

# DSIS FAQs

How many students are registered with DSIS?

Currently, we can accept 175 students grades K-12 at DSIS.

Do all of these students fall under the “homeschooling” category?  
If not, how many are homeschoolers?

Homeschool is categorized as grades K-6. Families meet with a supervising teacher who provides curriculum, instructional methodologies, and monitors student progress through their elementary years, with the parent as the main deliverer of instruction. The high school program is an independent study model of instruction where students meet with a supervising teacher who assigns classes and coursework to meet graduation and college preparation requirements. At the secondary level, parents shift to a more supporting role rather than as the primary teacher.

As a DSIS student, you meet with an assigned teacher one hour a week, correct?

Students meet formally for one hour a week but may also call or email their teacher whenever needed, as well as schedule time to come in during teachers’ prep time for additional help.

And you also have the option of taking year-long workshops?

The DSIS homeschool program offers multi-age workshops in a variety of areas such as science, language and writing, social studies, and computers. Workshops are optional, though most students attend. It helps to build community among the students. They also provide curricular enrichment, opportunities for cooperative group

work, and social time with other students. Secondary students may take semester or year-long classes such as Spanish 1 & 2, Biology, math, art, writing, study skills, leadership, and publications.

Do DSIS students have to meet the same graduation requirements as a DHS student, for example?

No, there are some slight differences. Like Davis High School, DSIS follows the A-G requirements so that students graduating from DSIS have the same opportunity as those at the high school to apply to CSU and UC schools. We require fewer elective credits but require an additional five credits of computers and one credit of community service.

Total DSIS: 210 Total DHS: 230.

Are there California curriculum requirements for homeschoolers?

Yes, our homeschoolers and independent study students follow state-mandated content standards and use district-adopted materials.

Can you give me a sampling of reasons students may go the DSIS route?

Homeschool reasons: Parents want to spend more time with their children. Parents want more input on curriculum choices. Some prefer a smaller environment. Parents/teachers are able to address individual student needs. Parent may want added structure. Student may have a passionate interest that they need time to pursue.

Secondary student reasons: an interest in accelerating their education and getting out of high school early in order to begin college or work; academic failure in a traditional teaching model (comprehensive junior and senior high school); medical, social, emotional, and discipline difficulties preventing them from attending school five days a week; time-consuming outside activities such as

sports, music, drama which take up most of their evenings and weekends and leaves students little time to do coursework outside of the traditional school day.

What obstacles do homeschooling students face with regard to applying to college?

Students at DSIS graduate with a diploma from a WASC-accredited school. DSIS offers a-g courses that satisfy UC/CSU requirements for admission. We've had students admitted to Stanford, Rutgers, University of Chicago, Berklee, San Francisco Art Institute, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and many other colleges and universities across the country. Being homeschooled or attending independent study as a secondary student doesn't create any more obstacles to getting into college than students would have at a traditional site.