



Warrior Welcome

Deerfield High School

Welcome Packet



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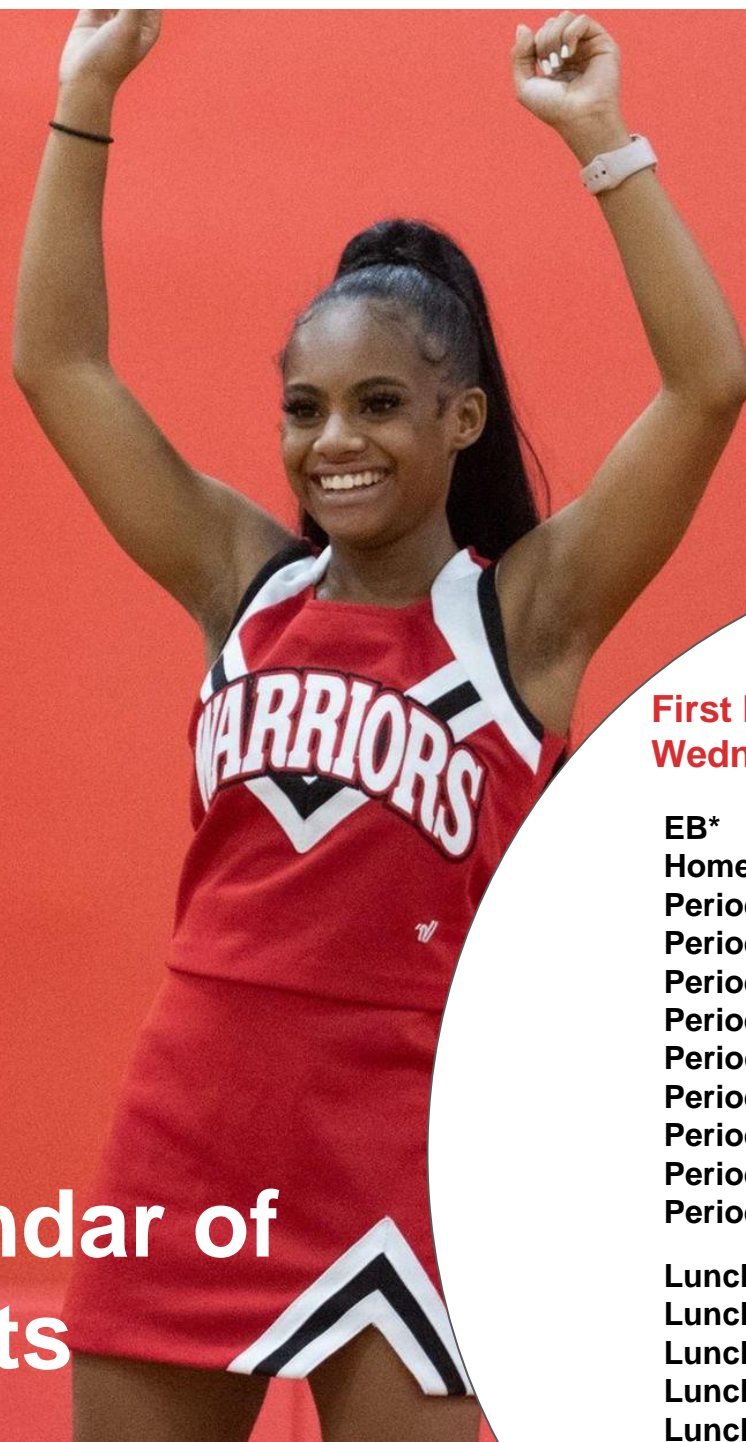


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Calendar of Events

**First Day of School:
Wednesday, August 16, 2023**

EB*	8:10-8:45
Homeroom	8:50-9:09
Period 1	9:14-9:49
Period 2	9:54-10:29
Period 3	10:34-11:09
Period 4	11:14-11:54
Period 5-I	11:59-12:39
Period 5-II	12:34-1:14
Period 6	1:19-1:54
Period 7	1:59-2:34
Period 8	2:39-3:14

Lunches:

Lunch A	11:24-11:54
Lunch B	11:59-12:29
Lunch C	12:22-12:52
Lunch D	12:44-1:14

**Early Bird Science does not meet during EB, only 1st period. All other EB classes meet.*

Important Dates

September 7	Open House
October 6	Homecoming Game
October 7	Homecoming Dance
October 26	School Chest Kickoff
November 15	Mental Health Screener in homeroom
January 10-11	Pre-registration meetings for Freshmen
January 16-19	Pre-registration Walk Through Week for Students
February 7-12	Freshmen finalize course requests with counselors





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Attendance

Students 17 years of age or younger are within the Illinois compulsory school age and are mandated to attend school. Students who are 17 years of age or above and are enrolled in the District are also mandated to attend school.

Parents/guardians are expected to report and provide a reason for all absences to the high school attendance office the day their student is absent from school. Township High School District 113 Board of Education defines absences with valid cause as the following:

- Student illness
- Necessary medical appointments
- School-related absences (e.g., field trips, college visits, participating in school activities and athletic competitions)
- Observance of a religious holiday
- Death in the immediate family
- Family emergencies
- Reasonable concern on the part of the parent/guardian for the health or safety of their student
- And/or other situations beyond the control of the student as determined by a school administrator
- Mental Health Day

Procedures Regarding Absences:

The Attendance Office must receive a parent/guardian call to authorize a student's absence. Parents/guardians should call the Attendance Office between the hours of 7:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at: **224-632-3001**.

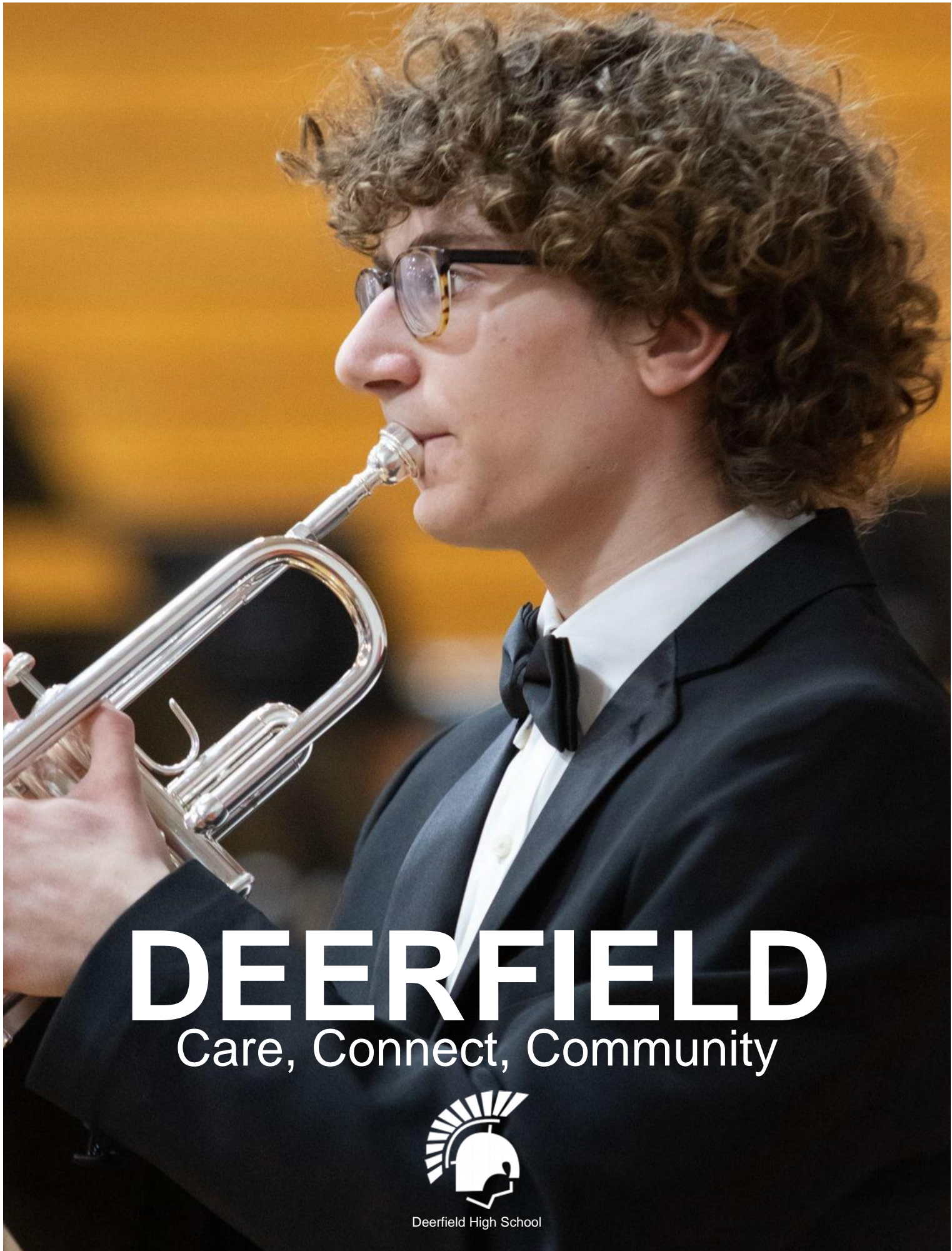
After 3:30 p.m. and on weekends, parents/guardians may leave a message on the attendance office voicemail. If a telephone call is not received by 11:59 p.m. the day of the absence, the absence will be unauthorized.

Please review the *Attendance Policy and Procedures* for our school in the 2023-2024 Student Handbook, which is located on the Attendance, Deans, and Security page of our DHS website.

Illness During School

Illness during school hours will be addressed through Health Services. Students are expected to see a school nurse to be evaluated. The school nurse will contact the parent/guardian to send the student home, if warranted.





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Things You Should Know

Course Placement Changes

Course placement changes involve changes between course levels such as standard, honors, and AP. Students eligible for a course placement change have struggled in the course despite receiving additional support in the classroom and the Academic Resource Center (ARC). Prior to requesting a course placement change, it is expected that the student and parent/guardian have established frequent communication with the teacher to address concerns with the student's progress. In some cases, class size may prohibit a change. Changing a course placement may necessitate a change in textbooks and may result in moving other classes to accommodate the change.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

GPA is computed after each semester. Semester grades are cumulative and will impact a student's overall GPA. Two grade point averages are reported: weighted and unweighted. The unweighted GPA is based on a 4-point scale (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0) and the weighted GPA is based on an extra point (A=5, etc.). District 113 does not compute class rank.

Summer School

Registration for summer classes will begin in February. For more information regarding dates, course offerings, and time schedule, consult the [District 113 Summer School website](#). The brochure will be posted online prior to winter break.

Withdrawing From a Class

When students withdraw from a class, they will be assigned to a study hall for the class period formerly occupied by the withdrawn course. Students receive no credit for withdrawn class.

When a class is withdrawn, the class will not appear on their transcript, except for either of following situations:

1. If at any time the withdrawal places them below the credit minimum described in policy 7-40 (5 credits), the course remains on their transcript as withdrawn (code "W"); or
2. If the withdrawal takes place after week 12 of the semester, the course remains on their transcript with a withdrawn code ("W").

These withdrawn courses will not contribute or detract from the student's grade point average, and cannot be used as a prerequisite for subsequent coursework or designations.

Health Services

Prior to the start of the school year, incoming freshmen are required to have a completed Illinois State Physical including a complete and up-to-date immunization history and dental examination on file in Health Services. The exam must be current within one year of the start date of school. Students will be subject to school exclusion after October 16, 2023. Please submit forms to: dhshealthservices@dist113.org





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Which Program is Which?

Infinite Campus

In Infinite Campus, you will be able to access the following:

- Grades: View overall course grades and in-progress grades
- Attendance: Review attendance patterns for your student
- Course Registration: Make course requests during the registration process.
- Demographic Information: Update phone numbers, emails and address
- Documents: Print copies of schedule, report cards, transcripts, and eSign forms
- Fees: Pay required school fees (technology fee, eText, course fees, graduation, parking, etc.), look up payment history, and manage credit card on file
- Food Service: Add money to Quest Food Account and view items purchased
- Message Center: View all emails that were sent home
- School Store: Purchase optional items like the Activity Ticket and items from the Virtual Bookstore; make donations to parent organizations and Warriors Helping Warriors

(For questions about or issues with Infinite Campus, email DHSPortal@dist113.org)

MaiaLearning

MaiaLearning is our college and career online program. Freshmen will be introduced to Maia Learning during the career lesson in Advisory.

Schoology

- Class assignments, assessment policies, instructions
- Due dates, missing work, and calendars
- Teacher-to-student communication and feedback
- Schedule a student appointment with the school counselor

Websites

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<https://www.dist113.org/dhs>

DHS Counseling Department

<https://www.dist113.org/domain/96>

DHS Activities

<https://www.dist113.org/Page/1469>

DHS Athletics

<https://www.dist113.org/domain/85>

District 113 Website

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School Counselors

Professional School Counselors

School counselors are certified, masters-level educators who improve success for every student by implementing a comprehensive developmental counseling program. School counselors do not work in isolation; rather they are integral to the total education program. School counselors deliver programs that have an impact on student growth in three domain areas: academic development, career development and social/emotional development.

Academic Development

School counselors play a critical role in ensuring students have the academic knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to be successful. School counselors assist students as they align coursework with specific areas of interest/career path.

Career Development

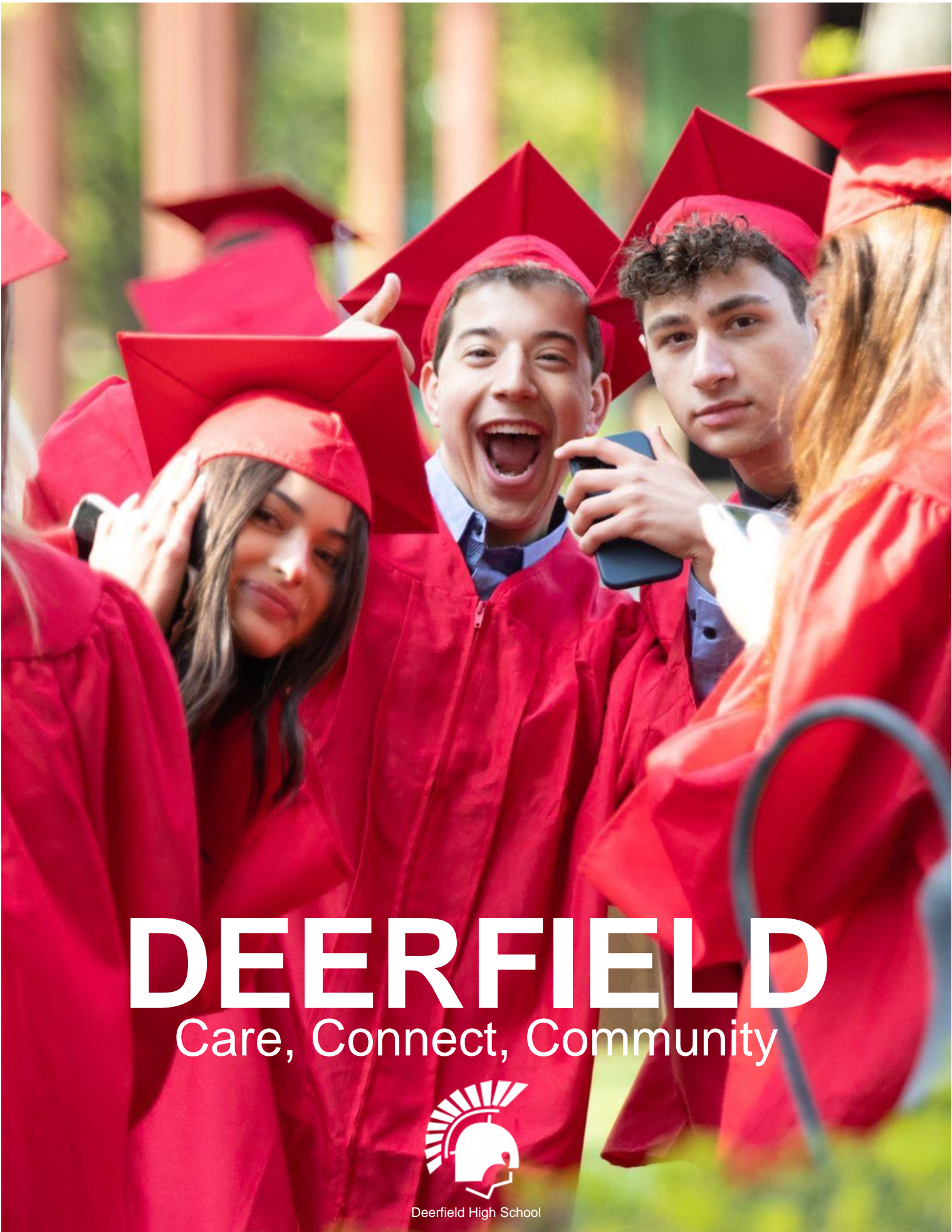
School counselors recognize that each student possesses unique interests, abilities and goals, which lead to future opportunities. Collaborating with the student, families and educational staff, school counselors work to ensure that all students select a postsecondary path (higher education, military, workforce) appropriate for the student.

Social Emotional Development

School Counselors have unique training in helping students with social emotional issues that may become barriers to academic success. School counselors are mental health professionals who provide social emotional support, group counseling and crisis intervention.

Students can schedule an appointment with their school counselor by going to their counselor's class on Schoology and selecting a date/time on the online calendar.





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Support Groups

Deerfield High School offers a variety of student support groups that address social and emotional needs in a safe, supportive and confidential place. The group environment creates a greater sense of community within the school while promoting overall school functioning and academic success. Groups are voluntary and of a confidential nature. Groups meet weekly during the school day on a rotating schedule. Students may be referred to a group by parents/guardians, teachers, counselors, or by self-referral.

District 113 does not require parent/guardian permission for student participation in support groups. If you do not want your student to participate in any of the support groups listed, please state your objection in writing to Amy Bricker, Counseling Department Chair (abricker@dist113.org).

Alliance – For LGBTQIA+ and questioning students

Breathe – For students who are interested in developing skills and strategies to manage anxiety (8-week group)

Culture Connections – For Asian and Pacific Islander students to discuss issues and life experiences

Family Connections – For students who would like to talk about difficult family situations they encounter

Latino Group – For students who identify as Latino/Latina/Latinx to discuss issues and life experiences

Soul: The Black Student Union – For Black students to discuss issues and life experiences

Transfer Students – For students transferring into Deerfield High School

