

P.S. duPont Middle School

Student & Family Handbook 2024-2025



P.S. duPont Middle School

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Welcome to the Home of the Panthers!

PANTHER PRIDE

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Getting Started as a P.S. duPont Panther

Brandywine School District Vision, Mission, and Goals

The Brandywine School District Strategic Plan, found on the district's website www.brandywineschools.org under "About Us," guides administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and students to do their very best every day. This work can be summarized in the district's Vision and Mission Statements.



Vision

It is the Brandywine School District's vision to educate all students to their full potential so that each student may excel in the world community and develop a passion for life-long learning.

Mission

Embrace, inspire, and challenge every student, every day.

Goals

1. Foster a culture of academic excellence, including high academic expectations for all.
2. Offer challenging curricula, across grades K–12.
3. Employ highly effective educators and provide training for all employees to create strong leaders, teachers, and support staff.
4. Tailor instruction to students' needs, and give all students every opportunity to master rigorous curriculum.
5. Monitor our progress, and learn from our successes. Ensure that our tests align with what is being taught.
6. Intervene early, and provide help to students who need it.
7. Develop students' talents, character and encourage engagement. Increase the percent of students involved in co-curricular activities.
8. Stewardship: Continue to improve effectiveness and efficiency of district operations.

P.S. duPont Middle School

Vision, Mission, & Goals

P.S. duPont Middle School's Mission:

To provide a welcoming environment where students are empowered to become respectful, responsible, and engaged citizens.

School Mascot
Panther



School Colors
Blue & Silver

Core Values

Empowered to be Respectful, Responsible, Engaged

Message from the Principal, Mr. Llewellyn A. Small
Welcome to P.S. duPont Middle School - Home of the Panthers


We are getting ready to begin a whole new year, and as we plan and prepare we are excited about all of the possibilities for what is to come. P.S. duPont is a historic landmark in our community and has a long-standing tradition of success. We aim to rise to the challenge of continuing that tradition of success and making history.

The mission of the Brandywine School District is to embrace, inspire, and challenge every student every day. At P.S. duPont Middle School, the mission of the district guides our vision to provide a welcoming environment where students are empowered to become respectful, responsible and engaged citizens. Our vision represents our values as a school community. The way we plan to get there is through our Core Values: Respectful, Responsible, Engaged. These values help communicate our purpose and guide our decisions. They align with our school initiatives and district goals.



P.S. duPont Administrative Team



Principal <i>Mr. Llewellyn A. Small</i> <i>Building Administrator</i> llewelyn.small@bsd.k12.de.us	Assistant Principal <i>Mrs. Amber Tos – Room 111</i> <i>6th grade Administrator</i> amber.tos@bsd.k12.de.us	Assistant Principal <i>Dr. Megan Stoffa – Room 214</i> <i>7th grade Administrator</i> megan.stoffa@bsd.k12.de.us
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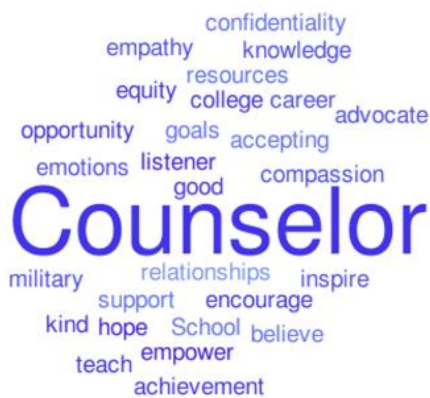


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School counselors are a very important part of school. Each new school year presents new challenges and experiences to students.

A school counselor is an educator who...

- Lends an understanding ear to students and serves as an advocate.
- Enhances communication between students, families and school.
- Works with teachers and parents to provide helpful suggestions and support for children’s needs.
- Helps in identifying academic and social/emotional needs of children.
- Helps children understand themselves and others.
- Provides parents with community resources and information that would benefit children.



Students may participate in short-term individual counseling, group counseling, classroom guidance and career development initiatives.

In emergency or extremely sensitive situations, students may request a pass from their teacher to visit his/her counselor.

School Nurses: Mrs. Laura DeMare, MSN, RN & Mrs. Lauren Foraker, BSN, RN



School Nurse

Emergency Cards: The nurse must have a signed emergency card on file to treat a student for any reason. In the event of an emergency, your child can only be released to those adults listed on the emergency card.

For Students: If you become ill in school, ask your teacher for a pass to go to the nurse. The nurse will decide what should be done. **Students may not leave the building or call their parents because of illness unless given permission by the nurse or office personnel.** When the nurse is not in her office, report to the main office.

Nurse's Office Hours - 7:55 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

The nurse is always open for medical emergencies and gym injuries.

For Parents: We fully recognize that your child's attendance is paramount to their academic success. However, we also recognize that the spread of germs can cause others to get sick. We ask that if your child is ill, keep them at home until they are no longer contagious.

Breakfast and lunch are provided through our cafeteria program, please refrain from delivering food items throughout the day.

Please contact the main office if you need to communicate with your child. We appreciate your support of our "Off and Away" cell phone policy here at P.S.

Medication Policy: The school nurse may administer medication during school hours when there is a written request on file signed by the parent/guardian. Delaware Law requires that all medication must be brought to school and delivered to the nurse by an adult. The medication must be in the original container with the attached prescription label. This pharmacy label includes the student's name, medication name, dosage, time to administer, date of prescription, and the doctor or provider's name. All medication must be kept in the nurse's office. Medications can only be brought to school by a parent/guardian in their original pharmacy container and must be kept in the nurse's office. The only two medications that a student may carry on their person is an Epi Pen and inhaler. If your student needs to carry these medications please notify a school nurse. In situations when a student receives medication at home and school, ask the pharmacist to label a second container so there is a properly labeled medicine bottle/container for school and home.

Accidents: Every accident in the school building, on the school grounds, at practice sessions or at any athletic event sponsored by the school must be reported immediately to the person in charge and to the school nurse.

Sports Physical and Form: To play a sport you will need a physical and a DIAA form completed by the doctor. You will need to turn this in before tryouts begin in the fall. Please see this link for the [DIAA Sports Physical Form](#) or visit the School Nurse page on our P.S. duPont School Website.



School Calendar

Please see the [Brandywine School District Calendar](#) on the School District Website for the full calendar of important dates. Below are the highlights. Our School Calendar on the P.S. duPont Middle School Website also has many updates throughout the year. This is an excellent resource to stay up to date on meetings, building events, holidays, etc.

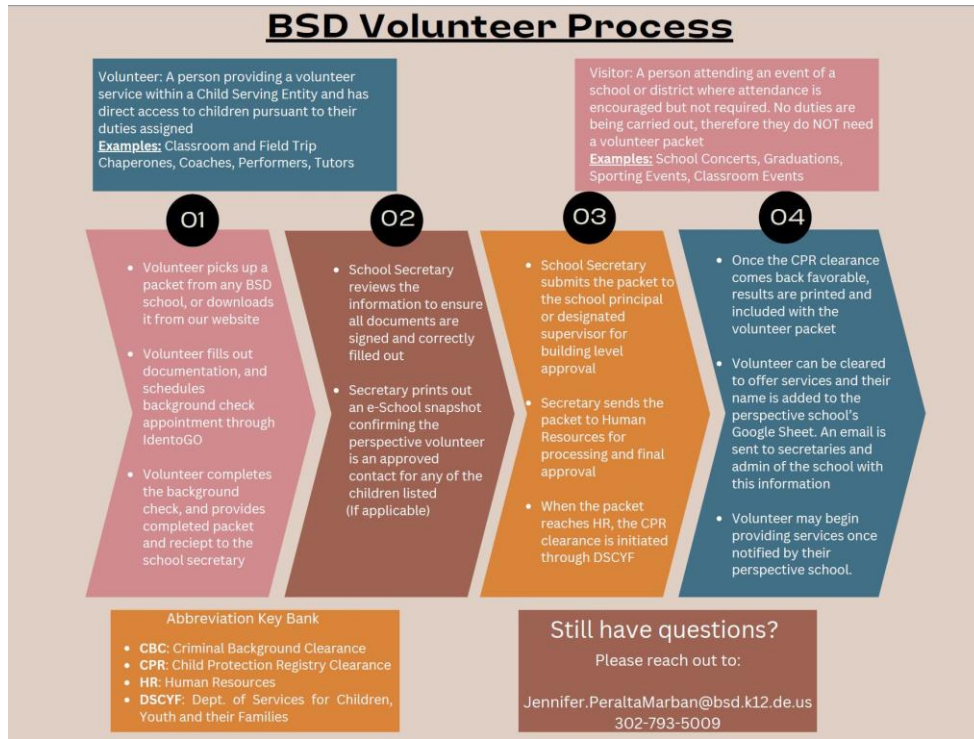
How will you demonstrate respect, responsibility, and engagement in the way that I wear my clothing?

Dress to Impress!

PS DuPont Middle School follows the Student Dress Code located in the Brandywine School District Code of Student Conduct. A sample of the Secondary Dress Code can be found on pg. 17. In addition to the Secondary Dress Code, PS requires some specific, school-based restrictions that contribute to the safety of our students.



BSD Volunteer Process



Brandywine School District

What is the difference between a school volunteer and a visitor?

Volunteer Required to complete volunteer packet	Visitor NOT required to complete volunteer packet
Definition: a person providing volunteer services within a Child Serving Entity who has Direct Access to Children. Direct access is defined as the OPPORTUNITY to have personal contact with students receiving care or education during the course of the volunteer's assigned duties	Definition: a person who visits a BSD school, office, or property to attend an event as a guest. The person is not given any assigned duties to complete on behalf of or at the request of the school personnel or District
Services are requested by the District OR the volunteer is providing services to students	The visitor is not providing any services. Additionally, the visitor's attendance is encouraged, not required by the District
Will have Direct Access to students while volunteering and carrying out assigned duties requested by the District	<u>Visitors will not have Direct Access to children, as there are no opportunities for personal contact during the course of duties assigned, as there are no duties assigned to visitors</u>
Examples: chaperones, coaches, tutors, guest speakers, student teachers, after-school activities operated by outside organizations (Robotics, Parent Organizations, External Academic or Enrichment Clubs) that are requested by the District.	Examples: family members/friends attending a sporting event, concert attendees (with no school assigned responsibilities at the concert), guardian at pick up or drop off, external organizations that rent/utilize spaces in District buildings paid for by families (YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, etc), graduation attendees, parent/community members attending award ceremonies, after hours Booster/PTA sponsored events for students NOT being done at the request of the District

Arrival & Dismissal

P.S. duPont Middle School Operating Hours:

Standard School Hours - 7:55 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

Standard Dismissal - 2:50 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

One-Hour Delay

One-hour Delay Hours - 8:55 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**Dismissal Same as Above*

Two-Hour Delay

One-hour Delay Hours - 9:55 a.m.– 2:55 p.m.

**Dismissal Same as Above*

How do I know if we have school?

Inclement Weather or School-Based Emergency:

If P.S. duPont must be closed or opened later than usual due to inclement weather or some other cause, it will be announced on the **Brandywine School District website** (www.brandywineschools.org) or **The Brandywine School District Facebook Page**, as well as through our **Regroup Message system**. Usually this message is posted by 6 a.m. This information will also be reported on Philadelphia-based NEWS programs and the following radio stations: WSTW (93.7 FM), WDEL (1150 AM) and WILM (1450 AM). It is possible that asynchronous learning may permit classes to proceed as scheduled, but please tune in for all announcements relative to delays.

Connect with us on social media!

*Instagram @PSduPontMS * Twitter @PSduPontMS * [Facebook - PSduPontMS](#)*

ARRIVAL

Where do we go when we get to P.S.?

Front of the Building drop-off in the “horseshoe” will be reserved for car riders that will not be eating breakfast in the cafeteria. Walkers that will not be eating breakfast in the cafeteria will also enter through the front entrance adjacent to the “horseshoe.” Car riders who wish to eat breakfast are to be dropped off at the rear of the building in the drop-off zone. Designated staff will admit students 5 minutes early for those car riders who want breakfast.

*We are asking that your student ***remain in your vehicle*** until directed to exit by designated staff in the breakfast drop-off zone only. Please refer to the diagram below:



Parents are asked to follow the directions of the administrator or staff designee during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. To ensure the safety of every student, we are asking that parents/guardians refrain from dropping students off along 34th Street and the Monroe Street side of the building in the mornings.

Walkers: Many students at P.S. duPont walk to school. We ask that all walkers use the sidewalk coming to school or going home at the end of the day. Also, we ask that students use the crosswalk at the corner of 34th and Monroe or the crosswalk on the Monroe side of the building. **Crossing guards are stationed in both areas to safely guide the students to the building. Please note that all external doors will be locked at 8:05 am prompt. After this point, students will need to check in through the main office to receive a late pass to class.**

The Brandywine School District Code of Conduct applies to students when walking to and from school. We ask that students always be mindful of their language and behavior when walking through our neighborhood. Please remember that students want to positively represent themselves, their families, and the school at all times.

Bus-Riders: The P.S. duPont buses arrive between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 7:55 a.m. Bus riders will be dropped off in the parking lot at the rear of the building. Students exit the bus at 7:55 a.m. to enter the building. The Brandywine School District Code of Conduct applies on school buses and at all bus stops. It is important to remember that the bus drivers are in complete charge of the students on their buses and their instructions must be followed at all times.

Morning Routines

P.S. duPont Middle School has a **Universal Breakfast Program** that allows all students to receive a free breakfast. Students who would like breakfast should report to the cafeteria before 8:00 a.m. Students that arrive after 8:05 a.m. must first report to the main office to receive a late to school pass in order to enter the cafeteria to receive breakfast if they would like to eat.

How does the school know that I am here?

P.S. duPont students are expected to attend school each day. Attendance is taken in the first period class for all students at 8:05 a.m. Any students arriving after 8:05 a.m. must report to the main office for a late pass. Student names and the time of their arrival will be recorded. Students will be given a late pass from the main office to report to class or the cafeteria for breakfast. Attendance/Robocalls will be sent out for students who are not present during the first period of the day.

What happens at the end of the day?

P.S. duPont students are dismissed at 2:50 p.m. each day. At that time, any students participating in an after-school program, club, or sport are expected to report to the designated area/staff member. If a student has after-school detention, they should report directly to the Reflection Den. Students will be monitored in the designated area by an administrator or staff member. Any related schedule adjustments or cancellations will be communicated during the morning and afternoon announcements.

Only students who are working with a staff member or are participating in an activity/sport are permitted to stay after school. All other students are expected to leave the school property promptly at dismissal (2:50 p.m.) and be off of the property by 3:00 p.m.

Attending Sporting Events: In order to watch a sport, students must leave the school grounds and return with a parent or guardian. The parent/guardian must remain at the event with the student.

Activity Bus: Students are not allowed to leave school grounds and return to take the after-school bus at 4:30 p.m. A student will be required to show a bus pass prior to boarding the 4:30 p.m. activity bus. Bus passes can only be obtained from a staff member or the main office.

What's Expected?

Our priority at P.S. is to make sure that all students are able to learn in a safe and positive environment. You have an important role in making sure that our environment is safe and positive. Therefore, we expect you to show **PANTHER PRIDE** at ALL times. Showing **PRIDE** means that you are **Empowered to be RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and ENGAGED** at ALL times and in ALL areas of P.S. duPont.

This section of the Student Handbook contains information regarding our expectations.

Information included:

- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) Expectations and Matrix
- Core Values
- Restorative Practices
- Dress Code Additions (P.S. Specific)
- Expected daily behaviors and routines

What is PBIS?

P.S. duPont Middle School is a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) school. We encourage and reward the behaviors we want to see students exhibit. The foundation of our PBS program at P.S. duPont is **PANTHER PRIDE**. Students are expected to follow the **CORE VALUES**:

BE RESPECTFUL * BE RESPONSIBLE * BE ENGAGED

Students are rewarded with PBIS points, for displaying these appropriate behaviors and core values in all settings at P.S. duPont. Students can exchange their PBIS Panther Points for a variety of rewards and incentives. Rewards can be claimed from the pride cart. Students can exchange their Panther Points for a variety of items. Their Panther Points are housed in an app called PBIS and the link to it is in Classlink. Each student has a login so they can view their account and their points. School Climate Incentives are held periodically throughout the school year and student participation is based on displaying specific behaviors for a designated period of time. Students are made aware of the criteria to participate in the Incentive. It is our goal to encourage students to practice these appropriate behaviors and incorporate them into their lives beyond P.S. duPont Middle School.

PBIS School-Wide Expectations	
All Settings	
BE RESPECTFUL	Listen for Understanding
BE RESPONSIBLE	Follow ALL Directions
BE ENGAGED	Participate Actively and Positively

Restorative Practices

Restorative practice is a proactive approach to creating a positive school environment. The approach focuses on building community through positive relationships with a focus on everyone (students and staff) having a sense of belonging. Additionally, it aims to respond to any wrong doing through productive dialogue that may take place in the safety of a formal circle or conversation.



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How will you demonstrate respect, responsibility, and engagement in the hallways?

Practice Hallway Courtesy

Students are asked to follow these guidelines when passing through the halls at P.S. duPont:

- Keep halls open to traffic by walking on the right.
- Keep hands and feet to yourself at all times.
- Do not block traffic by stopping and standing in groups.
- Pass through the corridors quietly and walk at all times.

Hall Passes

Students are required to have a pass to be in the hallway during the class period. Passes will be administered through the use of an electronic pass (E-Hall Pass) and a hard pass, which will be used once a student leaves a classroom. Support staff will utilize E-Hall Pass and provide a written pass in accordance with the following rule:

Only one student is permitted to leave class at a time when going to the same destination. Students are required to use the E-Hall Pass system when leaving the classroom for any reason. When students are in the hallway, they are expected to have their colored hard passes visible at all times and are required to show it to any and all building staff when requested.

Electronic Devices/Cell Phones

The expectation is: **cell phones off and away for the day.** Cell phones should be turned off and kept in their backpack immediately upon entering the building. If a student does not have a backpack, the cell phone should be away. **P.S. duPont Middle School is not responsible for lost or stolen cellular/electronic devices.**

Per the Student Code of Conduct (p. 58), students are not permitted to use cell phones/electronic devices during the school day. Cell phone/electronic devices must be turned **OFF AND** put **AWAY** during the school day and anytime the student is on the school bus.

First Offense: -Reprimand/Warning -Conference with student -Parent/Guardian Notified	Second Offense: -Cell Phone Confiscated (Taken) -Parent/Guardian Notification	Third Offense: -Cell Phone Confiscated (Taken) -Parent Guardian Notification -Subsequent offenses may result in loss of privileges
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Textbooks/School Property/Chromebooks

School facilities, books, supplies, and equipment are made available to each student. Reasonably priced insurance is available to cover an assigned Chromebook in the event of damage or theft. It is expected that students use reasonable care and return any school property in good condition. Students will be required to pay any costs resulting from the defacing of, damage to, loss of, or failure to return to school property. **If these requirements are not met, the school has the right to withhold transcripts, sports uniforms, recommendations, report cards, and any other school documents. Not returning school property could affect the continued participation in school-related activities, clubs, or sports.**

Chromebooks are expected to be charged and ready to use each school day. Teachers will incorporate technology in every class, every day. The Chromebook works best when they are shut down and restarted each day so that the district and school updates can load properly. Not bringing your Chromebook charged each day is the same as not being prepared for the school day.

Tardy to Class – “To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late. To be late is not to be.”

Bells will ring to indicate the beginning and end of each class period. Students have 4 minutes to travel from one class to the next. Students are expected to use the most direct route to their next class. The outermost stairwells, A and H will not be accessible to students during the school day without an adult presence. Using the internal stairwells: B, C, D, E, F, G will support timely arrival to class. Should a student arrive to class after the bell rings, the teacher will not require them to get a pass, rather the student will simply be marked as tardy. Teachers will contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) when a student is tardy three or more times to a specific class. Teachers will submit a discipline referral for every three tardies. Excessive tardy to class violations will be referred to an administrator and handled in accordance to the BSD Code of Student Conduct.

How will you demonstrate respect, responsibility, and engagement in the cafeteria?

Due to being a Title 1 School, all students at P.S. duPont receive a free breakfast and lunch. At the beginning of lunch, a staff member will direct each class to the appropriate location. Once all of the students are seated, individual tables will be directed to the serving lines.

Breakfast and lunch are served daily in the cafeteria.

The following expectations must be met while in the cafeteria:

1. Upon entering the cafeteria, students are expected to quiet down and listen to all announcements. **(A raised hand signals that it is time to quiet your voice)**
2. All cafeteria staff members must be treated with respect.
3. All food items must be consumed in the cafeteria. No food should leave the cafeteria.
4. Students are to remain seated unless they raise their hand for permission to get up.
5. For a student to meet with a teacher during lunch, the student must have a pass from that teacher. Student must finish their lunch before leaving the cafeteria.
6. For lunch bunch groups, the teacher must pick up students from the cafeteria.
7. Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Make sure the table and floor around you are left clean.
8. An administrator will dismiss you when your area is clean. If you have 1st or 2nd lunch, a teacher will escort you back to your scheduled class. If you have 3rd lunch you will transition to your next class on your own.



PERSONAL APPEARANCE (STUDENT DRESS CODE)

Philosophical Basis

The goal at the Brandywine School District is to create a positive learning environment in which all students are afforded the opportunity to learn in a distraction and disruption-free setting. To assist in promoting such a learning environment, the following conditions for student dress are in effect in all schools across the District. Please note that items of clothing not specifically covered in the list below can be prohibited at the discretion of the building and/or District administration. Building and district administration commit to the equitable application of the student dress code for all students. Students in violation of the dress code will be required to change into clothes that meet the school's expectations. Students must adhere to the following guidelines in school and at school-sponsored events.

Middle & High School

Brandywine School District has established common expectations of student dress. We believe in promoting an appropriate, safe, and academic learning environment. Student clothing must not be a distraction to the learning environment. Students must adhere to the following guidelines in school and at school-sponsored events.

- All shirts must cover shoulders, chest, and midriff.
- Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist (pajamas are prohibited).
- The length of skirts, skorts and shorts must be at least mid-thigh in length.
- Heavy, bulky jackets, or overcoats should be placed in lockers.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Clothing with inappropriate, suggestive, or derogatory pictures or phrases may not be worn.
- Clothing designed to be worn as undergarments may not be visible.
- No headwear is to be worn in the building during the school day. This includes, but is not limited to hats, bandanas, scarves, earmuffs, sunglasses, or any other head coverings, including hoods.
- Clothing with holes or ripped in areas above mid-thigh are not permitted unless there is a layer of clothing under the frayed item.
- Students wearing jewelry or accessories that may be considered unsafe or inappropriate to the learning environment may be subject to review by the administration.
- Any other garments or accessories that would be a distraction to an orderly educational process are prohibited.

Exceptions

Exceptions to the dress codes above will be made on a case-by-case basis in order to accommodate bona fide religious beliefs and special health conditions:

- Building Administrators at each school shall have the discretion to designate “School Spirit Days” and other special dress days. Examples of such days to include, but are not limited to favorite jersey days, hat days and other special theme days, etc.
- Specific dress requirements may be assigned to students participating in technical labs or other classes or activities that necessitate the wearing of specific clothing in or to maintain the health and safety of students and others. These classes or activity-specific dress requirements will be established by Building Administrators in conjunction with classroom teachers and will be delineated in the class, lab, or activity syllabus. Failure of a student to abide by these health and safety dress requirements may result in the student’s inability to participate in that class, lab, or activity.

Is there anything else I need to know about P.S.? Why, YES!!! There’s more!

Dances

P.S. duPont dances begin at **6:30 P.M.** and students must be picked up promptly at **8:00 P.M.** All rides home from the dance must be arranged ahead of time. P.S. duPont dances are **only for P.S. duPont students**. Students from other schools are not permitted to attend. Students must remain at the dance until the end unless a student is called for by a parent or guardian.

Dance tickets will only be sold in advance. **They will not be available at the door.**

Bicycles/Rollerblades/Skateboards

The use of skateboards and rollerblades on school property is strictly forbidden. Students who ride bicycles to school are required by law to wear a safety helmet if the student is 16 years old or younger. Bicycles should be parked and secured to the bike racks in the rear of the building. **P. S. duPont Middle School is not responsible for lost or stolen bicycles or other modes of transportation.**



Anything else??? Well, have you thought about a sports or clubs?

Clubs: Middle School is a great time to try out new interests or connect with others who have similar hobbies. We have a number of clubs. Please check the list to see the clubs that are available and check in with the club advisor for more information about joining. Click on the link to see the list. [CLUBS at P.S. duPONT](#)

Sports: There are 11 sports teams at P.S., separated into seasons (fall, winter, spring). We also have 9 intramural teams. In order to play a sport, students need to have a physical and turn in the DIAA form completed by the physician. This form must be turned in to the nurse before tryouts in order to participate. Tryout dates and sporting information will be announced on the morning announcements, on the Daily Announcements section of the website, and on the [P.S. duPont Sports Page](#). You can access the DIAA from the [Nurse's Page](#) on our website. Just click on the second tab which is for Screenings and Physical Requirements. The form is embedded in the state website that shows up there.

Feeling Supported?

To support our goal of “making sure that you have a productive day, learning new things, every day that you are with us”; we have a number of specialists on our staff to support your any “non-instructional” needs that may have to be addressed during the school day. Our Nurse, School Counselors, Behavioral Health Consultant (BHC), Interventionists and Student Resource Officer are present and available each day to support our students and address any needs. In this section of the Student Handbook, the role and responsibilities of our support specialists will be explained.

Family Liaison: Mrs. Shannon McKenna

The Family Liaison facilitates ongoing family and school interactions throughout the school year. Various student engagement activities are coordinated by the Family Liaison to promote family and school interaction and build a strong school-community relationship. The incumbent in this role is available on an ongoing basis to the entire student body as a support for basic school supplies, food, and emotional support needs. The primary goal of the Title I supported Family Liaison position is to support families and students to feel connected, validated, and prepared to achieve their set goals for the school year.



Social Worker: Ms. Duwana Herbert

The district has school social workers covering all schools. Their job is to assist both the student and family by providing support and intervention to students in need, supporting family/school engagement and attendance, and providing ongoing case management services and referrals to community resources. The social worker works collaboratively with the school administrative, counseling, visiting teachers and special education team, by providing advocacy, intervention and support. The social worker's primary role is to be a resource to the school, family and community.

Student Resource Officer: Detective Anthony Roundtree

The Student Resource Officer (SRO) is a position in all Brandywine School District secondary schools. The officer's primary purpose is to ensure that the school environment is safe for staff, students and families. As a part of the Crisis Response Team, the SRO assists with all school-related crisis drills and procedures as well as any school-based emergencies. The secondary purpose of the SRO is to be an extension of the building administrative team. The officer assists with the arrival and dismissal procedures of the school, hallway transitions, lunch duties, and monitoring any school-based events. In addition, the SRO interacts with all students on a daily basis as a member of the P.S. duPont faculty.



P.S. Behavioral Health Consultant (BHC): Ms. Precious Morris-Browning

The Behavioral Health Consultant (BHC) is available throughout the school day to talk to you about your feelings and behaviors.

The primary goal of the Behavioral Health Consulting program is to assist you and your family in identifying a plan to achieve successful outcomes both at school and at home.

The Behavioral Health Consulting program is a service provided through the State of Delaware that is available to the entire student body enrolled at P.S. duPont Middle School. Although all students may engage the program, ongoing support services



require parent/guardian written consent. The program is set up to provide acute support services to students such as individual or group counseling, venting opportunities, assessments, and/or check-ins, etc. This acute support is provided in an effort to further understand, modify, and/or stabilize the emotions and behaviors of students while at school. Referrals to additional support services within the community are available as needed. The Behavioral Health Consulting program services at school are provided by Licensed Clinical Therapists. The service provider is referred to as the Behavioral Health Consultant (BHC). The Behavioral Health Consultant works in unison with students, families, and designated staff members to support successful outcomes for students at school as well as in the community.

P.S. Interventionist:

Interventionist Mission Statement: To effectively assess, implement, plan, and mediate intervention services to redirect students to make positive decisions resulting in a productive and positive educational environment.

As Interventionists, we are here to support you throughout the school day. We are able to provide support during transitions, during class, during lunch and after the school day. Our main focus is to provide intervention services so that you are able to make decisions that contribute to a positive educational environment. We are also here to respond to student decisions and behaviors that disrupt the educational environment. We monitor the Reflection Den and After-School Detention.

P.S. duPont Middle School has a long history and tradition in our state and community. The building was built to provide a space where students can receive the BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE! Each day we get to honor that history and create new opportunities that will add to that amazing history.

This is your opportunity to make memories that will last a lifetime. Each opportunity will be a part of your own history. Try new things, make new friends, and learn amazing things that will set you on the path to where you want to go. Each day you choose your success. Go out there and make positive memories. Go out there and Make History!

YOUR SCHOOL!



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School Name: Pierre S. duPont Middle School

Address: 701 West 34th Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19802

Built: 1934, Architect – William E. Martin

Style: Colonial Revival/Neo-Georgian

Building: Four (4)-story, E-shaped, Topped with a wood, three (3)-level tower and cupola

Crest and Motto: duPont Family Crest (French origin), Rectitude Sto meaning "Stand Upright"

National Registry of Historic Places: P.S. duPont was added in 1986

History: P.S. duPont opened in 1935 as a high school. The school mascot was the “Dynamiter.” In 1966, P.S. duPont High School received the Bellamy Award in recognition of being the top high school in the United States. In 1978, P.S. duPont became an elementary school. The school mascot transitioned from the “Dynamiter” to the “Dolphin.” P.S., then became an intermediate school which served grades 4-6. In 2010, P.S. duPont was reopened after renovation as a middle school. The mascot was changed from the “Dynamiters” to “Dolphin” to the “Panther.”



Now it's time for YOU to make history!

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