

2017-18 D99 Annual Overview



Year in Review



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District Leaders



Dr. Hank Thiele

District 99 Superintendent

Dear Friend of District 99:

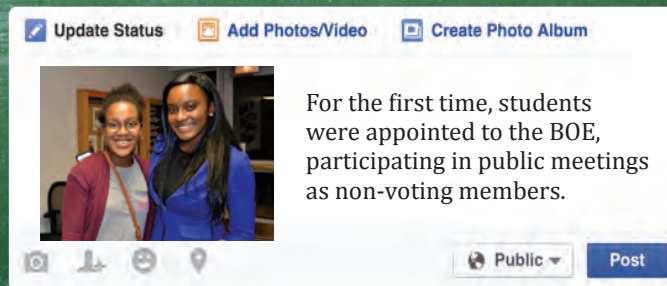
We are proud to share with you the highlights of the school year at Downers Grove North High School (**DGN**) and Downers Grove South High School (**DGS**). We are thankful for your strong support.

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District 99 Board of Education (BOE): Seated (l-r): Board President Dr. Nancy Kupka, DGS Student Member Simone Black, DGN Student Member Prevail Bonga. Standing (l-r): Michael Davenport, Daniel Nicholas, Sherell Fuller, Board Vice President Terry Pavesich, Rick Pavinato, Donald E. Renner III. Contact BoardMembers@csd99.org.

The BOE received the Illinois Association of School Board's Governance Recognition—one of only 20 boards to receive the award in 2017.



About District 99



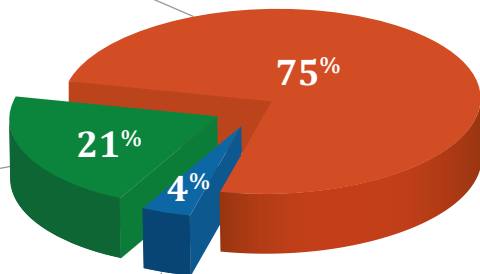
Our mission is to provide a caring and challenging environment where all students develop as lifelong learners.

Skilled Staff

District 99 employs 713 full-time staff members:

Teachers, principals, deans, counselors, psychologists, paraprofessionals, classroom support staff. 92% of our 411 certified faculty members hold advanced degrees.

Other support staff (campus security, technology support, office staff, custodial, maintenance and grounds personnel)



Administrative leadership, professional and technical staff

2017-18 Enrollment

The majority of our **4,894** students (**2,188** from DGN and **2,706** from DGS) live in Downers Grove and Woodridge, as well as Bolingbrook, Darien, Lisle, Oak Brook, and Westmont. Our Transition 99 Program serves **43** students with special needs.

Challenging Academics

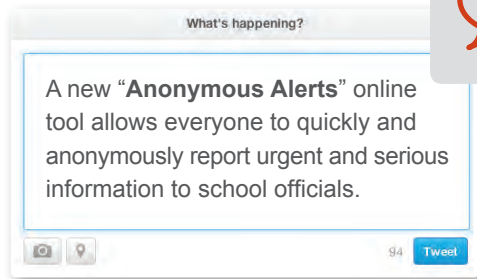
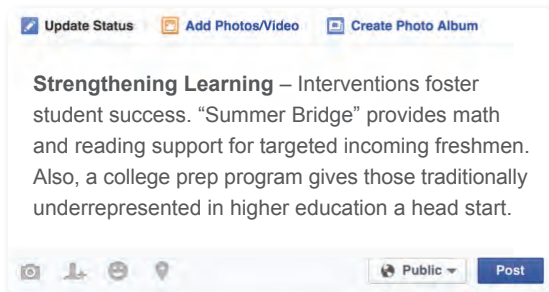
Ten academic departments offer 200+ distinct courses. Honors, dual credit and 27 Advanced Placement (AP) courses prepare students for college-level coursework. The Technology Center of DuPage (TCD) offers students 19 different career and technical education programs.



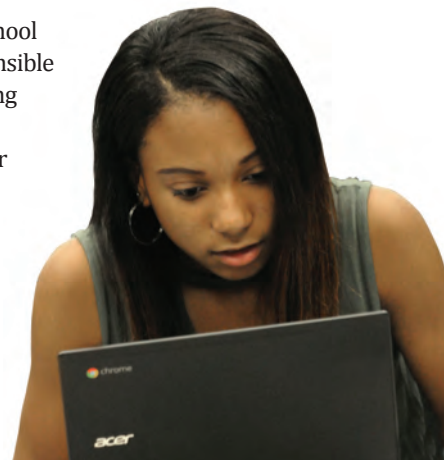
2017-18 Student Achievements

District 99 students continue to perform well academically:

- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) average is 1104.2, above state average of 1015.9
- Graduation rate is 93%, above state average of 87%
- Students enroll in challenging courses:
 - 48% enrolled in at least one honors or AP course



Programs foster a positive school climate and respectful, responsible behavior. Dedicated counseling teams identify students who need extra help to reach their full potential.



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In fall 2018, the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) will measure success beyond test scores, including: graduation rates, attendance, enrollment in AP and honors-level courses, workplace learning experiences, and community service.

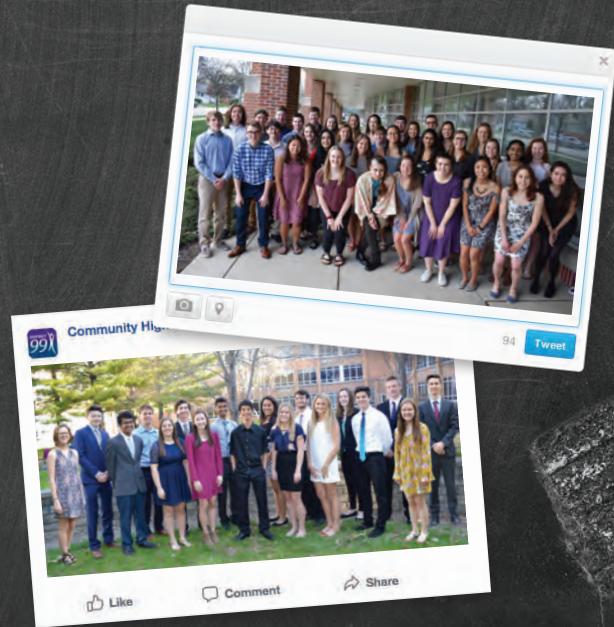
Academic Excellence

New designations recognize students who have achieved academic excellence throughout their high school careers. This inaugural year, 60 graduates received “Distinguished Honors” for earning a 4.4 and above GPA (on a 4.0 scale).



Other Accolades

- 3 National Merit Scholars from DGN: Christopher Bull, John Cagney, Miles Christensen
- 2 U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidates from DGN: Nick Arand, Miles Christensen
- 25 National Merit Commended Scholars at DGN and DGS
- 211 Illinois State Scholars at DGN and DGS



Extracurricular Accomplishments

50+ clubs/activities and 28 athletic programs provide opportunities for enrichment. Some proud moments from 2017-18:

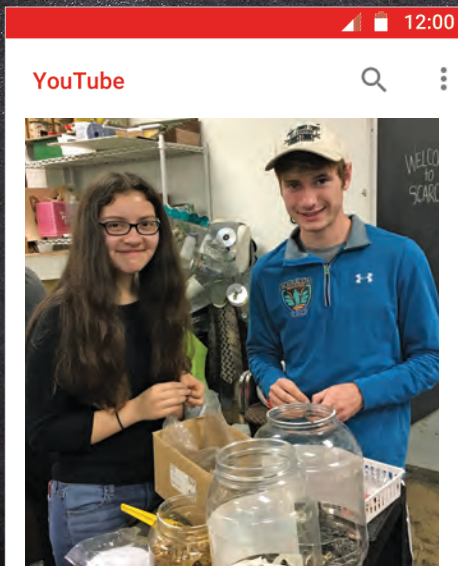
- State Champions - DGS Speech Team
 - DGS Individual Champions Tessa Lawler, Brianna Leys (2), Jessica Windischman
- State Champions - DGN Boys Cross Country Team
- State Champions - DGS Journalism
 - DGS Individual Champion in Broadcast Jonah Ocuto
- 15 students earned National Medals in Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
 - Individual National Gold Medalists DGN Marcus Bacerra, Marion Deal (2), Carlos Hernandez Jr, Emma Segrest and DGS Emmanuelle Copeland
- Illinois Journalist of the Year, Runner-Up for National Journalist of the Year - DGN Natalie White
- U.S. Army All-American Marching Band Musicians
 - DGS Jake Burrows, Danny King
- D99 Hoops, Special Olympics Basketball Team - Champions of Special Olympics Illinois



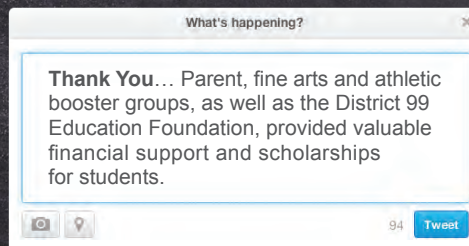
- Individual DECA State Champions – DGN Julia McGuire, Max Miller, Nick Miller and DGS Riya Bhasin
- State Champion in 100-Breaststroke and 200-Freestyle Swimming (Athlete With Disabilities) - DGS Matthew Linert
- State Champion in Diving - DGN Kevin Sullivan
- Individual SkillsUSA State Champions – DGS Sarah Burne, Himal Koshy
- 30 students performed in the 2017-18 Illinois Music Education Association All-State Bands, Orchestras, Choirs, Jazz Bands and Vocal Jazz Ensembles
- State Champion in Gymnastics High Bar - DGN Lukas Elisha



Helping Others... DGS students supported the **LUNGevity Foundation**, a lung cancer research nonprofit organization. DGN students volunteered throughout the community at their annual “**DGN Gives Back Day.**”



Promoting Unity... On behalf of Unified through Special Olympics, DGS students Esther Crandell and Andrea Ramirez with sponsor Sydney Oswald met with legislators in Washington D.C. to advocate for respect and inclusion in schools.



Staff Achievements



- DGN Jeff Grant – Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Finalist
- DGS Scott D. Parker, Gretchen Fitzharris, Tom Lubbers – Co-authored a book on taking teaching to the next level using technology
- DGN John Sipple – 3A North Division Coach of the Year by the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association
- DGS Andrew Kaim – University of Chicago’s Outstanding Teacher Award
- DGN Dennis (D.J.) Rogala, Amy Wlodek-Holland, Melissa Wostratzky – won competitive scholarships to attend national institute summer programs
- DGS Valerie Hardy – achieved National Board Certification
- DGN Jenne Dehmlow, Courtney White – Outstanding Activity Advisors by the Illinois Directors of Student Activities
- DGS Craig Roselieb – Inducted into the Midwest Music Festival Hall of Fame
- DGN Anthony Ciezadlo – Boys Diving Coach of the Year, Illinois Swim and Dive Association



Facility Improvements

Thanks to the community approval of the Master Facility Plan in March, work is underway to modernize and make our schools safer and more secure. Initial security improvements and air conditioning will be installed this summer. Major construction will take place during the summers of 2019 and 2020, with the goal of substantial completion by the 2021-22 school year. Details at www.csd99.org/MFP.



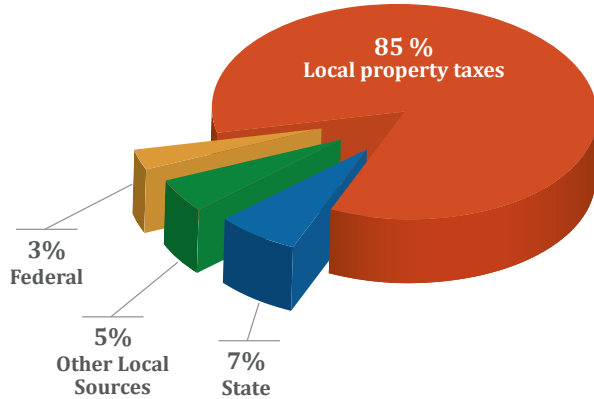
Financials



We strive to deliver the highest quality educational program in the most cost-effective and responsible way. Our instructional expenditure per pupil is \$10,894; the information below reflects our operating funds for the 2017-18 school year:

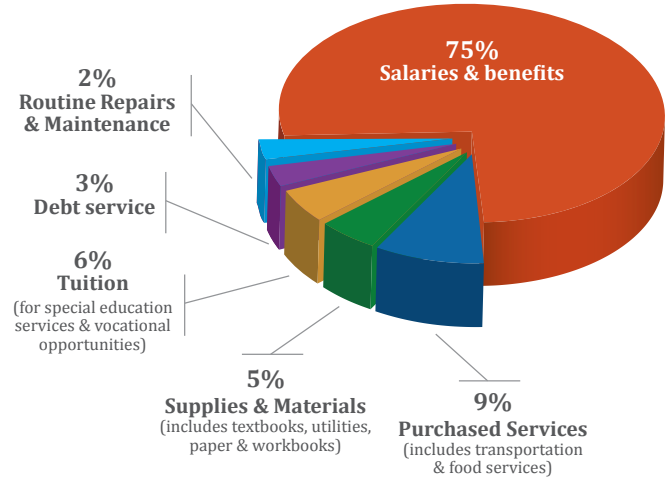
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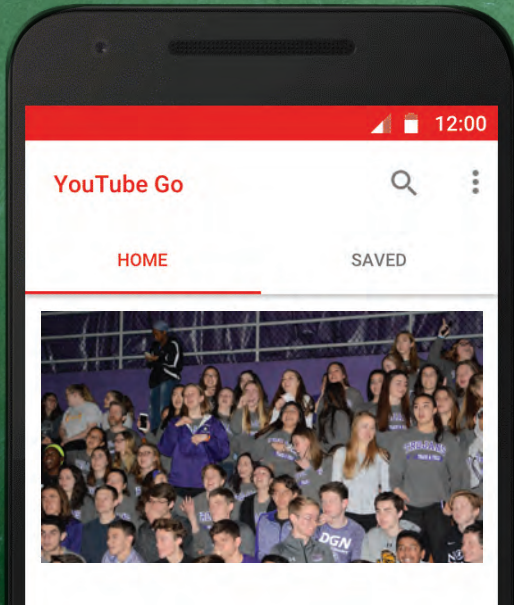
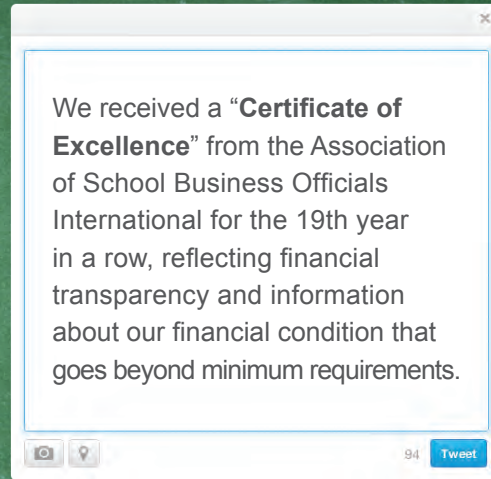
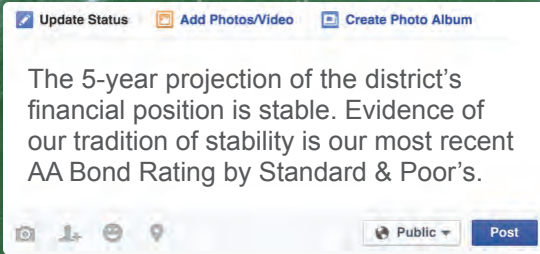
\$88.5 million



Expenditures

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District 99 has the **2nd lowest total tax rate** of the 7 high school districts in DuPage County. It is \$1.92 this year—**four cents lower** than last year.





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