

# Denmark HS Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Frequently Asked Transition Questions

**Question:** Will my child have the opportunity to change his/her mind about electives once the selection is made in parent portal?

**Answer:** Elective registration is from February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8am to February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm. You may make changes during this time frame. Students are encouraged to make their selection and to also choose three alternate selections in the event that he/she does not get their first choice. Once the portal is closed on February 24<sup>th</sup> there will not be a chance to amend these choices.

**Question:** Will my child have an opportunity to change the courses his/her 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher recommended for the upcoming school year?

**Answer:** Yes, during the waiver period students can elect to take another course as long as he/she has the prerequisite to take the course. **The waiver period is from February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM through February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM. NOTE:** Any student who waives into a course **MUST** stay with that choice. Students are NOT allowed to drop out of any course that he/she waived into.

**Question:** Should I take Health/PE in the summer?

**Answer:** There is no recommendation to take these courses over the summer; however, if you choose to do this there is a protocol that must be followed in order to receive credit for the course. If you choose to take these state REQUIRED courses over the summer it is your responsibility to bring the transcript for each course to DHS. The parent of the student **MUST** sign the transcript stating, *"as the parent of \_\_\_\_\_ student I understand that once we submit this transcript it is permanently recorded and cannot be removed for any reason."* **NOTE: STUDENTS WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED AN ELECTIVE CHOICE BECAUSE THEY DECIDED TO TAKE THESE COURSES DURING THE SUMMER. ELECTIVES WILL BE CHOSEN BASED ON SEAT AVAILABILITY.** We encourage you to select Forsyth Virtual Academy if choose to take the course over the summer.

**Question:** Should I take virtual courses?

**Answer:** Every family should evaluate their student's ability to manage virtual courses and online learning. Information regarding Georgia Virtual and/or Forsyth Virtual Summer Registration will be shared through our website in March.

**Question:** What time does school start?

**Answer:** School starts at 8:25 a.m. A warning bell rings two minutes before each class period. Students **MUST** arrive no later than 8:25 a.m. or they will be marked tardy.

**Question:** How much time do I have between classes?

**Answer:** Currently, there is a 6-minute transition period between classes. We are looking at some options for next year's schedule.

**Question:** What do I bring the first day of school?

**Answer:** Each teacher will advise your student about their expectations for supplies. The first day they should bring paper and pen/pencil and one folder.

**Question:** Can I prepay my lunch account like I did in Middle School?

**Answer:** Yes, you may login to MyPaymentsPlus (MPP) and put money on your account. Please see our website on the "Quick Link" section for this URL if you are not familiar.

**Question: When will I eat lunch?**

**Answer:** We eat lunch during 4<sup>th</sup> period or 5<sup>th</sup> period depending on the daily bell schedule.

**Question: Where do I catch the bus, and when will it pick me up?**

**Answer:** All bus routes will be posted during 9<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation. It is important to find your bus number, time of pick up, and the slot number so you know where to find your bus at the end of the day.

**Question: If my student is a car rider, where do I drop him/her off?**

**Answer:** Students are ONLY allowed to be dropped off at the Main Entrance off Mullinax Road (entrance with the LED sign). The traffic pattern information can be found on the website. Parents should use the two lanes in the front of the school when dropping students off from 7:45 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.

**Question: How do I join a club?**

**Answer:** We will have a time during advisement where students will learn about clubs that are available to them. Additionally, during Freshmen Orientation, students will have an opportunity to learn more about these clubs, so he/she may determine the best fit for their interests.

**Question: How do I join a sports team?**

**Answer:** Check the DHS website at <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/domain/4699> for a complete list of our sports programs by season. All sports teams will require a tryout, so make sure you check early in the year so as not to miss out. Also, listen to the daily announcements and checkout the bulletin boards around school.

**Question: Where do I go if I come to school late or need to leave early?**

**Answer:** You need to report to the Attendance Office in the main building. If you are leaving early, bring a note or have your parent/guardian email Ms. Rosario at [dhsattendance@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:dhsattendance@forsyth.k12.ga.us) so that your absence may be verified. If you come to school tardy, you MUST stop by the Attendance Office whether or not you have a note and pick up a check-in slip. If you fail to check-in or check-out through the Attendance Office, it is consider skipping and students will receive a discipline consequence.

**Question: Will I be able to purchase a locker?**

**Answer:** Yes, students will have the opportunity during 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation to purchase a locker. Lockers are purchased through MyPaymentsPlus

**Question: How will my child purchase a PE uniform if he/she wants one for the semester?**

**Answer:** PE uniforms are handled through the department. Once your child has the class the teacher will explain the purchasing process. Students will not be penalized the first day of school if they do not have a uniform.

**Question: How will I know what I need to know before my first day of school?**

**Answer:** There will be a 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation in July/August that will allow your student to spend time on campus. During this time, students are paired up in small groups with Dane Directors, so they can answer questions and give your student some helpful information before the first day. Schedules are historically released to students 1 week prior to the first day of school.

**Please use the link below to access information regarding Course Registration:**

**<https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/50855>**