

# DeSoto High School

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Update 09/02/2020

Additionally, we have prepared an FAQ specifically for our high school community. Please utilize the FAQ throughout the school year.

<b>Frequently Asked Questions</b>				
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### Who do I talk to about schedule changes?

#### **Schedule Change Requests**

For schedule corrections, please complete the Fall 2020 DeSoto High School Schedule Change Form.

#### **Schedule Change Form:** [Fall 2020 DeSoto High School Schedule Change Form](#)

This form will be open until September 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm. This will allow counselors time to have all schedule change requests addressed prior to the first day of school.

### How do I contact the campus?

While the DeSoto High School campus is closed, we have two ways to contact the campus for general questions and concerns. The campus has a cell phone which is answered by Kimberly Wigfall. The number is **469-859-2918**. Also, you may send email correspondence to Kimberly Wigfall at [kimberly.wigfall@desotoisd.org](mailto:kimberly.wigfall@desotoisd.org) and Deborah McDonald at [deborah.mcdonald@desotoisd.org](mailto:deborah.mcdonald@desotoisd.org).

**I need assistance with Parent Portal.**

House office secretaries are able to assist with Parent Portal. Please contact the appropriate grade level secretary for assistance.

9th Grade- LaQuita Wigfall [laquita.wigfall@desotoisd.org](mailto:laquita.wigfall@desotoisd.org)

10th Grade- Paula Ervin [paula.ervin@desotoisd.org](mailto:paula.ervin@desotoisd.org)

11th Grade- Michelle Bluit [michelle.bluit@desotoisd.org](mailto:michelle.bluit@desotoisd.org)

12th Grade- Catherine Spivey [catherine.spivey@desotoisd.org](mailto:catherine.spivey@desotoisd.org)

**Who do I contact if I need a device?**

Please make sure that you have completed the [Student Return to School Survey](#). There is a question where parents are able to indicate that their student needs a device at home. The technology department is using these responses to create the list of students who need a device for the upcoming school year. Communication will be sent out from the technology department to parents

**My device is not working, how do I get help?**

If your district issued device is not working, please send an email to:  
[helpdesk@desotoisd.org](mailto:helpdesk@desotoisd.org)

**What is class link? Online backpack?**

<https://launchpad.classlink.com/desotoisd>

Our Online Backpack provides access to the online learning platform students will utilize to access their classes.

**Where will my student find zoom links for their teachers?**

Zoom links for face-to-face instruction with our teachers can be found on the Schoology page for each class.

**How will I know what my student is supposed to do in class?**

The district is offering Schoology training to assist parents with monitoring their student's progress. Session information can be found on the district Anytime, Anywhere Learning page.

**When are the parent meetings for each grade level? How often do they occur?**

During the extended closure, parent meetings will be held by grade level every two weeks. The meeting links will be sent using SchoolMessenger. The Grade Level Principal will communicate the dates and times for each meeting.

**How do I upload my documents for registration?**

For assistance with uploading documents for online registration, please reach out to Mitzi Abraham at [mitzi.abraham@desotoisd.org](mailto:mitzi.abraham@desotoisd.org).

**Who can help me update my registration information?**

For assistance with updating your registration information, please reach out to Mitzi Abraham at [mitzi.abraham@desotoisd.org](mailto:mitzi.abraham@desotoisd.org).

**How often will grades be updated?**

The district grades guidelines require teachers to update their grade weekly with 2 grades.

**What if my student has requested to come back to school? When will my student report to school?**

If your student has requested campus-supervised learning, your student will report to school on October 5, 2020.

**What is Schoology? How do I get an account?**

Schoology is the online learning platform for the district. The district is offering Schoology training to assist parents with monitoring their student's progress. Session information can be found on the district Anytime, Anywhere Learning page.

**Parents: How to Sign Up for Schoology.**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O2IS1meJoePqX7i3uS5BLk23DONJbJ8w/view?usp=sharing>

**How do I drop documents off?**

If you are unable to upload your registration documents, you may drop off documents each Wednesday in September from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Please drop-off documents at door 19 near the tennis courts.

**What if my child chooses to work tech-free?**

Tech-free assignments will be available at door 5 of the freshman campus. A member of the staff will provide copies of the assignments. Assignment pick-up and drop-off is available from noon to 1:00pm daily.

**Are the W.I.N.G.S. students allowed to attend half day? Where do these students report for classes?**

As part of our credit recovery program, W.I.N.G.S. program benefits are offered to our students. Students in the W.I.N.G.S. program may select AM or PM. Each block is set for 4 hours. W.I.N.G.S. students may select home supervised or campus supervised learning.

**Where will the buses be located?**

Students who receive transportation services will be dropped-off and picked-up at door 19.

**How will ARD's be conducted?**

Unless a reason is stated that would prohibit a virtual meeting, all ARDs will be conducted virtually.

**Will lunches be provided at the school?**

Home supervised learning students may pick up lunches at door 5 of the Freshman Campus. Campus supervised learning students will pick up lunches in the cafeteria and report to class.

**Will we have athletic events 2020-21?**

At this time, the UIL has chosen to conduct a staggered start for athletics.

**Are students able to utilize the library?**

DeSoto ISD is offering students an online library at this time.

**What is my DAEP status?**

If your child had a hearing for DAEP hearing, please reach out to [judy.sneed@desotoisd.org](mailto:judy.sneed@desotoisd.org)

**How do I sign up for Night School?**

To sign-up for Night School, please contact Kimberly Wigfall at [kimberly.wigfall@desotoisd.org](mailto:kimberly.wigfall@desotoisd.org).

**Will there be student organizations for 2020-21?**

Yes, we will have student organizations. The organizations will meet virtually. Please reference our student handbook for a list of organizations and sponsor information.

**When can I pick up my technology?**

Technology distribution for the high school is Sept 1st and 4th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Please wait for an email with an appointment time prior to coming to the campus.

**What if I need more than one computer for the household?**

You can submit one form per scholar in your household.

**Who do I speak to about my students' accommodations (504 and SPED)?**

Each special education student has been assigned a case manager. Please reach out to Kristi Primus at [kristi.primus@desotoisd.org](mailto:kristi.primus@desotoisd.org) for more information.

For 504, please reach out to Kizzy Miller at [kizzy.miller@desotoisd.org](mailto:kizzy.miller@desotoisd.org)

**My child is a senior, how do I order a cap and gown?**

Cap and Gown information: Jostens 817 461-6837 2016 E. Randol Mill Rd. Ste. 401 Arlington, TX 76011 [www.goldengraduation.com](http://www.goldengraduation.com)

**My child is a senior. Do you have senior photo information?**

Senior yearbook photographs information: Logan's Photography (972) 224-5172 6636 S.R.L. Thornton Fwy, Dallas TX 75232 <https://logansphotography.com/>

**What date is graduation?**

May 26, 2021

**Who is the 12th grade counselor?**

Mrs. Karen Brown [karen.t.brown@desotoisd.org](mailto:karen.t.brown@desotoisd.org)

**Who do I contact for Dallas County Promise Information?**

Mrs. Iesha Jackson [iesha.jackson@desotoisd.org](mailto:iesha.jackson@desotoisd.org)

**How much does it cost for a parking permit?**

\$40.00 contact person Mrs. Catherine Spivey, [catherine.spivey@desotoisd.org](mailto:catherine.spivey@desotoisd.org)

**Who is the contact person for VOEs Verification of Enrollment (DPS Driver License) at DHS?**

Mrs. Catherine Spivey, [catherine.spivey@desotoisd.org](mailto:catherine.spivey@desotoisd.org)

**What are the Remind app codes for seniors, according to LAST name?**

Class: DHS A-C Class of 2021! Code: @7b7473a

Class: DHS D-F Class of 2021! Code: @b7fh2c

Class: DHS G-I Class of 2021! Code: @bd2k64

Class: DHS J-M Class of 2021! Code: @6b4h393

Class: DHS N-O Class of 2021! Code: @7cg9eg9

Class: DHS P-R Class of 2021! Code: @g9fag3

Class: DHS S-V Class of 2021! Code: @9kkd7e7

Class: DHS W-Z Class of 2021! Code: @h2d3ag

**How do students access SCHOLOGY?**

<https://launchpad.classlink.com/desotoisd>

**2020-2021 DeSoto ISD school calendar:**

[http://www.desotoisd.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_165690/File/Calendar%20Options/20-21RevAcademicCalendar.pdf](http://www.desotoisd.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_165690/File/Calendar%20Options/20-21RevAcademicCalendar.pdf)

**Where do I apply to a school in Texas?**

[applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org)

**Where do I register to take the SAT?**

[collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

**Where do I register to take the ACT?**

[act.org](http://act.org)

**What is TSI and how do I know if I need to take the exam?**

TSI stands for Texas Success Initiative; 8th grade students entering ECHS (Early College High School) program; 9th-12th students for dual credit; and 12th grade students for college registration if they did not score high enough on SAT 530 math and 480 EBRW.

**What does FAFSA stand for?**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

**If parents/ students have technology problems, do they still have to submit a ticket to Helpdesk?**

Yes. [helpdesk@desotoisd.org](mailto:helpdesk@desotoisd.org)

**Do students have to reset their password before trying to access the launchpad page this school year? Or, can they use their user ID/password from last year?**

Students are not allowed to reset usernames and passwords. All students should still be able to use their Username and Password for accessing the ClassLink Launchpad as shown below.

**Username: firstname.lastname**

**Password: capital first name Initial lowercase last name Initial student ID# exclamation mark**

**Example Student: Iam Great — ID#12345**

**Username: Iam.Great**

**Password: Ig12345!**

**When a teacher sends a message to students in Schoology, does that message go to their district email?**

Yes.

**Will students have access to the Helpdesk link this school year?**

Yes, they will have access to [helpdesk@desotoisd.org](mailto:helpdesk@desotoisd.org).

