

# Senior Remind

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# DENMARK



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## HIGH SCHOOL

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**Senior Seminar**  
**Fall 2024**

# Agenda

- **Who is my counselor?**
- **College Application Process**
  - Common App
  - Parchment (transcript requests)
- **Financial Aid/HOPE**
- **Senior Graduation Information**

# Who is my counselor?



**Mrs. Carlson  
A-Crute**



**Mrs. Spurlock  
Cruz-Han**



**Mr. Brooks  
Har-Mala**



**Mrs. Shariett  
Mald-Rah**



**Mrs. Lyons  
Raj-Shai &  
ESOL**



**Ms. Locke  
Shak-Z**

# College Application Process

## !!!BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1st!!!

1. Determine what college(s) to apply to
2. Review deadlines & determine when you will apply (early, regular, rolling admissions)
3. Determine what application format you will use.
  - a. Common App, gaFutures, or other
4. Submit application & application fees (usually range from \$50-\$90 per institution)
5. Submit supporting documentation.
  - a. Transcript
  - b. Test Scores
  - c. Letters of Recommendation (if required)
  - d. Essay (if required)
6. Follow up with admissions frequently.
  - a. Check portal
  - b. Rolling admissions
  - c. Scholarships/Housing information



\*Check out the college application toolkit!\*

# Common Application

[What is the Common App? - YouTube](#)



# Common App Recommendations and FERPA

Dashboard

My Colleges

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College Search

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My Colleges

Auburn University

Birmingham-Southern College

Georgia Institute of Technology

College Information

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Questions

Recommendations and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

Georgia Southern University

High Point University

Mercer University

The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina

University of Georgia

University of South Carolina Columbia

Recommendations and FERPA

Recommendations are people who will submit forms to colleges on your behalf. This page shows which recommender types this college needs. Each college will have different requirements.

🔔 FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)

Complete Release Authorization

Continue

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Release authorization

FERPA Form

☒ I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.\*

Please select one: \*

☐ I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

☐ I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.

☒ I understand that my waiver or no waiver selection above pertains to all colleges to which I apply and that my **selections on this page cannot be changed after any recommendation or application submission.\***

Signature \*

Ryan Brooks

Date \*

August 7, 2024

Date uses "month day, year" format (e.g. August 1, 2002)

Back

Save and Close

# What is a school report?

The screenshot shows the 'School report' section of the Parchment application. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: 'Student info' (FERPA waived), 'School report' (In progress), 'Optional report' (Not yet available), 'Optional report 2' (Not yet available), 'Mid-year report' (Not yet available), and 'Final report' (Not yet available). The main content area is titled 'School report' with a status of 'In progress' and buttons for 'Preview' and 'Review and submit'. The form includes sections for 'Class Rank' (with a dropdown for 'How do you report class rank?' set to 'Exact' and a text field for 'Applicant's class rank'), 'Rank weighting' (with radio buttons for 'Weighted' and 'Unweighted'), and date fields for 'From (start date)' (August 2019) and 'Ending (final date)' (May 2023). A 'Continue' button is at the bottom right. Below the form are three expandable sections: 'GPA', 'Curriculum', and 'Ratings'.

**Student info**  
FERPA waived

**School report**  
In progress

**Optional report**  
Not yet available

**Optional report 2**  
Not yet available

**Mid-year report**  
Not yet available

**Final report**  
Not yet available

**School report** ⓘ  
In progress

Preview Review and submit

**Class Rank** ▾

How do you report class rank?\*

Exact × ▾

Applicant's class rank\*

How many additional students share this rank?\*

Rank weighting\*

☒ Weighted  
☐ Unweighted

Clear answer

From (start date)\*

August 2019 📅

Date uses "month year" format (e.g. August 2002)

Ending (final date)\*

May 2023 📅

Date uses "month year" format (e.g. August 2002)

Continue

GPA ▴

Curriculum ▴

Ratings ▴

A school report contains:

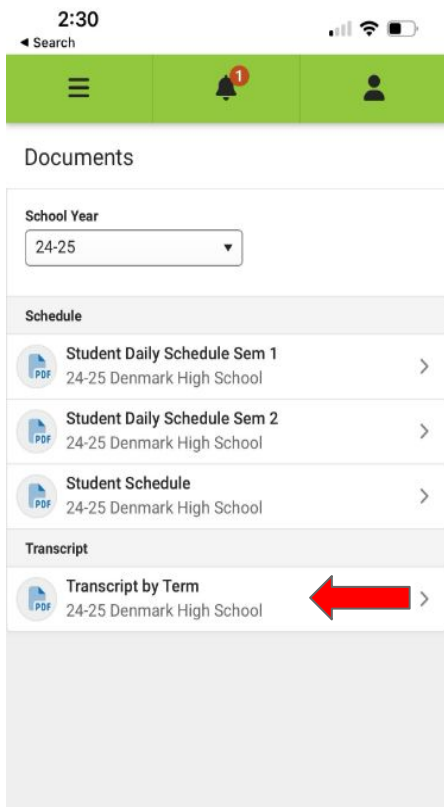
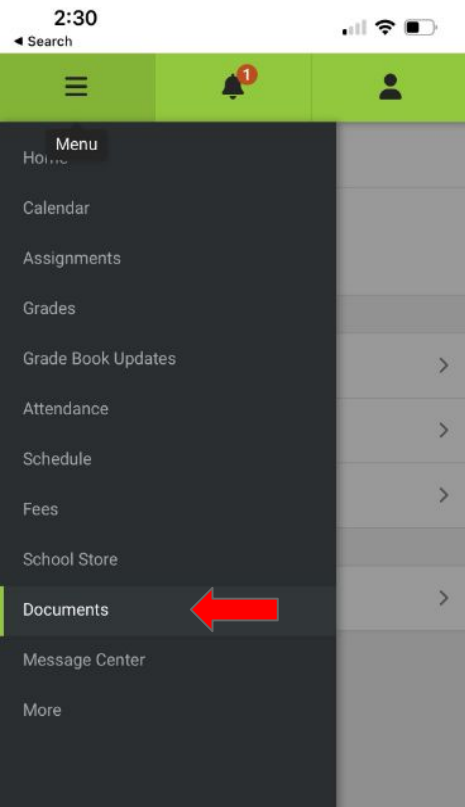
- GPA
- Class Rank
- Transcript
- Brief likert scale academic and extracurricular assessment

***A school report CANNOT be submitted until a Common App transcript is requested from Parchment.***

A counselor recommendation will only be completed if it is required by the college.



# Transcript Request/Self Reporting



## ORDER YOUR TRANSCRIPT

IN THREE EASY STEPS

- 1 Register For Your Free Account**  
If you received a registration code handbook, go to [parchment.com/register](https://parchment.com/register). If you received an email, just click the link.  
1. Visit [Parchment.com](https://parchment.com)  
2. Click Sign Up Now  
3. Build your profile
- 2 Request Your Transcript**  
1. In your account, go to Transcripts  
2. Click Send Transcripts  
3. Select a destination  
4. Submit payment, if necessary  
5. Request is confirmed!
- 3 Track Your Transcript**  
1. Log into your [Parchment.com](https://parchment.com) account  
2. In the top navigation bar, click Transcripts  
3. Click Order History to see the status

**Need Help?**  
Visit [parchment.com/studentkit](https://parchment.com/studentkit) today!

[Request and Track Transcripts](#) [Explore Colleges](#) [Analyze Admissions Data](#)

[COLLEGE, HERE I COME!](#)



- **No nicknames**
- **Accurate year of graduation (2025)**
- **If parents are completing for students, please use student's DOB and graduation year**
- **Cost is \$9 per transcript**

# Letters of Recommendation

1. Check to see if this is a necessary part of your college application. We will not write letters if they will not be read.
2. Provide your counselor or teacher with your resume and Letter of Recommendation Info Sheet. [DHS Senior Profile.docx \(live.com\)](#)
3. Provide recommender with application due date, making sure to give them at least **7-10 business days** to complete your request.
4. Remember, we do not work during school breaks.

**\*\*Guidelines-** Ask a teacher that knows you very well to write you a letter. This could be a club sponsor or a teacher that you have had that can speak to your struggle or investment in a course. Teachers reserve the right to decline your request for a letter of recommendation.

[Click here](#) for an article on high school resume templates.

# Essays (Workshop 8/22 Senior Night)

**Common App has announced the 2024–2025 essay prompts.**

**Below is the complete list of the Common App essay prompts.**

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

We will also retain the [optional community disruption](#) question within the Writing section.

**Tips for using AI for your college essays.**

- Use AI as a helper, but you **MUST** make it your own.
- The misuse of AI has had a negative impact on many college applications. (ie buzz words... tapestry)

**Resources:**

[Crafting an Unforgettable College Essay](#)

[How to Write a College Essay](#)

# Personal Statement (Workshop 8/22 Senior Night)

- **Personal statement**—an essay you write to show a college admissions committee who you are and why you deserve to be admitted to their school. It's worth noting that, unlike "college essay," this term is used for application essays for graduate school as well.



# Common Deadlines



School	Early Action	Regular Decision	App Method
UGA	Oct 15th	Jan 1st	Common App
Ga Tech	Oct 16th	Jan 6th	Common App
Kennesaw	Rolling	Rolling	Common App
Ga State	Nov 15th	April 1st	Common App
UNG	Nov 15th	April 1th	Common App or gaFutures
The Citadel	Rolling	Rolling	Common App

\*Any students who are applying to a school with a January 1st deadline needs to submit their applications by December 13th. If applications are submitted over winter break, they will be processed when we return starting January 6th.

# What is GEORGIA MATCH?

- Georgia Match is an easy way for you to see what Georgia Colleges you “fit” academically with. (\*UGA and GT excluded\*).
- You should receive a letter in the mail listing the colleges you qualify for based on your HOPE GPA.
- You can also log into GAFutures to see the schools you matched with.
- If you didn't receive a letter, or you are not able to find your GEORGIA MATCH schools, the school likely doesn't have your SSN on record. Please bring in your physical copy to our registrar. (Ms. Anne Tanksley)

SENIORS:  
“CLAIM YOUR SPOT”  
AT A GEORGIA COLLEGE  
OR UNIVERSITY TODAY!

SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT

**GEORGIA  
MATCH**



# Applying for HOPE/ZELL

**New in High School Functions:** A weekly **GSFAPP/FAFSA File** to share which seniors have submitted a GSFAPP and/or the 2024-25 FAFSA. The file will be in your HSF Inbox each Friday evening.

As graduation is fast approaching, here are a few things to help your seniors prepare for college in Georgia.

- 1) Complete the online [Georgia Student Finance Application \(GSFAPP\)](#)
  - a) The GSFAPP is how they can apply for HOPE Scholarship or Grant, Zell Miller Scholarship or Grant, and (if attending an eligible private college) the Tuition Equalization Grant.
  - b) The GSFAPP can be completed in 3-5 minutes and is good for 10 years.
- 2) Check their current HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship GPA Calculation in their GAfutures Dashboard through the My High School HOPE GPA tab.
- 3) Complete 2024-25 FAFSA – [Check out the information in GAfutures to get started](#)

*\*Students must have a GAfutures Student account to be able to access the application and their High School HOPE GPA. Their profile must include their correct name, high school name, address, date of birth, and social security number.*

Other helpful links in GAfutures:

- [Preparing for College in Georgia](#)
- [How To Track Your HOPE Academic Eligibility](#)
- [HOPE Scholarship - Initial Eligibility from High School](#)
- [Zell Miller Scholarship - Initial Eligibility from High School](#)
- [Selective Service](#) – required for male students
- [State Programs](#)



# Financial Aid- HOPE/Zell Miller

- Access your HOPE GPA at any time on the gaFutures website.
- **HOPE Scholarship:** Minimum 3.0 HOPE GPA & 4 rigor requirements
  - Typically covers 75-85% of tuition costs (based on lottery funding)
- **Zell Miller Scholarship:** Minimum 3.7 Zell Miller GPA; Minimum combined score of 1200 on the math and reading portions of the SAT or a minimum composite score of 25 on the ACT (single national administration of either test) and meet 4 rigor requirements
  - Covers 100% of tuition at public institutions in GA
  - Lowers to 3.3 GPA requirement in college
- **How is it computed?** Core classes only including foreign language, .5 quality point for AP/DE courses, never goes above a 4.0
- **How do I apply?** <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Students are re-evaluated every 30 credit hours to earn or lose HOPE/Zell Miller in college.



# Financial Aid- HOPE Grant

- HOPE Grant at Technical Schools
  - No GPA requirement upon entrance
- HOPE Career Grant- 100% tuition in certain areas
  - Automotive
  - Aviation
  - Certified Engineer Assistant
  - Commercial Truck Driving
  - Computer Programming/Computer Technology
  - Construction
  - Diesel Equipment Technology
  - Early Childhood Care & Education
  - Electrical Line Worker
  - Health Science- ex. medical coding, nurse aid
  - Industrial Maintenance
  - Logistics
  - Movie Production/Set Design
  - Precision Manufacturing
  - Welding



# College/Career Search (BigFuture Scholarship)

SIX WAYS TO WIN

## 6 Ways to Win

### How to Qualify

Earn entries in monthly drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships by completing steps on BigFuture. Log in to your account, complete steps on your dashboard, and earn entries to win. One step completed = one entry in each monthly scholarship drawing. There are scholarship drawings starting January of your sophomore year until February of your senior year.

[Get the Scholarship Details](#)

### Next Steps

- [Start Your Career List](#) >
- [Build Your College List](#) >
- [Start Your Scholarship List](#) >
- [Strengthen Your College List](#) >
- [Complete the FAFSA](#) >
- [Apply to Colleges](#) >

# Financial Aid (GSFC 8/22 Workshop)

- **Institutional:** check college financial aid websites for criteria and categories; apply early for merit scholarships
- **State/Federal:** HOPE, Work-Study Programs, Pell Grant
- **Community:** church, civic groups, local organizations.
- **Private:** parents place of work, FREE scholarship search through websites.
- Visit the [DHS Counseling Website.](#)
- [www.scholarships.com](#)
- [www.goingmerry.com](#)
- [www.fastweb.com](#)
- [www.gafutures.org](#)
- [www.gsfc.com](#)

# August 22nd College Applications 101

College 101/Senior Night: 5:30-7pm

**Choose 3!**

**Session 1:** College Applications 101 w/ DHS Counselors

\*Same Presentation- For Parents

**Session 2:** Essay Writing w/ **Scholartrek**

**Session 3:** Personal Statements w/ **Applerouth**

**Session 4:** Financial Aid w/ **Georgia Student Finance Commission**  
(GSFC)

# Military



1. Talk w/ your School Counselor and/or Military Recruiter
2. Take the ASVAB (will offer at DHS)
3. Complete Physical Exam (MEPS)
4. Find the Job that you qualify for
5. Sign the contract and prepare for Basic Training

# Military



U.S. AIR FORCE

## United States Air Force

Recruiter: Technical Sergeant James D. Long II  
Office: 770-532-8516  
Cell: 770-685-8050  
james.long.28@us.af.mil  
[airforce.com](http://airforce.com)



## United States Coast Guard

Recruiter: SK1 Gary Crayton  
ROAtlanta@uscg.mil  
O.(770)671.9688  
C.(470)322.9006  
Atlanta | United States Coast Guard  
(gocoastguard.com)



## United States National Guard

Recruiter: Sergeant James McNair  
Office: 404-290-9385  
james.m.mcnaair2.mil@mail.mil  
[nationalguard.com](http://nationalguard.com)



## United States Army

Recruiter: Staff Sergeant Nijel Walls  
Office: 678-225-6892  
Cell: 470-330-3087  
nijel.n.walls.mil@army.mil  
[goarmy.com](http://goarmy.com)



## United States Marine Corps

Recruiter: Sergeant Tyler Lindsey  
Office: 770-993-6362  
Cell: 678-229-7290  
Tyler.Lindsey@marines.usmc.mil  
[www.marines.mil](http://www.marines.mil)



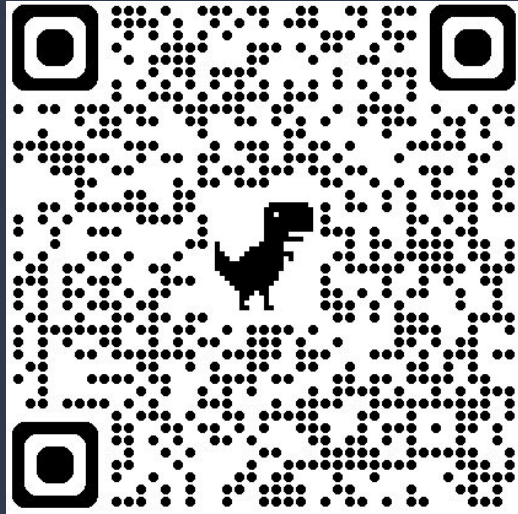
## United States Navy

Recruiter: OS2 Austin Jones  
Office: 770-998-1935  
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austin.z.jones@us.navy.mil  
[www.facebook.com/navyrecruiting](http://www.facebook.com/navyrecruiting)

Each branch of military will be doing visits during lunch and tutorial throughout the school year

*\*All of our recruiters' information can also be found on our website\**

## Student Survey

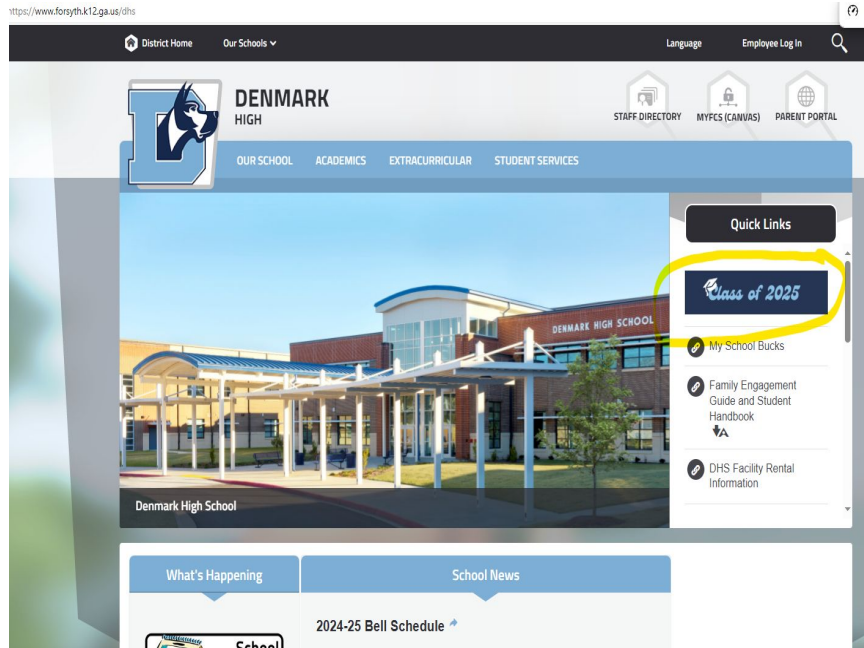


## Parent/Guardian Survey





# All Things Senior



Everything you will need to know about senior events, senior dues, dates, and times will be located in the “Class of 2025” link on the Denmark HS homepage.



# Graduation




**Date: May 18th, 2025 (Sunday)**

**Time: 8:30 AM**


**Where: Gas South Arena**

- The senior fee payment is coming up soon! The fees are **\$160** to start the year and will increase periodically through the school year. This will not only cover the cap and gown but the diploma, diploma cover, graduation ceremony, and a host of other items pertaining to graduation.
- It benefits the senior to go ahead and pay early to avoid the fee increase. Seniors **CANNOT** do an a la carte on senior items.
- Payments should be made to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ascent website.

# Everything Yearbook



**CADY STUDIOS**



With a basic sitting fee, Cady will take cap and gown, formal and casual shot.

**Senior Photos**



Scan the QR code, and you will be taken to the Cady Studios senior photo page. Completely fill the information to have your picture in the yearbook!

**PHOTOS MUST BE TAKEN BY**  
**December 31st!**

# Everything Yearbook (cont.)

## SENIOR ADS



What is a Senior Ad? A Senior Ad is an optional opportunity for parents to express how proud they are of their kids, and a great way to celebrate achievements in school and congratulate them by using photos and messages of choice. **Due November 1st!**

## YOUR YEARBOOK!



To order this year's yearbook, scan this QR code! Our order number is 17396.

# Medallions



- To earn a medallion, students must be a member of a specific honor society and have completed at least 3 courses within their area of completion, as well as additional requirements.
- Medallions can be earned in the following areas: **advanced academic, fine arts, foreign language, and career tech.**
- Students must complete a virtual “Pathway Verification Form” and turn it in before March 1st.

\*If a student qualifies for a medallion in multiple areas, they will receive a “pin” for each additional pathway. Students will only receive 1 medallion.

# Requirements Continued...



To earn a medallion, students must be a member of a **specific honor society**.

- **Advanced Academic:** NHS or associated academic honor society (Ex. Mu Alpha Theta if getting a math medallion)
- **Career:** NTHS
- **Fine Arts:** NHS, ITS, Tri-M, NAHS, Quill & Scroll
- **World Language:** NHS, SNHS (Spanish), FNHS (French)

## **Community Service Minimum Hour Requirement:**

- **Advanced Academic:** 10 hours
- **Career:** 40 hours
- **Fine Arts:** 20 hours
- **Advanced Academic:** 10 hours

\*All requirements can be found on our website.

# Honor Society Sponsors

National Technical Honor Society- Donna Stohr

National Honor Society- Claire Patterson

French National Honor Society- Dustin Daniel

Spanish National Honor Society- Jonathan Kent

Science National Honor Society- Courtney Jewett

Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)- Caitlyn Sloan

Tri-M- Kayla Poor

National Art Honor Society- Kimmy Wood

International Thespian Society- Kirk Grizzle

# Seals...

Career Ready Diploma Seals

- These are tracked by your CTAE teachers

Seal of Biliteracy (Sponsor: Dustin Daniel)

International Skills Diploma Seal (Sponsor: Agnieszka Ergun)

Fine Arts Diploma Seal

Social Studies: Civic Engagement Diploma Seal

# School Counseling Website

## Counseling

- Counseling Home
- Who is My Counselor
- Latest News
- 2023 - 2024 Scheduling
- 9th Grade Information
- 10th Grade Information
- 11th Grade Information
- 12th Grade Information
- Dual Enrollment
- Online Learning
- Academic Support and Tutoring
- GPA Calculation and Credit Check
- PSAT/SAT/ACT Information
- Transcript Requests/NCAA
- FCS Pathways Information
- Helpful Links
- College Application Toolkit

# DENMARK

## COUNSELING

Phone: 470-533-2521 | Fax: 470-533-2522

Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:00pm

(Click links below to explore information)

### Mission Statement

The mission of Denmark HS Counseling Department is to support and serve our students by conducting intentional guidance to help them attain future goals. We create a warm and inviting environment that impacts a positive school climate by demonstrating relentless optimism and advocating for our students. We address the overall wellness of our school and community by building meaningful relationships, educating and implementing mental health awareness, creating data-driven programs, and supporting academic and life endeavors.

WHO IS MY COUNSELOR?

LATEST NEWS

GRADE-LEVEL INFORMATION

DUAL ENROLLMENT

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS/ NCAA

ACADEMIC SUPPORT/ TUTORS

SOCIAL MEDIA/ DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULING

PSAT/ SAT/ ACT INFORMATION

GPA CALCULATION AND CREDIT CHECK

FINANCIAL AID/ SCHOLARSHIPS

### Counseling Department Staff

Corinna Spurlock, Director of Counseling Services

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Ryan Brooks, Professional School Counselor

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Carolyn Moore, Professional School Counselor

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*Coming*