

# DHS Counselor Corner



## Summer School 2026

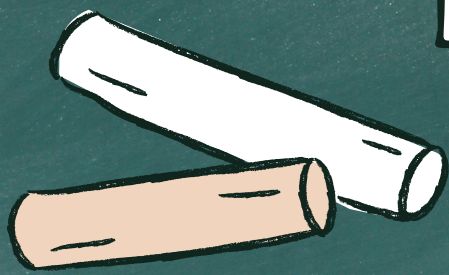
Summer school is designed to help students catch up on any missing credits or improve their grades in order to stay on track for graduation and/or college admission. This year, summer school will be in session from Thursday, June 11 - Thursday, July 16.

Period 1 classes will run from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM.

Period 2 classes will run from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Make sure to talk to your school counselor about your summer school classes!

Dr. Golden Fowler will be the summer school Principal, and Dr. Gladys Velazquez and Ms. Jessica Ortiz will be the summer school Assistant Principals.



## Counseling Highlights

During the week of May 4-8, school counselors will review Quarter 4 Progress Report Cards to identify 12th-grade students who are in danger of failing one or more classes required for graduation. Counselors will mail out letters, indicating if a student is on the Senior Fail List. The letter states that if students do not clear their classes by May 22, 2026, then they may not participate in the graduation ceremony on May 29, 2026. We will also advise parents/guardians to check their students' grades via Parent Connection and contact teachers directly via email.


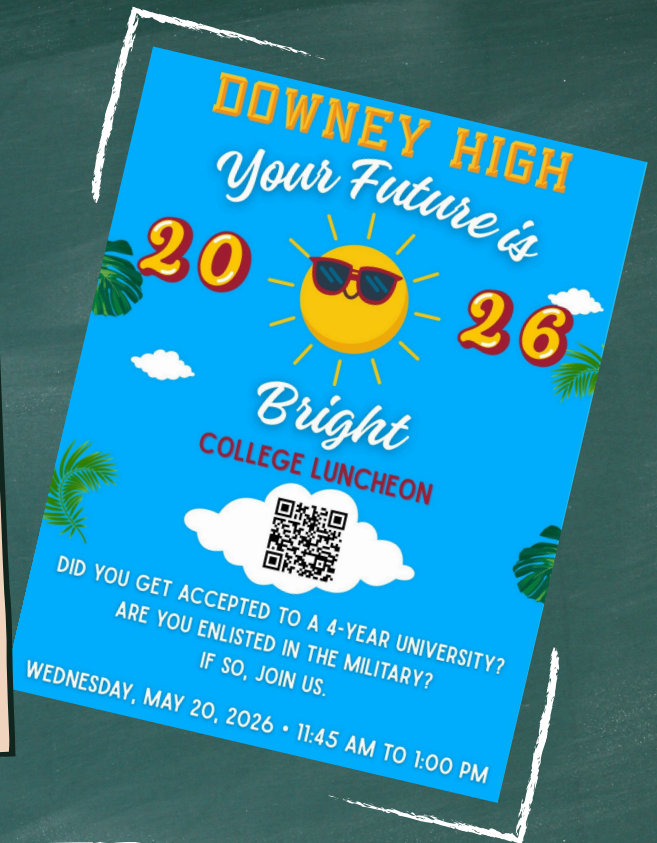
### Important Dates

- AP Testing: May 4 - May 15
- Senior College Luncheon: May 20
- Senior Awards Night: May 21
- Graduation Ceremony: May 29


## Senior College Luncheon

This year's Senior College Luncheon, themed "Your Future Is Bright," will be held on Wednesday, May 20 from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM. If you were accepted to a 4-year college/university or have enlisted in the military, scan the QR code or head over to [tinyurl.com/dhslunch2026](https://tinyurl.com/dhslunch2026) to complete the Google Form and upload an image of your acceptance letter from a 4-year college/university or proof of your military enlistment.

On Thursday, May 21, Senior Awards Night will be hosted in the Downey Theatre, starting at 6:00 PM. This ceremony celebrates achievements and recognitions with monetary awards, scholarships, and academic awards. Qualifying seniors will be invited to attend.



"Top Teacher Tip" from  
Mr. Evans, Ms. Curiel,  
Mr. Houts, and Mr. Zakour



Mr. Evans: It is never too early to start your volunteer/community service hours. At DHS, we do not require volunteer/community service hours for graduation. Nonetheless, we do recognize students who complete prescribed amounts of volunteer/community service hours. It is also an advantage to refer to your volunteer/community service experiences when applying to college and/or applying to your first paid job.

Ms. Curiel: "The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice." – Brian Herbert. Make it a great day or not, Vikes, the choice is truly yours!

Mr. Houts: Get involved. Don't be a wallflower—be a wildflower.

Mr. Zakour: "Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror. JUST KEEP GOING! No feeling is final." – Rainer Maria Rilke

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