



Student Handbook 2023-2024

Davis School

The Denton Independent School District Disciplinary Campus

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School Hours 7:20 – 2:40
Office Hours 7:15 – 3:15

"The Choice is Yours!"

***** HB 3928- Denton ISD is committed to identifying and evaluating all students in our district who are in need of special education and related services. If you believe your child may have a disability that requires special education services you may find more information regarding the process to request a full and individual evaluation on our web page. <https://www.dentonisd.org/Page/55749>**

Statement of Purpose

- Davis School is a disciplinary alternative campus designed to serve students in grades K – 12 who, due to severe or repeated violations of the Denton Independent School District Code of Conduct, policies or reasons defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code, have been removed from their home campuses for a designated period of time.
- These students are withdrawn from their home campus and assigned to Davis School in order to maintain their academic progress and address individual behavior concerns.
- Davis School is a combined effort, from student and faculty to families and community.
- Students receive instruction in four core classes: English Language Arts & Reading, Math, History, and Science.
 - The district curriculum is followed in these core subject areas.
 - In addition, students receive instruction in social skills, character education, high school electives (provided by home campus) and P.E.

Enrollment in the (DAEP) Disciplinary Alternative Education Program

- Students are assigned to Davis School as outlined in the DISD Code of Conduct by their home campus administrators.
- Once assigned, parents are instructed to attend a Davis School Orientation Meeting.
 - These meetings are held each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:20 am for enrollment and orientation to the school and its policies.
 - Students are only allowed to enroll at the school through this meeting.

No one may join the orientation after 8:20 am. Parents and students may attend orientation on the next available Tuesday or Thursday at 8:20 am.

Attendance

- Parents should notify the Davis School at 940.369.4050/4068 when their child is going to be absent from school that day.
- When a student is absent from school, the reason for that absence must be provided within 3 school days through our website. Please use the QR code provided on the last page. Phone calls will not be accepted as documentation.

- Davis School will send automated phone calls to the guardian when students are marked absent from school. Please notify Davis should you not receive these phone calls.

Absences from Davis may lengthen the DAEP placement.

Behavior: Davis School follows the DISD Code of Conduct and special provisions listed in the Davis School campus handbook.

Bonus Days

- Students may earn days off their Davis placement for appropriate behavior. (Details will be given during orientation on Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Material or Property Abuse

- Students are responsible for all Denton ISD property and materials used at school. Abuse, misuse, damage or loss will be charged to the student at the replacement value of the item.

Police Intervention

- Students who engage in serious behavior such as threats, assaults, fights, or serious disruptions may be reported to the local police.
- Any illegal actions will be immediately reported to police.

Student Success (point) Sheet

- Student effort and behavior on campus will be evaluated using a point system.
- Points earned by each student will be marked each day by the staff. Points will be totaled each day and counted toward silver only when the sheet is returned the next day and signed by the parent.
- The Student Success Sheet is the primary form of communication with the parent.
- This sheet reports what patterns of behavior the student had each day.
- Each of the three levels has assigned privileges or consequences.
 - Green - Students that have earned 70-100 points.
 - Silver -
 - Students must earn 1000 green points to get to silver on the 1st Davis placement of the year.
 - Students must earn 2000 green points to get to silver on the 2nd Davis placement of the year.
 - Students must earn 3000 green points to get to silver on the 3rd Davis placement of the year.
 - And so on...
 - Yellow - Students who have earned 69 points or less.
 - Students on yellow level lose all privileges for the day.
 - Yellow points do not accumulate towards silver level.
 - Excessive yellow days may result in suspensions.

Suspensions from Davis may lengthen the DAEP placement.

Students will lose all accumulated points toward silver for any day of suspension.

Suspension notices will be brought home by the student. This is the primary method of notifying parents of a suspension.

Teaching Interaction and Removal from the Classroom

- The teacher will use every opportunity to interact with the student to encourage appropriate alternatives.

- This is to be a quiet, private interaction between the student and teacher.
- This interaction will end if it is counterproductive and/or disrupts the learning time or safety of anyone.

Breakfast and Lunch

- Full price breakfast and lunch will cost \$24.50 for secondary students or \$21.50 for elementary students per week. Breakfast and lunch will cost \$3.50 per week for reduced meals for elementary and secondary students.
- All assisted lunch enrollment transfers from your home campus.
- Special nutritional needs forms are available from the main office.
- Cafeteria accounts can be paid by online at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/> under the Child Nutrition page.

Bullying

- Bullying is prohibited by the district and could include hazing, threats, taunting, teasing, confinement, assault, demands for money, destruction of property, theft of valued possessions, name-calling, rumor-spreading, or ostracism.
- In some cases, bullying can occur through electronic methods, called “cyberbullying.”
- Bullying that occurs off campus, including cyberbullying, is best addressed by parents. However, in statutorily limited circumstances when the principal or designee determines that the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the school’s educational program, school disciplinary consequences may be applied.
- If a student believes that he or she has experienced bullying or has witnessed bullying of another student, it is important for the student or parent to notify a teacher, school counselor, principal, or another district employee as soon as possible to obtain assistance and intervention.
 - All staff are trained to respond to students’ needs quickly and anonymously.
- The administration will investigate any allegations of bullying or other related misconduct.
- If the results of an investigation indicate that bullying has occurred, the administration will take appropriate disciplinary action.
- Disciplinary or other action may be taken even if the conduct did not rise to the level of bullying.
- The district will also contact the parents of the victim and of the student who was found to have engaged in the bullying.
- Available counseling options will be provided to these individuals, as well as to any students who have been identified as witnesses to the bullying.
- Students are under constant supervision at the Davis School.
- Please report any form of bullying to Davis School @ (940) 369-4050.
- Please refer to the Denton ISD Student Code of Conduct for additional information.

Davis Dress Code

All students at Davis School are held responsible to follow the Davis School dress code. Administration has final say of the dress code.

Clothing:

- Students will wear solid white, black or gray shirts free of logos, colored threading, decoration, pictures or writing.
 - Shirts may be short or long sleeved, crew neck, button down, or tee (no V-necks/scoop necks).
 - Shirts must fit properly and be worn properly.
 - Shirts will be tucked so that the waistband is revealed at all times.

- A pullover sweatshirt, white, black or gray, may be worn for warmth over the white, black, or gray shirt. No hoodies, strings, zippers or logos are allowed on the sweatshirt.
- Students will wear plain blue jeans (not acid washed or bleached) fitted at the waist without a belt.
 - Pants will be worn at the waist and fit properly (NO skintight, sagging or dragging).
 - Pant cuffs must be properly hemmed and may not touch the floor when shoes are off.
 - NO wide leg, skinny/jeggings or belled pants.
 - Pants will be free of decorations (NO stripes, pictures or large writing).
 - No gym shorts or leggings may be worn under the jeans.
 - Students will wear white, black and/or gray socks (no other colors allowed).
 - Students will wear white, black and/or gray athletic shoes (no other colors allowed).
 - Student's clothing will be neat with no stains, rips, tears, or holes.
 - Students will not wear see-through or form-fitting clothes.
 - Underwear/undergarments (male or female) must not be visible through the clothing.
 - Any jacket or hoodie worn on the school bus to school will be removed upon entering the building. Any shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, or coats worn to and from school must avoid any gang representation.
 - No extra items or clothing items are permitted on the bus or at school.

Grooming:

- Hair:
 - Hair must be clean, controlled, and out of the student's eyes.
 - No mohawks or spikes are allowed.
 - Cloth/elastic scrunchies & headbands must be solid black, white and/or gray.
 - No hair clips, hair fasteners or bobby pins are allowed.
 - Nails may not extend beyond the fingertip. Clear nail polish may be worn.
 - Students must cover tattoos, hickeys, body markings, or intentional scarring.
 - Students have the option to wear natural makeup.
 - Students may not wear jewelry/spacers (If these items are brought to school they will be confiscated).
 - Students may not wear any type of head covering in the building or on buses.

Other:

- Students at the Lester Davis School will clear through a metal detector every morning.
- Purses and backpacks are not allowed at school.
- Do not bring cell phones, computers or any data device to the Lester Davis School.
- Confiscated items may be picked up in the office by a parent during normal business hours (7:15 – 3:15).
- The Lester Davis School is not responsible for any loss or stolen items brought to school.

Grades, Make- Up Work, Tests / Projects

- The purpose of the grading system (including progress reports and report cards) is to provide accurate and timely information regarding students' mastery of course standards so that students may continuously improve their academic performance and their understanding of course content.
- All grades will reflect relative mastery of an assignment per Denton ISD grading procedures and per TEC 28.0216. The goal is to accurately report grades representing what a student knows, understands, and can do.
- Parents are encouraged to access their student's grades and attendance 24/7 via the Home Access Center available at www.dentonisd.org on the parent page. Parents are also encouraged to request email notifications through the Home Access Center to inform them when their

students do not complete an assignment on time or when the grade earned does not meet the minimum passing standard.

- Students are responsible for make-up work. Students must check with each teacher for their make-up work after returning from any absence or suspension. Missing and late work or tests require proof of new learning which may extend beyond the school day. A student must show new learning prior to being reassessed.

Medication

- Prescription medication must be delivered to school by a parent and turned over to the school nurse to administer as per physician's orders. Students may not transport medication to and from school.
- No over-the-counter drugs are allowed at school.
- Accommodations may be made with appropriate medical documentation in certain cases (inhalers, EpiPen's, etc.).

Textbooks/Chromebooks

- Students will be issued the necessary textbooks/chromebooks to use at school. These items will not be sent home. Any items issued to students from their home campus should be returned by a parent to the home campus.

Transportation

- Denton ISD provides transportation to and from Davis School.
- Parents and Students will choose bus stops during orientation.
- Transportation services will begin the afternoon on which you enroll.
- All students must arrive to school via a Denton ISD bus each morning (with the exception of the morning of orientation). Students may not attend class if they do not arrive on the bus.
- Students are expected to be at their bus stop 10 minutes before the posted pick-up time.
- Students must get on and off the bus at the designated bus stop.
- Inappropriate conduct either at the bus stop or on the bus will result in immediate disciplinary consequences.
 - Students are expected to:
 - Keep your feet on the ground and out of the aisle
 - Stay seated in your assigned seat
 - Keep your back against the back of the seat
 - Keep your hands in your laps
 - Face, body and head forward so that the driver can see your eyes at all times
 - Refrain from wearing hoods while riding
 - Not communicate with any passengers
 - Follow any directive given by the bus driver

Students that miss the bus or are suspended from the bus will not be able to come to school that day and will be marked absent or marked suspended from school that day.

Bus suspensions may lengthen the DAEP placement.

*Denton ISD Transportation Phone Number: 940.369.0300

Trespass Laws and Official Warning

- Students that are on or within 300 feet of any Denton ISD property or attend any school-related function other than Davis School without written permission from both campus principals is a violation of the Criminal Trespass Laws of the State of Texas and thus subject to disciplinary

action under Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code and legal action under section 30.05 of the Texas Penal Code.

Safety and Security

- Visitors arriving at Davis School must wait in the foyer to be admitted and will need to ring the bell for assistance.
- No personal items may be brought to school to include, but not limited to, electronics, recorders, cell phones, or computers.
- Students are required to empty pockets and may be scanned for metal.
- Many school areas are under camera surveillance.
- Nothing is to be brought to school that has not been specifically allowed.

Signing out for the day at the Davis School

- Students may be signed out by parents at any time.
- Students may not return to Davis School during the same day after leaving for an appointment (with the exception of a court appearance).

Withdraw to the Home Campus

- All student behavior will be reviewed weekly by the staff to develop a time line for return to the home campus.
 - A withdrawal form will be given to the student to take to the home school registrar for enrollment at the home campus on the next school day.

Absences, Poor Behavior, and/or Suspensions from Davis may lengthen the DAEP placement.

QR code for attendance notes



Davis School Staff Contact Information:

Principal	Ronnie Watkins	rwatkins@dentonisd.org
Secretary / Registrar	Martha Frank	mfrank@dentonisd.org
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Middle School SS Teacher	Anna Braudrick	abraudrick@dentonisd.org
Middle School Math Teacher	Larry Greaves	lgreaves@dentonisd.org
Middle School Science Teacher	Paul Beaty	pbeaty@dentonisd.org
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