

Our Heart

at the Denver Street School

DSS is more than just a school for our students. They don't simply need teachers and a classroom. Marked by deep pain, they need caring adults who will wholeheartedly seek after their well-being and help restore hope for a bright future.

That's who we are.

At the core, that's what we do.



Bringing Hope
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The Denver Street School seeks to become a part of a network of loving and caring “family” members in our students’ lives. We’re often the ones they call when faced with difficulties. That’s why we are fully committed to playing our part in God’s grand story for troubled teens in the Denver metro area.

Our Students

**Denver Street School students are not bad,
they are brave!**

Why? Because while most have experienced things like:

- poverty,
- incarceration,
- gang affiliation,
- death of peers,
- academic failure,
- mental health issues,
- homelessness,
- teen pregnancy,
- trauma,
- sexual exploitation and trafficking,
- addiction,

... and they’re bravely choosing a different future for themselves.

DSS is their safe place to grow and change. We offer a community where learning conforms to the specific tension in their lives. We’ve become a family, challenging and cheering them on to greatness. And every day, we’re helping them feel valuable and worthwhile as they learn to embrace their potential and identity.





Family isn't always blood.
It's the people in your life that want you in theirs.
The ones who accept you for who you are.
The ones who would do anything to see you smile
and who love you no matter what.

— Anonymous



Every family has a story to tell

Welcome to ours.



Our 4 Core Pillars

- 1. Sense of Family and Love of Christ:** A relationship with Jesus drives our narrative. This is foundational for our program. It's why we create a safe space for building trust. It's why we meet the needs of our students -- academically, emotionally, and sometimes physically by providing essential needs, paying rent, and attending court dates.
- 2. Quality Education:** We are a fully accredited high school program, opening doors for college opportunities. We embrace a relevant curriculum, emphasizing life skills, college readiness, and experiential learning by fostering a culture of revision and mastery. The average GPA improvement from intake to end of the first year is 1.5 grade points.
- 3. Trauma Awareness:** Before we can help, we have to understand. DSS intentionally creates, fosters, and maintains a culture of active awareness for the unique struggles and challenges facing our students, and we provide an environment for their success.
- 4. Hope and Vision for the Future:** We create excitement for their future by helping them catch a vision for their life. We put real-world tools in their hands, like workforce readiness, meaningful internships, and entrepreneurship-focused classes to prepare them for 21st century success. Based on eligible seniors, we have a 95% graduation rate.





Beyond Graduation

We are helping break negative generational patterns for families in our community.

Many of our graduates are the first in their family to either receive their high school diploma or attend college. We are proud that 95% of DSS graduates go onto higher education, vocational school, apprenticeships, military, or the workforce within two years of graduation. They have become moms, dads, volunteers, and conveyors of hope to their peers, siblings, and community.



Before DSS, I was lost and didn't believe in myself. I was at my absolute lowest. But they showed me who I am and helped me find my passions by telling me to just...try. I walk with God in a different way now and am truly blessed. Thank you DSS! You gave me nothing but love and support. We have become a true family.

— DSS Alumni

We are a 501c3, fully-accredited, multi-campus, private, Christian high school designed to meet the unique challenges and needs of the struggling youth in our community! With over 35 years of experience, we bring our passion for education, belief in the transformative power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and a mission to serve the whole student. This, paired with their determination, passion, and grit, creates a powerful, synergetic experience.



Better Together

The work of the Denver Street School is 100% privately funded, so your support matters! With no local or federal government funds, we rely on partners like you. If you already stand with us, thank you! **If you're moved by our work with struggling students, we invite you to join us!**

We'd love to share what's going on at DSS ... and get to know you better! There are multiple opportunities to unite your passion with ours. Please call us at 303.860.1702 or visit our website at DenverStreetSchool.org

To donate visit: DenverStreetSchool.org/donate

We're in this together. Without your support, we can't meet the needs of students who need a second chance.



Our Mission

The mission of the Denver Street School is to bring hope, a second chance and the love of Christ to Denver's at-risk youth through quality education in a safe environment and a supportive network of loving, caring adults.

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