

August 21, 2020



Downingtown East Weekly Updates from the Principal...

The administration and staff here at DEHS hope you have had a healthy and pleasant summer. Beginning on Monday, August 24th, schedules will be available to view in Infinite Campus. Historically, DEHS students have been given the flexibility to modify their requests well after the posted date for last changes, which was June 6th. Unfortunately, there are many factors this school year requiring us to prioritize the academic environment and class sizes for our students. Original requests are reflected in the schedules, and students who had conflicting courses have been contacted and provided with suitable alternatives. The final steps to ensuring a good start to the school year is to address any errors that have not yet been addressed.

The link below should be used to record any problems with a student's schedule that will impact their graduation status or the sequence of classes they need for their academic plan. The most common errors include: scheduled for a course you already passed in a previous year or summer school, missing a course required for graduation (core class, Health, PE), or missing a course that is a prerequisite to a future course, like Spanish II if a student plans to advance to Spanish III.

Errors are not aligned with a change in preference. Teachers and counselors met with students during Course Recommendations to help them select the best classes for their academic strengths and interests. Additionally, teachers notified students and counselors if they felt a new recommendation was warranted. At this time, students are encouraged to begin the year with their recommended classes but will have the opportunity to speak with their counselor should problems arise.

<https://forms.gle/RCC6dotWwTMug1MP6>

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Applications for Working Papers...

The Pennsylvania Child Labor Law, Act 151 of 2012 resulted in changes to Work Permit Application. All students between the ages of 14 and 17 are required by Pennsylvania School Law to secure an Employment certificate, known as "Working Papers," before they may begin to work.

Students, who have reached 18, by state law, do not need working papers. Under the current Pennsylvania Child Labor Act, only one type of work permit is issued. This is a wallet-size, transferable work permit, which is valid from the time of issuance until the minor turns 18 years of age.

The minor provides a copy to the employer and retains the original. Work permits are now being processed in the school by calling 610-363-6400 and making an appointment. School hours are 7:15am to 3:15 pm. Please be sure to bring with you a copy of the required proof of age such as one item listed below: • Birth Certificate • Passport • Driver's license • Learner's permit.

Yearbooks:

We still have Class of 2020 yearbooks available for purchase. If you are interested, please call the main office at 610-363-6400 to schedule a time to purchase one. The cost is \$70.00 and please make out the check to "The Prowl".

Important Dates:

Monday, 8/31 – School begins

Friday, 9/4 – Schools closed – Labor Day holiday weekend

Monday, 9/7 – Schools closed – Labor Day holiday

Wednesday, 9/9 – Class of 2021 Senior Portrait Session in auditorium from 1pm to 9pm

Wednesday, 9/9 – Virtual School Board meeting begins at 6:30pm

Thursday, 9/10 – Class of 2021 Senior Portrait Session in auditorium from 3pm to 9pm

Thursday, 9/10 – Virtual Back-to-School night at 7pm

Friday, 9/11 – Class of 2021 Senior Portrait Session in auditorium from 3pm to 9pm

Wednesday, 9/16 – 2 hour early dismissal at 12:40pm – Virtual Professional Development in PM for Faculty

Monday, 9/28 – Schools closed – Yom Kippur

Wednesday, 10/7 – Virtual Committee of the Whole School Board Meeting at 6:30pm

Monday, 10/12 – Virtual School Board Meeting at 6:30pm