

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

The counseling team will be meeting with all 8th grade students to begin the process of transitioning from middle school to high school. This will involve each student developing a high school 4 year plan also known as a Personal Graduation Plan or a PGP. It is important to know that this is a very fluid process. The PGP can, and probably will, change before your student graduates from high school. The high school counselors will meet with your student **every** year to review and make any necessary changes to their plan.

Here are some of the activities we have planned to help you and your student prepare for high school and post high school success:

- **December 16-17:** Students will create an online account with TexasOnCourse by going to the website mapmygrad.org. Students will learn about the 5 endorsements offered in Denton ISD and how those endorsements tie into their high school course work. They will then choose which endorsement they are interested in. If you want to know more about the endorsements, you can follow this link to get to the High School Transition Information on the HMS Counselors page. <https://www.dentonisd.org/Page/96981>
- **January 21:** Parents will have the opportunity to learn more about the PGP process and graduation requirements through a parent information meeting being held at Guyer High School at 6:30. The Guyer High School counselors and the middle school counselors will be available to answer questions after the informational session.
- **January 22-23:** Students will develop their Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) and select courses for the 9th grade year with the assistance of the counselors through their ELAR class. High school career counselors will review PGPs to ensure that students have mapped out a plan that aligns with their personal and academic goals, as well as graduation requirements. A copy of the PGP will be sent home with students to review with their parents
- **January 28:** We ask that parents sign the copy of the PGP and return with their student as soon as possible but no later than this date.

We believe that collaboration between parents, students, and campus staff are critical for the success of our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to e-mail or call.

Sincerely,

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