

Ninth Grade Mission Statement

The mission of the Ninth Grade is to meet the developmental needs of our students as they transition from middle school to high school . We want to form a collaborative effort between home and school that provides a nurturing environment that is conducive to learning, promotes respect for all and empowers our students academically to reach their personal academic goals.

"Ninth Grade year is the most emotionally, physically, academically and socially challenging period in a student's maturation process.



"Summer Bridge was one of the best school experiences I had so far. I was not as nervous about my first day of school after that week and I was able to meet a lot of really cool people"

Joy Liburd Class of 2013

For more information contact:

Southwest DeKalb High School

Main Office(678)874-1902 School Fax - (678)874-1910

> Counseling Center (678)874-1926

You may also visit SWD on the web at: http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/swdekalbhs/

Southwest DeKalb High School

"Embrace the Tradition.... We are Southwest DeKalb!"

Home of the

Panthers

SUMMER BRIDGE

JULY 13-17 2015

"Preparing ALL students for post secondary education and careers"

DeKalb County School

2863 Kelley Chapel Road Decatur, Georgia 30034

Dr. Thomas Glanton *Principal* Michael Thurmond *Superintendent*

SUMMERBRIDGE

The goal of the Summer Bridge Program is to provide rising ninth grade students a chance to bridge the gap from middle school to high school with a full "week" of orientation instead of a few hours, as has been the norm. The focus will be on developing study, social, and literacy skills needed to be successful in ninth grade classes. Students will also have the opportunity to get acquainted with the buildings, begin to establish rapport with some of the teachers they will have in the ninth grade, and learn about the extra-curricular activities available to them in high school.

This program offers free transportation, breakfast and lunch to all participating students.

Students will receive a various instructional tools that will help to enhance organizational skills, study sills, time management skills that will prove to enhance their overall academic achievement and ultimately be more prepared for high school classes.

What 's in store for Summer Bridge

*Students will have the opportunity to participate in various activities.

*Meet key faculty, staff and administrators

*All academic subjects will be introduced

*Students will participate in team building activities

*Scavenger Hunts

*Learn about clubs and activities at SWD







SB Requirements

*Hours of operation 7:30am-3:00pm

*Doors will open at 7:15am for breakfast morning session will begin promptly at 8:00am

*A typical day at SWD Summer Bridge will involve a group of morning session, 7 class sessions(40 minutes each), lunch

- All students must be picked up before 3:30pm
- •
- Attendance Policy 1st absence: Parent Contact

2nd absence: Student will be withdrawn from program

*Summer Bridge Application must be filled out completely with a parent signature and contact information of breakfast, lunch and transportation option.

Dead line to register is May 15th, 2015