTH STUDENT AND GUEST. Guests must not be over 20.**

Dress Guidelines:

Boys: The ball is a formal dance. Coat and tie are required. Jeans will not be allowed. All school grooming rules apply for both students and guests.

Girls: The ball is a formal dance. Formal dresses are required. Dresses should be appropriate in style and length. Hairstyle and coloring must be in compliance with school rules.

***The only acceptable pierced body parts are the ear lobes of females and males.

Dancing: Obscene (offensive to accepted standards of decency or modesty) dancing will not be allowed. (Example: "dirty" dancing).

Tickets will be on sale the week prior to the dance. Listen to the announcements or check the school app for details.

Junior/Senior Prom Guidelines

If you have missed 6 or more unexcused days of school and/or not paid your student activity fee, then you may not attend or participate in club meetings, field trips, competitions, or dances.

Saturday, April 17, 2027, 8:00 – 10:30 PM, Hornsby Gym DSHS Campus

This is a Denham Springs High School Prom, sponsored by Denham Springs High School. ALL DSHS school rules and Livingston Parish School Board policies will apply with the exception of those stated below. DSHS students will be required to show their ticket at the door. Students and parent must sign this permission slip and return it to DSHS before a ticket may be purchased. **STUDENT AND GUEST, WHETHER THE GUEST IS A DSHS STUDENT OR NOT, MUST ABIDE BY ALL RULES. ANYONE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WILL NOT BE ADMITTED OR WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE WITHOUT ANY REFUND. ALL SCHOOL GROOMING RULES APPLY FOR BOTH STUDENT AND GUEST. Guests must not be over 20.**

Dress Guidelines:

Boys: The prom is a formal dance. Coat and tie are required. Jeans will not be allowed. All school grooming rules apply for both students and guests.

Girls: The prom is a formal dance. Formal dresses are required. Dresses should be appropriate in style and length. Hairstyle and coloring must be in compliance with school rules.

***The only acceptable pierced body parts are the ear lobes of females and males.

Dancing: Obscene (offensive to accepted standards of decency or modesty) dancing will not be allowed. (Example: "dirty" dancing).

Tickets will be on sale the week prior to the dance. Listen to the announcements or check the school app for details.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Club Schedule

Co-curricular clubs are grouped and meet twice a semester on a rotating basis on the Activity schedule.

If you have missed 6 or more unexcused days of school and/or not paid your student activity fee, then you may not attend or participate in club meetings, field trips, competitions, or dances.

DSHS Clubs and Sponsors:

4-H Club - Manotas

Anchor – TBA

Art National Honor Society – Starkey

BETA – Schmidt

DECA – TBA

Drama Club – Pigott

Educator's Rising Club – Guidry & Russell

FBLA – Thomasson

FCA – Russell, Walding, Taylor

FFA – Page & Broussard

HOLA Club – M.Williams

Jackets in STEM – Haser

JADD - Donze, Richard, S.Williams, Goudeau

Key Club – Jacobsen

Library – Scanlan, Burroughs, Howze

Mu Alpha Theta – Halphen & Matherne

National Honor Society – Thornton

RAD – Starkey

Reach Club - Guidry, Walding, Shepherd, Lathrop

STEM Sharks – Descant, H. Williams

Athletics

Head Coaches

Athletic Director-Brett Beard

Baseball-Craig Castello

Boys Basketball-Kevin Caballero

Girls Basketball-Rudy Smith

Bowling-TBA

Cross Country-Cortney Haser

Football-Brett Beard

Golf-Tyler McGrew

Fishing-Daniel Suydam

Powerlifting-Joseph Ryan

Boys Soccer-Sean LeBlanc

Girls Soccer-Jeffrey Klug

Softball-Amanda Decell

Swimming-Margot May

Tennis-Caleb Richard

Track and Field-Jeuri Silk

Volleyball-Faith Jackson

Athletic Eligibility

Student-athletes must have earned at least 6 credits the preceding year, must have a 1.5 GPA for the previous semester or year, must be covered by sufficient insurance, have a signed parental consent form, and must have a physical exam. All LHSAA rules will apply. Visit www.lhsaa.org for more information.

Conduct at Athletic Events

Any student/fan who demonstrates unsportsmanlike conduct at any extra-curricular activity will be disciplined and banned from all activities. This includes but is not limited to derogatory comments, and profanity or gestures directed to the opponent's team, fans, officials, or support groups such as cheerleaders, dance groups. For further information, contact the Athletic Director.

LPPS Acceptable Use Guidelines for Digital Resources

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and our commitment to safe, responsible, and productive technology use, our district has adopted policies to protect students and promote a positive digital environment. These policies, including IFBGA Computer Access and Use, JCDAF Bullying, Cyberbullying, and Intimidation, along with others, are available for review at each school and district administrative office.

Guidelines for Acceptable Use of Internet and Digital Resources

Our district strives to foster digital citizenship and support a safe, productive environment in today's digital landscape. Responsible use of technology includes the following guidelines:

1. Protection from Inappropriate Content

Access to inappropriate material is restricted to protect all users.

2. Restricted Communication Platforms

Unauthorized use of personal email, direct messaging, external chat services, or social media by students is prohibited to maintain safety and focus on learning.

3. Positive Digital Behavior

Any form of cyberbullying, harassment, or intimidation is strictly prohibited.

4. Personal Privacy

Students and staff should not share personal or sensitive information online.

5. Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI tools can enhance learning and productivity but must be used ethically. Misuse, including using AI to cheat, plagiarize, or access unauthorized resources, is prohibited. All work must reflect the student's understanding and effort, and AI tools should support—not replace—learning.

6. Digital Literacy and Productivity

Users are encouraged to utilize digital tools for productivity, organization, and collaboration in ways that enhance learning and creativity. All tools should be used with respect for copyright and intellectual property rights.

7. Prohibited Activities

The following activities are considered inappropriate and are not allowed:

- Hacking & Unauthorized Access: Tampering with systems, attempting unauthorized access, or any form of unauthorized system penetration is strictly prohibited.
- Password Security: Users must not share passwords or attempt to bypass security measures.
- Respectful Communication: In all forms of digital communication, language should remain respectful and appropriate.
- Privacy of Files: Accessing or modifying others' files, folders, cloud storage, email addresses or data without permission is forbidden.
- Respecting Digital Tools and Equipment: Users must not damage or tamper with district hardware, software, or network resources.
- Bypassing Security Measures: Use of tools such as Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) or other circumvention software to bypass district security settings, firewalls, or content filters is strictly prohibited.
- Copyright and Legal Compliance: All users must respect copyright laws, avoiding unauthorized distribution of content.
- Restricted Social Networking and Chat Room Interactions: Use of personal social media, online forums, or chat rooms is prohibited without district permission.
- Virus and Malware Protection: Users must not knowingly spread viruses or malicious software.
- Restricted Use for Personal, Commercial, or Violent Purposes: District resources, network, and district accounts must not be used for personal financial gain, commercial purposes, or any form of violent or illegal activity.
- Mobile Devices: Louisiana State Law, Senate Bill 207 (2024) prohibits the use of cellphones. "no students shall possess, on his person, an electronic telecommunication device throughout the instructional day. If a student brings an electronic telecommunication device in any public elementary or secondary school building or on the grounds thereof during an instructional day, the electronic device shall either be turned off and properly stowed away for the duration of the instructional day or prohibited from being turned on and used during the instructional day."
- Student Use of Devices: Users must not use devices to record, transmit, or post images, sound, or video of people unless authorized by teachers or administrators. Student devices with cameras and video capability shall not be used to infringe upon the privacy of others.

Consequences for Policy Violations

Any violations of these guidelines, applicable state and federal laws, or district policies may result in loss of network privileges, disciplinary action, and legal action/criminal prosecution.

Implementation and Enforcement

To ensure compliance and protect our students, the following procedures are in place:

1. Staff Training

LPPS will review CIPA and Acceptable Use policies with staff. Staff members will sign an acknowledgment form to confirm their understanding and acceptance of these responsibilities.

2. Student Education

Teachers will review Acceptable Use guidelines with students. Students in grade 3 and above are required to sign a statement acknowledging their understanding and commitment to responsible digital use.

3. Content Filtering and Monitoring

The district employs advanced filtering software to block inappropriate content. Monitoring systems help ensure safe use, and district staff review reports regularly to maintain compliance.

4. Digital Privacy and Parental Consent

Parents give permission for the use of approved digital tools and curriculum unless specific request to deny through the school is made. All student photos on school websites will be unidentified unless parental permission is granted.

Parents may also opt to:

- Deny their child internet access.
- Deny permission for their child's work to be published on school websites.
- Deny permission for their child's unidentified photos to appear on school websites.

These guidelines uphold our commitment to a safe, productive, and ethical digital environment where students learn to navigate technology responsibly.

For access to the full version of LPPS Policy IFBGA: Student Computer Access and Use, visit bit.ly/IFBGA
LPPS Internet Safety, Digital Citizenship, and Cybersecurity information can be found at bit.ly/LPPSsafety

Fostering a Culture of Achievement

Action Plan

