

# Darien Public Schools

## Board of Education Report on Summer Programs 2018

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DSS Art Workshop

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# Darien Summer School: Background

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- Comprehensive, diversified, learner-centered program
- Available to all students (Darien and other communities) in grades Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- 237 choices:
  - Academic classes, to include high school credit courses as well as enrichment
  - Variety of athletic, art, music and theatre programs



# Structure of Program

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- 5 week program
- Runs June 25, 2018 through July 27, 2018
- 8:30–12:30pm (2 hour courses)
- 12:30–3:30pm, extended day offerings
- Weekly sports camps & other programs  
(varied times)



# Transition Programs

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## Summer Pals Program (Tokeneke):

- 5 week program
- Available to children aged 3-5 designed to promote kindergarten readiness

## Middlesex Jump Start:

- Takes place the first 2 weeks of DSS
- Available to all 5th grade students transitioning to MMS
- 5th grade students from all 5 elementary schools are invited

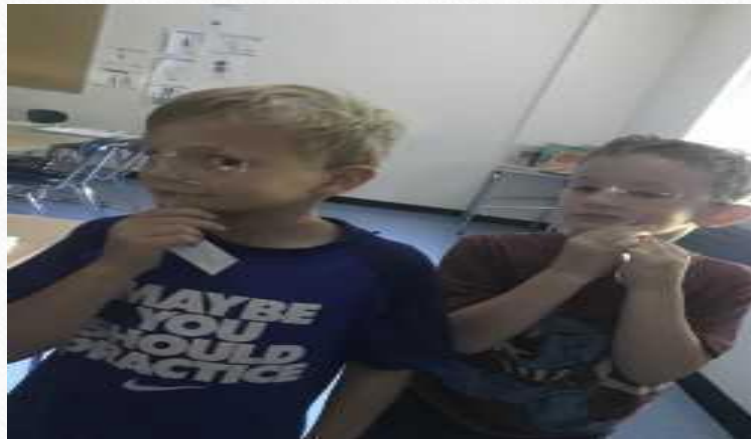
## High School 101:

- Takes place the first week of DSS
- Available to all 9th grade students transitioning to DHS



# Student Enrollment

- Total students registered: 1,544 students
  - Class registration was 1,546 last year and 1,353 in 2016
- Many students are enrolled in multiple classes
  - New classes this year included: Engineering Adventures, Biology, Precalculus, Photography



# Staffing

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- Over 125 staff members:
  - Certified teachers, athletic coaches and DHS student assistants



# Enrollment Summary

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DSS	Class Registrations
2016	1,904
2017	2,417
2018	2,346

# Parent Feedback

100% of the parents who responded to the end of season survey said they would likely recommend DSS to a friend.

“My child had an awesome time and I was able to feel that she was in a safe environment.”

“Love the ease of the drop off/pick up. My boys look forward to this camp every summer! Thank you!!”

“This is our third summer with DSS. It's an invaluable experience for my children and keeps their skills sharp over the summer. Incredible teachers like Ms. Stango, Mrs. Selensky and Mr. Cahill make all the difference. Thank you for your dedication and value you provide to the community, whose boundaries reach farther than Darien.”



# Summer 2019

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- Electronic Catalog
- Potential new classes
  - More academic/upper level offerings

# Thank you!

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