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We are looking forward to a new school year and all of the excitement and challenges it brings.

What we want our Parents to know

We want the lines of communication to be open at all times, and we encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns. Encourage your child to stay current on all assignments. With online courses, if you fall behind, it can quickly become overwhelming.

What we want our Students to know

We are excited to begin the new year. We look forward to the many successes our students will have throughout the 2019-20 school year.

What's new at DOVA this year?

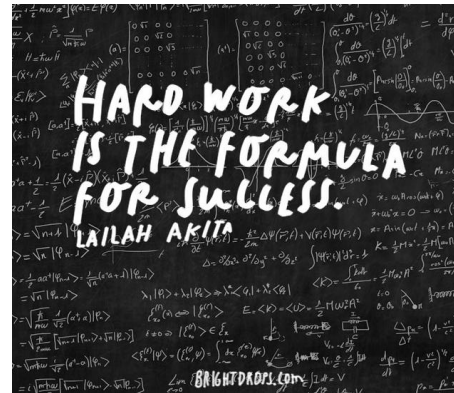
We are very excited to have a part-time counselor who will be working with DOVA students.



The DOVA building was still in the construction phase at press time.

Final Thoughts

DOVA consists of two different programs. One is the alternative program for disciplinary placements and the other is the virtual program for students who would benefit from a more flexible schedule, enjoy working independently, or might like to take a course that is not offered through the traditional setting. Both DOVA programs utilize online curriculums for all courses while provided teacher support.



Organized lockers keep students on track

School is often a student's home away from home. Spending an average of six hours per day and five days a week, 10 months a year in the classroom or on campus, students may feel as though they spend more time roaming school grounds than they do relaxing at home.

Lockers can be havens for students, giving them a place to store supplies and personal items and meet up with friends each day. Organized lockers may help students handle all of their responsibilities more capably.

Developing organizational habits early on is a worthwhile lesson for students, helping them avoid tardiness and keep their assignments in order.

Students typically keep a number of items in relatively small lockers, which

only makes it more challenging to stay organized. The following tips can help students stay organized this school year.

- Make the most of locker space. Space is limited, but with some additions, lockers can be that much more functional. Insert a removable shelf to double the space available. Metal shelves are preferable, but adjustable plastic ones can be effective if they aren't overloaded.

- Install adhesive hooks on the door or an inside wall of the locker to hang clothing, bags and more. Invest in hooks that can hold a lot of weight.

- Organize books by class. Keep books organized by class schedule so that books can be grabbed quickly during

period changes. Put folders and notebooks with the textbooks so that all related items will be together.

- Add some personality. The Container Store suggests adding color and function with magnetic accessories to liven up the space. Dry-erase calendars, pencil/pen containers, a mirror, cubbies for notes and other tools, and magnetic picture frames are some ideas.

- Keep on top of trash. Routinely clean out the locker if things become unruly. Tucking a small waste pail in the bottom of the locker can be handy for taming garbage. Otherwise, periodically clean your locker during after-school hours, emptying it of old assignments and taking clothes home.

Lice Prevention & Control

Tips from the Centers for Disease Control

Head lice are spread most commonly by direct head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact. However, much less frequently they are spread by sharing clothing or belongings onto which lice have crawled or nits attached to shed hairs may have fallen. The risk of getting infested by a louse that has fallen onto a carpet or furniture is very small. Head lice survive less than 1–2 days if they fall off a person and cannot feed; nits cannot hatch and usually die within a week if they are not kept at the same temperature as that found close to the scalp.

The following are steps that can be taken to help prevent and control the spread of head lice:

- Avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play and other activities at home, school, and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, slumber parties, camp).
- Do not share clothing such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, hair ribbons, or barrettes.
- Do not share combs, brushes, or towels. Disinfest combs and brushes used by an infested person by soaking them in hot water (at least 130°F) for 5–10 minutes.
- Do not lie on beds, couches, pillows, carpets, or stuffed animals that have recently been in contact with an infested person.
- Machine wash and dry clothing, bed linens, and other items that an infested person wore or used during the 2 days before treatment using the hot water (130°F) laundry cycle and the high heat drying cycle. Clothing and items that are not washable can be dry-cleaned OR sealed in a plastic bag and stored for 2 weeks.
- Vacuum the floor and furniture, particularly where the infested person sat or lay. However, spending much time and money on house-cleaning activities is not necessary to avoid reinfestation by lice or nits that may have fallen off the head or crawled onto furniture or clothing.
- Do not use fumigant sprays or fogs; they are not necessary to control head lice and can be toxic if inhaled or absorbed through the skin.
- To help control a head lice outbreak in a community, school, or camp, children can be taught to avoid activities that may spread head lice.