

As a part of our 4 year developmental counseling program at DGS, school counselors recently met with all freshman students during one of their Global Connections classes to develop a plan of what courses they need to take during their sophomore, junior, and senior years to achieve post-secondary goals. The 4-year plan document is intended to be a planning tool for students and parents/guardians to help students see a “big picture” view of their high school career and set goals for where they would like to go when they graduate. As counselors guided students through the completion of this four year plan, they were instructed to consider what courses needed to be included to meet DGS graduation requirements as well as minimum 4 year college admissions requirements. We encourage parents/guardians to ask your student to show you the four year plan document they completed and have a conversation with them about their plans going forward. The document can be accessed in their D99 Google account in Google Classroom. It can be found in the “class” titled Freshman CSSS Class of 2020. A blank Microsoft Word version of the document students completed is attached to this email.

[A copy of the presentation can be viewed by clicking on this link.](#)

DGS school counselors will meet with all freshman students in early February to select courses for the sophomore year. Now is an ideal opportunity for parents/guardians to get involved with the course selection process. You may want to begin this process by reviewing the [District 99 Academic Planning Guide \(click here\)](#) to learn about courses, department sequences, and to begin addressing academic planning questions. Starting on January 30th, parents/guardians will be able to view courses recommended for students in Home Access Center. As always, DGS counselors encourage students and parents to contact them with any questions they may have regarding academic and college planning.