

JULY

Newsletter



Make it Personal.

At Denver Online High School, we have students who are traveling across the globe; pursuing dance, hockey, soccer, skiing, and other sports; working, volunteering, or completing internships; overcoming health obstacles; modeling; raising families; getting a head start in college; and more. Each student's path is perfectly unique, and we want to help students capitalize on those strengths, passions, and experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. During summer break, we challenge you to live the Denver Online [DO MORE motto](#) and meditate on how we can help you build an educational plan that reflects your biggest aspirations. How can we help build your personal interests into school projects, volunteer events, speaker series, and other school activities? We are excited to help make this next 2017-18 school year one that is memorable and personal!

Student Highlight: Abbey McWhirter

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Competitive dancer, Abbey McWhirter, gave her English class final project a personal touch by opting to choreograph a dance showcasing the evolution of Juliet from Romeo and Juliet. [WATCH her dance interpretation of Romeo and Juliet here.](#) [See her full student highlight story here.](#)

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program. highlight.



[WATCH the DPS Features Video HERE.](#) [See the full story here.](#)

Denver Online High School's Service Learning Program with Children's Hospital Colorado was recently highlighted by Denver Public School District.

Students work together in teams during Connection Days to design and organize service projects to then lead out at the hospital. While some teams create gifts to give to inpatients, others lead activities for patients in the lobby to help kids have some fun while they hang out in the hospital. This last year,

Denver Online had seven teams of students, serving on three different days at the hospital. It's always such a fantastic time that means just as much to us as it does to the families we are able to impact.

Enrollment highlight: *DOHS* Informational Session

The screenshot shows a YouTube video player with a presentation slide titled "GENERAL INFORMATION". The slide content is as follows:

- Part of Denver Public School District
- Currently rated as Meeting Expectations using the DPS alternative framework
 - Student Achievement – Exceeding Expectations
 - Post-secondary Readiness – Exceeding Expectations
 - Student Engagement and Satisfaction – Meeting Expectations
- Both online and blended learning courses available
 - Courses recognized by in-state universities and out-of-state universities
 - Courses taught by real teachers, available by phone, text, email, Zoom video conferencing, and in-person
 - Credits accepted by NCAA
- Student Requirements:
 - Maintain Colorado residency
 - Not yet 23 at start of school year
 - Have their own computer and internet

The video player interface includes a search bar with "denver online high school", a video player with a progress bar at 1:48 / 53:59, and a channel name "Denver Online High School, Denver Public Schools" with a "Subscribe" button and "22" subscribers. The video has "4 views".

Know someone who would like to learn more about Denver Online High School? [Send them this link for the recorded version](#) or invite them to attend one of our [live Virtual Information Sessions](#) happening throughout the summer!

-Principal Corner-

And . . . just like that . . . the summer starts to wrap up! Hopefully all of our students, staff, and families are enjoying the final few weeks of the vacation. Hopefully you have had some time to spend relaxing and enjoying time with friends and family. Perhaps you took a great vacation . . . maybe it was a stay-cation. Either way, time away is time to rejuvenate and think about what comes next.

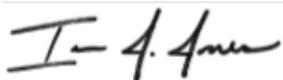
As we move into next year, you'll notice a few things that are different. First, our learning center is undergoing a major facelift as part of the Innovative Classrooms Bond passed by Denver voters in fall 2016. Our goal, as part of this bond, was to brighten our space to match the vibrancy of our community and to provide our students and staff with additional space to collaborate. To those ends, we've added a fresh coat of paint to the walls, some comfortable

work spaces and electricity in the halls, a new conference/Zoom room, and at least one filtered water bottle filling station (coming soon)! Our hope is that we continue to build an inviting, stimulating, and comfortable space where students want to come to engage in school. We hope you like the changes!

In addition to physical space changes, we've also added a few new faces to our instructional team. This year, we're expanding the level of academic support that we provide to our students who are struggling with the addition of two Interventionist positions, one for Literacy, one for Math. Ms. Jennifer White, current English teacher at Denver Online, will be serving as a part-time literacy interventionist and new staff member, Martha MacCormack, will be teaching math and serving part-time as a math interventionist. Our hope is that students who find themselves with academic gaps or who are struggling in their courses can get the help they need to be successful. In addition to these folks, we have also brought on two new faces to the English department, Mr. Jay Livsey (formerly our PE teacher) and Ms. Rosanne Valentine. Mr. Gilberto Palomino and Ms. Jessica Glynn will be serving as teacher leaders this year, in addition to their teaching responsibilities. This means they will be helping to coach other teachers and ensure that we are meeting our goals for instruction and support of students! A big welcome is in order to our new teachers and congratulations to our existing staff members who are taking on new responsibilities!

While there are a few changes, most things remain the same! The building is still open from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday and all students are encouraged to come by as much as possible! We still rely on the power of our families as the best testimony for prospective students - please be sure to share our Facebook posts with anyone who is interested! We will still have our Back-to-School BBQ with the world's greatest grill masters on August 24! Our courses are still rigorous, supportive, and highly interactive! We are always improving the quality of Connection Days (and most other school structures) based on the feedback from our students! We are always looking for student-driven club/organization ideas! We still have the most amazing school community because of our amazing staff and students! We're still looking forward to seeing you when school starts!

We have an exciting year planned for 2017-18 and the staff and I are anxious to get it started with you! It is a privilege to be the principal of such a vibrant and positive community. Thank you to all of our students, teachers, staff, parents, and partners for your continued contributions and support in the new year! I look forward to seeing everyone return in August! Please enjoy the remainder of your summer! See you soon!



Latest News ...

Summer School

Denver Online hosted Summer School for current full-time students to catch up on credits. Courses ran from June 5th to July 10th with students passing a cumulative of 65 courses over the summer school term. Great job to all the students who put in the work to make it happen!

2017 Graduation



Our 2017 DOHS Graduation was a special one! Fifty-six students graduated this year, taking the stage in a special night of celebration. We even had two students who got to grace the stage virtually! If you missed it and wanted to check it out, [please find a video of the entire graduation ceremony here](#) on our YouTube channel. You can also [find all the pictures from the evening on our facebook page](#) under the "2017 DOHS Graduation" folder.

Virtual Information Sessions Happening Throughout Summer



Enrollment is open for new students wishing to enroll at Denver Online High School this upcoming 2017-18 academic school year. Do you know a friend that may want to come to Denver Online High School this next year? If so, invite them to attend one of our upcoming [Virtual Information Sessions](#) that will take place for the next couple months. These sessions will cover

enrollment options, the enrollment process, what a successful online/blended learning student looks like, and more. Attendees are encouraged to bring any questions they may have to these virtual Zoom sessions. [Please see all of the upcoming session days/times on our school calendar.](#)

Upcoming Events

[See Full Calendar Here](#)

Virtual Information Sessions for Potential New Students

- **What:** These are informational meetings (using Zoom video conferencing system) for all individuals interested in Denver Online High School. A Denver Online HS rep will lead a presentation about Denver Online, including enrollment options, what is expected of students and parents, what the learning management system looks like, extra credit-earning opportunities such as tuition-free college courses, and more. Participants will also be able to ask any questions they have about the school. Zoom is very easy to use and simply requires participants to click the link provided below at the time of the meeting using a computer, ipad/tablet, or smart phone.
- **When:** These sessions will be occurring over the next couple of months during enrollment season. The next one will be held on Tuesday, July 25th at 6:30pm. Please click the link below at 6:30pm to be launched into the virtual meeting room. [Find all dates/times for upcoming information sessions on our school calendar.](#)
- **Where:** Click the following link at the time of the meeting: <https://dponline.zoom.us/my/denveronlinehs>

Returning Student Course Schedule Creation

- **What:** These meetings are for students who would like to have input in their course schedule for 1st semester of the 2017-18 school year. If a student does not schedule an appointment or fails to show up to the appointment, the advisor will simply make the student's schedule without the student's input. Please try to schedule your appointment with your advisor (however, if your advisor is not available at your preferred time, feel free to schedule with either one of the advisors). Advisor assignments for next year are:
 - Casey Burton
 - Incoming 9th graders
 - 12th graders (current 11th graders)
 - Nadia Coleman
 - 10th and 11th graders (current 9th and 10th graders)
- **Who:** All Returning Students who want to have input into their course schedule creation
- **When:** Please sign up for a 30 minute meeting time sometime on Tuesday, August 15th or Wednesday, August 16th from 9am-4pm here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094dada82aa6fd0-20172018>
- **Where:** All appointments are in the Advising Center of the Smedley Learning Center. **If you would like to meet over Zoom, please write**

Zoom by your name in the appointment set up. We will have our meeting room open for you at the specified time.

New Student Registration Days

- **What:** Every new student will need to come to a Registration Day in order to get their course schedule, turn in all required enrollment paperwork, check in with all of their teachers, ensure that their computer has all required programs and applications, and more!
- **Who:** All New Students starting 1st Quarter/Semester of the 2017-18 school year are required to attend their scheduled registration time (sign up below)
- **When:** August 21st and August 22nd, students must sign up for a time using the link below. All activities occurring during the registration time should take a family about 1 hour total to complete.
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)
- **Sign Up Here:** [Please sign up here and then plan to come during your scheduled time.](#) This sign up is on a first-come, first-served basis, with only five students able to sign up for each session time. If a session time is full, please select your second choice.
- **What to Bring:**
 - **Proof of Residency:** Please bring the latest utility bill from your residence
 - **Laptop:** If you will be using your laptop for schoolwork, please bring it so that it can be checked by our tech team to ensure it has all necessary updates and applications ready for you to have a great start to the school year.
 - **\$50 for Senior Fee:** If you are a senior, please bring \$50 in cash or a check for the senior fee. This will go towards graduation costs.
 - **Needed Information for MyDenver Card, Library Card, and Free/Reduced Lunch Applications:**
 - DPS student ID numbers, school names, grades, and birthdates for *each* DPS student in your household.
 - Names and incomes of every member of your household.
 - If you have a SNAP case number from the State of Colorado, it must start with 1B. It is NOT the 10-digit number from your Colorado Quest Card.
 - The last 4 digits of your social security number.

New STUDENT Orientation

- **What:** Student Orientation prepares students to be successful by introducing them to the online programs, their teachers and peers, ways to get involved in the school, and extra credit earning opportunities.

- **Who:** This is a mandatory three-day orientation for all incoming students so please ensure that you mark your calendars for this event. Parents may attend this orientation but are not required to be there. We instead highly encourage parents attend the New Parent Orientation (see below).
- **When:** August 23rd-25th
 - o 9am-noon for 9th/10th graders by credit
 - o 1pm-4pm for 11th/12th graders by credit
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)
- **Contact:** If you have any questions concerning New Student Orientation, please contact Assistant Principal Jennifer Wiebesiek (Jennifer_Wiebesiek@dpsk12.org).

Returning Student Orientation

- **What:** All returning DOHS students are required to attend this event to get set up for the academic year.
- **Who:** Returning DOHS students and parents required to attend
- **When:** Thursday, August 24th, 5:00-6:30pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center auditorium (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211) in the cafeteria
- **What to Bring:**
 - **Proof of Residency:** Please bring the latest utility bill from your residence
 - **Laptop:** If you will be using your laptop for schoolwork, please bring it so that it can be checked by our tech team to ensure it has all necessary updates and applications ready for you to have a great start to the school year.
 - **\$50 for Senior Fee:** If you are a senior, please bring \$50 in cash or a check for the senior fee. This will go towards graduation costs.
 - **Needed Information for MyDenver Card, Library Card, and Free/Reduced Lunch Applications:**
 - DPS student ID numbers, school names, grades, and birthdates for *each* DPS student in your household.
 - Names and incomes of every member of your household.
 - If you have a SNAP case number from the State of Colorado, it must start with 1B. It is NOT the 10-digit number from your Colorado Quest Card.
 - The last 4 digits of your social security number.

Back to School BBQ

- **What:** Denver Online is hosting its annual Back to School BBQ, potluck style! The school will be cooking up burgers, but please bring a side dish to share.
- **Who:** All DOHS families welcome to attend!
- **When:** Thursday, August 24th, 6:30-8:30pm

- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center on the playground out back (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)
- **RSVP HERE** (by August 21st): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R9BVG7P>

First Day of 1st Quarter/1st Semester

- **What:** This is the first day of the first quarter/semester. All students should begin working in their courses.
- **When:** Monday, August 28th, 2017

Collaborative School Committee (CSC) Meeting

- **What:** The CSC team meets monthly and is composed of Denver Online faculty, parents, students, and community members. The primary goal of the CSC is to align school processes, activities, and budgets to reach Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) goals.
- **Who:** Anyone is welcome to join and be part of the CSC!
- **When:** Primarily the last Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30pm. The next one will be held on August 29th.
- **Where:** Attend via Zoom by clicking the following link to join the virtual meeting space: <https://dponline.zoom.us/my/denveronlinehs>

New PARENT Orientation

- **What:** This orientation teaches parents how to navigate the online programs so that they can monitor their student's progress, grades, and attendance. It also introduces parents to faculty at Denver Online, to other parents, and to special opportunities for parents and their students (e.g. volunteer opportunities, tuition-free college credit, committees to serve on, etc).
- **Who:** We strongly encourage all new parents to attend this event.
- **When:** Wednesday, August 30th from 6pm-8pm
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

9th/10th Grade Connection Day

- **What:** Connection Days are an important time for students to meet with their teachers in-person and work on coursework, participate in college and career readiness activities, get involved in service learning projects and clubs, and connect with their peers. Students receive credit for attending their designated Connection Days (9th/10th graders meet once a week, 11th/12th graders meet twice a month). If a student cannot attend their designated Connection Day, please call the Attendance Hotline: 720-424-8286
- **Who:** All full-time 9th/10th graders at Denver Online HS
- **When:** Every Thursday, 9am-2pm with the first one beginning on August 31st
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

11th/12th Grade Connection Day

- **What:** Connection Days are an important time for students to meet with their teachers in-person and work on coursework, participate in college and career readiness activities, get involved in service learning projects and clubs, and connect with their peers. Students receive credit for attending their designated Connection Days (9th/10th graders meet once a week, 11th/12th graders meet every other Friday). If a student cannot attend their designated Connection Day, please call the Attendance Hotline: 720-424-8286
- **Who:** All full-time 11th and 12th graders at Denver Online HS
- **When:** Every other Friday, 9am-2pm with the first one beginning on September 1st
- **Where:** Smedley Learning Center (4250 Shoshone Street, Denver, CO 80211)

Labor Day: Smedley CLOSED

- **When:** Monday, September 4th, 2017

[See Full Calendar Here](#)

Get Involved

Clubs

Join one of our great clubs! Get involved while meeting some new friends along the way. Just contact the club leader to get a schedule of club meetings and upcoming events.

- National Honor Society-Casey Burton
(casey_burton@dpsk12.org)
- DO MORE Leadership Team-Ian Jones
(ian_jones@dpsk12.org)
- Gender Sexual Alliance-Jaime Smith
(jaime_smith@dpsk12.org)
- Gaming Club-Erica MacIntosh
(erica_macintosh@dpsk12.org)
- Book Club-Jennifer White
(jennifer_white2@dpsk12.org)
- Writing Club-Jessica Glynn
(jessica_glynn@dpsk12.org)
- Art Club-Elisa Narizhnaya
(elisa_narizhnaya@dpsk12.org)
- Forensics Club-Jennifer Wiebesiek
(jennifer_wiebesiek@dpsk12.org)
- Drama and Choir Club-Jennifer Carpenter
(jennifer_carpenter@dpsk12.org)
- Hiking Club-Ben Eisen
(ben_eisen@dpsk12.org)
- Yearbook Club-Nadia Coleman
(nadia_coleman@dpsk12.org)
- Movie Club-Jennifer Wiebesiek
(jennifer_wiebesiek@dpsk12.org)

Social Media

Have some fun with us on our social media sites! We have monthly Facebook and Twitter competitions that are easy to be a part of, and you might even win some free stuff along the way!

Facebook:

Like our page on Facebook to make sure you get all of the latest information about our school events/special dates and competitions.

Summer Facebook Competition



We know you all are going on some pretty awesome adventures this summer! So share them with Denver Online for a chance to win a free pair of movie passes for the Summer Facebook Competition! Whether you're road tripping across the state, in a different country, or just down the block... give us your favorite road trip songs, stops along the way, games to play in the car, or pictures from your journeys. [Just post them to our page to participate!](#)

Don't have a facebook page? No problem. Just send your submission to Kaci Sintek (kaci_sintek@dpsk12.org) to participate.

Twitter: All you need to do to win is if you see your name in a DOHS Twitter post, contact the school within 48 hours to claim a prize!

YouTube: Check out school videos on our YouTube channel!

[Have an idea? Send it my way.](#)

DO MORE.

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