

Clubs and Activities Listing

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Introduction

In maintaining a "home away from home" atmosphere, DSA provides an array of activities both inside and outside the arts arena. This listing will help introduce you to those activities.

Students interested in starting a club should: find a sponsor, decide on purpose, meeting times and goals. When finished, let Mr. Loera know your plans.

For questions or more information about a particular club, please contact the respective club sponsor. Thank you.

Name of Club/Activity	Open to	Meeting Date/Time	Sponsor(s)	Room
After School Dance Club	all students	Mon-Fri/3:00-4:30	Karczewski/Becker	118/119/002
Arts Students of Color	studs. of color	Thu @ lunch (2x/mo.)	Miles/Holt	MS115/HS205
Black History Month	all students	February	Holt	Library
Challenge 5280	Select 8 th -12 th grades	Mon & Wed @ lunch	Fox	202
Creative Writing Outreach	CW students	Friday @ lunch	Kohzadi	232
Destination Imagination (DI)	all students	weekly, day varies	Michelle Miller	TBA
DSA Discourse Club	8 th -12 th grades	Tuesday @ lunch	Fox	202
DSA Film Club	8 th -12 th grades	Friday @ lunch	Cohen	220
DSA Pays It Forward	all students	2 nd & 4 th Wed @ lunch	Lubell	Coun. Conf. Room
DSA Photography Club	9 th -12 th grades	Monday @ lunch	Gonzalez	111
DSA Volunteer Leadership Club	9 th -12 th grades	Weekly (varies) 3-4:00	Folkins	Ashley Elem.
Environmental Club	all students	Thursday @ lunch	Jackson	201
Fellowship of Christian Artists	all students	Wednesday @ lunch	Rall	210
FIDM Fashion Club	8 th -12 th grades	Thu & Fri 2:45-3:20	Kirksey/Reedy	155
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	8 th -12 th grades	Monday @ lunch	Cohen/Grossman	220
Girls on the Run Club	6 th -8 th grade girls	Offered in Spring	Shaw/Ford	Commons
Improv Teams	all students	varies	Becker	L Studio
Intl Thespian Society HS	9 th -12 th grades	varies	Hann	L Studio/Black Box
JRT/Intl Thespian Society MS	6 th -12 th grades	varies	Becker	L Studio
Jewish Student Connection	8 th -12 th grades	Wednesday @ lunch	Dunn/benEzra	223
Meditation Club	8 th -12 th grades	Wednesday @ lunch	Glassman	100
Mongolian/Navajo Culture Club	all students	Thursday @ lunch	Menetrier	Library
Mural Club	all students	Monday @ lunch	Cliff	162
Music Therapy Alliance	8 th -12 th grades	Every other Wed	Bradley	218
National History Day	6 th - 8 th grades	Wednesday 2:45-4:00	Arnett	115
National Honor Society	Jrs & Srs/GPA	Wednesday 1x/mo.	Mallaney/Wiseman	Library
No Place for Hate MS	Select 8 th grade	Every Other Wed	Lubell	Black Box
No Place for Hate HS	Select HS	1 st Mon & Thur @ lunch	Menetrier	SSC
Prom Committee	Juniors	2 nd Semester TBD	Brown	224
Songwriting Club	8 th -12 th grades	Tuesday @ lunch	Serianni	Guitar Rm.
Speech and Debate	8 th -12 th grades	Class Sched.	Davies	214
Spelling Bee	6 th -8 th grades	Thursday 3-3:45 pm	benEzra	120
Student Council	elected 8 th -12 th	Friday @ lunch	Mills	204
Tri-M Music Honor Society	10 th -12 th Music	Tue @ lunch 1x/mo.	Styron/Lassen	018
VA Open Studio	All Grades	Tuesday 3-4 pm	Rosenbaum/Cliff	162/163
Video Cinema Arts Leadership Council	All Grades	Tuesday @ 3 pm	McGrath	213
100-Mile Club	All Grades/Staff	Tuesday 3:15-4:15 pm	Dr. J/Dr. A	221
12 th Grade Academy	Current Seniors	Wednesday @ lunch	Brown	224

After-School Dance Club

Monday

- ___ Modern I/II -Beg/Int. 3:15-4:45 *Instructor- Liz Burritt*
- ___ Modern III/IV-Adv. 3:15-4:45 *Instructor- David Reuille*
- ___ Tap I-Beg/Int. 3:15-4:15 (this class begins Sept 25) *Tuesday*
- ___ Ballet I-Beg. 3:15-4:45 *Instructor- TBA*
- ___ Ballet III- Int/Adv. 3:15-4:45 *Instructor- Greg Gonzales*
- ___ Pre/Pointe 4:45-5:15 *Instructor- TBA*

*Must attend 3:15-4:45 ballet class to take pre-Point

Wednesday (WED classes begin on Sept 27)

- ___ Jazz I/II-Beg/Int. 3:15-4:45 *Instructor – TBA*
- ___ Jazz III/IV-Adv. 3:15-4:45 *Instructor- Chris Harris*

Thursday

- ___ Ballet II-Beg/Int. 3:15–4:45 *Instructor- Brandon Becker*
- ___ Ballet IV-Adv. 3:15-4:45 *Instructor- David Reuille/Greg Gonzales*

Friday

- ___ Tap III-Adv. 3:15-4:15 *Instructor- Amy Weisenhorn*
- ___ Ballet IV-Adv. 3:15-4:45 *Instructor- David Reuille*
- ___ Modern III/IV-Adv. 3:15-4:45 *Instructor- Thea Jaworski*
(Modern will start on Sept 29)

Open To: All students

Where: Dance Studios 118, 119, 002

Sponsor: Ms. Karczewski & Mr. Becker

Arts Students of Color Alliance

We strive to create a welcome place to discuss current issues, needs, and to support students of color in a collaborative, caring, environment. The Art Students of Color Alliance provides a place to share ideas and connect with other students.

Open To: All students of color

When: Thursday at lunch twice a month

Where: Room 115 MS, 205 HS

Sponsors: Ms. Miles and Ms. Holt

Black History Month Creative Project

This project has been a DSA tradition where students come together and create a show that honors some aspect of the African American history. During Black History Month in February, the student-led performance is presented to the DSA community. Any student can audition to be part of the cast after the student leaders have a rough idea of the goals of the year's show. Students work hard to include anyone who shows interest and consistent attendance to rehearsals.

Open To: All students

When: Month of February

Where: Library

Sponsor: Holt

Challenge 5280

Challenge 5280 is run out of DSA's Student Board of Education. We are dedicated to producing service and change projects within DSA and the wider community. This is a group for people who want to have an impact on their community.

Open To: Select 8th-12th Graders

When: Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch

Where: Room 202

Sponsor: Mr. Fox

Creative Writing Outreach

This club is for Creative Writing students in grades 8-12 at DSA (non-majors who show strong interest and commitment are also welcome to join in). The club strives to connect students with the larger community through projects of local outreach and global philanthropy. Most service projects will be geared toward using reading and writing as agents of positive social change.

This year CW Outreach is partnering with Urban Peak, a local teen homeless shelter, in order to connect with local teens through writing and other art, as well as assist in providing resources and opportunities for those in need.

Open To: Creative Writing Students

When: Friday at Lunch

Where: Room 232

Sponsor: Ms. Kohzadi

Destination Imagination – “Innovation with Altitude”

Destination Imagination is the world's largest creative problem solving competition.

200,000 students from more than 30 countries compete each year. Teams of 3-7 students solve open-ended challenges over 4-5 months. DI prepares students to be innovators of the future combining arts, sciences, and technology with creativity, teamwork, and problem solving. Check out the DI website www.idodi.org and the Colorado site www.extremecreativity.org.

Open To: All students

When: Weekly (TBA)

Where: TBA

Sponsor: Michelle Miller (303 886 3398 or mdweston@aol.com)

DSA Discourse Club

DSA Discourse is a new club that is designed to provide DSA 8-12th grade students a forum to discuss serious issues in today's society with their peers. Often time teachers do not have enough time to explore the depth of today's social problems and humanitarian issues, so we offer a place for students to bring issues that they care deeply about to the table and engage in meaningful discussions regarding the issue. In addition, DSA Discourse is growing to not only include discussions, but also plans for community service and activism to be a part of the change that we wish to see in our world.

Open To: 8th-12th Graders

When: Tuesday at lunch

Where: Room 202

Sponsor: Mr. Fox

DSA Film Club

DSA Film Club will take place every Friday in room 220 during high school lunch. It is meant to offer a community where students can watch and discuss films to learn about the art of Cinema. We will watch a variety of films from different directors, spanning different topics, and utilizing different cinematic techniques.

Open To: 8th-12th Graders

When: Friday at lunch

Where: Room 220

Sponsor: Mr. Cohen

DSA Pays It Forward

This brand new club, which came from the heart of a compassionate student, will be a student driven **HUMANITARIAN** club, built to reach out and support those in need in our global community. Our emphasis will be to identify and develop fund raising activities for communities that are facing challenges.

Open To: All students

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday at lunch

Where: Counseling Conference Room

Sponsor: Mr. Lubell

DSA Photography Club

In today's world, almost all of us have access to a camera on the cell phones we carry in our pockets, but learning how to compose photos that tell a story and intrigue the viewer is an art. The DSA Photography Club is gathering of 9-12th graders from any major who meet regularly to learn more about both film and digital photography. Students involved in photography club will have the opportunity to build skills in creative control workshops, receive peer feedback on their photography, submit work for inclusion in a calendar commissioned and printed by the City of Denver, build a portfolio of work that includes art, portrait, performance and landscape photography. We'll host a gallery show showcasing the work of Photography Club members and host fundraising mini-sessions to gain experience in portrait photography. No previous experience required – we encourage you to come and explore a new art form!

Open to: 9th-12th graders any major

When: Mondays at lunch

Where: Mr. Glassman's room, Room 111

Sponsor: J.D. Gonzalez

DSA Volunteer Leadership Club

The DSA Volunteer Leadership Club will give students the opportunity to give back to the local community by offering art enrichment to students at Ashley Elementary School. Ashley Elementary, the closest public elementary school located near to DSA, is almost entirely composed of free-lunch students. By working with Ashley students to develop their artistic talents, the Volunteer Leadership Club will seek to prep elementary students to one day audition to DSA and help to improve the diversity of DSA. DSA students who participate will have the added benefit of building their volunteer resume to help increase their appeal for college applications. There is no space limit for students, but students will be required to commit to a minimum of six volunteer sessions (6 wks).

Open to: 9th-12th Graders

When: Weekly (Day varies based on major) from 3-4pm

Where: Ashley Elementary School

Sponsor: Kate Folkins (kfolkins@goodwilldenver.org)

Environmental Club

The goal of this club is to foster student-generated projects to positively impact the environment through projects both here at DSA & beyond.

Open To: All students

When: Thursday at lunch

Where: Room 201

Sponsor: Mr. Jackson

Fellowship of Christian Artists (FCA)

The mission of the student-driven FCA is to create bonds and friendships between Christian students at DSA. While in the process of this, we also want to create a deeper relationship with our God.

Open To: All Students

When: Wednesday at lunch

Where: Room 210

Sponsor: Madam Rall

FIDM Fashion Club

The FIDM Fashion Club's mission is to inspire and empower young designers and artists to create, explore and learn through self-directed learning, interactive workshops, and inclusive events. By being a part of the FIDM Fashion Club, members will learn about the fashion industry, acquiring technical skills, and make new relationships. For weekly updates, meeting dates and times, please visit this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/dsafidmfashionclub>

Open To: 8th-12th Graders

When: Thursday and Friday from 2:45-3:20pm

Where: Room 155

Sponsors: Ms. Kirksey and Mia Reedy (miareedy@yahoo.com)

Gender and Sexuality Alliance

The Gender and Sexuality Alliance is meant to empower lesbian, gay and bisexual transgendered students and allies through education, discussion and action. This group is participation-based and available to any student, regardless of sexual identification or orientation. The Gender and Sexuality Alliance is a safe space for people of all identities. Our goal is to educate and empower students to advocate for their rights.

Open To: 8th-12th Graders

When: Monday at Lunch

Where: Room 220

Sponsor: Mr. Cohen and Mr. Grossman

Girls on the Run Club

Stretch yourself – physically, mentally, socially and emotionally. Girls, paired with others in their peer group from STM, will be inspired to a lifetime of self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through an innovative program that combines training for a 3.1 mile run/walk race with a fun, health education lesson plan. The designated curricula for Girls on Track is targeted to promote individual achievement and self-confidence. Girls gain self-esteem and learn healthy lifestyle habits while training for a 5K run/walk race.

Open To: 6th- 8th Grade Girls

When: Offered in the Spring

Where: Commons after school

Sponsor: Ms. Shaw and Mrs. Ford

Improv Teams

Open to all majors, DSA's improvisational comedy teams perform frequently throughout the year both at school and outside of school. Auditions are on Monday, September 26: 3-4pm grades 8-12, 4-5pm grades 6-7pm.

Open To: Middle & High School Students

When: Varies

Where: L Studio

Sponsor: Mr. Becker

International Thespian Society #5869

The Denver School of the Arts Thespian Troupe #5869 is an international honor society for students who excel in theatre arts. To become a member, students must earn 10 points according to a national scale in theatre type activities. The function of the troupe is 1) to bring students together, in doing so, ignite their passion for theatre, 2) to include all theatre lovers regardless of their "major" or age, 3) to provide opportunities to all thespians to excel, grow, and learn, 4) to immerse oneself in theatre activities for the simple appreciation of the process and the craft. The main function of the troupe is to attend the Colorado Thespian Convention in early December as well as the International Thespian Festival in June. At these conventions, students attend master classes/workshops, participate in an individual event competition, see shows, and seniors can audition for college scholarships.

Open To: High School Students

When: Varies

Where: L Studio and Black Box

Sponsor: Ms. Hann

JRT/International Junior Thespian Society #88486

The Denver School of the Arts Thespian Troupe #88486 is an international honor society for students in ANY MAJOR who love theatre. To become a member, students must earn 10 points according to a national scale in theatre type activities. Activities include: attending the Colorado Thespian Convention in early December, after school gatherings, Holiday Parties, and much more.

Open To: Middle School Students

When: Varies

Where: L Studio

Sponsor: Mr. Becker

Jewish Student Connection

The Jewish club is dedicated to giving students of Jewish faith and those interested in Jewish culture and history an opportunity to meet in a friendly environment to learn about Judaism past and present. While the club is facilitated by Mr. Hughes, the meetings are managed by the students and hosted by Rabbi David Sunshine. You do not need to be Jewish to attend. You just need to be interested in learning about the Jewish faith and the issues that matter to Jews today.

Open To: 8th-12th graders

When: Wednesday at lunch

Where: Room 223

Sponsor: Mr. Dunn and Mr. benEzra

Meditation Club

This club will go over techniques for meditation. It includes some chanting and yoga.

Open To: 8th – 12th grades

When: Wednesday at lunch

Where: Room 100

Sponsor: Mr. Glassman

Mongolian & Navajo Culture Club

We will spend the year learning about the Mongolian and its budding democracy to obtain an understanding for their adapting culture. WE will collaborate with DCIS Mongolia club to create a structure for exploring the avenues of entrepreneurship that will educate our Mongolia exchange students this spring. In the summer, two students from the club will travel to Mongolia.

Open To: All Students

When: lunch on Thursday

Where: Library

Sponsor: Ms. Menetrier

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Mural Club

Mission: DSA could even further expand its reach into the young arts community of Denver by volunteering and organizing groups of high school students to collaborate and create murals for areas around Denver.

Open To: All
When: Mondays at lunch
Where: Mr. Cliff's VA room (162)
Sponsor: Mr. Cliff (Visual Arts)

Music Therapy Alliance

The goal of our club, Music Therapy Alliance, or the "MTA" is to encourage Denver School of the Arts students to contribute to and participate in our local Denver community by sharing the music we make. Our plan is to meet every other Wednesday at lunch, and collaborate to create music that we'll share by performing at various local hospitals and senior centers for free. Musicians can play original works, solos, and accompany each other. Participation in this club will also give students the bonus of community service hours for Tri-M and major requirements, while still being a lot of fun! (We'll be performing after school hours and possibly on select weekends according to participant's availability)

Open To: 8th-12th Graders
When: Every other Wednesday at lunch
Where: Room 218
Sponsor: Ms. Bradley

National History Day

National History Day (NHD) is a national competition for middle and high school students. Each year, more than half a million students participate in the NHD contest. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites. After analyzing and interpreting their sources and drawing conclusions about their topics' significance in history, students present their work in original papers, websites, exhibits, performances and documentaries. These products are entered into competitions in the Spring at local, state and national levels where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators. The program culminates in a national competition each June held at the University of Maryland at College Park.

Open To: 6th-8th Graders
When: Wednesday from 2:45-4:00pm
Where: Room 115
Sponsor: Ms. Arnett

National Honor Society

NHS is a club for students who have achieved and maintained scholastic excellence. Invitations go out to junior and senior students whose cumulative GPA is 3.75 unweighted or above OR 4.8 weighted or above. NHS is committed to the community and all members are required to volunteer 40 hours of community service or more every school year. As part of their community service NHS members provide tutoring for fellow DSA students as well as participate in service projects in conjunction with volunteer organizations throughout the Denver Metro area.

Open To: Juniors and Seniors who meet the GPA requirement
When: Once a month on Wednesday
Where: Library
Sponsors: Mr. Mallaney and Ms. Wiseman

No Place for Hate MS

DSA is proud to have been selected by the ADL to initiate the No Place for Hate program. This campaign has been established by the Anti Defamation League to empower schools to promote respect for individual and group differences while challenging prejudice and bigotry. As part of this program, a select group of 8th graders will receive anti-bias training and develop projects that will impact the entire student body and culture of DSA.

Open To: Select 8th Graders
When: Every other Wednesday
Where: Black Box
Sponsors: Mr. Lubell

No Place for Hate HS

No Place For Hate high school is a group of devoted students interested in engaging our DSA community in discussions around biases, racism, and preconceived notions. We will be providing a quarterly newspaper that invites submissions about the accomplishments and struggles of our fellow students through their own personal voice. We are excited to provide three opportunities for speakers and talk back this year specific around the holocaust, the racial tensions within our justice system, and the support as a community of artist and creators. We will take submission for pieces every 1st Monday of the Month at lunch in the SSC.

Open To: Select HS Students
When: 1st Mon. and Thurs. of every other month at lunch
Where: SSC
Sponsors: Ms. Menetrier

Prom Committee

This is a small volunteer club of Juniors that help plan, decorate and organize the all high school Prom in the Spring. Any Junior is welcome to be a part of this social club.

Open To: 11th Graders
When: Second half of the semester during lunch
Where: Room 224
Sponsor: Ms. Brown

The Songwriting Club

Our purpose is to provide a time and space for students to share their work and collaborate with peers on songs and instrumental pieces.

Open To: All students grades 8-12, preferably songwriters or composers
When: Tuesdays at lunch
Where: Guitar Room
Sponsor: Mr. Seriani

Speech and Debate

DSA speech and debate is in its eighth competitive year. We have grown from a team of 5 to 45 and now offer competitors in humorous, dramatic and duo interpretation of literature, Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas, Cross Examination Debate along with extemporaneous speaking, original oratory and poetry interpretation. We attend 16 to 18 tournaments between October 1st and May 1st. Most competitions occur on Saturdays.

Open To: 8th-12th Graders
When: Must sign up for the class
Where: Room 214
Sponsor: Ms. Davies

Spelling Bee

This after school club provides middle school students an opportunity to learn definitions and spellings of hundreds of new words. Students who participate will be eligible to compete for spots on the district spelling team and will have the opportunity to compete for a spot on the state spelling team.

Open To: 6th-8th Graders
When: Thursday from 3-3:45 pm
Where: Room 120
Sponsor: Mr. benEzra

Student Council

Student Council consists of elected representatives from grades 8-12. Student Council members learn leadership concepts by creating, implementing, and promoting activities and opportunities for the entire DSA student body and staff.

Open To: Elected 8th-12th Graders
When: Friday at lunch
Where: Room 204
Sponsor: Mr. Mills

Tri-M Music Honor Society

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is the international music honor society for high school students. It is designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other students to excel at music and leadership. Music students who have an "A" in their major and a GPA of 3.0 are invited to join Tri-M in May of each year.

Open To: 10th-12th Graders
When: Tuesday at lunch once a month
Where: Large Vocal Room
Sponsors: Mr. Styron and Mr. Lassen

VA Open Studio

If you are working on a large class project, need to use some arts tools, or just a little design advice, we are here to help. There is no formal instruction during this time, but teachers and equipment are available as a resource for all DSA students. We cannot provide non-majors with consumable art supplies but tools and simple supplies are available to use in the studios.

Open To: All Grades
When: Tuesday from 3-4 pm
Where: Rooms 162 and 163
Sponsors: Mrs. Rosenbaum and Mr. Cliff

Video Cinema Arts Leadership Council

The VCALC works on video projects for the school, the department and the community. They help plan VCA events like the Retreat and Awards Ceremony, and they advise the VCA department about the needs and wishes of the VCA students.

Open To: All Grades
When: Tuesday at 3 pm
Where: Room 213
Sponsors: Mrs. McGrath

100-Mile Club

The 100-Mile club is a relaxed group for anyone interested in running or walking 100 miles between now and the end of the school year. Competitive runners, casual joggers, and leisurely walkers are all welcome. We will meet on Tuesdays after school for a quick stretch before heading out on pre-planned routes near the school. Students will need to have parent permission to participate – see sponsors for the form.

Open To: All Grades and Staff
When: Tuesday from 3:15-4:15 pm (weather permitting)
Where: Room 221
Sponsors: Dr. Johnson and Dr. Albright

12th Grade Academy

The 12th Grade Academy is open to all current seniors at DSA. It offers an opportunity to create a sense of camaraderie, trust and friendship among the senior class. Seniors will meet every Wednesday at lunch and will plan senior activities, such as sunrise breakfasts, after school get togethers, community service projects, etc.

Open To: Current Seniors
When: Wednesdays at lunch
Where: Room 224
Sponsors: Ms. Brown