

Denver Montessori Junior/Senior High School
School Profile ~ 2019-2020

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Our School: Denver Montessori Junior/Senior High (DMHS), an urban 7th-12th grade innovation school in Denver Public Schools (DPS), is in its 7th year and now serves 134 9th-12th graders. DMHS graduated its first class of 22 Seniors in June 2019; 70% went to 4-year colleges, 20% went to 2-year colleges. We currently have 24 Seniors. Students choice-in from across Denver and surrounding suburbs with the majority matriculating from DPS Montessori elementary schools. Approximately 50% qualify for free/reduced lunch and 75% are minorities. We aim to provide a holistic education: the emphasis is on self-growth, integrity, confidence and independence in a supportive, collaborative environment.

Curriculum: One of only approximately 25 public Montessori high schools in the US, DMHS' innovation plan is based on the philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. This includes: multi-aged classrooms, student designed weekly schedules, key lessons led by Montessori trained guides followed by student-led seminars in small groups (10-15 students), self-directed projects, long periods of uninterrupted independent work time, and a variety of methods whereby a student can demonstrate mastery of knowledge (i.e. presentation, portfolio, showcase, etc.). Competency-based grading.

Course catalog: Available online @ <http://dmhs.dpsk12.org/montessori-senior-high/senior-high-curriculum/>

*Key to course name equivalencies – for further questions, please call School Counselor.

DPS Course Name on Transcript	DMHS Course Name from Catalog (link above)
CE MAT or ENG	Concurrent Enrollment at community college – Math or English
Algebra Integrated	Montessori Integrated Math I
Geometry Integrated	Montessori Integrated Math II
Financial Algebra	Financial Literacy
Algebra Advanced II (Algebra II)	Montessori Integrated Math III
English 2 & 3	US and World Literature
21 st Century Skills	Internship
Student Assistant	Teacher's Assistant – by application only, student teaching
Student Leadership	Student Council and/or Manager Positions – by application only
Drumline	Steel Drum Ensemble
PBL/FLEX Block	Food Justice

Graduation requirements: DMHS follows DPS district graduation requirements of 240 credits: 40 of English, 40 of Math, 30 of Social Studies, 30 of Science (20 of which must be lab-based), 10 of PE and 90 of electives.

Schedule: 2 18-week semesters

Grade Point Average: Unweighted 4-point scale; weighted 5.2 scale Honors & AP classes. **Class Rank:** Exact

Distinguishing Features:

- ❖ 7 AP courses: Literature, Language, Biology, Chemistry, US History, World History, Spanish
- ❖ 13 Honors courses: English 1-4, Integrated 1-3, PreCalc, Chemistry, Bio, US & World History, Spanish
- ❖ Concurrent Enrollment @ Community College of Denver; AAA109 Advanced Academic Achievement @ DMHS
- ❖ Students keep same Advisor for their whole high school career
- ❖ Access to DPS CEC Early College career classes: Criminal Justice, Computer Game Design, Auto Tech, etc.
- ❖ ASCENT – 5th year of high school full-time at comm. college. Seniors can apply if they complete 12 college credits
- ❖ Outdoor Education Leadership Course at Balarat
- ❖ SAT Prep through Khan Academy; Senior Seminar Class – Portfolio, College and Career Prep
- ❖ Clubs: Student Council, Art Club, Gay Straight Alliance, Ecological Justice Club, Restorative Justice Committee
- ❖ Varsity athletics and clubs at nearby North High School – transportation provided
- ❖ Internships, service-learning projects, and field work
- ❖ Local, regional and global study trips – Costa Rica, Japan, Puerto Rico, New York